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Scenic Area Rangers with kids at Eagle Creek Overlook

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIELD

### RECREATION UPDATES

This week, USFS Field Rangers connected with the **Oregon Zoo's Urban Nature Overnights** program to share the beauty of the Gorge with urban youth.

The Urban Nature Overnights (UNO) program serves low-income Portland youth by offering third to fifth graders a chance to experience the natural world, develop an appreciation of public lands, and learn about wildlife conservation and stewardship issues. This year, rangers led stations on **nature journaling**, **outdoor survival**, and **wildland fire** team building. For many of the participants, this is their first time camping. Another UNO session will be hosted next week on July 3rd.



### Pop-up Event

**When:** Sunday, June 30 1-5 PM

**Where:** Beacon Rock State Park



## HOLIDAY WEEKEND: 4TH OF JULY

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO  
TIPS & TRICKS

Fireworks are always illegal on federal public lands!

Check weather and road conditions before leaving.

Go before 10 am or late afternoon to avoid crowds.

Carpool or take transit.

Don't park on dry grass, to prevent wildfires.

Keep pets leashed and safe.

Pack out all your trash and pet waste.

Visit [ReadySetGorge.com](http://ReadySetGorge.com) for more!

CRGNSA was selected as a Leave No Trace (LNT) Hotspot, and we are working with a LNT Traveling Trainers this week. Stop by to ask questions and meet with LNT trainers, WA State Rangers, and Forest Service Rangers!



## Trail Tales UPDATES & ANECDOTES

The Trail Crew spent last week preparing to install a fifty-five foot long single **log stringer bridge** at **Catherine Creek**. The bridge is part of a new segment of **Catherine Creek Loop** which will eventually enable an "user trail" along Old Highway 8 to be decommissioned as part of the **2011 recreation plan** for the trail network.

To prep the site, two unfortunate crew members removed large thickets of **poison oak** to clear the path which the bridge will take once it's pulled into place. Sections of **basalt outcroppings** on either side of the creek were then chipped out with a **rock drill** and filled with thin concrete pads to provide level foundations for the **timber sills**.

Back at Herman Creek Work Center, crew members peeled the bark off the **five-ton, sixty-foot log span**, which was felled locally. Now, everything is in place for our partner **Washington Trails Association** to host a "work vacation" next week, when volunteers will install the bridge.



## FOREST ORDERS

Forest Orders are the legal authority used by the Forest Service to create closures and regulations specific to local Forest System units.

For example, the Eagle Creek burned area closure is Forest Order # 06-22-01-18-13.

Learn more about Forest Service closures and regulations that apply to the Columbia River Gorge at [www.fs.usda.gov/crgnsa](http://www.fs.usda.gov/crgnsa).

Click Alerts & Notices to find our updated Forest Orders page.

## POLLINATOR WEEK

LET'S HAVE THAT BIRDS AND BEES TALK

Most pollinators feed on specific plant species – hummingbirds sip nectar from long, tubular honeysuckle flowers, while green sweat bees prefer more open-faced sunflowers. Non-native plants may not provide pollinators with enough nectar or pollen, or may be inedible to butterfly or moth caterpillars. Did you know, a world without pollinators would be a world without apples, blueberries, almonds, or chocolate? One way to help is by providing food and habitat for pollinators. Consider these as opportunities for your home!

Choose shrubs and trees such as dogwood and blueberry that are pollinator-friendly.

Use a mixture of plants for varying seasons. A mixture will attract a wide variety.

Incorporate plants that attract beneficial insects for pest control as a pesticide alternative.

Interested in more information about pollinators? Visit *Insects & Pollinators* at [www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov).

