

Focusing forward

Wildlife refuge recovers after theft, storms

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After a winter of destructive storms and the theft of more than \$35,000 worth of art, the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge is moving forward, starting with the reopening of two key trails on the grounds.

Over the winter, Cutthroat Climb Trail

sustained serious storm damage that rendered the passage unusable.

"We lost part of a hillside and many, many trees had come down," said Jackie Ferrier, project leader with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

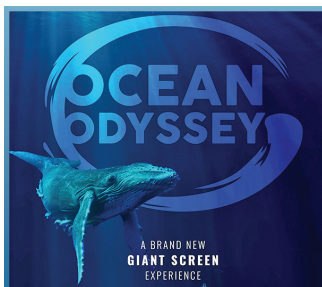
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Volunteers gathered on June 5 to finish maintenance and repairs on Cutthroat Climb Trail and the Art Trail.



Two volunteers work on June 5.



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