

TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – June 20, 2019

YIPS! (5-18-2019) – One group of people worked at Prospect Park while another continued removing ivy and blackberry from the Wetlands Park.

Trails (6/1/2019) – Approximately 25 people joined with Siuslaw NF staff to clear vegetation from the sides of the Trail of Restless Waters near Devil's Churn in preparation for repaving later in the summer.

Suspension Bridge Project – Job Corps worked 8 days cutting down alder trees, elderberry, and brush. The route for the bridge can be clearly seen. Ten plus cords of wood were cut up. Job Corps took some of the wood to use in its program of providing firewood for needy families. Job Corps staff and students did a superlative job!!! USFS staff from Cape Perpetua also spent several days participating in the tree removal and cleanup.

Since it was not safe to hike that section of the Amanda Trail while work was in progress, volunteers from the trails crew spent 6 hours a day at both ends of the trail to warn people that a section of the trail was closed.

FEMA has responded. It will not approve funds until more environmental testing is done; this will delay the start of construction until spring. Joanne will be contacting Three Rivers Foundation to request a delay in appropriating previously approved funds. If that is denied, \$10,000 will need to be returned and Joanne will have to apply again. Joanne has resubmitted a grant application to the Siletz Tribal Contribution Fund. At a meeting concerning the Yachats Section 5 of the Oregon Coast Trail, Joanne and the City were assured that, even if FEMA funding is not forthcoming, the bridge will be built with the remaining funds coming from OPRD.

Oregon Coast Trail – Yachats falls within section 5 of the OCT. A group met locally on 6/11 and updated plans on sections of the trail from the 804 N to Cape Perpetua. Minutes of the meeting were submitted to principal heads of the project. On 6/24, Joanne will be participating in a teleconference regarding updates to the OCT.