

Projects keep Watershed Council busy

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These improvements will also benefit native Chinook, Steelhead and Cutthroat Trout. The Nehalem is known for its valuable native fisheries and we want to assure that those fisheries will continue for future generations to enjoy. Who knows maybe someday, if all goes well, we can keep a few more for the dinner table. Incidentally, don't be surprised if some surfer dude comes to your door asking if he can snorkel in the stream by your house — at night in the dead of winter — in search of juvenile Coho. Seems this is the best time to find out how things are going for the wee fishes.

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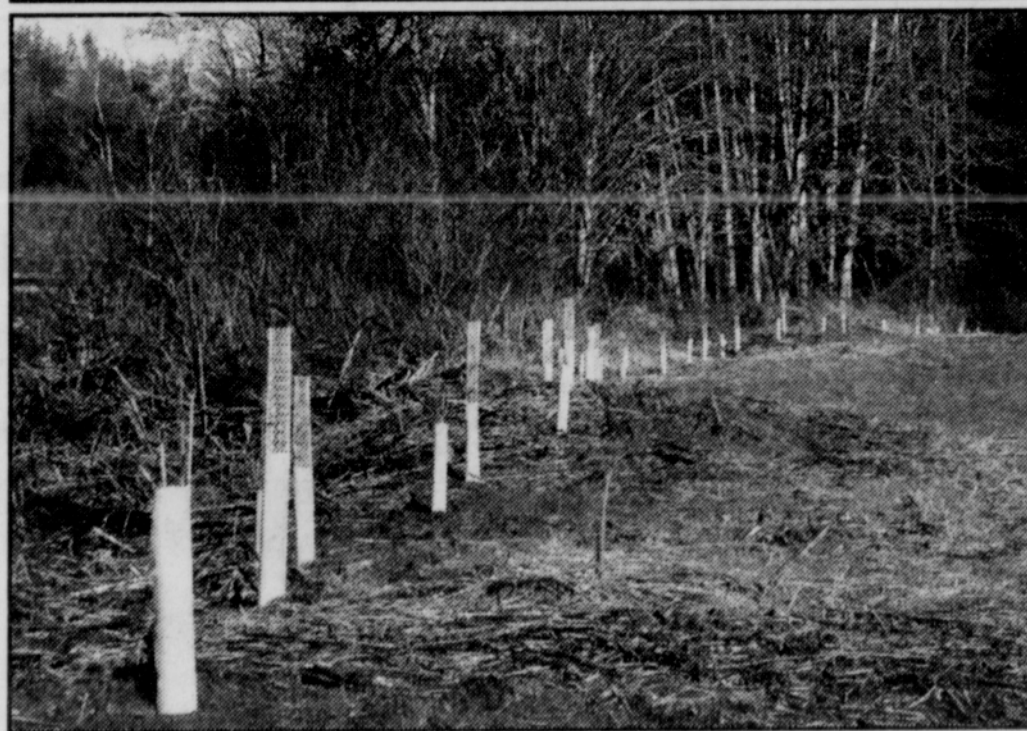
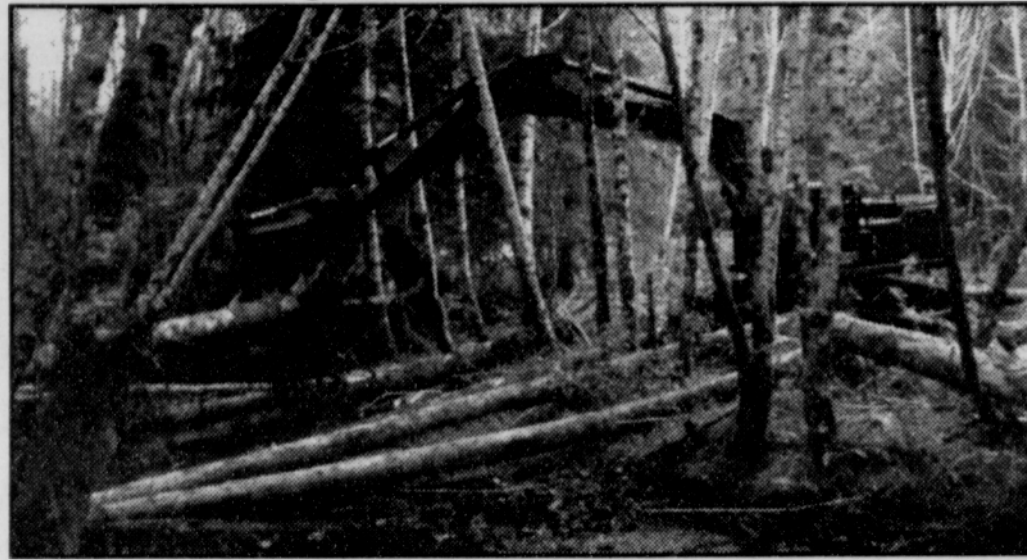
The council finished the year with a major grant writing effort in order to fund activities into 2006 and beyond. Our thanks go out to the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Water Resource Department, River Network, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Oregon State University Extension Service, City of Vernonia and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for their continuing financial and technical support of Upper Nehalem Watershed Council efforts.

The Watershed Council encourages, and is always willing to assist, landowners to improve the fish and wildlife habitat on their property. We have ample volunteer opportunities available year around and will continue to hold regular meetings and public forums. More information is available by visiting our website at www.nehalem.org, or by calling Maggie Peyton at 503-429-2401.

The employees and volunteers of the Upper Nehalem Watershed Council greatly appreciate all the individuals who contributed to watershed health and salmon recovery efforts, council sponsored or otherwise. Your good works are making a measurable difference.

We look forward to working with you all in the New Year.

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Tillamook Forest meetings set up

The Oregon Department of Forestry will hold two public meetings in January to gather local input on landscape designs for six proposed recreation sites in Tillamook State Forest.

The first meeting will be in Tillamook, January 13, at the ODF District office, 5005 East Third Street. The second meeting, on January 20, will be at the Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street in Forest Grove. Both meetings will run from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The six proposed recreation site designs include Hollywood Off Highway Vehicle Campground, Muesial Creek Off Highway Vehicle Staging Area, Keenig Creek Campground, Footbridge Trailhead, an equestrian trailhead at Jones Creek, and Lyda Camp Off Highway Vehicle Staging Area.

The design process seeks to blend the developments with the natural setting, meet user needs and accommodate cur-

rent and future use. A series of conceptual designs has been produced and may be viewed at the Tillamook District office (address listed above), the Forest Grove District office (801 Gales Creek Road) and the main branch of the Tillamook County Library (210 Ivy in Tillamook). The proposed site designs will be on display at the meetings, where the public can meet the designers and ask questions.

ODF seeks public input so the designs meet the needs of the users and the sites provide a high quality camping and day use experience. Persons interested in the future look of recreation sites in the Tillamook State Forest should plan to attend, or contact either of the ODF offices (Tillamook 503-842-2545 or Forest Grove 503-359-7470) with comments.

For more information, contact Clyde Zeller at the Tillamook office or Randy Peterson at the Forest Grove office.

Left above, large wood placement was done with help from LongView Fibre on the East Humbug to improve coho salmon habitat. Middle, Anna Vacca, OYCC crew leader, puts a protective covering on a newly planted tree, while Marc Auerbach looks on. Below, over 6,500 trees and shrubs were planted in 2004 in riparian reforestation efforts. The tube coverings are to protect against voles.

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