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Bridge Replaced at Hatchery Property

by Mike Kennedy

So what do you do when you own a 20-ton bridge that is ready to fall into an important fish stream at any moment? This was the dilemma the Natural Resources Department faced recently at the Tribe's hatchery property.

Many years prior to the Tribe purchasing the 236-acre property that the Lhuuke Illahee Fish Hatchery sits on, the owners of the property installed an old railroad car as a bridge over Little Rock Creek to access approximately 200 acres on the far side of the creek. The large log bridge supports were placed on fill on each side of the creek and the rail car was placed on top of them.

This worked fine until recently, when the logs started to rot out. Compounding the problem was the height of the bridge.

During the last couple winters, root wads and other debris piled up against the bridge, unable to fit under it. This caused the water to run around the debris and cut into the banks on either side, undermining the already deteriorating log supports. The result - the bridge was being held up by sheer luck more than anything else.

The Natural Resources Department hired McGee Engineering of Corvallis to provide us with some options. Bridges,

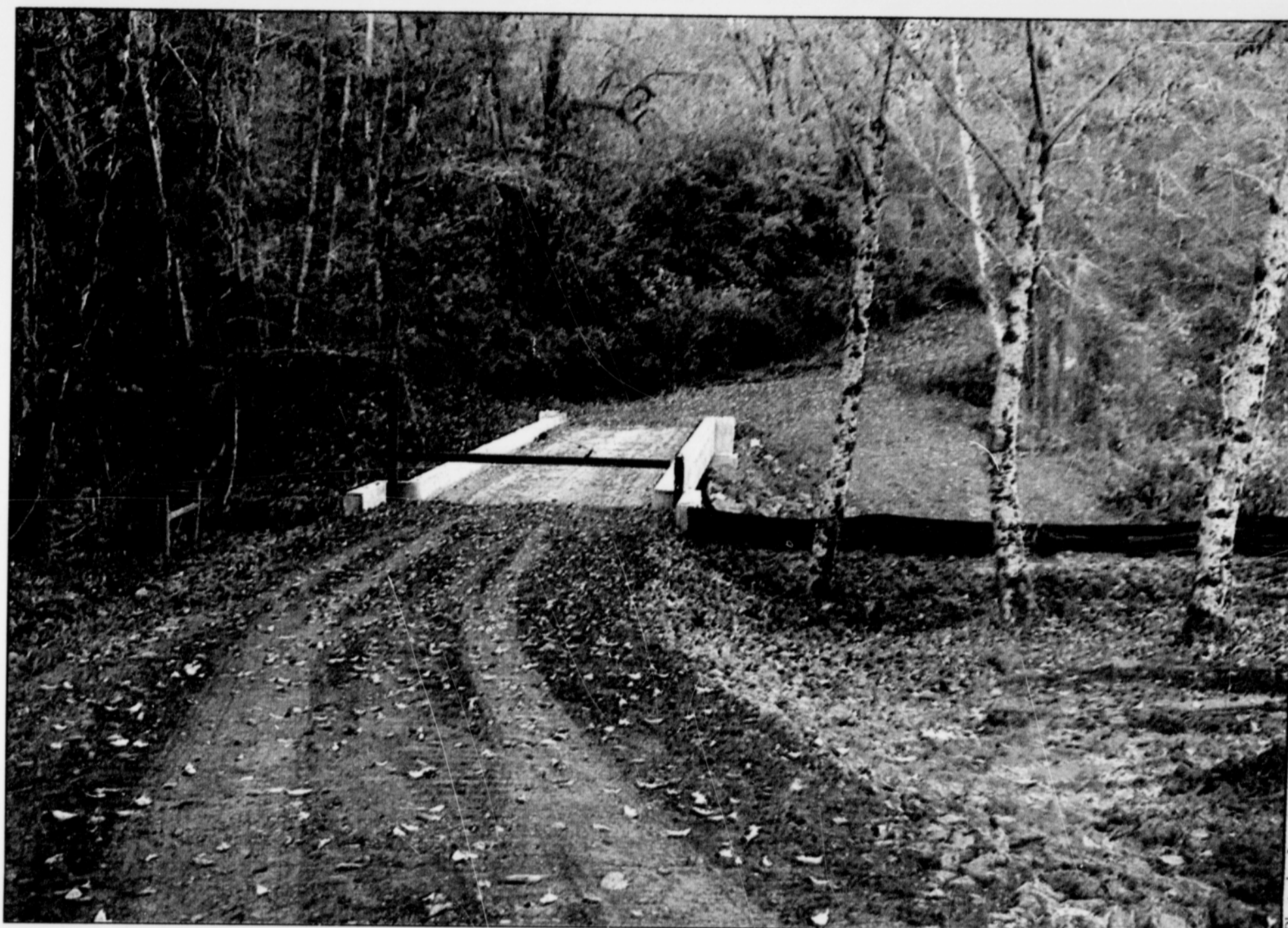


Photo by Jay Christensen

A new bridge now crosses over Little Rock Creek at the Lhuuke Illahee Fish Hatchery.

See Bridge on page 4.

Barlow-Lind Named Employee of the Year

Pam Barlow-Lind, hired as the Tribal planner in 2004, was named Employee of the Year at the Winter All-Staff Meeting at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Dec. 12, 2008.

Pam was nominated by Bonnie Petersen, assistant general manager, and Michele Rowan, Human Resources manager. Her nomination read, in part, as follows:

"Since Pam was hired, she has rebuilt the Planning Department and she has developed a team of professional staff that doesn't know the word 'no.' Pam has pushed ahead with projects that have lingered on for years and she has also developed new funding sources."

Congratulations, Pam!

Please see additional information about employee awards on page 5.

The Siletz Tribe
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joyous, safe
and prosperous
New Year.

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Brenda Bremner and Pam Barlow-Lind

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