



DTC Trail Crew Dispatch

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Closing out the Season

September 2024 Update



September brought on a new and exciting challenge for the DTC and the DTC Trail Crew...our first contract! We took over a contract to complete construction of the Met-Win Parallel Trail to reduce user conflict between equestrian and mountain bike users.

The month of September was almost completely devoted to ensuring the trail and contract was completed to specification.

THIS MONTH'S
TOP STORIES

Constructing the Parallel Metolius-Windigo Trail: An Appropriate Capstone to a Season of Hard Work and Team Effort



The Trail Crew took on an exciting challenge this season—constructing a brand-new parallel trail along the Met-Win, from the 370/380 road intersection down to the Flagline Access trail. For the entire month of September, the crew worked hard to carve out and refine this fresh stretch of trail. Along the way, we became experts not only in trail building but also in navigating the famously bumpy 370 road—by the end of the season, we were practically professionals at it!

The final result? A beautiful new 2.60-mile trail! Our DTC Crew tackled a variety of tasks to make it happen, including:

- Constructing 1 mile of full bench trail from scratch
- Correcting the back slope along the entire 2.60 miles
- Installing drainages and grade reversals to keep the trail in top shape

- Building a horse ford through the Middle Fork of Tumalo Creek
- Setting up temporary signage
- Shifting the south end of the new trail to align with the Flagline and Met-Win intersection





All of these tasks were completed by hand! The trail crew got very good at digging and despite the repetitive nature of the task always kept a great attitude. It was very enjoyable to see how we would all construct new tread differently but have them all meld into each other and create a new uniformed trail. Other than digging, the crew also got to use rigging equipment to move large boulders and uproot trees out of the new trail to create a more enjoyable user experience.

Odds & Ends



- Completed logout of Winopee Lake up to the intersection of Snowshoe
- Part of our crew tied in with Trout Unlimited and Heart of Oregon Corps for a week tying up loose ends at Rimrock and Tumalo Falls. Quite literally tying up loose ends by cabling debris together to ensure it wouldn't be easily moved to allow vegetation to come back and restore the riparian areas.
- Jason continued to assist in the planning of the 2025 Training Program & also finding acceptable reroutes in the monument that avoid White Bark Pine.
- Wildlife and Wildfire popped up in the last month too :)

And just like that....our season was complete! I personally could not be more proud of the accomplishments this crew was able to achieve this year. Every day out on the trail with them was a memorable and fun experience knowing that we were helping ensure a more sustainable and safe trail experience in Central Oregon.

Thank you Josie, Ethan, Sam, Dooley, Gus (intern), and Matt (USFS) for showing up every day with a great attitude and becoming an amazing crew!



The Trail Crew and I want to sincerely thank each of you for your support throughout the year. We truly appreciate it and wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable winter season!

If you want a recap of the full season or missed any of the previous newsletters please visit our blog at the following link:

<https://deschutestrailscoalition.org/blog>

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