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Cover: Racing ahead while enjoying a momentarily empty trail during a Latino Outdoors event on the Deschutes National Forest.

Inside Pages: Smokey Bear makes an appearance to the delight of children at a gathering on the Willamette National Forest in 1980.

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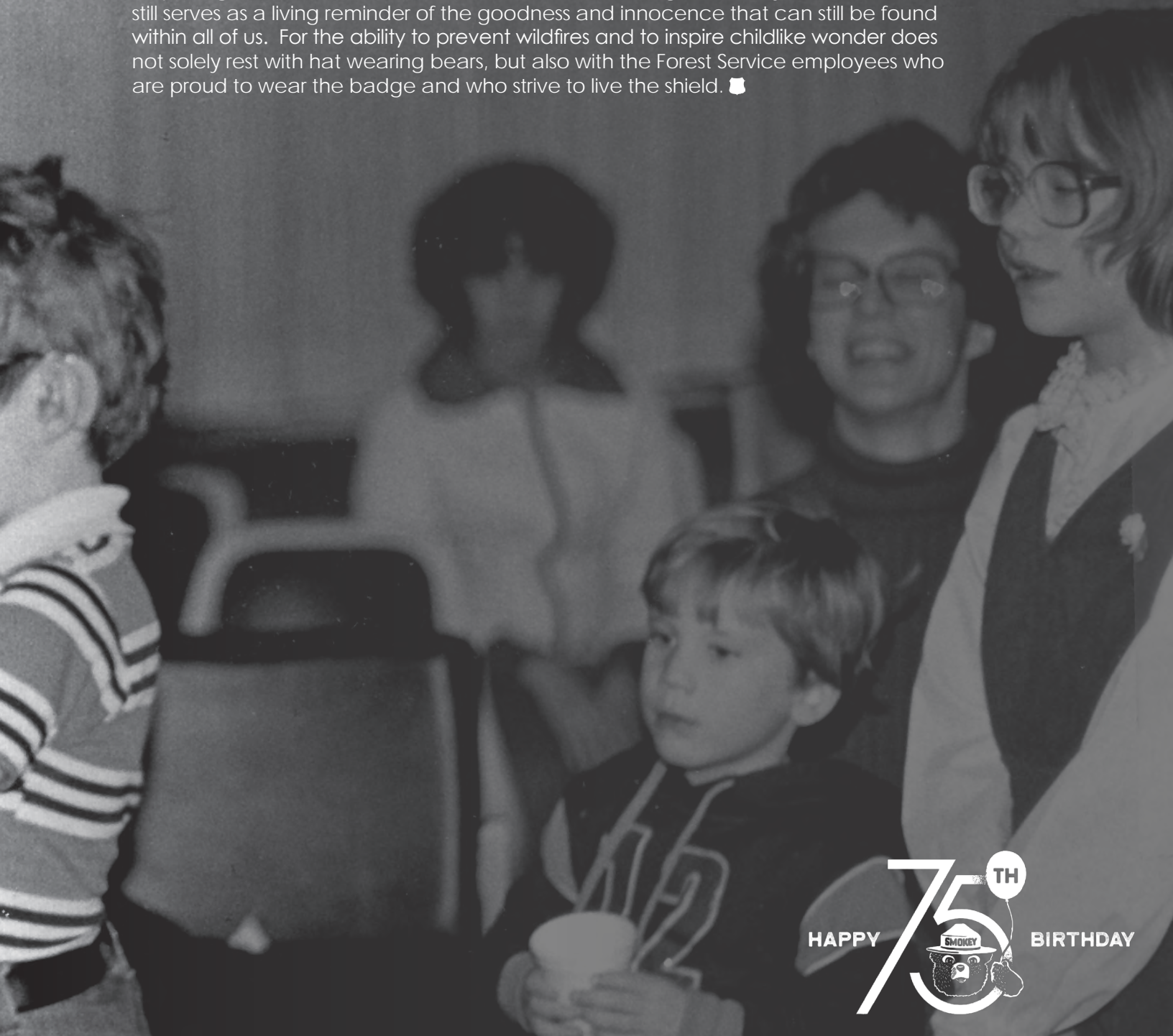
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some words FROM THE EDITOR

From Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl, Paula Bunyan and Digger Bear, we've long relied upon the magic and wonder that can be found where reality meets imagination.

In the space where good stories get made to be told, the story of Smokey Bear is one of the greatest. With a lack of available fire fighters and the very real threat of firestorms caused by Japanese launched balloon bombs, the Forest Service desperately needed a way to warn Americans about the dangers of wildfire during World War II. Starting with colorful posters it didn't take long before Smokey Bear was there; first in print reminding us to care in 1944, and later in 1950 as a real, live bear cub who was rescued with singed paws and burnt legs after a wildfire in New Mexico.

Capturing the hearts and minds of children across the ages, Smokey has served and still serves as a living reminder of the goodness and innocence that can still be found within all of us. For the ability to prevent wildfires and to inspire childlike wonder does not solely rest with hat wearing bears, but also with the Forest Service employees who are proud to wear the badge and who strive to live the shield. 🐻





hitting the trail with LATINO OUTDOORS

Kathryn Dawson; Editor, Pacific Northwest Region

Meeting up for the trip of a lifetime, an excited group of parents, family members and children of all ages joined Latino Outdoors of Central Oregon for a guided and interpretive hike to Tumalo Falls.

Located just outside of Bend on the Deschutes National Forest, the Tumalo Falls trailhead can be a busy and intimidating place for those who don't spend much time outdoors. But thanks to the efforts of people like Zavier 'Zavi' Borja, groups like Latino Outdoors have been making inroads in helping people to feel more comfortable with being outside and using their public lands.



“This is our second outing,” Zavi explained as the group made their way up the trail. “It’s a good baby step, a good beginning, and that’s why I chose this [place]; because you drive up, you see a beautiful waterfall, and you can go up another two miles and see Double Falls.”

As everybody hiked together on the way up to Double Falls, the conversation tuned to the future; of mountain biking, rock climbing and camping.

“On the first outing I was kind of picking their brains,” said Zavi. “What would you like to see from this type of program?”

“And they wanted an introduction to camping,” he said. “We’re afraid. We don’t know how to, or what we might need.”

But that’s the beauty of having these kind of group events, because they encourage conversation, curiosity and discovery that, when done right, can lead to a lifetime love of all things outdoors.

“And for me that’s the greatest thing,” Zavi concluded as the group bounded toward the waterfall. “I just want to get more folks in outdoor spaces and to feel comfortable. To know that it’s here, and that it’s just as much theirs as it is anybody else’s.”

For more information: <http://latinooutdoors.org>



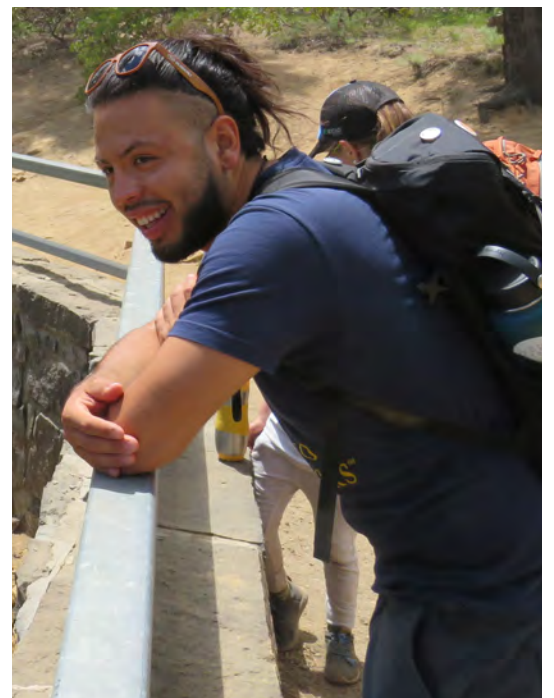
Clockwise:

- 1) *The excitement of deciding which trail to use first keeps three kids glued to the map at Tumalo Falls;*
- 2) *Getting ideas for what to do next time, two members of the group talk about coming back and bringing their mountain bikes;*
- 3) *Open to hikers of all ages and abilities, Latino Outdoors attracts a diverse group as they stop and talk at the river;*
- 4) *The hikers get a lesson in Leave No Trace ethics as part of the experience.*



Clockwise:

1) As the group's leader Zavi Borja makes sure everyone is having a good time; 2) Smiles and bunny ears make for a memorable hike; 3) Leaning in to get a better look at the 97 foot falls; 4) Tumalo Falls and viewing platform as viewed from further down the trail; 5) A gentle and easy 0.25 mile hike, the viewing platform above the falls is handicapped accessible and provides for fantastic views of the falls and creek bed below.





Above:

Topping off the hike are million dollar views that can be had for the price of a daily recreation pass - or for free, for all 4th graders and their families, with a pass from the Every Kid Outdoors program.

<https://everykidoutdoors.gov>



bucking it out: **WILDERNESS STYLE**

Kassidy Kern; Public Affairs Specialist, Deschutes National Forest

With a raft of winter and spring storms there was plenty of trail to clear in the Mt. Jefferson Wilderness this season, but one giant and downed Douglas fir proved to be the crosscut saw exercise of a lifetime.

Blocking the ever popular Jefferson Lake Trail, a plan was quickly put into place to have a crew cut out a section of the tree, and Deschutes and Willamette National Forest employees were eager to show how using so-called primitive tools like the crosscut saw could still be a viable choice, even after all of these years.

Lighter weight, nonmechanized and easy to transport, crosscut saws don't use fuel and were once used extensively across the Forest Service system. And for the group of ten Forest Service employees and volunteers led by McKenzie River Trail Crew Leader Wayne Chevalier, it was the tool of choice for a six hour exercise in effectiveness.

“It was an impressive effort, a true group project and I applaud leadership for giving us the nod to take care of this Wilderness tree the way it should be - by using the minimum necessary,” Acting Wilderness Specialist Drew Peterson said. “If you get the opportunity, take a hike in and experience this tree,” he continued. “The scale is impressive, and the bucked piece alone weighs an estimated 8,000 lbs!”

For trail information: <https://go.usa.gov/xVWU9>



Clockwise:

1) Ten smiling faces after six solid hours of work in the Wilderness; 2) Crosscut saws weigh less than chainsaws and don't require fuel; 3) Weighing an estimated 8,000 lbs the newly bucked out piece is taller than a person; 4) Standing on top of the downed tree, a participant observes while two others take their turn with a crosscut saw.



from indonesia to oregon: KNOWLEDGE SHARING

Chiara Cipriano; Public Affairs Specialist, Willamette National Forest

Wanting to learn how the U.S. Forest Service collaborates with different partners and scientists, high ranking government officials from the country of Indonesia visited the Pacific Northwest recently for a one week, hands-on tour of various project sites across the region.

An active timber sale on the McKenzie River Ranger District, a river floodplain restoration project and a visit to the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest were all in good order for the group's visit to the Willamette National Forest. The group also visited the Regional Office and the Pacific Northwest Research Station where they exchanged information and discussed how programs are structured and funded.



The Governor from the Province of Aceh, Island of Sumatra, the Director of Human Resources for the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, (MOEF) a specialist from the U.S. Agency for International Development in Indonesia (USAID) and specialists from various ministry and provincial forestry offices were all in attendance along with representatives from the Eugene Water and Electric Board as they spent time with our scientists, specialists and other Forest Service staff in learning how we all work together in managing the forests “for the greatest good.”



Showcasing the essential roles of science and collaboration, the delegation visited a river restoration project on the South Fork of the McKenzie, where partners are helping to reopen and restore a historic floodplain. They visited an active timber sale and learned first hand about skyline logging, implementation and monitoring, and at each step along the way they talked about the recreation benefits that good forest management can provide.

With conversations about stakeholder and partner collaboration, watershed councils and the many, many challenges of managing a diverse workforce there was plenty for people from both countries to talk about, and by the end of the trip everyone was all smiles as they made their way back to the McKenzie River Ranger Station.



Clockwise:

1) Tracy Beck talks forest management with a visitor from the Indonesian delegation; 2) Getting out the cut with Galen Anderson and a visit to an active timber sale; 3) Johan Hogervorst uses a map to point out the changes in a cooperative floodplain restoration project; 4) Chiara Cipriano poses with a smiling and happy Indonesian visitor.

looking back: women in history

While women have always been a part of our storied Forest Service history, there have been a number of employees from the Pacific Northwest Region who have made history in their own right.

Let's take a look back through our Greensheet newsletter archive to see just how much has changed and when those changes started happening.

September 21st, 1979

Number of women in outdoor jobs on rise

Women, some of them fugitives from routine office jobs, are invading what once were the private domains of men -- firefighting, slash burning, trail building, and other rugged, outdoor jobs.

In fact, their increased numbers in outdoor jobs with the Forest Service is startling. Mary Albertson, Federal Women's

Program manager for R-6, says the number of summer-seasonal women working outdoors for the Service has grown more than 1100 percent since 1973. There were from 100 to 150 women summer-seasonal employees then; of the 4,000 summer-seasonal employees in 1978, 1700 were women.

One emphasis of the Federal Women's Program is "to make non-traditional jobs available to women," including outdoor jobs. "Lots of women enjoy working outdoors, just like men do," Albertson says.

One woman who enjoys outdoor work is Sheryl Wilkinson, a tractor operator at the Medford Forest Nursery. Wilkinson did clerical work for the Forest Service from 1965 until May, 1978, when she got the tractor-driving job.

"I think you ought to be able to try it (outdoor work) if you want," Wilkinson says. "But it's not for everybody. If you worked in an office most of your career, it's sort of a culture shock."

She says the men she works with don't do her any special favors because she is a woman. "They don't harrass me, either," she says.

Wilkinson has been accepted as "one of the crew". At the same time she has developed a respect for people who work outdoors. "It's hard, dirty work that is physically demanding. It's different from sitting at a desk typing and having an inside bathroom with hot water and a mirror."

Albertson expects more and more women to step into permanent outdoor jobs in the future. "We're making progress but there's still lots to be done."

-- Jeff Petersen, IO



After working in an office for 13 years, Sheryl Wilkinson got a lucky break -- a tractor-driving job at the Medford Forest Nursery. She and other women are finding outdoor work appealing.

--photo by Frank Morrell, Rogue River NF

March 7th, 1980

First woman district ranger former R-6er

The first woman to join the ranks of district ranger is Wendy L. Milner, who began her career in R-6 in 1970. She has been in charge of the Blanco RD of the White River NF in Colorado since last August.

Milner began her FS career in Portland. She worked in the RO and on the Mt. Hood NF until 1974. Since then she has worked on the Routt NF in Colorado and two ranger districts of the Black Hills NF of South Dakota. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon in landscape architecture.

April 16th, 1982

Engineer passes exam

Becky Hutchins, Forest program analyst on the Okanogan NF, received her Professional Engineering License from the State of Washington recently.



Becky Hutchins

Hutchins is one of possibly only two women engineers presently working in Region 6 who have earned state licenses, the other being Morley Hofer on the Gifford Pinchot NF who qualified for her Oregon State license in 1975.

Hutchins began working for the Forest Service (Mt. Hood NF)

in 1975 while a student at Portland State University working toward her degree in structural engineering. She graduated in 1978, then worked two years for the Port of Seattle. She returned to the FS in 1980 as civil engineer on the Okanogan NF.

Her husband, Jim Hutchins, is a forester, working as socio-economist on the Okanogan NF's planning team.

Pioneer smokejumpers suit up for meeting

Pioneer smokejumper Francis Lufkin said he "wasn't a bit surprised" when a woman finally joined the Forest Service's elite ranks of airborne firefighters.

Lufkin made history 42 years ago as one of the Forest Service's first smokejumpers, and Deanne Shulman this year became the first woman smokejumper in Forest Service history.

The two met in mid-August at the North Cascades Smokejumper Base, Winthrop, Washington, where Lufkin was back helping out during a severe lightning bust. Shulman was detailed from McCall, Idaho, to assist hard-pressed North Cascades forces in coping with the emergency.

Lufkin, who retired as NCSB manager in 1972, said he would have hired a woman smokejumper years ago if any had qualified.

"I don't think the opportunity should be denied to anyone — men or women — provided they can meet the qualifications," he said.

Two of the Lufkin children, Larry and Ron, became smokejumpers. And yes — if daughter Joyce had wanted to be a jumper, her father said he would have encouraged her to try.

Lufkin said that from his perspective, rookie smokejumper Shulman's performance while at NCSB was entirely satisfactory. She made five fire jumps into some of the same rugged Okanogan and Wenatchee country that Lufkin, now 67, helped to protect for so many fire seasons. His first parachute jump was in 1939 when he participated in the initial testing near Winthrop. He made his first actual fire jump the following year.

Deanne, 28, a Los Angeles native, applied

for smokejumping after gaining seven years of fire suppression experience in California, including assignment to a "hotshot" crew. She said the most difficult part of her jumper training was the pack-out test, requiring a 115-pound pack to be carried three and one-half miles over a hilly course within a three and one-half hour time limit. It took two tries, but the 130-pound, five-foot-five woman passed the test.

Bill Moody, current NCSB manager, who served as spotter on Shulman's North Cascades fire jumps, said she "did a good job — she asked for no special favors and was granted none. She just did her job."

With a regular complement of only 10 jumpers, NCSB had to depend a lot on outside help after the lightning bust set some 63 fires. Besides out-of-region detailers like Shulman, Moody also mobilized his "reserves". Lufkin, for instance, maintained saws and other equipment for the jumpers. Other people from the community assisted wherever they could. Several ex-smokejumpers who have remained qualified were also back in action.

"It was really great to see how people from the community were willing to pitch in and help us out. There's a lot of local pride in this base," Moody said.

During a lull in the activities, Lufkin donned his old red canvas jump suit — it still fits — and posed with Deanne for some historic photos.

What advice did he have for the Forest Service's first woman smokejumper?

"I told her to fill her pockets with rocks so she wouldn't drift too far," Lufkin joked.

— Jim Hughes, IO



Francis Lufkin, who helped pioneer the art of smokejumping, donned his old red canvas jumpsuit for this historic photo with Deanne Shulman, first woman smokejumper in Forest Service history.

Photo by Sheila McLean, Methow Valley News

July 8th, 1983

Woman named DR

Roberta Moltzen is the new District Ranger of the Chemult RD, Winema NF. Moltzen moved from the Cle Elum RD, Wenatchee NF, where she has been serving as timber management assistant. Her promotion was effective June 12.

Moltzen is the second woman to hold a District Ranger position in Region 6, the first being Janet Wold, Dale RD, Umatilla NF.

Moltzen is a native of Minnesota and forest management graduate from the University of Florida, 1975. She worked for private industry in hardwood tree research and as a logging supervisor and unit manager in Alabama. She has worked for the FS since 1981 on the Ellensburg RD.

She replaces Ed Blaydon who was selected for a new position as marketing specialist for lodgepole pine affected by the mountain pine beetle. The new position is shared by Area 4 Forests: Deschutes, Ochoco, Fremont and Winema.

April 16th, 1982

Woman selected as Dale District Ranger

Janet Wold was recently selected as District Ranger at Dale, Oregon, on the Umatilla NF, effective April 3. She is presently a resource assistant at the Prospect Ranger Station on the Rogue River NF.

She will be the first woman District Ranger in Region 6. There are three other women District Rangers in Region 2 and Region 5.

Wold has both a Bachelor of Science and

Master's degree from Oregon State University. Before coming to the Forest Service, she worked for nine years at Oregon State University, one year for the Western Fish Toxicology Station, Environmental Protection Agency, in Corvallis, Oregon, and one year for the Weyerhaeuser Company as a consultant.

Wold first worked for the Forest Service in 1974 on research in forestry and stream biology for the Forestry Sciences Laboratory, Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station, Corvallis. She then worked on the Alsea RD, Siuslaw NF, as a forestry technician in silviculture and later as a fisheries biologist and hydrologist. In 1978 she transferred to the Snoqualmie Technical Center, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie NF, as a hydrologist and fisheries biologist. She also supervised the wildlife program. She has been at Prospect RD since 1980.

February 15th, 1985

First woman Forest Supervisor

The Tahoe NF in California is the first National Forest in the country to have a woman as its Forest Supervisor. Geraldine Larson was named Supervisor of the 813,000-acre Forest, headquartered in Nevada City. Larson is a native of New York City.

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by Jimmye Turner



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Last issue's *Where in the Region* photo was of the dramatically named **Devil's Churn**, which is a deep oceanside chasm that's part of the **Cape Perpetua Scenic Area** of Oregon's Siuslaw National Forest.

For over thousands of years the ocean has battered this basalt shoreline, and what started out as a deep sea cave now exists as a narrow inlet that grows to more than 80 feet in width where it meets the Pacific Ocean. With volcanic terraced tidepools and wind sculpted spruce the views never disappoint, but the pounding, exploding waters can shoot hundreds of feet into the air during high tide and during wild, winter storms.

Wheelchair accessible to the lower overlook of the Trail of the Restless Waters, Devil's Churn accessible by foot and is located just north of the Cape Perpetua Visitor Center along Highway 101. With a viewing platform right off of the highway it can be a great place to look for rainbows, but visitors are advised to be cautious and to be aware of the changes in tides.

For more information on Devil's Churn: <http://go.usa.gov/xVDGE>

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