



DTC Trail Crew Dispatch

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# Learning, Growing, & Enjoying

June 2024 Update



June marked an exciting month for our crew as we welcomed a new member, Gus Pranckus, an intern from Wisconsin. Gus joined us to fulfill his high school volunteer hour requirement and complete his Capstone Project. Over the month, he generously contributed 150 hours to support our efforts in the Deschutes National Forest.

Throughout June, the crew continued to bond and really enjoy our time together while improving trails, completing logouts, and collaborating with partner groups across the Deschutes National Forest. Here are our top stories from the month.

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TOP STORIES



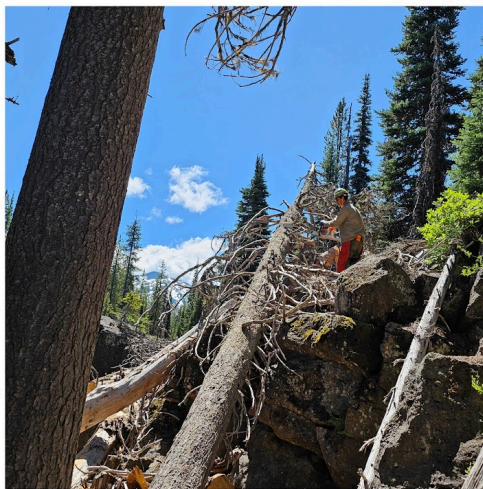
## National Trails Day Events

On June 1st, our crew celebrated National Trails Day by collaborating with many dedicated partners on the Deschutes National Forest. We divided into several groups to work at various locations. Our work parties accomplished the following:



- Worked on tread and cleared a user-created structure on the Deschutes River Trail (DRT).
- Removed invasive weeds and added gravel to sections of the DRT.
- Brushed out the dike and surrounding trail behind Seventh Mountain Resort on the DRT.
- Conducted wilderness brushing in the Three Sisters Wilderness.
- Cleaned drains on the ELV Trail in the Phil's System.

A big thank you to all our volunteers and their organizations, including AdventurUs Women, Central Oregon Nordic Club (CONC), Central Oregon Trails Alliance (COTA), Save our East Cascade Trail (SECT), and Sawyers With Attitude To Spare (SWATS), for their invaluable support.



Logouts!

Throughout June, our crew has been busy with both crosscut and chainsaw logouts, aiming to maximize chainsaw work before any restrictions take effect. We have traveled across the Deschutes National Forest, completing logouts in the following areas:

- Scott Pass Trail
- Green Ridge Trail
- Paulina Lake Loop & Little Crater Loop
- Black Crater Trail
- Cedar Creek Fire Area (Lemish Lake, Clover Meadow, MetWin from Many Lakes to Charlton Rd, and Charlton Trail from Lemish to Clover Meadow)
- Bridge Creek & Swampy (ensuring the loop from Tumalo Falls with North Fork down to Bridge Creek is fully logged out)
- Canyon Creek Loop & Wasco Lake
- Ray Atekson Memorial Trail & Sparks Lake Connector Trail / MetWin down to Appaloosa Trail.

The crew enjoys logging out for the critical thinking involved and the opportunity to hike and explore new areas of the forest. So far, crosscut has been the favorite activity of the year.



## Wilderness Brushing

The Crew has been trying to mix in wilderness brushing at least once a week and have currently been focusing our work on the Cabot Lake Trail heading from trail head down to



Carl Lake. It is slow progress but the results have been fun to take advantage of on our hikes out.

**\*\* If you would like to join the crew for a wilderness brushing event please sign up on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or reach out to Jason Whittaker at [jason@deschutetrailscoalition.org](mailto:jason@deschutetrailscoalition.org) as we are looking to have a brushing event on July 29th. \*\***



## Project Work

The Crew has been also mixing in some project work throughout June which include the following:

- Paulina Falls Switchback Repair - Crew installed some steps on switchback heading down to creek at the Falls. They also worked on correcting the outslope of the trail.

- Paulina Lake Loop Crib Wall Replacement - Crew worked on replacing some of the cribwalls that have failed on the Lake Loop Trail. This involved removing the old wall and finding suitable logs to replace the old ones. Additionally, the Crew went around the whole loop taking time to rebench the trail in areas that needed it as well as cleaned drains.
- Bridge Creek Steps - Crew installed new steps coming off the North Fork Trail heading onto the Bridge Creek Trail to allow for a more sustainable approach onto the Bridge Creek Trail.
- Rimrock Sign Installation & Fence Repair - Crew installed climber posts to indicate where the climbing routes are located. Additionally, some of the fencing needed repair / reinforcement.

## Odds & Ends

- Trail Keepers of Oregon (TKO) held a saw training class at the Old Allingham Guard Station and was able to successfully train and certify many new sawyers including DTC's own Sam Bonano!
- DTC Trail Crew Leader Josie Bourne was able to go out with COTA and clear some trails in the Newberry National Volcanic Monument via bike.
- In addition to the work mentioned above the trail crew also:
  - Compacted newly constructed trail on Camp Sherman H-Loop to ensure ADA accessibility from Potlatch Rd to Camp Sherman.
  - Cleaned drains on several trails while completing logouts.

By Jason Whittaker 7/1/24

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