



BROOKE DULING — North Coast Watershed Association

Chris Farrar from the Nicolai-Wickiup Watershed Council and North Coast Watershed Association assesses the condition of the parking lot at Big Creek in Knappa.

Local firms step up for Big Creek

Project helps decrease erosion and enhance fish habitat and water quality

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KNAPPA — Local companies quickly responded in April when the North Coast Watershed Association needed help with a project to improve a public access site along Big Creek.

The site off Old Highway 30 was worn out from heavy use and off-road driving and had a large mud puddle.

The Nicolai-Wickiup Watershed Council, a subcouncil of the North Coast Watershed Association, received a \$1,960 grant from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to overhaul the parking lot with new gravel and boulders.

Vinson Brothers Construction was hired for the project, but Teevin Bros. donated the boulders and Hampton Affiliates donated the gravel.

“The local companies were really helpful,” said Brooke Duling, the new watershed coordinator for the North Coast Watershed Association. “I was impressed with how generous they were for this project.”

Filling the mud puddle and using boulders to protect vegetation from vehicles is expected to help decrease erosion and improve fish habitat and water quality along Big Creek.



The parking lot at Big Creek in Knappa was transformed, using a \$1,960 grant from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and donations from Hampton Affiliates and Teevin Bros.

Vinson Bros. was hired to gravel and place boulders in the Big Creek parking lots.



A mud puddle occupies the parking lot next to Big Creek in Knappa before work began to gravel the lot.



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