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## 2018 SUMMER REPORT—JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST

August 29, 2018

Summer work included maintenance on 10 miles of trails that included 3 trails at Denman Wildlife Area, 2 at Gold Beach, 2 at Illinois Valley, 1 on the Sixes River and Bear Creek Park. Garden work continued at Illinois Valley, Coquille, Gold Beach, and Myrtle Point schools.

Butte Falls: Field trip planned to view spawning salmon in October.

<u>Coquille</u>: Finished summer maintenance on campus, Cunningham Creek, and Coquille River Walk. First fall project is stenciling storm drains to protect water quality.

<u>Denman Wildlife Area</u>: Maintenance will continue on 5 miles of trail.

<u>Gold Beach</u>: Trail and garden maintenance will continue plus trail repair at Elephant Bar Trail. October field trip is planned for 4<sup>th</sup> grade on Elephant Bar Tr.

<u>Illinois Valley</u>: On premise garden care continues. Trail work on Grayback and Forks Trail continues. Study of bullfrog predation of turtles shows the frog populations are down and turtle population is up in the Illinois River at the West Fork Park section.

Kids Unlimited: Maintenance continues on Bear Creek Riparian Project.

Myrtle Point: On premise garden care continues. Field trip for 4<sup>th</sup> graders to view spawning salmon and study steam ecology is planned.

<u>Pacific</u>: Plant care for Elk Creek Hatchery project. Maintenance on Sixes River Crooked Fir Trail. Winter project will be developing an interpretative brochure guide and trail markers.

<u>South Medford</u>: Summer maintenance on 2 ½ miles of Bear Creek is completed. Mulching, watering and weeding will continue until October. A new crew of seniors will start working on riparian improvement Sept. 22 to earn senior project hours and scholarships. Besides planting additional native species, they will design and build a walking trail near Bear Creek Park.

Oregon State: Zoology student assisted in maintenance of trails in Jackson and Josephine Counties.

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