

TRAILS COMMITTEE – Parks and Commons report – July 19, 2018

YIPS! (6/16/2018) – Almost 20 volunteers, including out-of-town guests of some crew members, removed ivy, blackberry, morning glory, and other unwelcome plants from the Wetlands Park behind the Commons. Afterwards, most of us met at the Drift Inn where Linda Hetzler treated us to a drink and snacks in the recently-opened outdoor area.

Trails (7/7/2018) – The trails work session was spent trimming vegetation that has been growing across portions of the Amanda Trail, the Ya'Xaik Trail, the trail from Aqua Vista Loop to the ocean, and the short trail to the S of the Overleaf Lodge. On most of the trails, this was the first major trimming of the season so it resulted in large improvements.

Trails picnic – The annual Yachats Trails picnic will be on Saturday, 6/21 at the Quiet Water pool area just after the YIPS! session scheduled for the same day. Members of the Parks and Commons Commission and their families are invited to join us.

804 N Trail (6/15/2018) – OPRD moved a huge pile of gravel, previously staged at Smelt Sands State Park, to an area approximately 100 yards N of the Overleaf Lodge. From there, the gravel was spread over a 100 yard section of trail filling in many low spots and creating a flat surface.

Amanda Bridge Replacement Project – Cliff Serres, Engineering Manager for OPRD, was able to get a proposal from Miller Consulting Engineers. They've done bridge design work for our parks throughout the state and have a great reputation for getting the job done right. At the time this report, there has been no word from FEMA about approving a variance from a fiberglass bridge to a suspension bridge.

KLCC Public Radio: On July 12, Joanne gave an interview to KLCC about the Amanda Trail and its history to a reporter at the Amanda Gathering Area.

Volunteer hours – Johnni Prince, who records volunteer hours for us and for the City, compiled the totals for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The total volunteer hours for that period were 2711.5; that is roughly equivalent to the number of hours that would be worked by 1.5 full-time employees.