

TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – November 15, 2018

YIPS! (10-19-2018) – Over 2 years ago, a major project was undertaken in the area behind the Commons; three sizable areas of blackberries and other invasives were cleared, the ground was covered with heavy duty weed cloth and wood chips were placed on top. During this YIPS! session the chips and ground cloth were removed and the ground was tilled; special thanks are due to Will Williams who brought his tractor and his skill at operating it. Just a day or so before recent rains, grass seeds were sown and are now germinating.

Trails (11/3/2018) – 20 volunteers worked at a variety of tasks – two sets of steps were installed on a portion of the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve public trail, tune up work was done on some existing steps, and a group of volunteers removed weeds from the play area behind the Commons. Almost the entire group got together at the Drift Inn afterwards to enjoy lively discussion as well as drinks and snacks. Many thanks to Linda Hetzler for her ongoing support!

Suspension Bridge Project – Eric Watson of Miller Consulting Engineers made a site visit for this project. It was determined that the south terminus of the bridge will need to be anchored about 20 feet into SNF property. This will add more hoops but also will allow the Siuslaw National Forest to partner with this project. The Cape Perpetua Foundation may also become a partner.

Rainshadow Running – The races were held 10/13 and 10/14. The race organizers made some repairs to the trail after the races and several Trails Committee members looked over portions of the Amanda Trail with the race organizers afterwards to confirm that the trail is in good condition.

Urban Forest Trail – Work on this trail will take place at an upcoming Trails session. We are still waiting for direction from the City about what does or does not have to be done before holes can be dug for fence posts and potential vegetation planting.