What is the Recreation and Engagement Program, and why does it matter to you? Ryan Brown explains her job, the program she manages, and new developments for recreation on the forest...

Hello!

When meeting new people at parties, I am commonly asked “What do you do?” My answer usually results in a somewhat bewildered expression, as “Recreation and Engagement Program Manager for the OSU Research Forests” doesn’t really mean much to most people... A common response is, “so, do you like, make classes for people or something?” It begs a good question – what does our Recreation and Engagement Program do on the forest anyway?

First, let’s talk trails...

The most visible and exciting thing we do is build new trails. You may have noticed that we’ve been doing a lot of this lately with the recent openings of Vineyard Mountain and Sidesaddle Trails, along with continuing work on Dave’s, Beautiful, and No Secret Trails. These improvements have been the result of several amazing developments all coming together at once. First, our community of visitors developed a great foundation for a trails and recreation plan through a lengthy public involvement process in 2013-2015. Then the College of Forestry decided to hire our first ever Recreation Field Coordinator in October of 2014. (Continued on page 2)
We were joined by Matt McPharlin, who has enabled us to get some real work done on the ground. We were also successful at receiving a Recreation Trails Program grant from Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation to start building single track trail connectivity between Lewisburg Saddle and Peavy Arboretum. We recently received word that we will be awarded this grant again to enable us to continue our partnerships with Northwest Youth Corps and community volunteers to build more trails and improve the parking area at Lewisburg Saddle. Finally, we have excellent partnerships with groups including Team Dirt, Corvallis Trail Runners, Oregon Equestrian Trails and others who have helped us build sustainable and enjoyable new trails.

The one thing that’s always on our minds as we’re building new trails is the long-term need for trail maintenance. It may not be flashy, but it is essential to having a great trail system that can be used year-round. We are lucky enough to have a team of core volunteers who contribute 4-8 hours per week to keep our trails in great shape for everyone to use. These folks are out there weedwhacking in the spring, patching wet spots in the winter, blowing leaves off of the trails in the fall, and improving drainage structures all year long. They assist with mowing, help maintain the plantings in Peavy Arboretum, and we count on them for many other tasks as well! Our student employees fix kiosks, bridges, gates, signs, and contribute to the multitude of little details necessary to keep the program going. Community volunteers help with big trail improvements, invasive species removal and gardening in the arboretum. This maintenance is almost invisible (unless no one does it!), yet it is essential in providing great trails for you to use!

How do we decide what to do next in the recreation program?

Most of our priorities have come directly from our public involvement process in 2013-2015, which is reflected in our R&E Program Goals and Objectives. Our staff reviews public suggestions to identify priority projects which are implementable, meet a public need, and support OSU Research Forests goals. We are very fortunate to have the Forest Recreation Advisory Council (FRAC), made up of representatives from various community user groups. FRAC meets quarterly to discuss recreation issues and provide input, ideas, and alternative perspectives.

That’s only half the picture!

The other half of recreation and engagement is... engagement. Engagement comes in many forms, whether it’s providing public information about a forest fire or a harvest closure, starting a discussion about pet waste, installing a sign describing a natural feature or management approach, creating a new map of the forest, or hosting an event for (Continued on page 3)
youth on the forest. All of those things fall under the “engagement” portion of our program, and they are just as important as recreation. Most recently, we’ve hosted two events for youth to connect with the natural world: National Get Outdoors Day on May 21st, and “Into the Woods” STEM Academy for 20 high school students July 11-15. Both events were a howling success. We’re also selling out of the new forest maps, have put up new interpretive signs throughout the forest, regularly send out e-mail updates, post information on Facebook and our website, and produce quarterly newsletters.

Our intention with engagement on the Research Forests is to be an integral part of the local community. We see the Research Forests as a setting for the community to learn about forest resources, ecology, management, research, societal benefits, and the College of Forestry’s mission. One of our big goals in engagement is to provide opportunities for forest use by groups who have been traditionally underserved in outdoor recreation. We also continually strive to improve the transparency and quality of public information regarding activities on the Research Forests so visitors have all of the information they need.

This all sounds great, but how do we pay for it?
The Recreation and Engagement Program is funded from the revenue obtained through timber harvest on the OSU Research Forests. This covers costs of salaried employees and students, as well as the equipment and supplies needed to maintain our facilities. Capital for growing the program, including the building of new trails, is supported by grants or donations from private individuals and organizations and does not come from our annual forest budget.

In other words, we could cut more trees in order to grow (materials and staffing for building trails, new signage, maps, etc) instead of cutting only enough to maintain our existing program (employee salaries and facilities maintenance). However, we don’t want to cut more trees than necessary, as the forest has a limited capacity for timber harvesting. We respect this capacity by supplementing our budget through grants and donations to expand our program. Money from harvested timber maintains our program, but support from visitors, partners, and grants allows our program to thrive!

To learn how you can donate toward trails, recreation and engagement, see page 18. I am so personally grateful to you for being part of our recreation community on the forest. I hope to see you out on the trails soon!

If you are interested in getting even more involved in the recreation and engagement program, here are a few ways:

⇒ Sign up to receive forest updates, quarterly newsletters and volunteer work party information via e-mail. Send me a message at ryan.brown@oregonstate.edu

⇒ Join volunteer work parties, arrange a work party for your organization, or apply to join our team or core volunteers. Contact Matt at matt.mcpharlin@oregonstate.edu

⇒ Join Forest Connection by donating to help us grow our program!

⇒ Let us know about issues, concerns, or successes by contacting me or Matt at the e-mails above.
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**Does your organization hold events on the OSU Research Forests?** To add your event to this calendar, contact Ryan Brown: ryan.brown@oregonstate.edu.
Peavy Arboretum Fire—A Near Disaster

The Peavy Arboretum Fire burned 3.5 acres near the viewpoint along the Powder House Trail on the evening of July 2nd.

On the evening of Saturday, July 2nd, the McDonald Forest started to burn. Recreationists traveling along the Powder House Trail luckily spotted the flames and ran to find a phone to report it. Adair Rural Fire Department, Corvallis Rural Fire Protection District, Albany Fire Department, Philomath Fire Department, Polk County Rural Fire District 1, and Republic Services initially responded to the blaze, and Oregon Department of Forestry commanded the incident. Oregon State Police and the Oregon Department of Forestry later conducted an investigation to find out how the human-caused fire was started. The method of ignition and identity of the person who started it remain unknown.

The Powder House Fire burned 3.5 acres and left the northern half of the McDonald Forest closed through Thursday, July 7th. In addition to the threat it posed to the health of the forest and long-term research projects, the fire also inconvenienced recreationists—especially those who use the forest almost every day—and required many hours of time and energy from busy forest staff.

Despite all the time and energy the fire demanded, it could have been much worse, and that is what Forest Director Stephen Fitzgerald dreads. Fitzgerald is part of an effort to reassess fire danger on the forest. “We are uphill from everything. We are surrounded by people, homes, roads—a lot of activity that can spark an ignition. And fire travels faster uphill, and sometimes downhill, if the wind pushes it,” Fitzgerald explained.

He went on to say that the area around our forest has been identified as a high priority for Benton County, which is working to revise its Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Fitzgerald is on the board of that revision committee.

According to Fitzgerald, ODF is working with bordering landowners to focus on fuel reduction. “We want to complement [those efforts] on our side of the forest boundary so that there’s safety in numbers,” explained Fitzgerald. Combining fuel reductions across property boundaries will broaden the scope of the efforts and increase the level of protection for any one property.

One way the forest is looking to reduce fuel loads is through strategic timber harvests. Selectively harvesting trees from a stand opens it up, reducing ladder fuels (such as dead branches), which allow flames to climb into the forest canopy. An example Fitzgerald gave is the cut to length thinning planned for the 590 Road. The harvest is near private property, so reducing fuel will benefit neighbors as well. Fitz personally marked the trees to be cut, and the operation is expected to be completed this year.

The forest plays many roles within the College of Forestry and the broader community. Thanks to the quick reporting from visitors and the efforts of local fire fighters, we were able to keep the fire small and protect the forest’s many functions and resources. However, a change in wind, temperature, or moisture level could have led to a much more destructive situation.

Please remember that any open flame is strictly prohibited on the forest. (Includes smoking, campfires, barbeques, fireworks, etc.)

Report wildfire: 911
Report violations: (541) 737-4452
Report information about the Peavy Arboretum Fire: (541) 737-3562
Research Forests Staff Profiles

Brent Klumph—Forest Manager

Brent has served many roles throughout his time with the OSU Research Forests, working his way up from student worker to a position as Forest Manager. He grew up in Tillamook, OR and earned his Bachelors degree in Natural Resources from Oregon State University. As a student, he worked for the Recreation Manager at the forest for a year in 2001, and then spent more than two years in the timber program, working under the Reforestation Forester. After graduating from OSU he stayed with the forest for 18 months in a temporary position and then joined Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) as a Natural Resource Specialist. He worked in timber sale layout, cruising, and general forestry work. While Brent was with ODF, a permanent position opened up at the OSU Research Forests for an Early Stand Development Forester. Brent applied for and received the position in 2006, beginning work with the Reforestation Program. He was responsible for stands that were noncommercial in value (young plantations). Brent later became the Timber Program Manager, and after three years in that position he served as the Interim Forest Director when Director John Mann retired. Once Stephen Fitzgerald joined us as our new Forest Director, the Dean of the College of Forestry decided to appoint a Forest Manager to oversee the daily operations on the forest as well as to manage the Timber Program, Cultural Resources Program, the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Program, and the Reforestation Program. Brent moved into that permanent position. One of his current projects is working on the College Forests Integrated Research Project (CFIRP), where he is focused on fueling the project’s momentum and keeping it in alignment with the project’s original intent. He loves working with other OSU Research Forests employees, saying that both the permanent staff and the students give him reasons to smile every day. Brent, his wife, and their two boys spend a lot of time recreating in the Willamette National Forest outside of their home in Sweet Home. There, they like to hike, fish, hunt, and cut firewood.

Carol Carlson—Business Manager/ Log Accounting Manager

Carol lived in the tiny town of Ledger, Montana, attending a one-room schoolhouse until she turned 11. She then moved to Pierce – a small logging town in Idaho. Later, after a number of years as a stay-at-home mom, Carol returned to school, earning her B.S. in Accounting from Linfield College in McMinville, Oregon and her Master’s in Public Health from Oregon State University. She began working for the OSU Research Forests in 1997, managing the business side and the log accounting program. Her favorite aspects of her job are the people she works with, the forest setting, and entertaining her fondness for mathematics.

One particularly cool project Carol has worked on involves overseeing our contract with a company conducting northern spotted owl surveys on the forests. Occasionally Carol accompanies the owl calling crew on their late night excursions into the forest, where she has learned about the tools and...
Research Forests Staff Profiles (continued from p. 6)

Carol Carlson—Business Manager/Log Accounting Manager (cont.)

and techniques the researchers use in their wildlife surveys. Another of her projects involves coordinating the process of documenting and mapping the many research projects happening on the forests. Last summer she worked with GIS technician Abby Kirkaldie and student employee Michelle Henson to build a good base for this enormous project.

Carol recreates on the forest almost every day. She runs here in the mornings before work and/or hikes in the afternoon on the Calloway Creek or Discovery trails. She also enjoys the Lakeland unit of the McDonald Forest, where purple martins can often be seen nesting in dead standing trees in the springtime. On weekends she likes to hike from Lewisburg Saddle or from Oak Creek and also enjoys biking. As for out-of-town recreation, Carol enjoys Forest Park in Portland and the Salmon-Huckleberry Wilderness to the east of the city.

STEM Academy 2016

On July 11-15, 20 local high school students joined us on the OSU Research Forests for Into the Woods: Wildlife, Plants & the Ecology of Forests. The field camp is offered through STEM Academy at OSU, which offers youth camps focusing on college prep in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields. Students participated in hands-on activities related to recreation, forest and timber management, natural resource economics, native and invasive species, wildlife, aquatic restoration, environmental ethics, and much more. Presenters included researchers and managers from OSU College of Forestry, USGS, ODFW, USFWS, Benton County Extension, and OSU Research Forests staff.

Here are some pictures from the awesome week!

One lesson focused on tallying measurements in a stand of trees.

Students learned how to measure culverts and test water quality.

The burn table on campus helped campers understand how fire behaves in a forest.
### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

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**Volunteering with Team Dirt**

To help out with building the McDonald Forest’s first primary use mountain bike trail, contact Dan Coyle with Team Dirt: danielcoyle@hotmail.com. For more information, see the Team Dirt events calendar.

**Sign up!**

“Open to the community” work parties are open to everyone and will occur on the third Saturday of every month, unless plans change. Keep your eyes open for email and Facebook announcements to sign up for these workparties as the dates get closer!

**Contact Recreation Field Coordinator Matt McPharlin if...**

- You are interested in joining our elite team of core volunteers!
- Your group (club, class, organization, etc.) is interested in signing up for a workparty!

matt.mcpharlin@oregonstate.edu
(541) 737-6730

#### What Should I Bring?
- Closed-toed shoes or boots
- Long pants
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Water Bottle
- Rain Gear

#### What Will Be Provided?
- Water and snacks
- Gloves and safety gear
- Tools
Article by Ashley Champagne and Lucia Hadella

The fourth annual National Get Outdoors Day event at Peavy Arboretum was a success! Even as the day threatened rain, we were joined by 518 visitors on May 21st, along with almost 80 volunteers who helped make this day fun for everyone. Local kids and families enjoyed playing outside at Peavy Arboretum. Activities such as rock painting, plant identification, logging sports, birding, and fishing kept little hands and minds busy!

Climbing and sawing at the logging sports arena were very popular this year! Members of OSU’s logging sports team supervised and taught kids traditional games such as the log roll and crosscut sawing. Another popular site this year was the free youth fishing. The kids had 20 minutes each to cast a line in Cronemiller Lake and reel in some fish. Their smiles and excitement were priceless as they pulled in their catches, which they put on ice and proudly brought home.

A huge thanks goes to Benton County Health Department, OSU Benton and Linn County Extension, and all of the exhibitors and volunteers who made this event so fun and beneficial to our community! And of course, thanks to everyone who came out to have fun!
THANK YOU to all of our amazing partners who came together to make another successful GO Day!

Ambassadors for Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources; Avery House; Benton County Health Dept.; Benton County Parks & Natural Areas; Benton County Sheriff Mounted Posse; Corvallis Parks & Recreation; Diverse Perspectives in Forestry Group; Greenbelt Land Trust; OFRI; Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife; Oregon Dept. of Forestry; OSU Athletics; OSU Benton County Extension; OSU Dept. of Forest Ecosystems & Society; OSU Extension Services; 4-H Teens as Teachers, Family & Community Health; Linn County, Master Gardeners, Master Naturalist, Master Woodland Managers; OSU Forestry Club; OSU Linus Pauling Institute; Pavilion Catering; Sierra Club – Marys Peak Chapter; Starker Forests; USFS – Siuslaw

For more information about National Get Outdoors Day, visit the OSU Research Forests website, or the national event page.
Tails on Trails—A Poop Update

On June 25th, 23 volunteers and two OSU Research Forests staff members snapped on sanitary gloves, grabbed trash bags, and went to work cleaning dog poop at some of the most popular places in the McDonald Forest. What they found after a 4-hour pickup was encouraging: the amount of dog poop left on trails has definitely improved since our last pickup in October. However, there is still plenty of work to be done in our ongoing effort to reduce dog waste on the forest and make our trails as safe, enjoyable, and clean as possible!

THANK YOU to our devoted volunteers who took time out of their weekends to clean up dog poop. Here is a summary of what they accomplished...

- Oak Creek Area: 265 piles; 27 lbs.
- Lewisburg Saddle: 174 piles; 17.75 lbs.
- Peavy Arboretum/Calloway Creek: 218 piles; 22.25 lbs.

Totals: 657 piles; 67 pounds
23 volunteers; 92 hours

We’re Moving in the Right Direction – Let’s Keep It Up!

Last September we launched the Tails on Trails campaign to raise awareness about dog behavior and dog waste on the forest. Since then, we have seen promising results. The 67 pounds of poop collected last weekend is a huge reduction from the 231 pounds collected in October. Thank you to everyone who has been modeling responsible dog owner behavior – your effort has been noticed and is appreciated by all who visit the forest. Please help us continue to move in the right direction toward cleaner trails that are safer for visitors and their dogs, as well as for the forest ecosystem. We would like to see the dog waste continue to decrease, so that we can reduce our poop pickup parties to once a year at the most! (Continued on page 12)

The group of volunteers at Oak Creek collected 265 piles of dog poop before some moved on to Lewisburg Saddle. Awesome job!
Tails on Trails (cont. from page 11)

Out of respect for our awesome volunteers, we would like to remind everyone that this pickup was not intended as a cleanup service for dog poop, but was rather intended to set a high standard of cleanliness and to monitor the effectiveness of the public information campaign. Thank you again for helping take care of the trails you love!

What Can You Do?

Please remember your plastic bags, and dispose of dog waste in a trash bin or in one of the sanitary stations provided at or near popular trailheads. To the right is a list of dog waste stations on the forest...

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 Erica McKenzie tests out the dog waste bin at the 540 gate across from Adair Village.

Large Format Forest Map

New forest maps continue to fly off the shelves at local businesses! We will continue to update the map with each new printing to reflect new trails and changing conditions. If you have feedback on the new trail map, please feel free to contact us about it at any time.

Lower resolution versions of these maps can be downloaded from our website at:

http://cf.forestry.oregonstate.edu/osu-research-forests-maps

A new map of the McDonald-Dunn Forests is now available! The new map features:

- Data updated to reflect current information
- 100 ft. contours and shaded elevation relief
- Waterproof, tear-proof paper
- UTMs
- Table of trail lengths and allowed uses

Available for purchase at—

Corvallis: Five Star Sports, Bike N’ Hike, Peak Sports, Browsers’ Bookstore, First Alternative Natural Foods Co-op (North Store), and the Book Bin
Albany: No garbage Books and Bike N’ Hike
Recreation Study Starting Fall 2016

Who visits the OSU Research Forests and why? What experiences are they seeking when they head out to the forest, and who do they encounter on the trails? Which trails do they visit? At what point do they begin to perceive the trails as feeling too crowded?

The answers to these questions and many others do much more than satisfy the curiosity of decision makers at the OSU Research Forests – they help them make informed choices about how to manage recreation resources in a way that is beneficial and efficient. That is why the OSU Research Forests has partnered with researchers in the College of Forestry to perform a study that will gather information about recreation use, preferences, and the effectiveness of our public information program.

**What:** A survey of recreation use  
**Who:** Conducted through the College of Forestry, in partnership with the OSU Research Forests  
**When:** Periodically, from October 2016 – September 2017  
**Where:** Throughout the McDonald and Dunn Forests  
**Why:** To help inform management decisions so that they best incorporate the interests of forest visitors, especially as the number of annual visits to the forest continues to increase.

In 2009 Dr. Mark Needham and Dr. Randy Rosenberger of the College of Forestry conducted a study on experiences and preferences of recreation users on OSU Research Forest. However, a lot has changed in the last 7 years. For example, the number of visitors has increased, due to the growth of OSU student and employee population. Increase in recreation use presents OSU Research Forest managers with challenges, such as the need for additional resources to develop, improve and maintain recreation infrastructure. Therefore, OSU Research Forest managers need updated information on the potential changes in recreation use and preferences in order to make decisions that accurately reflect the interests of the public. Field work for the new study on recreation use and preferences will be launched in fall 2016.

Spearheading the upcoming study are two new additions to the College of Forestry – Dr. Ian Munanura and Dr. Ashley D’Antonio. Munanura joined the College of Forestry about a year ago and has a Ph.D. in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management from Clemson University. He is an Assistant Professor of Nature-Based Tourism in the College of Forestry’s Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society (FES). D’Antonio will begin her appointment this fall as Assistant Professor of Nature-Based Recreation Management in FES, (Continued on page 14)
having completed her Ph.D. last year in Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Science and Management from Utah State University. She has already worked with Munanura and Ryan Brown, the Recreation and Engagement Manager for OSU Research Forests, to lay the foundation for the upcoming recreation study. Molly Arnold, one of the FES incoming graduate students, will provide fieldwork assistance.

As a forest visitor, you may wish to know what to expect in the upcoming year, as the study spans from fall 2016 – fall 2017. Don’t be surprised if someone stops you at a forest trailhead or gate this fall and asks you to take a survey. If this happens, congratulations! By participating, you are contributing to a body of knowledge that will be used by OSU Research Forests decision makers to improve your recreation experience.

Alternatively, don’t be surprised if you never receive the survey. The researchers are not trying to reach every single forest visitor (they know that’s impossible!), so they have designed their study to capture information from a variety of visitors coming to the forest on different days of the week and at different times. Visitors will only be able to fill out the survey if they happen to be at one of the randomly selected survey days. This is because allowing visitors to take the survey in any other way or at any other time (such as online) would compromise the integrity of the study by biasing it toward participants who are particularly interested in providing feedback. The homeowners neighboring the OSU Research Forests may also be asked to complete the survey, to ensure that the voices of recreation users are heard, even if they don’t access the forest through the survey sites.

This method of broad, random sampling helps ensure the results closely represent forest visitors to provide managers with the best possible information to use in providing great opportunities for you to enjoy the forest.

Study Objectives:

1. Determine the characteristics of recreation users (demographics).
2. Determine the trend of recreation use (such as type, frequency, and location of use).
3. Develop standards of quality for recreation use (i.e. what are acceptable and unacceptable conditions of recreation experiences).
4. Examine the effectiveness of the forest information program (how do visitors prefer to receive their information, how clear is the information, etc.)
Changes to the Hunt Program

Starting in 2013, OSU Research Forests has been working with multiple people throughout the community to identify actions we can take to enhance recreation opportunities on the Forests. One of these groups is the walk-in hunters who currently use the Dunn Forest. Each year, hunters apply for a limited number of slots to be allowed to access the Dunn Forest for hunting opportunities. These hunters enjoy the quiet and remote feel of the Dunn Forest and appreciate the opportunity to walk in to hunt for deer, elk or turkey with rifle, shotgun (allowed for turkey), or bow.

The OSU Research Forests hunt policy, developed as a result of the public engagement process, aims to have a program which:

- Meets the objectives of OSU Research Forests and the College of Forestry
- Is user-friendly and fair to hunters
- Is economically efficient
- Is sustainable for natural, cultural and social resources, including game populations
- Does not impact the safety of recreationists and adjacent landowners

We took these objectives and worked with a wildlife biologist from ODFW to create a filter through which to evaluate suggestions we’ve received from members of the hunting community. Any new hunt:

- Will result in an enhanced, high quality opportunity for hunting recreation
- Will not negatively impact non-hunting recreation currently occurring
- Is supported by ODFW as beneficial to animal populations
- Will result in reduced damage to early seral stands (in other words, reducing damage to young growing trees)
- Will not overlap in season with other hunts using different weapons
- Does not create a major administrative burden for OSU Research Forests

With this in mind, we’ve sorted through many varying suggestions from the public and selected a few, high quality additions to our hunting program:

- The number of permits issued for the Spring Turkey Hunt will be raised from 10 to 50
- Hunters selected for the General Rifle Deer Hunt will also be able to use their 618 Alsea Doe tags while hunting on the Dunn Forest
- Youth hunters selected for the General Rifle Deer Hunt may participate in the ODFW General Rifle Deer Extended Youth Weekend on the Dunn Forest
- The Controlled Archery Elk 218R Alsea Unit Bow Hunt will be added as a new hunt this year on the Dunn Forest, from November 26, 2016-December 11, 2017, with 100 letters of permission to be issued.

To view the hunt schedule and learn more about hunts on the Dunn Forest, visit our hunt information website.
Here's an updated table outlining the progress of forest management activities on the McDonald and Dunn Forests. See the Spring 2016 newsletter for a full 4-page feature on forest management.

### Recreation and 2016 Forest Management Operations

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<td>CFIRP Peavy 6,7 Patch Cuts</td>
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<td>Hauling out of the 540 and 582 gates – use caution. Banzai Trail and portions of 560 and 543 Roads closed for duration of harvest. 562/543 Road will be re-opened and the Banzai Trail will later be re-routed.</td>
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<td><strong>540 Road</strong></td>
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<td>Hauling out of the 540 gate. No trails directly impacted.</td>
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<td>600 Road</td>
<td>Bingo 600 Cut to Length (CTL) Thin</td>
<td>Hauling out of the 600 gate at Lewisburg Saddle. Ridge Trail at the intersection with the 620 Road will be temporarily closed.</td>
<td>Postponed for another year.</td>
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<td>Chip Ross Park and Lower Dan’s Area</td>
<td>Chip Ross/ Charlie Meadow Oak Prairie Restoration Project</td>
<td>Portions of Chip Ross Park, Lower Dan’s and Quercus Meadow Trails will be temporarily closed.</td>
<td>In progress in Chip Ross Natural Area; OSU RF trails expected to be closed in mid-late August.</td>
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<td>Scout Trail</td>
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<td>Thinning unit located along the 110 and 130 Roads on the Dunn Forest. Temporary closure of Scout Trail.</td>
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<td>Dunn Forest</td>
<td>Beefy CTL Thin</td>
<td>Closure of the 400 Road at the 400/420 junction.</td>
<td>Currently in progress. Projected to finish early September with final road work to follow.</td>
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<td>SLTP Koller 16 Thin and Clearcut</td>
<td>Currently harvesting on the 112.1 Road and hauling out of 112 and 110 Roads. Hauling through the 100 gate. Operations will eventually move back up the 112 Road, and hauling will continue through the 100 gate.</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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### Stay Informed!

Your safety on the forest is our priority. That is why we work hard to provide you with information about harvest operations and forest road and trail closures. Besides on-site postings for each closure, we also communicate this information to the public via our Facebook page, email list-serve, and the Current Activities page of our website. Check them out here:

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- Fabrication of new interpretive signs
- Improvements to bridges/other trail structures
- Dog waste stations and bags
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Thank You Lucia!

We will miss you...

This is Lucia Hadella’s last term working for us, as she will be starting graduate school in September. As a freshman, Lucia started writing articles for our little newsletter that we sent out to about 100 people. Over the past 4 years, she has done the heavy lifting to help us grow a seed of an idea into a formidable publication with substantive information that we share with over 500 people who care about the Forests. We have no doubt that her skills as a writer, her passion for and knowledge of natural resources, and her attention to detail will take her to some great places. Best wishes on the adventures ahead!