

PARKS AND COMMONS COMMISSION REPORT - MAY, 2017

Trails Crew - On May 6, approximately 15 crew members worked on portions of the Amanda and Prospect Trails, trimming vegetation and placing gravel on steps that were constructed last month.

YIPS! - YIPS! had a great turnout in April. We made further inroads into the populations of ivy and blackberry in the Commons Wetland Park. We also cleaned up mud, weeds and tree debris from the boardwalk network. Our plans for the Prospect Garden are moving ahead: the problematic cedar tree has been removed and we have had a site meeting with the Job Corps instructors whose students will build the new fence on the western boundary. Current projections are to have the fence construction started in June. There is still plenty of work to keep us busy in the Wetland Park, the Prospect Garden, and Whale Tail park.

804 Trail - OPRD recently constructed a ramp and steps to connect the N end of the 804 Trail to the beach; two trails volunteers spent a productive day helping with the construction. The area is subject of severe wave action in the winter and it remains to be seen how the steps will hold up.

National Trails Day, June 3 - We met again with SNF and OPRD personnel to complete final plans for our local National Trails Day event which will be at Cape Perpetua. Joanne will join staff from SNF and OPRD for an interview on KNTP at 9 am May 15th to talk about trail appreciation and trail events this summer in Lincoln County.

First aid training - 10 active trail crew members received 4 hours of first aid training conducted by Tony Mooney, paramedic with South County Ambulance. Loren also met with Frankie to review and update our first aid kits.

Recreational immunity - We are concerned about the recent OR Supreme Court decision that struck down recreational immunity for volunteers working on private property and are watching the progress of SB 327 legislation which would put recreational immunity back in place. It has passed the senate and is now with the Judiciary Committee in the House.

CA Trails and Greenways Conference - Bob, Loren, and Wally spent two days at this conference last month and returned with some ideas for improvement of our trail system as well as with affirmation that we have a healthy trail system and an effective volunteer group.

Miscellaneous - Leaders made a decision that when heavy hauling needs to be done for trail development and repair work, the County jail or probation/parole crew will be hired.