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Falling leaves

Clearing leaves from the trails is an important part of trail maintenance. Not removing the leaves can lead to tread degradation, especially on our high use trails.

Welcome

Another summer has passed, and it is starting to look like Fall in the forest.

Summer was a great success. The work we do is not possible without my volunteers and the CSC crew.

All trails were cleared of vegetation, major improvements were made to Dan's Trail, and some well needed Arboretum projects were accomplished.

Over the next few months we will be working on some trail improvements, continuing work in the Arboretum and clearing leaves from trails.

Enjoy the impressive fall colors out in the forest!

Chris Jackson

Recreation Manager

Reminder –Leave No Trace

Just a friendly reminder that we have partnered with Leave No Trace to help maintain the character and integrity of the forest for years to come. Littering, disturbances to wildlife, damage, and erosion threaten the future use and enjoyment of the forest. Signs have been placed at kiosks and trailheads throughout the forest as a friendly reminder to trail users about the partnership. More information about Leave No Trace can be found at www.Int.org

New Interpretive Signs on Intensive Management Trail!

Intensive Management Trail located within Peavy Arboretum provides a great self-guided tour of different forestry practices that have been explored by the College of Forestry at OSU. This past June interpretive signs were placed on the trail with information on the forestry practices implemented at that particular area. A self guided tour pamphlet can be printed from the following link on the COF website: <http://www.cof.orst.edu/cf/recreation/Intensive.php>

Seasonal Restrictions On Certain Trails

As we approach the fall rainy season it is important to remind everyone that there are seasonal restrictions on certain trails from November 1st through April 14th. Some trails are more susceptible to damage during the rainy season so it is important that their use be limited to hikers only during this time. There are still plenty of trails open to mountain bikers and horse back riders year-round. The seasonal trails that are hiker use only during the wet season are:

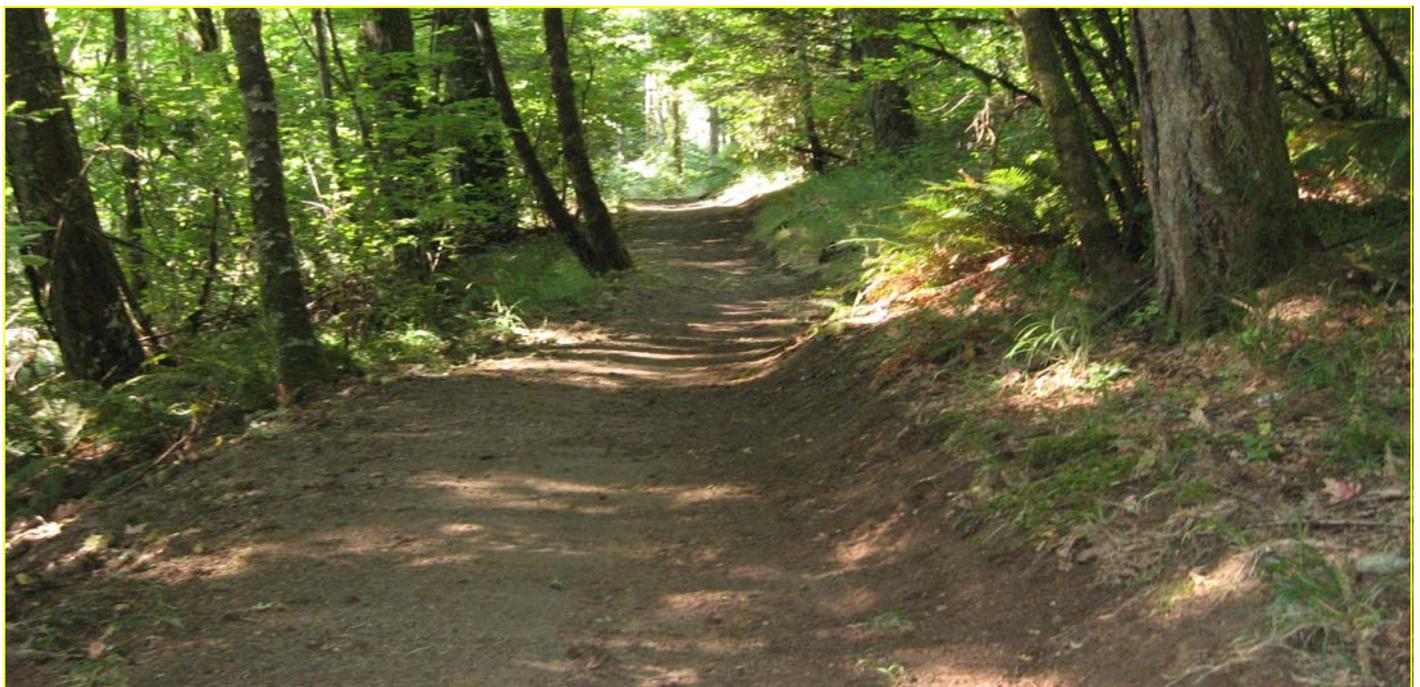
Extendo, Lower Dan's, Calloway Creek, and Intensive Management.

All trail heads are marked with brown carsonite posts that show any restrictions for that certain trail. Our trail maps found at kiosks also list these restrictions. Thank you for your cooperation.



Summer CSC Crew

This summer the Community Service Consortium (CSC) was able to again provide a crew to assist in trail cutting and maintenance funded by Federal Stimulus Dollars. This partnership proved to be a great success. Upper Dan's Trail was cut back, helping to lessen erosion and damage on the trail. The crew also helped clear drainage ditches and cleared organic matter that had accumulated on the trail. Thanks to their hard work this popular trail is back in great condition just in time for the rainy months to come.



Did You Know. . . Old Growth

Approximately 350 acres have been designated as “old growth” within the McDonald-Dunn Forests. It is difficult to develop a clear definition of what constitutes “old growth”, but areas with stands of large old trees of at least 160 years demonstrate these attributes. Old-growth demonstrates stand and community development in the absence of management, and to conserve elements and processes of biological diversity associated with these stands.

Old growth forests provide crucial habitat for many animals that cannot be found anywhere else, including the endangered northern spotted owl.

Some trails on McDonald Forest provide great experiences of old-growth including Old-Growth Trail, Section 36, and Alpha trail.



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