Klamath Trails Alliance

November 2014

Monthly Trail Meeting

Date: Friday, Nov. 7th
Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
Place: 205 Riverside Dr. (So. Portal Bldg)

The purpose of our meeting is hold an open forum to discuss ways to further our mission of promoting great trails in Klamath County. Please join us for all or part of our upcoming meeting.

Maintenance Day

Date: Saturday, Nov. 8th
Time: 9 am - 12:00 pm
Place: Spence Mountain trailhead (Highway 140 just up the hill from the Howard Bay boat ramp)
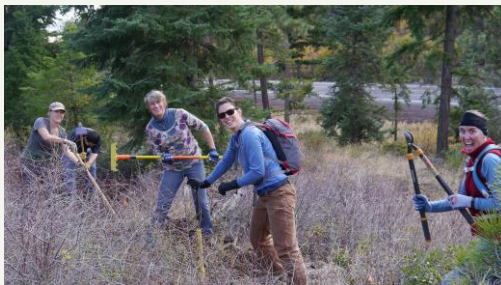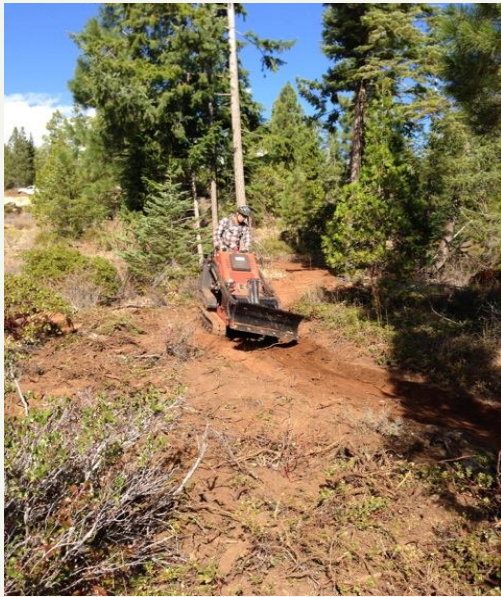For more information click here.

500 likes!

Klamath Trails Alliance celebrated this month as the [Facebook page](#) received more than 500 likes. As of Tuesday, the count was 543.

Trail News & Information

Spence Mountain Trail Project

After almost two years of planning, it is exciting to see a new trail system spring to life at Spence Mountain!

Crews from Dirt Mechanics, a trail building contractor from Bend, started machine building trails the week of Oct. 13th. The goal: Complete three miles of trail from the Howard Bay Trail Head to the top of the east ridge of Spence in the next few weeks.

In addition to machine built trail, more than 30 folks from IMBA's Trail Building School enthusiastically broke ground and cut the first quarter mile of trail on Oct. 25th. It is great to see so many people donate an entire Saturday to help grow Klamath's trail network.

So where are we going to park? Good question.

Thanks to Oregon Department of Forestry, KTA has permission to use ODF property located off Hwy. 140 near the bottom of the Doak Mountain hill to construct our new trailhead. You may have seen some recent activity as ODF has been thinning timber in order to provide a clearing for the new parking lot.

Want to put your mark on the trail? Come to November's trail maintenance day on Saturday, this month at Spence Mountain. Click here for more information.

IMBA trail school

The Klamath Trails Alliance and other Klamath Basin trail advocates learned about planning and building sustainable trails last month.

The Subaru IMBA Trail Care Crew gave seminars and training on Friday Oct. 24th and Saturday Oct. 25th at the Running Y Ranch and Spence Mountain Trail.

Jordan Carr and Lani Bruntz worked with about 30 volunteers at Spence Mountain Saturday afternoon, hand cutting a section of the new trail.

They also taught about the economic benefits of trails and outdoor recreation, including:

- $120 billion spent in annual product sales for outdoor recreation nationally

- $524 billion spent in outdoor trips and travel nationally

- $45 billion spent by 10 million bicyclists in the Northwest annually

Moore Park trail signs

Cycle Oregon, KTA and the Friends of Moore Park, along with the City of Klamath Falls parks department, worked together to fund the signs, costing about $1,888. The 48 signs mark the 10 official trails in Moore Park , adorned with decals pointing out trails and distances and the city parks logo. Also, 14 white signs will mark the park boundaries.

So far 32 of the 48 signs have been installed.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to help make these new trail signs possible. If you'd like to sponsor a trail sign at another KTA project, such as Spence Mountain, you can donate online at https://causes.anedot.com/trail-sign-sponsorships-c3865e67306

Hear or see anything new in Moore Park last month?

You may have noticed the new carsonite trail signs, or heard the maintenance crew pounding them into the ground on Oct. 11th.

The new signs replace the old wooden green signs which were sometimes victims of decay (or worse) bird roosts.

How to Become Involved with the KTA

Visit KTA's website or our Facebook page for more information on projects and events. Consider joining or renewing your membership today! Individual memberships start at only $20 per year. These funds support trail maintenance, promotion, new trail development and the resources needed to keep us up and running as a non-profit organization! Email info@klamathtrails.org to join the mailing list for updates.