

# THE SCENE



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NEWS & UPDATES FROM COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

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## UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

With some recreation sites open, our crews have been completing some "business as usual" tasks such as site cleaning, bathroom maintenance and garbage pickup. Recreation crew has been working on re-stripping parking lots, both by painting stripes and laying down fire hose. We have also begun painting the interior of the fireside room at Eagle Creek Overlook.

Trail crew has been hard at work on trail re-routes in the Eagle Creek fire area as well as chipping through some slanted bedrock sections at Coyote Wall.

Fire crews have finished all critical trainings for new employees, have been hard at work thinning trees on Tracy Hill and even suppressing some small fires.

## Campground Update!

Wyeth Campground will be opening Monday June 15th! Visit [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) to make reservations.

Eagle Creek Overlook Group Campground will be opening later this month, check back soon for more details!

## What's open?

### CRGNSA FOREST SERVICE SITES

#### Oregon

Bridge of the Gods  
Herman Creek  
Wyeth Trailhead

#### Washington

Balfour Klickitat  
Cape Horn (lower trail closed)  
Catherine Creek  
Coyote Wall  
Dog Creek Falls  
Lyle  
North Bonneville  
Sam's Walker  
St. Cloud  
Husum & BZ Corner



Check out [readyssetgorge.com](http://readyssetgorge.com) for a complete list of all sites open in the CRGNSA and an interactive map you can use!



Trail crew member removing rock from the Oneonta trail

The trail crew has been working hard clearing the lower sections of the Oneonta Trail. Post-Eagle Creek Fire trail restoration can be viewed as a four-step endeavor.

**First**, remove the windfallen trees covering the trail.

**Second**, rake off the thousands of cubic yards of boulders, mud, and gravel engulfing the trail.

**Third**, build—or rebuild—any cribwalls, gabion cages, or other structures that support the trail.

And **fourth**, mentally prepare to repeat many of the efforts the following year.



Showcasing rock removal progress on Oneonta Trail

## EAGLE CREEK OVERLOOK RENOVATION

Contractors have finished renovating many aspects of the Eagle Creek Overlook group campsite

The Eagle Creek Overlook renovation is finished! The project involved installation of electricity and lighting; renovation of the restrooms to meet accessibility guidelines; installation of a volunteer host site and replacement of the roof to protect the historic structure. During the renovation, contractors found some structural rot and replaced the interior beams. They even carved the beams to match the historic ones that were replaced. Above and beyond!



The Eagle Creek Overlook is located within the Columbia River Highway National Historic Landmark and offers expansive views of the Columbia River. The Overlook includes a group campground which is a popular group use site but is currently still closed. The historic structure that underwent renovation was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 1938 as a place to view construction of the Bonneville Dam. This project was paid for with a combination of capital improvement program funding and recreation fees collected at this site.