

GROUSE HOLLOW NOTES

Summer 2021



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OUT IN THE FOREST

Heat and Hollywood kicked off the summer here at Hopkins with record setting temperatures adding another historic chapter to the last year and a half. However, there was also some behind the scenes history developing in the woods. Hopkins was used as a filming site for not one but two television shows. Some of you might have seen the notice about the forest needing to close for the day, and this was to allow, "Kill The Orange Faced Bear" (Comedy pilot for TBS) and Girl in the Woods (an 8 part series for NBC Peacock Streaming) to do a portion of their filming up at Everett Hall and down in the forest.



While this did limit access for a few days, the funds generated from these large events helped offset the loss of income due to Covid-19 rental reductions, reduced fundraising and forest use donations. Most of the production crew were locals and they got a chance to learn a little about woodland management in Oregon's forests, too. It was pretty amazing to see how these large production and filming crews came in, used the forest, and left with minimal impact that will recover quickly. I would take 1,000 filming days in a second over another ice storm...

Speaking of the ice storm, there is still a tremendous amount of work to complete the clean-up and several years of work on restoring areas that were heavily impacted throughout the forest. While volunteers got all the trails and roads reopened (quickly I might add) you might notice some trail improvements going on, too. Hopkins was fortunate to receive a grant from Travel Oregon in the amount of \$53,405 to hire a contractor to reconstruct and resurface portions of the Trail System. Bridges are being rebuilt, stairs repaired, trails regraded, and a gravel surface is being applied to improve access allowing for a broader range and increasing number of visitors (especially during the winter months). It was estimated that it will take about 500 cubic yards of gravel to improve the core trails and make them accessible year-round (that is a lot of gravel to move by hand). In addition, we had an Eagle Scout Project reconstruct a large portion of the Red Cedar Trail. Thank you Travel Oregon, contractor Brian and, Eagle Candidate Jake!

With regards to forest management activities out in the forest, we have three main focuses at the moment. First, the late February tree planting of the 7-acre clear-cut (2020) was met with some survival issues due to an extremely dry spring and western red cedar seedling quality. Unfortunately, most of the cedar did not survive, but the Douglas-fir fared well (will interplant cedar in 2022). Next, planning has begun on a final thinning of the high quality/value pole stand (telephone poles) located below Everett Hall and along the Hopkins Trail. Lastly, ice damage restoration will begin/continue throughout the entire forest.

Overall, things are returning back to normal in the forest with workshops and educational tours back on the calendar and an increased mix of new public users that learned about Hopkins during the pandemic and our regular visitors.

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EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Lookout Tower Grand Opening

On Saturday July 3, the Clatskanie Mountain Lookout Tower was opened up to the public. We had almost 100 visitors take the 65 foot hike up to the top which was completed last summer 2020. This was the first opportunity for visitors to check out the view from



around the catwalk and look inside at the fire finder. The tower was built in 1954 before being moved to the Magness Tree Farm in Sherwood. After Magness, the tower was relocated to Hopkins where it took nearly 10 years to restore it to its original construction. Visitors were greeted by one of our volunteers (Mark) and were also given information about the almost complete Molalla Log House. We hope to open the lookout tower on a regular basis and also provide a shuttle service to the Molalla Log House in the future.



Summer Enrichment Opportunities for Youth

With schools reopening in early spring and a push to get kids some extra educational opportunities, Hopkins will be hosting over 1,000 youth and adults this summer for educational and exploratory field trips. Schools from Oregon City, Canby, and Molalla will be using Hopkins for a portion of their summer field/day camps to help get kids back on track after missing a few months due to Covid. Many of these programs are funded through grant support (as is Hopkins) which received some additional funds to host youth during the summer through an Oregon Community Foundation grant. It will be exciting to get youth into the forest for some learning, exercise, and fresh air!



Upcoming Events (Summer '21):

August 7th
Public Forest Tour/Open House
Tour Lookout Tower, Molalla Log House & Hopkins History
8:00am-2:00pm

August 14th
Community Forest Day
8:30am-2:30pm
Schink Right-of-way Lifting and Western Red Cedar Milling

September 4th
Public Forest Tour/Open House
Tour Lookout Tower, Molalla Log House & Hopkins History
8:00am-2:00pm

September 11th
Community Forest Day
8:30am-2:30pm
Little Buckner Creek, Southern Trail Loop Construction

September-October (TBD)
Pole Timber Harvest Demonstration

October 2th
Public Forest Tour/Open House
Tour Lookout Tower, Molalla Log House & Hopkins History
8:00am-2:00pm

October 9th
CCFFA/Community Forest Day
8:30am-2:30pm
Project TBD

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DOSHA/AVEDA 'EARTH MONTH' FUNDRAISER

The Dosha Salon Spa and Aveda Institute reignited their annual 'Earth Month' fundraiser for Hopkins with creativity and enthusiasm. After needing to cancel last year's event, their efforts this year raised \$8,725 for Hopkins. Between "Walk For Trees" mile pledges, front desk donation cards, social media fundraisers and their "Jean Jar", they were able to raise \$8,725.52 for Hopkins Demonstration Forest! On July 9th a team of around 40 came out to Hopkins for a training day that ended with a BBQ in the Poppino Family Pavilion followed by a forest tour. This is the 5th year of partnership between Hopkins and the Aveda Institute campuses and Dosha Salon Spa locations which makeup roughly 150 employees and 250 students.



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