

## ***Sponsors make 4<sup>th</sup> Pedal the Pinchot a Success***

On July 21 the Rotary Club of Woodland in partnership with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest held the fourth "Pedal the Pinchot" bicycle ride near Mount St. Helens with 267 riders participating on four different road and mountain bike routes. Numerous businesses, clubs and individuals contributed time, supplies, or money to the event. We would like to express our gratitude to all who participated:

<i>Rotary Club of Woodland</i>	<i>Culligan</i>	<i>Columbia Fence</i>	<i>Bill Haeger and Associates</i>
<i>Hendrickson's Plumbing</i>	<i>Safeway</i>	<i>North Contry EMS</i>	<i>Hamilton Materials Northwest</i>
<i>Bob's Sporting Good's</i>	<i>Frito Lay</i>	<i>Lewis River Motors</i>	<i>Columbia River Carbonates</i>
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<i>North Country EMS</i>	<i>Parr Lumber</i>	<i>VO Printers Inc.</i>	<i>Silver Star Search and Rescue</i>
<i>Schlecht Construction</i>	<i>Sunrise Bagels</i>	<i>Lewis River.com</i>	<i>Clark County Amateur Radio Club</i>
<i>1st Independent Bank</i>	<i>Edward Jones</i>	<i>Columbia Bank</i>	<i>Woodland Mental Wellness</i>
<i>State Farm Insurance</i>	<i>Save-On-Food</i>	<i>Makay and Sposito</i>	<i>Classy Flowers and Gifts</i>
<i>Classy Hair Company</i>	<i>City Sports</i>	<i>Twin City Glass</i>	<i>Vancouver Police Bike Patrol</i>
<i>Cowell Custom Homes</i>	<i>Dairy Queen</i>	<i>Hamilton Industries</i>	<i>Gifford Pinchot National Forest</i>
<i>Woodland Truckline</i>	<i>Peace Health</i>	<i>R &amp; S Construction</i>	



Not only were riders greeted at rest stops by happy volunteers, but they also received a spaghetti lunch, and a T-shirt. Next year, the Rotary is planning to serve pancakes for breakfast (with hot coffee) as well as lunch at the end of the ride. Their goal is to have safe and happy riders!

Proceeds from the event will be used to support community and Forest projects. The Rotary provides scholarships for high school students, funds a polio program, supports a young child immunization program, and contributes to a disaster relief fund. The Forest helps support interpretation and trail maintenance programs at Mount St. Helens.

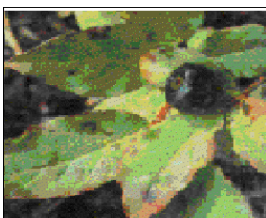
If you would like to learn more or participate in next year's event, visit the "Pedal the Pinchot" website at <http://www.pedaltheinchot.com/> or call (360) 891-5091.

## ***Mt. Adams Climbing Fees Help Improve Road***



The road to Mt. Adams South Climb is being improved this summer. Climbing Pass fee dollars are being used to partially fund this project. This two-phase project should be completed this fall. The road work was planned to be done last fall, reports Jon Nakae, Wilderness Manager, Mt. Adams Ranger District, but wildland fires in Idaho and Montana last summer and fall occupied the contractor's equipment. Climbers have experienced some travel delays to the South Climb trailhead, but we're hoping to finish this project with as little impact to the users as possible. Thanks for your patience.

## ***It's Time to Pick Huckleberries***



Huckleberries are now ripe on the Forest and should be available for picking for the next 2 to 4 weeks depending on rains and cold nights. A [Huckleberry link](#) on the Forest website [www.fs.fed.us/gpnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/gpnf) will provide weekly updates to where huckleberries can be found. No permit is required for picking up to 3 gallons of huckleberries for your own use. A commercial permit is required if you plan to sell your huckleberries. Be sure to have your Northwest Forest Pass with you to park in developed areas. Careless berry pickers start many human-caused fires. Please be careful with campfires and cigarettes.

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## ***Fishing Clinics***

Hundreds of kids and their families enjoyed fishing clinics during National Fishing Week. The Forest, with the help of many partners, hosted fishing clinics in 3 different locations. Besides catching fish, youngsters learned about fish habitat, participated in fly tying, and made their own fish-print designs. Food was provided to participants. Thanks to all those who supported these worthwhile events.



## ***Southwest Washington Province Advisory Committee***



This summer, the Forest Advisory Committee has participated in the scoping processes for improving fish passage at Hemlock Dam on Trout Creek near Hemlock, and for vegetation management in the Gotchen Late Successional Reserve in the southeast portion of the Forest. In the photo, Congressional staffers Dena Horton (Rep. Brian Baird) and Mindi

Linquist (Senator Patty Murray) examine spruce budworm-damaged conifer needles.



## ***Fire Season is Still Here***

Lightning has caused numerous fires in Washington and Oregon this summer. Many employees from the Forest lend support to suppress the wildfires. Over 100 employees are currently away from their homes working various fire jobs that range from fire crewmembers (who physically put the fire out) to

support positions that provide equipment, food, and other amenities for the firefighters.

A little rain in August is not enough to end this year's fire season. Enjoy your Labor Day weekend or hunting trip to the National Forest, but please be careful with fires. Make sure your camp fires are dead out. Do not smoke while walking in the forest. You can help us by reporting any suspicious looking smoke or fire. Check with local land managers for fire restrictions on other forested lands.

## ***Mount St. Helens Programs End after Labor Day***

As the summer season winds down, the interpretive programs for Mount St. Helens also end. Ape Cave Headquarters, Pine Creek and Woods Creek Information Stations will close beginning Tuesday, September 4. Ape Cave itself will remain open to the public and will require the Northwest Forest Pass. A fee tube will be available at that site to purchase one-day passes for \$5. Rangers will no longer provide interpretive programs along the Windy Ridge Road or at Ape Cave after Labor Day. The Visitors Centers and most District offices will be open on Labor Day.

**National Publics Lands Day volunteer activities** are still being planned for **September 29**. Call your local Forest office for the activity in your area.

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