



PACIFIC PARTNERS

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WHAT IS THE PACIFIC PARTNER?

Pacific partners are groups and individuals that help support the Pacific Ranger District, on the west side of the Olympic National Forest.

The 'PACIFIC PARTNERS' is our way of both highlighting what is getting done and recognizing some of those who help make a difference.

Partners and volunteers are contributing support through funding, time or labor and are involved in almost every facet of our Forest Service mission.



This issue has been brought to you by Volunteers **George Murphy (Saledo, TX.)** and **Larry Henthorn (Libertyville, IL.)** shown in front of the Forks Office.

Friends for years, George and Larry meet every summer for a joint hiking adventure. This year they met up in Forks, Washington, for three months of hiking adventures while volunteering in the Recreation Program. Among other things, they mapped ATV trails, developed and gave interpretive programs, and staffed the front office.

From the Desk of
Lance Koch
District Ranger
Pacific Ranger District:

"I'm looking forward to strengthening our existing partnerships and recruiting new partners to improve our ability to fulfill the mission of Caring for the Land and Serving People."

LOGISTICS: GETTING FROM A TO B

Distance is problematic for many projects. Here, Quinault packer Bruce Brown helps pack in trail puncheon for some of the W. Fk. Humtullips trail reconstruction in the southern part of the Pacific District.

Since his grandfather and father also packed for the Forest Service and later the Park Service, Bruce represents multiple generations of packers that enable the District to get things done.

Other packing is made possible by Backcountry Horsemen, Elma and Peninsula chapters.



PUBLIC SERVICE

*People
Serving
People ...*

Thanks to long-term partner Lake Quinault Lodge (Aramark), Quinault Rain Forest visitors have recreation information and interpretive services. >



Volunteer hosts 'meet and greet' visitors, maintain sites, give interpretive programs, help provide security and water systems, and they 'sponsor' Smokey visits, such as at Quileute Days (below).



Numerous groups maintain portions of the Pacific District trail system, benefiting all user groups.

New Opportunities:

Not only does the District rely on partners to help manage existing trails and facilities, volunteers and partnerships are expanding opportunities.



^ Here the Clallam County Chain Gang is assisting Backcountry Horsemen with the construction of corrals for Littleton Horse Camp, funded by Clallam County for environmental education. It will be a companion project to the Olympic Discovery Trail.

STUDENTS IN FIELD CLASSROOMS

*Earning
While
Learning*

Several partnerships allow young people to not only learn skills but earn wages.

Some of the ways that kids can work and learn in the woods:

Students learn to reconstruct trails, ready campgrounds for opening, work on restoration or habitat projects such as "mouse houses" for Spotted Owl studies, or help anchor logs in streams to improve fish habitat.

* Grays Harbor County funds the Pacific Resource Crew, local high school students who work on projects that benefit the county.

* Clallam County funds SKY (Service Knowledge Youth) crews in the north half of the District, primarily on trails.

A large source of funding is from Grays Harbor or Clallam counties through the Title 2 Programs.

* The Department of Ecology 'Washington Conservation Corp' or WCC, also work in the recreation, restoration and noxious weed programs.



^ Trail clearing from winter winds on the Quinault Rain Forest Nature Trail is being accomplished by the Pacific Resource Crew, funded by Grays Harbor County, putting local students to work learning and earning !



< Members of the Quileute Tribe, working on the SKY crew, worked on the restoration of the hand hewn canoe originally carved by David Forlines, a volunteer for the Quileute tribe in 1990.

OFFICER / K-9 PARTNERS

Talk about a 24/7 job ! Kris puts in a lot of time traveling the back roads of National Forests all over.

Since Kris is a certified K-9 officer, part of her safety is her 'partner' Radar... working together on patrol.

Between timber or special forest products thefts, drug activity, poaching, and the occasional campground disturbance, she is never looking for something to do.

Thanks to a donation from a grateful family, bullet proof vests were provided to all Forest Service K-9 dogs.

Kris receives many reports from community members.

Radar was awarded his own vest in August 2007!



Kris Fairbanks with her loyal partner Radar

In this time of budget reductions and realignment of staffing, we owe a large debt of gratitude to our partners.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Several groups work on diverse projects to improve fish and wildlife habitat on the Pacific District.

Other 2007 partners include:

Projects span eliminating potential sedimentation by putting old roads 'to bed' to installing new habitat structures and monitoring streams or species health.

* The North Olympic Salmon Coalition helped stabilize the Deep Creek watershed.

* Streamkeepers of Clallam County monitor local rivers and streams.

* The Pacific Salmon Coalition is working to reintroduce large woody debris into the N.Fk. Calawah River.

Wa. State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife is a Forest Service partner on eagle nest surveys.

* The Quileute Tribe is assisting with the Hyas Creek fish and elk habitat restoration project.

Below: Construction site adding Woody debris to the N. Fk. Calawah River



NOXIOUS WEEDS

Many noxious weeds can be beautiful and alluring but in the context of the natural environment, they compete with local or native species, eventually degrading habitat and up-setting the ecosystem.

Some of our partners include:

+ Officer Dick Pitt and field crews from the Clallam County Chain Gang treat weeds along roads

+ Wa. Conservation Corps (WCC) crews along streams and roads

In many instances the best way to eliminate undesirable plants is to pull them by hand.

+ Backcountry Horsemen and other user groups on trails & at trailheads.



Canada Thistle

Noxious weeds can be beautiful and alluring but they will often replace desirable plants and ruin the habitat for them



CONTACT US:

For More Information on Volunteer or Partnership Opportunities Contact:

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And we will see you on the trail!

NOTE: The value of the volunteer workforce to the Pacific Ranger District for 2007 was over \$112,000 in volunteer labor alone.

What's Next?

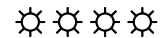
The Pacific Ranger District is seeking partners for environmental education and/or job training services at the Snider Work Center.

If there is an area you are interested in finding more about or if there is a need where you want to make a difference, contact us.

Pacific Partners & Volunteers

First year:

Carl Kozad	Administrative Site
George Murphy, TX	Trails/Interpreter Host
Larry Henthorn, IL	Trails/Interpreter Host
Steve and Jan Mondl, OH	Camp hosts/Interpreter
Boy Scouts of America	Campgrounds/trails
Lake Quinault Homeowners	Trails



*Thank you
for making
the
Difference !*



Two to Four Years:

Keith and Teresa Wright	Camp host
Jefferson County	Restoration
Joe English	Camp host
Derek Blair	Facilities
Stan Fouts	Trails
Streamkeepers of Clallam Co.	Habitat health
Doug Lisherness	Trails

Over Five Years:

Sky (Service, Knowledge, Youth)	Trails, facilities
Clallam County Chain Gang	Trails, noxious weeds
Clallam County	Restoration, recreation
Grays Harbor County	Recreation, restoration
Pacific NW Trail Association	Trails
Paul Snyder	Wilderness
Dick Bogar	Trails
Officer Dick Pitt	Recreation, restoration

Over ten Years:

Lake Quinault Lodge (Aramark)	Interpretation, information
Backcountry Horseman of Elma	Trails
BCH Peninsula Chapter	Trails
Larry & Sherry Baysinger	Trails, facilities
Wilma Miller	Office support
Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition	Restoration
Wa. Conservation Corps (WCC)	Restoration, recreation

Other Partnerships:

Audubon Washington
Dept. of Natural Resources
East Grays Harbor High School
Federal Highways
IAC (Committee Outdoor Recreation)
Olympic National Park
Olympic Natural Resource Center
Peninsula Community College
Quinault Indian Nation
Quileute Tribe
Quillayute Valley School
University of Washington
Dr. Dan Underwood
Rayonier Incorporated
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Special Thanks to Former Partners:

George and Bev Terdik (4 years)
Bob and Betty Barta (10 Years)
Keith and Jodi Foris (4 years)
Don Goodpasture (12 years)

