

UNWC Improves Watersheds *continued from front page*

wood recruitment potential.

UNWC has identified many more areas in the Pebble Creek watershed that would benefit from some form of restoration and is currently working with Weyerhaeuser to identify resources

Contracting, LLC from Portland, who helped finish the Pebble Creek job. "Their operators are very experienced and live in the area," says Peyton. "They have many years of restoration experience and are very skilled at building

sustainable community endeavors to create natural and edible landscapes in the Vernonia area. Peyton gave special mention to grade school principal and Vernonia Rural Suitability Center leader Aaron Miller for his unfaltering dedication to initiating meaningful education projects that the students and staff, watershed council and the community can be proud of and that set an excellent example for the world to follow.

Peyton also acknowledged that the good work of the UNWC is made possible by the competent leadership of the executive board, her staff, the contractors, the natural resource agency technicians, local government, academia and dedicated volunteers.

Peyton wished to extend a debt of gratitude to the following individuals, businesses and agencies:

UNWC Board: Jason Busch – Chair, Cory Colburn – Vice Chair, Lee Klingler – Treasurer, Rachel Wilcoxon – Secretary, Aaron Miller, Vic Dykstra

Sorbets, Crew Leader – Greg Mustola, Crew – Andrew Mustola, Christopher and Joshua Buzzell.

Contractor's: Aquatic Contracting, LLC, Quality Excavation, Carex Consulting, Siegmund Construction, Triangle GIS, Bio-Survey's LLC, Carex Consulting, Jones Consulting, Schlosser Consulting

Natural Resource Agency personnel: OWEB - Tom Shafer, ODFW – Chris Knutsen, Michele Long, Bryan Swearingen, Dave Plawman and Troy Laws; DEQ – Bruce Apple, York Johnson, Jennifer Purcell and Colleen Foster; BLM – Kurt Heckeroth, Roy Price and Matt Walker; USFWS - Amy Horstman and Janine Castro, NRCS – Emily Phife, Don Melhoff, Roslyn Grey and Sara Tanavasa; OSU – Chip Bubl and Amy Grotta; Columbia SWCD – Kari Hollander, Tyler Joki and Nathan Herr; Clatsop SWCD – Wendy Agalzoff;

Academia: Vernonia School District, OSU, PSU, Western Oregon



A new bridge built by Siegmund Construction on Pebble Creek.

for continued work in the area. UNWC has developed a good working relationship with Weyerhaeuser. "They are OK with the concepts we are proposing, they're alright with us working on their land and they trust us and our contractors," says Peyton. Currently they are working on the logistics that would enable the UNWC to place as many as 800 trees into streams in the basin, which would make it the largest project of this type the UNWC has ever undertaken.

Peyton says she is especially pleased with the contractor, Aquatic

Contracting, LLC from Portland, who helped finish the Pebble Creek job. It was a great working with them!"

UNWC worked with ODFW and Aquatic Contracting on another project this past summer, placing 107 logs into Beneke and Gilmore Creeks on the Jewell Wildlife Refuge.

The UNWC has also been very supportive of service based learning projects with the Vernonia School District including Salmonwatch, Natural Resource Education Day, stream side reforestation projects and water quality monitoring with the forestry class, nature-scaping of the school campus and the establishment of a native plant nursery. Currently UNWC is involved in the construction and operation of a greenhouse on the Vernonia School campus which will be used to grow plants for their reforestation projects. The greenhouse will be a learning tool for students as well as provide trees and plants for the UNWC to use in their projects. The greenhouse will also be available for the community garden project and other sus-



Aquatic Contracting was building salmon habitat on Pebble Creek this past summer.

and Gil McLean. Special mention to volunteer Jo Zettler for her expert facilitation of the organization's strategic plan. Honorable mention to founding members: Bill DeJager, Dennis Nelson, Jim Buxton and Lauren Jacobsen for their continued support of the civil society creation process.

UNWC Staff: Marie Knight – Bookkeeper, Executive Assistant – Steve

University. The Nature Conservancy for the facilitation of the development of the Nehalem Conservation Action Plan.

The mission of UNWC is to foster better stewardship and understanding of the Upper Nehalem Watershed and its resources, to address issues in advance of resource degradation, and to ensure sustainable watershed health, function and use. Their vision is a balanced ecosystem that supports a healthy watershed, contributes to a strong economic base, and encourages viable communities.

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