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Utah's Wild Horses

In April, Kim McCarrel visited the Utah desert east of Salt Lake to photograph wild horses.There are wild horses in the Ochoco Mountains of central Oregon. But they are sometimes difficult to photograph, as they roam in the timbered areas. In Utah, however, their habitat is in open prairie, so they're a photographer's dream. Kim had a wonderful three days of watching the herd dynamics and taking photos.

Thank you, Kim, for sharing your beautiful pictures with us.









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President
Frank DeWeese



I just spent five days at Sheep Springs horse camp along with members of West Valley, Central Oregon, and the Northwest Chapters working on clearing a section of the Met-Win. Thank you to all that attended. The weather was warm and dry making the work party very enjoyable. That was the good news. The not so good news is that the weather has been dry for virtually all of April leaving the area really dry. The roads and trails are already dusty. I am extremely concerned about the upcoming wildfire season. I used pine needles as campfire starter rather than paper. Just one small match and the whole pile of needles would explode into hot flames. I can just imagine how fast the needles would ignite and burn in the coming months. Please be mindful of the conditions as you go to your work parties and your fun rides. By all means enjoy our beautiful forests. Just be careful with all sources of fire.

Another interesting thing about our trip was the abundance of ticks. One member of the work party found 17 ticks (yes that was 17) on her person after walking a section of the trail where the ceanothus (snow brush) was encroaching the trail. So, just a caution, wear clothes with tight fitting cuffs, use lots of insect repellant, and check for ticks when you return.

Ok, enough of the bad stuff. As I mentioned, the weather was amazing, the views of the snow-covered mountains were breathtaking, and the company of my fellow OET members all combined to make the trip extremely enjoyable. I am looking forward to many more opportunities like this one.

Our 3rd quarter board meeting is coming up in September. We are planning to have the meeting in Sisters again this year. We will camp at Sisters Cow Camp, but we will hold the meeting in the meeting room at the Sisters city library. This way, folks wanting to attend remotely will be able to connect with us. We hope many of you will join us camping and riding at Sisters Cow Camp. It is an amazing opportunity to enjoy the fantastic camp adopted and maintained by our Central Oregon Chapter. So, mark your calendars for the weekend of September 27th and join us for a fun time.

Stay safe and stay healthy. I hope to see you out on the trail or in a horse camp. You can contact me by sending mail to Frank DeWeese 17380 N.W. Orchard View Rd. McMinnville, OR. 97128 or email me at president@oregonequestriantrails.org



VP of Public Lands
Kim McCarrel



What's happening with the Forest Service?

I recently attended an Oregon Trails Coalition-sponsored meeting that included the senior staff from Region 6 of the Forest Service (Oregon and Washington) and representatives of many statewide trail-user groups. The attendees discussed what is happening at the Forest Service in these rather turbulent times and what we as volunteers can do in response.

The Back Story

You probably already know some of this: the Forest Service has been in a hiring freeze since the end of last summer and has not hired any seasonal employees this year. (Seasonal employees are the ones who clear trails, restock the toilet paper at trailheads, run the front desk at Welcome Centers, act as trail ambassadors, etc.)

In addition to these constraints on staffing, several months ago, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) abruptly fired all of the agency's probationary employees (those with less than 2 years in their current job). However, the courts found that the termination wasn't carried out legally, so those employees were recently reinstated. At about the same time, however, the Forest Service took steps to reduce staff by offering employees a voluntary early retirement package.

The Current Situation

The Forest Service reported that 5,200 non-fire employees nationwide accepted the early retirement package and are now gone. Five hundred of these employees are in Region 6. (This does not count the 500 Region 6 seasonal staff positions not hired this year.) Of course, the early retirement offer has affected forests and ranger districts unevenly: some lost a few recreation employees, while some lost many. The Forest Service is now looking at how to reorganize and shift employees around to fill the staffing gaps created by the early retirements.

Of course, losing so many employees will affect the on-the-ground work accomplished this trail season. Plus, even though these early-retired employees were deemed "non-fire personnel," many spent weeks each summer providing management, communication, and support services to on-the-ground firefighters. The loss of their support will impact firefighters' efforts this summer.

Looking forward

The Forest Service will focus on three things:

1. Energy, minerals, and timber (that is, drilling, mining, and logging)
2. Rural economies and jobs
3. Access

All decisions (including staffing and funding) will support these three issues to the exclusion of other things the Forest Service might do. Access, the issue that affects us most directly, will emphasize the front country rather than the back country or wilderness, and developed recreation (campgrounds) more than dispersed recreation (trails). All agreements with the Forest Service that even mention diversity or climate change will be canceled.

Some good news and bad news

The good news is that the 2025 Federal budget gives the Forest Service about the same funding as last year, and some projects previously funded by the Great American Outdoors Act may go forward. The bad news is that all grants and contracts will have to go through several extra layers of review to be sure they don't have a DEI or climate change element. This means many contracts will not get approved in time for work to be done in this fiscal year.

The bottom line

These changes at the Forest Service are only the beginning. There will likely be more staffing cuts in the future, and there will undoubtedly be a lot of reorganizing to plug the gaps left by departing employees. Contacts and grants will take longer to approve, and only those emphasizing energy, minerals, timber, or rural jobs will make the grade.

Federal grant funding will be less available. Nonprofits like OET will have to lean more heavily on grant programs funded by tourism agencies like Travel Oregon and our local Destination Management Organizations. Competition for these funds will be fierce.

What can we do?

Be aware that the Forest Service employees who remain on the job are understandably stressed out by the uncertainty of their positions and the extra responsibilities they've shouldered because of departing colleagues. And more change is coming. So if you contact a Forest Service employee, please be kind and patient. They're doing the best they can in a chaotic and shifting environment.

A side note

The Administration has recently issued executive orders and Congress has enacted rules that make it easier to sell public land. Obviously, without public land, we don't have anywhere to ride. In the near future, you may be asked to write letters and make phone calls to help keep public lands in public hands. Stay tuned for new developments…

VP of Field Service



Matt Dolphin

Trail Season Is Here – Let's Ride and Give Back!

As the mountain snow begins to melt, Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) members across the state are hard at work preparing our favorite trails for the riding season. A huge thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who help keep these outdoor spaces open and accessible to equestrians!

Quinn Meadow Trail Party – June 25–30

New to OET or looking for a great way to get more involved? Join us for our annual trail work week at the beautiful Quinn Meadow Horse Camp. This is your chance to meet fellow members, contribute to trail and camp upkeep, and enjoy some unforgettable riding in the stunning Central Oregon Cascades.

We'll be based at Quinn Meadow from June 25 through 30, combining volunteer work with fun trail rides and evening campfire gatherings. Nestled near Mt. Bachelor in the Deschutes National Forest, this scenic camp offers gentle trails with no steep drop-offs—ideal for relaxing rides to nearby creeks, lakes, and panoramic mountain views.

Whether you can come for the day, a few nights, or the whole week, you'll enjoy free camping, great company, and the satisfaction of giving back to the trails we love.

To reserve your camping and corral spot or learn more, contact: Matt Dolphin, OET VP of Field Servicesvpfieldservices@oregonequestriantrails.org

VP Marketing Outreach



Collette Hayes

We are looking forward to a much more streamlined and user-friendly membership database system. Marty, Micheline, and I have been working diligently to get everything working.

TThe month of May will be our first full month with the new membership procedures.Chapter Chairs will receive updated membership rosters on or after the 28th of each month for the coming month.

We will be tweaking the program and some of the procedures so please be patient. Also, if you see an issue

contact myself or Marty with any questions. Continue to use the email: membership@myoet.org for making membership information updates.

I hope you all are getting some riding in....I sure am!

Remember to "like" and "share" our OET Facebook pages, this keeps them active!

Happy riding and enjoy the sunshine!!





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Our Mission Statement

OET advocates for recreational access,
partners with land managers to care for trails and horse camps,
and unites equestrians through
opportunities and information related to trail riding.

Finance Committee Update
Strengthening Transparency and Compliance

By Matt Dolphin, Finance Committee Member

The Finance Committee has been hard at work this spring to improve the accuracy, transparency, and long-term sustainability of Oregon Equestrian Trails' financial operations. Here's a summary of our latest activities and what they mean for OET members.

Addressing Reporting Concerns with the Oregon DOJ

Earlier this year, the Oregon Department of Justice's Charitable Activities Section reached out with concerns about discrepancies in OET's annual CT-12 reports. In response, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to authorize Finance Committee member Susan High to serve as our official liaison with the DOJ. With the DOJ's cooperation, we've been granted additional time to correct and amend our filings. Susan and the team are reviewing financial records and working closely with our treasurers to ensure our reports are brought up to date and into compliance.

Collecting Chapter-Level Financial Data

To support this effort, we're collecting financial reports from each OET chapter for 2023 and 2024. These reports are essential to create a complete financial picture of OET as a whole and to ensure that our filings with state and federal agencies accurately reflect both statewide and chapter-level activity. We're grateful for the cooperation of chapter treasurers and volunteers during this important data collection process.

Internal Audit Authorized by Board

At the April board meeting, the Finance Committee received formal authorization to conduct an internal audit of OET's finances. This audit will help us assess our financial practices, identify gaps in reporting or compliance, and recommend improvements to internal controls. The audit is especially timely as OET transitions to a new treasurer and seeks to implement more consistent financial practices across chapters.



Preparing Amended Financial Reports

The board also approved our request to prepare amended financial reports for submission to the IRS and State of Oregon. This step is critical to correct previously incomplete chapter data in earlier filings and to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to accountability and transparency.

Financial Trends and Sustainability

Finally, the committee shared several charts at the April board meeting showing OET's financial trends over the past few years (See charts on page 14). These visual tools sparked conversation about the long-term financial health of our organization. The committee encourages continued dialogue about future revenue needs, possible dues adjustments, and ways to reduce expenses where feasible.

We thank the board, our chapter officers, and all members who are supporting these efforts. Your dedication helps ensure that OET remains a strong, trusted, and sustainable organization for years to come.

If you have questions or would like more information about the Finance Committee's work, feel free to reach out to any of our members. We welcome your input and support as we move forward.

OET Finance Committee (Matt Dolphin, Cindy Albrecht, Susan High, Melissa McLaughlin)

Be a Hero and help O.E.T.

Do you ever wonder if there is something you can do to help in our organization?

We all know many hands make light work. We do it all the time on the trails and at the horse camps.

You tell us how much time you are willing to enjoy helping in the administration of Oregon Equestrian Trails.

We can find you the perfect fit!

To learn more Email:
vpoutreach@oregonequestriantrails.org

2025 Calendar of Events

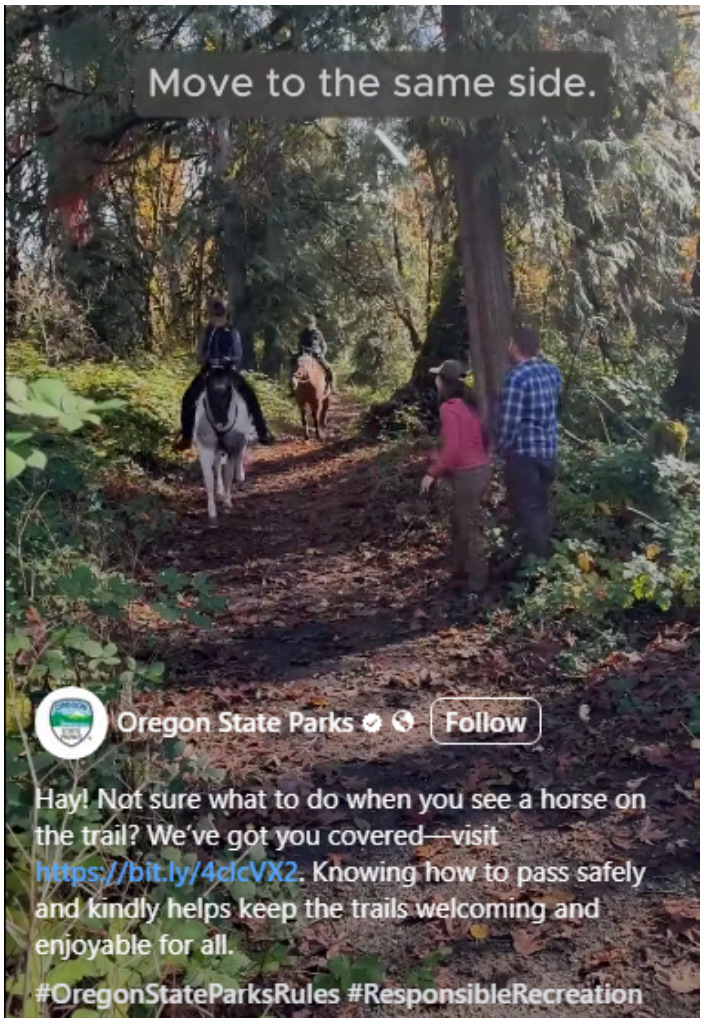
Date	Time	Chapter	Event	Location	Information
May					
2 May	10:00AM - 4:00PM	Central Oregon	Work Party	Buttes Trailhead Cline Buttes	Signing Hiker-only trails between Eagle Crest and Eagle Ridge. Contact Kim McCarrel centraloregon@myoet.org
3 May		North Coast	Parade	Long Beach, WA	Charles Conrow, organizer. northcoast@myoet.org
3 May		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
5 May	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
10 May		Eugene	Ride	Elijah Bristow State Park, Pleasant Hill	Trail Blazer Pace Fundraiser. Costume Contest! Obstacle Course! Silent Auction! Contact Dani Wright mfasaddlery@gmail.com
11 May		Central Oregon	Ride	Wildwood Ranch, Sisters	Mystery at Wildwood Ranch. Mother's Day. Become a detective and solve the murder of Miss Jean Olive. Gathering clues on horseback to solve the crime. Contact Suzanne.
16-17 May		Northwest	Campout	Reehers Horse Camp, Timber	Contact Wendy Zurcher 503-357-5723
17 May		Mid-Valley	Campout	Seven Mile Horse Camp	Fun Ride campout and potluck Saturday evening
17 May	10:00AM - 1:00PM	North Coast	Work Party	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	Cleaning campground, mowing obstacle meadow, etc. Chuck wagon lunch. northcoast@myoet.org
19 May	5:30PM-7:00PM	Northwest	Potluck	Connie's Arena	First Aid Talk and pulled pork sliders northwest@myoet.org
21-27 May		North Valley	Campout Work Party	Graham Corral, Sisters	Debbie Delorenzo hosting. Group rides, individual rides, fun times around campfires and good company. northvalley@myoet.org Reservations www.recreation.gov
23-26 May		Mt. Hood	Campout	L.L. Stub Stewart State Park, Buxton	Contact Larry Wilson 541-609-0509
24-26 May		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	Wooded campground, some steep slopes, sections are gravel logging roads. Need boots or shoes. northcoast@myoet.org

June					
1-2 Jun		Northwest	Campout	Stagecoasch Horse Camp, Tillamook	Contact Wendy Zurcher 503-357-5723
2 Jun	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
7 Jun		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
7 Jun		Central Oregon	Ride	Sisters Cow Camp	Jimmerson Trail Poker Ride. Contact Brenda 541-280-3849
8 Jun	8:00AM-3:00PM	Northwest	Ride	Cherry Grove	Forest Grove Ranch Riders. More info to come. northwest@myoet.org
20 Jun	6:00PM - 8:00PM	Silver Falls	Ride	Williamette Mission	Summer Soltice Ride silverfalls@myoet.org
20-22 Jun		North Coast	Ride		Donna Hammond organizer. northcoast@myoet.org
21 Jun		Mid-Valley	Ride	South Beach	Fun ride & Potluck. Jodi Knutson 503-551-8779
21 Jun	11:00AM-2:00PM	North Valley	Ride	South Howards Mill Road, S Howards Mill Rd., Mulino	Join us to ride private timber lands. Lead by Faith Roney. More details to come. northvalley@myoet.org
20-22 Jun		Roseburg	Work Party	Kelsay Valley Horse Camp, Umpqua Nat'l Forest	Trail Clearing with EEBCH. Contact roseburg@myoet.org
25-30 Jun		State	Work Party	Quinn Meadow Horse Camp, Bend	Annual State WP, clear trails. Contact vpfieldservices@myoet.org
26-28 Jun		Silver Falls	Work Party	Big Meadows Horse Camp, Sisters	Camp cleanup and trail clearing with BCHO silverfalls@myoet.org
28 Jun	9:00AM-2:00PM	Roseburg	Ride	Mildred Kanipe Park Oakland	Poker Ride. Contact Rhonda Hjort 541-430-3453. Camping - need reservations.
28 Jun		Mid-Valley	Work Party	TE Ranch, Philomath	Poker Ride Prep, Test Ride, Campout, Potluck. Mark Lehnert 541-730-1653
29 Jun	9:00AM Start	Mid-Valley	Ride	TE Ranch, Philomath	Jokers Wild Poker Ride jokerswildpokerride@gmail.com or Meg 541-609-1075
July					
4 Jul		North Coast	Parade	Warrenton	Charles Conrow, organizer
4-6 Jul		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	Wooded campground, some steep slopes, some gravel logging road sections. Need boots or shoes.

4-6 Jul		Columbia County	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Park, Rainier	Enjoy the new steel corrals and playground! Contact Jana Swedo: 503-548 8710 herestolife9@gmail.com
5 Jul		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
7 Jul	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
12 Jul	9:00AM	Mid-Valley	Ride	Cultus Horse Camp	Fun Ride. Potluck Sat Make your own reservations
12 Jul	11:00AM-2:00PM	North Valley	Ride	Hardy Creek Trailhead, Molalla River Corridor	Group Ride hosted by Brett and Sandy Branch.
12 Jul		Roseburg	Ride	Kelsey Valley Horse Camp	High Lakes Fish packing roseburg@myoet.org
12-19 Jul		North Coast	Special	TBA	Donna Hammond, organizer northcoast@myoet.org
25 Jul		North Coast	Parade	Long Beach, WA	Charles Conrow, organizer. northcoast@myoet.org
August					
2 Aug		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent, check our FB page and emails.
2 Aug		Silver Falls	Parade	Silverton	Silverton Davenport Parade
4 Aug	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
9 Aug		North Coast	Parade	Astoria	Charles Conrow, organizer northcoast@myoet.org
9 Aug		Mid-Valley	Ride	South Pyramid Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat midvalley@myoet.org
23-24 Aug		North Coast	Campout	Joe Graham Horse Camp	Mt Hood Nat'l Forest northcoast@myoet.org
29-31 Aug		Columbia CO	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Park, Rainier	Enjoy the new steel corrals and playground! Contact Jana Swedo: 503-548 8710 herestolife9@gmail.com
30-1 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Northrup Creek Horse Camp, Clatskanie	northcoast@myoet.org
30-31 Aug		Mid-Valley	Campout	Big Meadows Horse Camp	Fun ride/Campout/Potluck Sat. Make your own reservations
September					
1 Sep	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz

6 Sep		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
13-14 Sep		North Coast	Campout	Camp Wilkerson Horse Camp	Wooded campground, wooded trails with some hills. northcoast@myoet.org
13 Sep		Mid-Valley	Ride	Perrydale Trails, Sheridan	Fun Ride and Potluck. Make your own reservations. midvalley@myoet.org
October					
4 Oct		North Coast	Ride	Fort Stevens State Park, Hammond	Time TBD, weather dependent. northcoast@myoet.org
6 Oct	6:00PM - 7:00PM	State	Meeting	Virtual. Google Meets or call in to 601-688-3254 PIN 290189192#	OET Field Service/Public Lands Call. https://meet.google.com/swn-imhr-ioz
11 Oct		Mid-Valley	Campout	Nehalem Bay campout	Fun Ride and Potluck Sat. midvalley@myoet.org
18 Oct	8:00AM - 1:30PM	Public	Special	694 NE 4th Ave, Canby	Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale.New and other horse-related items. Parking $5, admission is $1 per person.

Please visit OregonEquestrianTrails.org/calendar for more details of scheduled Events.



Hay is for Horses, Hey is for Everyone!

Oregon State Parks produced a short video called *Hay is for Horses, Hey is for Everyone.* It illustrates that people sharing trails should acknowledge themselves when encountering other users, especially horses.

The video stars our own OET members Hydie Lown on Benny, Dani Wright on Wahoo, Nancy McMahon on Goob, and Renee on Balou.

See the video here https://youtube.com/shorts/AX0WhcernI8?si=iGBfoyhVxfnCD8do

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Tech Corner

By Marty DeVall, OET Web Master

What is Two-Factor Authentication and Should You Use It?

You may have seen a pop-up recently when logging into online accounts asking you to "turn on 2-Step Verification" or "use Two-Factor Authentication (2FA)." It can sound complicated, but it's actually a simple and very smart way to protect your personal information online — including access to your email, calendar, and our Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) Trail Mail shared files resources.

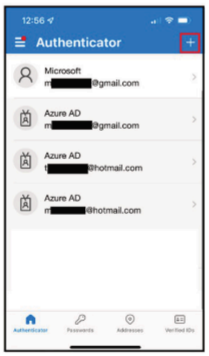
What is Two-Factor Authentication?

Two-Factor Authentication (commonly called 2FA) adds an extra step when you log into your online accounts.
Normally, you just type in a password — but with 2FA, after you enter your password, you'll also need to prove it's really you a second way.
This second step usually involves:

- Entering a code sent to your cell phone by text message, OR
- Confirming a notification on your phone, OR
- Using a special app that gives you a code (called an authentication app).

Think of it like using both a key *and* a security code to unlock your front door. Even if someone guesses or steals your password, they won't be able to get in without your second "proof" — usually your phone.

What is an Authentication App?

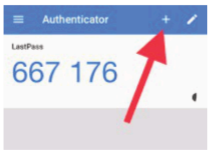


An authentication app is a free tool you can install on your smartphone.
Instead of waiting for a text message, the app instantly generates a code for you right on your phone — even if you don't have cell service or Wi-Fi at the moment!

Some popular authentication apps are:

- Google Authenticator
- Microsoft Authenticator
- Authy

Once you set it up, every time you log into your account, you just open the app and type in the 6-digit code it shows you. The code changes every 30 seconds for extra security.
Many people prefer using an app because it's **faster, more private, and more reliable** than text messages.



Why Should You Use It?

Unfortunately, online crime has gotten more common. Passwords alone aren't always enough to protect your accounts anymore — especially if you tend to reuse the same password for multiple sites (which many of us do).

By turning on 2FA, you make it **much harder for someone else to break into your accounts**.
Even if a bad actor steals your password, they still can't log in unless they also have your phone. It's a simple and very effective way to stay safe online, especially for important accounts like:

- Your email
- Your personal account (which gives you access to OET's calendar, files, and emails)
- Online banking or shopping sites

How Does It Work for Google Accounts?

Google makes it fairly easy:

1. After you enter your password when signing into your account, Google will either text you a short code, send a notification to your phone, or ask for a code from your authentication app.
2. You simply enter the code or tap "Yes" to confirm it's really you.
3. That's it — you're safely logged in!

You can also choose to mark a device (like your personal home computer) as "trusted" so you don't have to enter a code every time.

Is It Hard to Set Up?

Not at all! Google walks you through the steps. To turn it on:

- Visit https://g.co/2sv and sign into your account.
- Follow the prompts to add your phone number or authentication app.
- Google will test it once to make sure it works.

It only takes about five minutes to set up — but it can save you hours (or even days) of stress if your account were ever compromised.

Is It Really Necessary?

While nothing online is 100% guaranteed, 2FA **greatly reduces** the risk of someone else gaining access to your account.
Many internet security experts recommend enabling 2FA, especially for members who want to access our private Google Group, Calendar, and Shared Drive. It's a simple step toward keeping your information — and OET's — safe and sound.

With your Smartphone receiving a Text, a Phone Call, or via the Authenticator App makes Two-Factor Authentication easy to use to verify you are the person logging into your account.

April 2025

Public Lands/Field Services Meeting Notes

In attendance: Cindy Albrecht (Silver Falls), Bianca Chevalier (South Coast), Barb Adams (Mt. Hood), Matt Dolphin (West Valley and VP Field Services), Gloria Rice (Columbia County), Marty Devall (North Valley), Bonnie DePriest (Silver Falls), Gayla Nelson (Central Oregon), Kim McCarrel (VP Public Lands)

Silver Falls

In late March, they had a work party at Santiam Horse Camp to clean up the camp and repair the manure bin. Some chain gates need to be repaired, and after gathering the materials, they'll go back to accomplish this. They have a work party scheduled in mid-April at Silver Falls to do camp cleanup, clean the firepits, and rake the gravel in the corrals.

Mt. Hood

Work parties have been delayed because of rain and land manager staffing issues. They're planning to do some trail maintenance at the Sandy River Delta soon, and to host "education days" at the Delta to introduce the public to horses and trailers.

South Coast

The deputy district ranger came to the chapter meeting and brought the group up to date on the layoffs. They'll be focusing on timber production, public access, and good working relationships. The chapter will step up to assist them. The Forest Service has posted the camp host job at Wild Mare and is now accepting applications. Using a generous grant from PNER (Pacific Northwest Endurance Riders), the chapter has purchased corrals for the new camp host site and will install them later this month. They're also planning work parties at Bullards Beach and the North Spit. And they'll be staffing a margarita booth fundraiser at an upcoming posse event. The chapter is having issues with bicyclists putting up "No Horses" signs on the North Spit trails. With the Forest Service's approval, they'll take down the signs and work with the local bike group to deter future illegal signage.

Columbia County

The chapter worked on the Liahona Trail at Camp Wilkerson in March, and has another work party scheduled in April to work on other nearby trails.

West Valley

They have a work party scheduled at the end of April at Sheep Springs. Because the wooden corrals have all been replaced with steel, they'll be focusing on clearing the trails.

North Valley

The chapter will install the water tank at Graham Corral and has arranged for the concessionaire to fill the tank. They're doing their normal work at McIver, and will be working with the Mt. Hood chapter to improve the condition of the arena there.

Central Oregon

Work is continuing on signing the Cline Buttes horse and hiker trails. The chapter is planning a Mother's Day murder mystery ride for members.

Field Services

The Quinn Meadow work party will be June 25-30. Matt is getting RSVPs now and is arranging for campsites for the volunteers. The camp has steel corrals, so the work will focus on trail clearing. Santiam Horse Camp needs to have some trail clearing, so Matt is recruiting a crew to go there to clear and swamp. At the upcoming board meeting, he'll be asking the board to decide whether OET should establish a policy requiring sawyers to be certified even if the land manager doesn't require it. Matt also asked the group for feedback on a proposal to apply a coating of arena sand and pulverized rubber/plastic to the trails at Crystal Rilee Park. Someone has offered to donate the materials. (The group's feedback was generally negative because of concerns about its durability and environmental impact.)

Public Lands

Kim urged everyone to fill out the State Parks survey for the Statewide Trails Plan. The results will be used to develop funding priorities for the grant programs administered by OPRD, affecting trails on state, county, municipal, and federal lands. If your chapter chair hasn't yet distributed the survey, please pester them to do so.

Next Meeting: May 5th at 6 pm.

BCHO's Wilderness Skills Rendezvous

Is May 30, 31 and June 1 at Sister's Cow Camp 2025

Join Us with Your Horse and Friends to go into our Mountain Wildernesses

April 2025 - 2nd Qtr OET Board Meeting Summary

Attendence: Frank DeWeese, Marty Devall, Bob Rice, Melissa McLaughlin, Cindy Albrecht, Collette Hayes, Matt Dolphin, Becky Wolfe, Mary Blankevoort, Brett Branch, Bonnie DePriest, Gloria Rice. Virtual attendees – Leslye Wing, Hope Flint, Gayla Nelson, Linda Harding.

Marketing

Collette provided a display of promotional items: Chapter fundraiser events flyers, extra Riders' Roundup newsletters, OET banners, first aid training info, a new OET A-frame banner.

A membership drive is scheduled with different chapters this year. She will send out flyers for the different locations that she'll be at. Collette continues to find new ideas and energy for the chapters, and to prevent burn-out from the very active members

Should hard copies of the membership renewal be snail-mailed sent to all members? Per Marty State members are down by almost 300.

A change to the OET logo was presented: under the horse and rider, in the dark shaded area, state the year (1970) OET was established. The idea is that the logo won't list the actual number of years in existence, and the same logo can be used each year.

Oregon State Parks did a video called Hay is for Horses, Hey is for Everyone. It illustrates that people sharing trails should acknowledge themselves when encountering other users, especially horses. See the video here : https://youtube.com/shorts/AX0WhcernI8?si=iGBfoyhVxfnCD8do

State Work Party

Contact Matt Dolphin vpfieldservices@myoet.org to let him know if you will be attending and if you need a campsite. Party is scheduled for June 25-30, 2025, at Quinn Meadow Horse Camp. Please have Chapter members let Matt know if they're interested in attending.

OET Sawyer Policy

A long and passionate discussion ensued regarding establishing an OET Sawyer Policy. Three options were proposed: 1) *Require* all sawyers to be certified 2) *Recommend* all sawyers be certified, and 3) No policy.

Arguments for Option 1: When all sawyers have had training, it helps everyone to work as a team and safely. Supports safety while working on the trails. Promotes OET as a professional and safe group.

Arguments for Option 2 or 3: Limits who can work on the trails. We already follow land manager requirements. How will we enforce requirement? Hinders ability to respond quickly to supply a sawyer to cut a newly fallen tree on county lands (who do not require certification).

Those chapters that do not have any members who are certified, will be unable to help a local park. Option 2 could be a reasonable compromise.

After a vote of 9 in favor and 4 opposed, the following policy was accepted:

To promote the highest standards of safety and professionalism, all Oregon Equestrian Trails (OET) volunteer sawyers must hold a valid sawyer certification from a U.S. Forest Service (USFS) sanctioned training program, regardless of the land management agency overseeing the project.

Certification Requirements:

- Certification must be current (renewed every three years) and include classroom instruction and field evaluation.
- Certification must be from a USFS-sanctioned program, which includes chainsaw or crosscut saw instruction appropriate to the sawyer's intended duties.
- Volunteers must carry proof of certification while operating a saw during OET-sponsored activities.
- OET will support and promote access to training opportunities for volunteers.

Treasurers Report

Grant fund currently is 4,651.39 (however, $3K is committed to the grant approved for Mid Valley at the last board meeting) Newsletter expenses are much lower due to more members reading it online.

Membership

237 members failed to renew for 2025, but members are continuing to renew. As of March, there are 547 members (which includes agencies). We feel many members failed to renew because they did not receive a written renewal form.

Finance Committee

Oregon Dept. Of Justice (DOJ) charitable division had contacted OET. The 2023 OET tax report was brought to our attention by DOJ, because of an outside grant receipt of $60K. The DOJ is looking for good compliance. In response, OET authorized Susan High (NV Chapter & FC member) to work with the DOJ. She received an extension from the DOJ until April 24 for the audit of 2023. Susan does tax preparation and has experience with this. Susan will complete the 990 long form for our 501c3 tax return and amend the 2023 tax statement to be in compliance. The 2024 tax statement is due in May.

To accomplish correct reporting, the finance committee has been gathering information from the Chapters regarding their expenses and incomes for 2023 and 2024, which hasn't been done in a long time . This is needed for tax information for our State OET.

The Board passed an authorization for the Finance Committee to conduct annual internal audits of the organization's finances in accordance with the responsibilities outlined in the Committee Charter., and to report findings and recommendations to the Board upon completion.

The Finance Committee is advisory only and can now conduct internal audits of OET's finances. An internal audit can provide an evaluation of internal financial controls, review compliance, assess chapter financial reporting and oversight, identify opportunities to improve transparency and reduce risk. This will not replace the potential need for an external audit or financial review, should the Board later pursue one. The Committee will then be able to develop an audit plan, identify key review areas, and report progress and findings to the Board, culminating in a summary report with recommendations.

OET Financial Picture & Trends

See Page 14-15 of detailed presentation and findings by Melissa McLaughin .

We need to change our current trend to meet our OET goals. Knowing the project costs at Chapter level would provide insight on the amount needed for the State Grant Fund. Each chapter needs to submit their projects needs for the year to the VP of Field Service. Raising OET dues may also be a necessary action. Chairs need to have a conversation with their members to obtain input regarding changes.

Other Business

Grant Requests - No grant requests submitted

Previously it was decided that there should be online availability for all meetings, so that any member can attend remotely. The Q3 meeting is tentatively planned to be held at Sisters Cow Camp, however there isn't good cell or internet service. Gayla (CO Chapter Chair) will look for a location in or near Sisters to hold the meeting, which could provide better internet service, allowing attendees to still camp and ride at the meeting weekend at Sisters Cow Camp.

Upcoming meeting dates

September 27th - Q3 2025 Board meeting – Sisters City Library

November 22nd - Q4 2025 Board meeting – Canby Library

February 21st, 2026 – Annual Membership meeting – Salem Roths

February 22nd, 2026 – Q1 2026 Board meeting – Comfort Inn meeting room (Hawthorne street)

How to Manage those pesky Flies

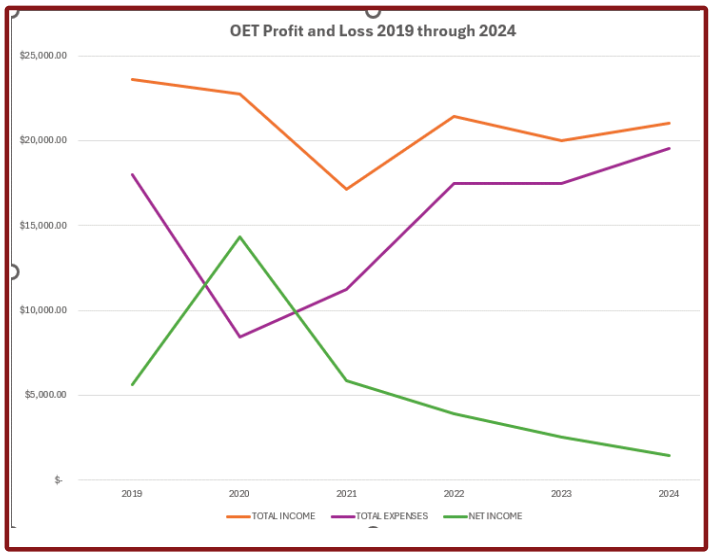
- Mesh products like fly masks or leggings can help keep your horse more comfortable.
- Keep your facilities clean and dry.
- Remove manure and soiled bedding from horse areas often.
- Use fly protectant products such as citronella spray, leg bands or leggings on your horses.
- Provide a physical barrier between your horse and flies.
- Use nets and screens on your barn doors and windows.
- Use fly sheets and masks on your horses.
- Use residual premise sprays where flies perch (barn walls and ceilings).
- A lot of places also use Fly Predators that can take several applications but work well.



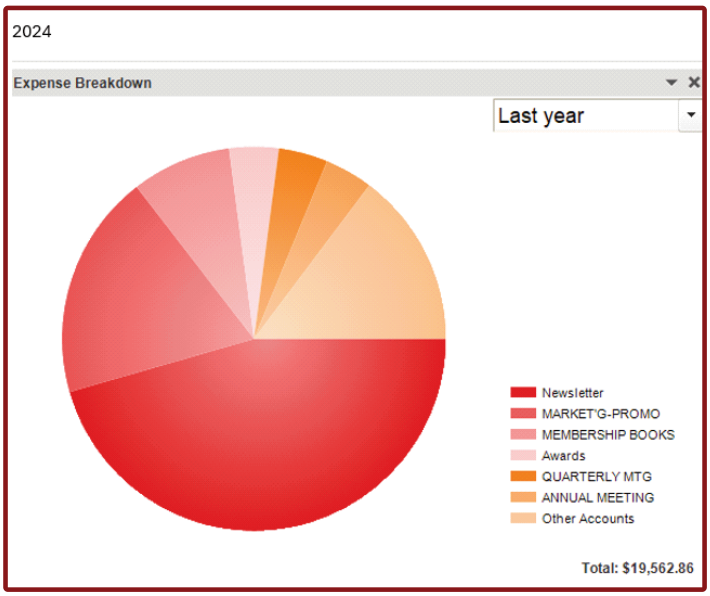
OET Financial Picture & Trends

By Melissa McLaughlin, Finance Committee

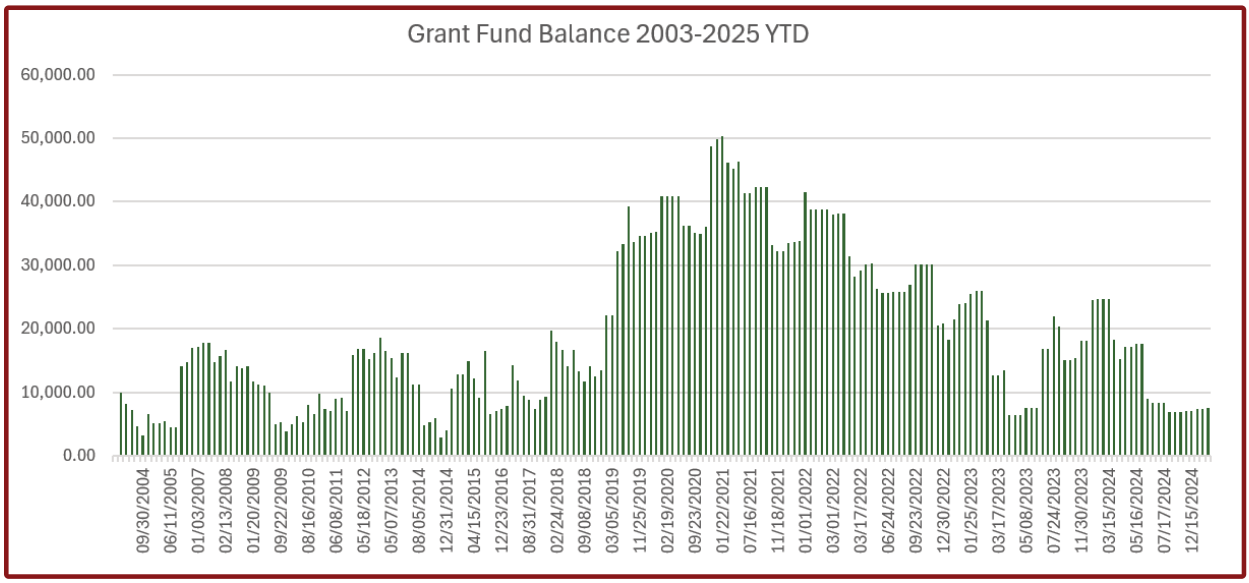
The Finance Committee presented some charts at the 4/12/25 board meeting to illustrate OET's financial story. As they say, it's hard to plan where you're going if you don't know where you've been. In a volunteer organization like OET, officer positions may change and sometimes records aren't kept up the same way over time, so the presentation was mostly from the 20,000' level. As you can see from the charts, this makes trends easy to spot. All data is for the state financial activities, which is separate from chapter funds.



Profit & Loss: For a Nonprofit this would technically be called a Statement of Activities, but it functions the same. Our income is from member dues. Unfortunately, prices for just about everything went up after Covid and it hasn't stopped. The last time we raised dues was 2008. This graph clearly shows that our current dues amount is not sustainable in our economy.



Pie Chart of Expenses: This shows how we spent our state money in 2024, a typical year. We expect 2025 to look bit different as we are cutting newsletter and other expenses.



Grant Fund Balance: The state grant fund was started in 2003 with $10,000. It is funded when we have excess equity over $10,000 at year's end. This chart shows the running balance with money going in once or twice a year and going out for projects. You can see in 2019-2020 the fund built up as there were few state grants awarded. We had several big projects in the early 2020's and have nearly spent it all! That is the purpose and mission of OET and what we want to do more of. Unfortunately we haven't had any excess equity for the last 2 or 3 years and so no money has been added to the grant fund. It now stands at $7500 and a grant is pending for $3000 of that amount.

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Some of our chapters have received large grants from outside of OET to replace wooden corrals with metal and other big projects. The state grant fund has awarded money for all kinds of projects that chapters work on. This will continue to be an important source of support for OET's mission. The Finance Committee is tasked with advising the board on how to increase revenue so that OET continues to have the means to keep horse camps and trails open for everyone and provide relevant information for it's members, both new and long-standing, to enjoy their horses on the trail.

What can you do?

The Finance Committee will be putting together projections based on the work that chapters hope or plan to do in the next 2-3 years.

Please send us an email (westvalley@myoet.org or vpfieldservices@myoet.org) that includes feedback on spending and funding. Tell us about the improvements and projects that your chapter thinks would make your trails and horse camps better and easier to maintain, or what you need to hire outside groups to do. If you know the costs, please include them.

Dues are another topic we want feedback on. Not only do we need to recruit and retain members but we need to raise dues. $40? $50? Sliding scale? Dues have not been raised since 2008. It's time.

We welcome your comments and questions based on this article. It is your OET; the FC's job is to find a way for it to happen with all of us working together.

Come join us for a

Poker Ride

at Sisters Cow Camp in Sisters, Oregon

Saturday June 7th





Registration starts Saturday morning at 9:00 AM
First rider out at 9:30 AM, last rider out at 11:00 AM

First poker hand is $15
Additional hands are $5 each

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Proceeds go to the Central Oregon Chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trail's Mission - clearing trails, maintaining horse camps, and representing rider's concerns using public lands

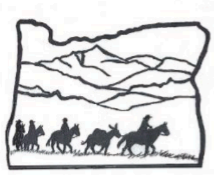
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Directions to Sisters Cow Camp
Go West out of Sisters on Hwy 242, go 1 mile, turn left onto FS road 15. Go about 2 miles and turn left at the sign for Sisters Cow Camp.

*OET operates under a special use permit with the Deschutes National Forest, who is an equal opportunity outdoor recreation service provider

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Saturday June 14, 2025 Start time 9 A.M. Last rider MUST ride out at 11 A.M. to be back in time for drawings and prizes @ 1:30PM!!!!
No dogs (state park rules), no foals, no stallions.

$100 to first place. Prizes to top hands. Drawings for youth and adults.

***$10 entry fee Each hand $5 Five hands for $20.

Coffee in morning some muffins. Lunch served, donation only. Bring your chairs

This is a fundraiser and proceeds go to maintain trail systems on federal lands, Big Meadows Horse Camp and BCHO educational booth at NW Horse Fair.

Directions: I-5 Exit 253 Take Hwy 22 East towards Detroit Lake/Bend.
Turnoff of Hwy 22 at Exit 7, OR-214 to Silver Falls Hwy
Stay on Hwy 214 to Silver Falls State Park. Approximately 26 miles from Salem. Watch for Poker ride signs. Go through park check in station and they will direct you to Howard Creek Horse Camp parking.

contact: Jennifer Paulson - Chairperson wcascade29@gmail.com 541-619-5115

Oregon Equestrian Trails Mid-Valley Chapter

25th Annual

Jokers Wild Poker Ride

Sunday June 29, 2025



TE Ranch, Philomath, OR

North on 9th St. go 1 mile, Left on Heritage Hills Road, then follow the signs.

$10 per hand or 3 for $20
(Minimum one hand per rider)
Less than 13 yrs. ride free
Minors (under 18 yrs. old) need a parent or guardian signature.

First Rider out 9AM * Last Rider Out 12 PM * Awards at 2:30 PM
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OET Chapters

Chapter	Meeting Time	Meeting Location	Contact
Central Oregon Chapter	First Tuesday Potluck at 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Pleasant Ridge Hall 7067 SW Canal Redmond, OR	Gayla Nelson centraloregon@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 420-1837**
Columbia County Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Warren Moose Lodge 57317 Old Portland Rd. Warren, OR	Bob Rice columbiacounty@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 366-3736**
Eugene Chapter	First Tuesday Speaker: 6PM Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	McKenzie Feed & Pet 4441 Main Street Springfield	Leslye Wing eugene@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 849-9155**
Mid-Valley Chapter	Second Wednesday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Sizzler 2148 Santiam Hwy SE Albany	Mark Lehnert midvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 730-1653**
Mt. Hood Chapter	Second Thursday Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Elmers 1590 NE Burnside Gresham	Mary Blankevoort mthood@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 703-1232**
North Coast Chapter	Second Tuesday Meeting: 5:30 p.m. .	Clatsop County Fairgrounds 4H Clubhouse - across from main complex 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria	Ashley Lertora northcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 325-2733**
North Valley Chapter	First Tuesday Dinner : 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Jimmy O's Pizzeria 1678 S Beavercreek Rd Oregon City	Brett Branch northvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 908-4461**
Northwest Chapter	Third Monday Dinner/Social: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	Prime Time Sports Bar & Restaurant 4450 Pacific Avenue Forest Grove	Hope Flint northwest@oregonequestriantrails.org **(541) 643-7840**
Roseburg Chapter	Third Tuesday Meeting: 6:00 p.m.	Douglas Co. Electrical Co-op 1931 N. Stephens Street Roseburg	Lynda Harding roseburg@oregonequestriantrails.org **(559) 696-7601**
Silver Falls Chapter	Third Monday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Salem Saddle Club Mtg Rm 7005 Lardon Rd Salem	Bonnie DePriest silverfalls@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 981-8124**
South Coast Chapter	Third Wednesday Meeting: 6:30 p.m.	Dave's Pizza 740 Kooz Bay Blvd Coos Bay	Donna Corum southcoast@oregonequestriantrails.org **(707) 332-1871**
West Valley Chapter	First Thursday No-host dinner: 6:00 p.m. Meeting: 7:00 p.m.	American Legion Post 21 126 NE Atlantic McMinnville	Melissa McLaughlin westvalley@oregonequestriantrails.org **(503) 560-0771**

Chapters may need to alter meetings or events.
Please contact Chapter Chairs for up-to-date meeting locations and times

Chapter Reports

Central Oregon Chapter

At our April meeting, Kim showed the new BLM trailhead map for the Maston trails, which was an impressive example of all the work we've done there. She also wrote and was awarded an RTP grant for our Central Oregon chapter with $6,500 in matching funds for two new trails at Cline Buttes: one trail would be built to avoid a tight area shared with motorcycles at Dry Canyon and the other trail is to go to the top of Middle Cline Butte. Central Oregon Trails Alliance will build the Cline Butte trail for us.

Graham Corral will have water for this year's camping season, which the Forest Service will provide. Please be aware that the only sites with corrals are 4, 5, 7, and 8; the others share a large group corral. We will talk to the Forest Service recreation ranger about refurbishing the group corral and fixing the washboard road to the camp. We'll also advocate for day-use parking there.

Our state OET work party is June 25-30 at beautiful Quinn Meadow, a great time to come over the mountains and help out on an early summer horse-camping excursion.



Another fun Kim McCarrel-led work party at the Maston trails.

Columbia Chapter

We met as usual at the Warren Moose Lodge. We have a healthy balance in our account. We are participating in a PUD Truck Wash Saturday 4/12, which is fun and we make $500 for our chapter.

We are planning on a work party at Camp Wilkerson April 26, weather permitting. We will be clearing brush on the Liahona Trail, and lunch will be served. Side dishes welcome! Plans are being made for our chapter to have a presence at the Scappoose Fun Festival, May 31, and the St. Helens Citizens Day in the Park in June. Campouts are on for July 4-5 and August 29-30 at Camp Wilkerson.

Thank you to Jana and Dwight for clearing the Liahona Trail at Camp Wilkerson of downed trees!

Eugene Chapter

No Foolin'! We had our meeting on April Fools Day! Slowly but surely our attendance is inching back up.

Julie Staub was our very interesting speaker, who demonstrated Matrix Repatterning and Osteopathy. She has a background in physical therapy and practices a discipline of body work both on humans and horses; one of 2 certified practitioners in the area. Our member, Katie Weld, who volunteered to be the human guinea pig in front of everyone was really impressed by the pain relief by the end of the demonstration and that was without Katie giving Julie any verbal preliminary info! Using her expertise and her electronic tools she was able to isolate specific areas of pain and manipulate them to relief. Katie was walking on air when she left!

Leslye Wing was unable to attend the meeting so Dani Wright lead the meeting.

Most of the rest of the meeting was hearing more details about the planning for the Trail Blazer Pace on May 10 at Elijah Bristow State Park in Pleasant Hill. It is only a month away!!! We can't wait! It is going to be even more exciting than last year with a change to the Breeze (faster) pace course, consignment used tack sales, silent auction, an exciting costume competition with categories in best dressed English, Trail, Buckaroo, and Matching Pair, and an Obstacle Course Challenge. Ribbons, prizes! Lots going on! Come and see!

We had a very successful gravel spreading party at Elijah Bristow which Mother Nature tried to undo but we are going to finish up spreading the rest of the gravel on April l2th. We had a good turnout and hope for another day of getting the park ready for spring.

North Valley Chapter

Our meeting was held at Jimmy O's Pizzeria in Oregon City.

Brett Branch reported on the Sawyer Training on March 29. There were 8-10 participants. The instructors were Leif from PCTA, Tim Lagasse from BCHO, and Sue from PCTA. Field training will be held in mid-April on BLM Land by Tim Lagasse's property and also at the Timothy Lake Clearing Work Party, by TRBCHO, May 15-21.

Field Services work was reported by Marty DeVall. Gravel was applied to washed out areas on the trail. The water line by the horse tank has a leak. The water has been turned off until fixed.

The Graham Corral Horse Camp updates by Deb DeLorenzo was reported by Brett Branch. There will be water in the tank again this year beginning the end of April. Vista will refill the tank weekly. Shonda Smith and Deb DeLorenzo will generate a list for repairs to the corrals. Repairs and installing the water tank will be done on their trip at the end of April.

Mt. Hood Chapter Representatives, Larry Wilson and Mickey Yeager presented some ideas to improve the arena at McIver State Park. There are exposed metal t-posts extending above the tops of the panels. The arena is not fully enclosed and the footing is uneven. The panels need to be stabilized as some are leaning in. Brett Branch suggested that we poll members regarding use upon upgrades and distinguish private use vs events. Brett suggested a joint work party to address t-posts and panels. A committee will be formed to evaluate improved footing costs and maintenance.

We discussed parking issues during busy ride times. Signage could be set up to encourage parking lanes and protocols. Car parking should be along the trees by the picnic shelter. Finn Esbensen will look into this.

Brett and Sandy Branch will scout for issues at Hardy Creek.

Upcoming NVOET Meeting May 6 at Jimmy O's Pizzeria in Oregon City.

Chapter Rides and Campouts –

May 21-27: Graham Corral Horse Camp, Deb DeLorenzo

June 21: Howards Mills or Buckner Creek, Faith Roney

July 12: Hardy Creek, Brett and Sandy Branch, 11:00 stirrups time

August: Timothy Lake Group Camp, TBA upon reservations, Lindy Rutherford

August: Frog Lake, Susan High, date TBA

September: Pam Duggan

October 18,: NVOET Breast Cancer Ride, McIver SP, Tamara Glover

October: Halloween Ride, Erin Shadder

November 28: Black Friday Ride, Shonda Smith and Tamara Glover

Northwest Chapter

Our Chapter has several activities planned.

We have 3 campground & trail cleanups scheduled: Reehers (Timber), Stagecoach (Tillamook Forest) and the first one at Stub Stewart State Park that will have happened by the time you read this. Stub was scheduled April 26th.

Our May meeting Monday the 19th will be a horse-friendly potluck that will include first aid kit review. The meeting will be at Connie's arena starting at 5:30pm . Everyone is welcome. Please rsvp if you were not at our April meeting by email: northwest@myoet.org. We are having pulled pork sliders and yummy sides.

South Coast

On Saturday, April 19 we hosted a Spring Treasure Hunt at Bullards Beach in Bandon, OR. Riders were sent out on multiple trails to Seek and Keep treasures that had been hidden along the way. Treasures ranged from jewelry and gift cards, to treats for horse, dog and human.

On Saturday April 26 the South Coast Chapter along with Forest Service crew installed new corrals at Wild Mare Horse Camp in North Bend, OR. We have been fervently upgrading the Horse Camp and am in search of a Camp Host for Wild Mare Horse Camp. If interested, please contact a South Coast OET Chairperson.



South Coast Chapter Chair Donna Corum on the horse trails outside of Wild Mare Horse Camp on the North Spit in North Bend OR.



West Valley Chapter

At our April meeting we had a first aid round table. Everyone brought first aid items and kits for trail and the trailer.

Some items included Israeli pressure wrap, life straw, splints, locator devices, water, insect repellent, snacks, layers, and items to prepare for the absolute worst (ex: space blanket, fire starter, electrolytes, flashlight).

The 10 essentials were discussed (what are your 10 essentials?) & “one is none and two is one.” It was recommended to put a leather band on your horse with your contact info. Also put your ID card & horse’s info on saddle in case you and your horse are separated. Members had tips and tricks such as mustard packets for cramps, vet wrap & duct tape for losing a shoe, & that everyone should be carrying first aid kit, not just one person in the group.

We finalized plans for our work party at Sheep Springs April 25-27. We received a report that Crystal Rilee Park in Newberg has received a donation of high tech footing to make a start on all-weather trails. The material has a value of $109,000 and the Rilee Park Equestrians 501c3 is hoping to see matching funds from the park district. The park is now open for the season to hikers and equestrians. There will be a "Puppies, Ponies & People Share the Trails” meetup on June 22nd at Crystal Rilee Park.



West Valley Chapter members Ryann Reinhofer on her 3-year-old mare Cinch and Lauren Pfeiffer on her 5-year-old gelding Scout, enjoy a gloriously relaxing Sunday afternoon trail ride among the hikers and other riders at Crystal Rilee Park.

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Fund Raising Idea

By Cassandra Asher, Columbia County Chapter

There are different kinds of “horse” fun to be had. What has four wheels, lots of horse power, lots of fun? You get a fundraiser called “Columbia River PUD (Public Utility District) Truck Wash”.

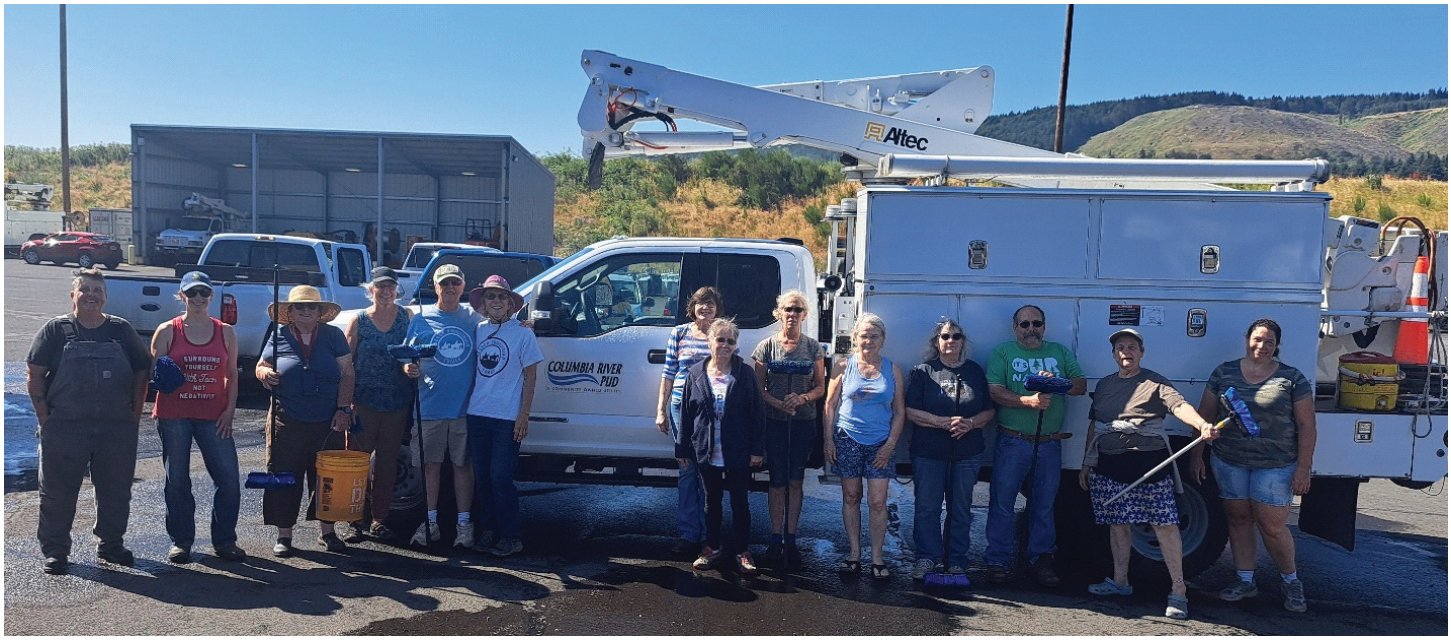
That’s how 11 OET members from our chapter spent Saturday to earn $500, in an hour and a half, washing approximately 15 PUD vehicles.

Many groups apply each month to the PUD, and each month two groups are picked, lottery style, for the upcoming month to wash PUD vehicles. We may only get to do this event once a year, but it is worth it! The application to participate in this yearly event, which starts in March and ending in September, was found online under Columbia River PUD.

PUD supplies the buckets, soap, rags, and brushes to reach the tops and hoods, as well as the hoses, water, the “whole 9 yards”.

My suggestion to other Chapters is to check with your local electric companies and see if they may offer the opportunity to the same fundraiser. Explore, perhaps there are companies that have fleets of vehicles that would have the same program.

The picture below is from the PUD truck wash in 2024.



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Jamethiel Morse; member of PNER and the OET North Valley Chapter riding her mare Tarma at the 2024 Santiam Cascade endurance ride

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What: Bring your digital camera Or Smart Phone and Find BIG FOOT! From horseback, compete as an Individual OR Teams of 2 – 3!

Riders out 9 am to 11 am. Riders will ride an extended trail and leave in intervals, Ride Route is 2 – 2 1/2 Hours long. Finish by 2 pm. Intervals intended to control congestion on the trail and prevent a disclosure of a "Big Foot" find, remember, you are competing with those in front of you and behind you! Three Ways to Win! You will be given a raffle ticket at registration AND you will receive one Poker Chip Draw Card included with your registration. You may purchase up to 3 more hands for $5 each.

Riders must return no later than 2 pm to turn in their results, Prizes awarded after 2 pm.

Shoes for horses recommended, Children are encouraged to wear helmets and dogs must be on a leash. (One player per horse.)

For Lunch, Enjoy a Taco Bar with all the necessary condiments as well as Street Corn and Refried Beans. Ice water, Pink Lemonade and treats provided, too!

Entry Fees: $30 per Rider; Children 12 Years and Under, $20; Cash or Check. Extra Poker Chip hands (maximum 3 extra), $5 each.

Prizes Awarded: Prizes awarded for Individuals or Teams with the most points in the Hunt, for First, Second and Third Place. Judges decisions are final. We will also have Poker Chip draws for other wonderful prizes as well as raffle ticket prizes for the 3rd chance drawings if you don't win in the first two categories, you may still win a prize! He's out there, I swear!

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Grant for Kelsay Valley

#	Name	Permitted Uses	Length	Wilderness	Issues
1414.10	North Umpqua-Lemolo	Horse, hiker, bike	6.3 mi.	-0- mi.	Fire damage
1414.11	North Umpqua-Maidu	Horse, hiker, bike*	9.0	7.0	Fire damage
1466	Tolo Creek	Horse, hiker	4.8	4.8	Storm damage
1445	Tenas Peak	Horse, hiker	4.1	4.1	Storm damage
1412	Windigo Pass	Horse, hiker, bike	6.0	-0-	Fire damage
1454	Calamut Way	Horse, hiker, OHV	4.0	-0-	Storm damage
1455	Waterbag Way	Horse, hiker, e-bike, motorcycle	4.3	-0-	Storm damage
2000	Pacific Crest Trail	Horse, hiker	10	-0-	Storm damage

This project is critical to reopening all the trails so the public can once again enjoy this wonderful forest landscape. All the trails are open to non-motorized use, with the non-wilderness trails also allowing mountain bikes. The Calamut Way and Waterbag Way Trails are also open to e-bikes, OHVs, and/or motorcycles. Until the last few years, horseback riders and hikers came from all over Oregon to stay at Kelsay Valley Campground/Trailhead and enjoy its access to the Pacific Crest Trail, Mt. Thielsen Wilderness Area, the east end of the North Umpqua Trail, and other area trails. The Kelsay Valley area is beautiful, and though some sections have been badly burned, others are only lightly burned while still others have no winter storm damage. Yet the entire area is currently inaccessible because blocked trails.

After reviewing three Youth Corps organization's bids for clearing the trails, Phoenix School's Youth Corps was recently selected to receive the work contract. Source One Serenity, out of Roseburg is an active veteran's group, who have for many years accomplished trail work in The Umpqua Forest.

Thanks to Kyle Miller and John Hjort of Roseburg Chapter this project will be proceeding. Contact Kyle at kyletheelkhunter@gmail.com or 541 733-0583. BCH Emerald Empire Chapter will be assisting OET at the first work party at Kelsay Valley June 20 - 23, 2025. Also thanks to Kim McCarrel who wrote and submitted the approved grant application to RTP.



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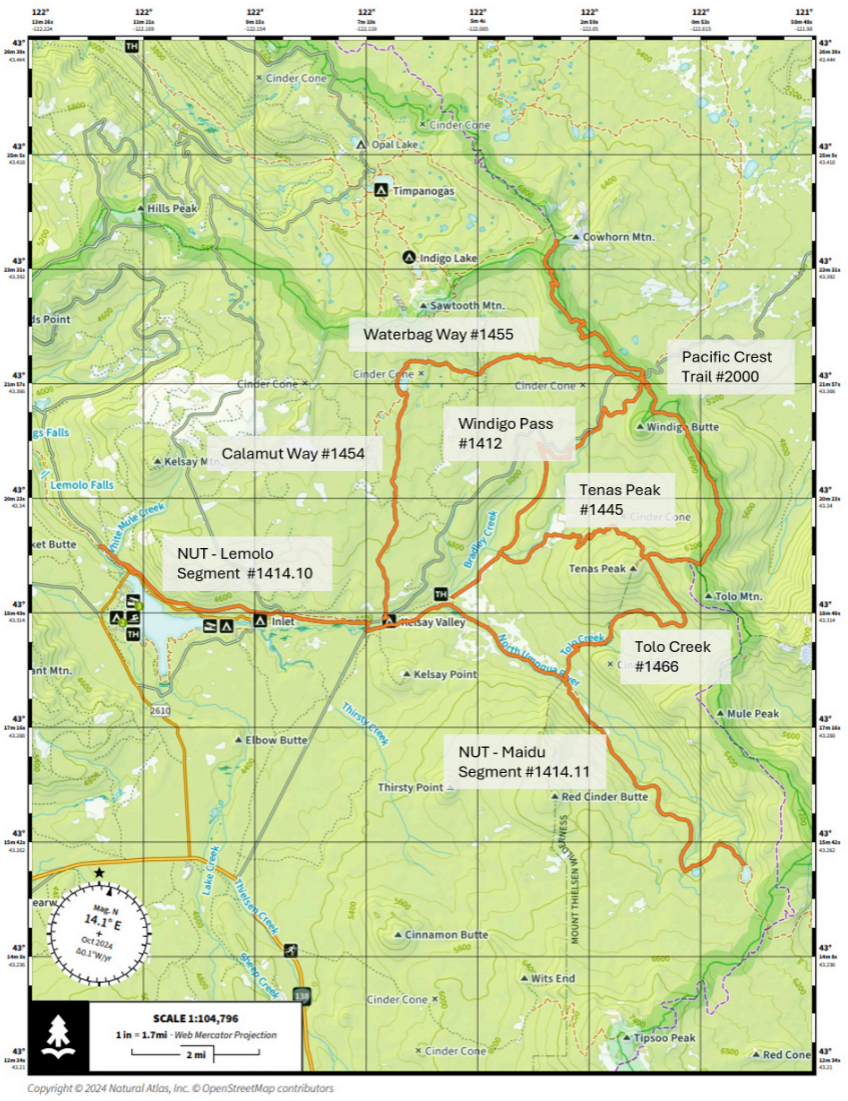
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Roseburg OET Chapter awarded Grant for Kelsay Valley

In case you have not heard the great news, Roseburg Chapter was awarded an Recreation Trails Program (RTP) grant for $91,146 to clear 50 miles of trails around Kelsay Valley.

The trails around Kelsay Valley Campground were devastated by the Archie Creek, Windigo, and Lemolo fires in 2020, 2022, and 2024, plus several severe winter storms. It is estimated that over a thousand fallen trees block the trails. Clearing and brushing these trails is a daunting task. The Forest Service cannot clear the trails due to lack of staff funding and staff diverted to fight forest fires. Despite valiant efforts, there just hasn't been enough volunteer manpower to re-open the trails.

The plan is to hire a youth crew and a veteran's organization to work side by side with OET & BCH volunteers to clear the trails of fallen logs and remove brush as needed. The veterans are saw-certified, and it's possible some of the youth crew will be as well. The rest of the youth crew will limit their work to swamping and brushing. The youth crew will work five to six weeks each summer, while the veterans group will work for one week each summer. These workers will be supported by pack stock supplied by Jon Hjort Enterprises, Back Country Horsemen of Oregon volunteers, and Roseburg OET volunteers. The packers will transport equipment and supplies to remote campsites for the crews, enabling them to stay out and work in remote locations for several days at a time. The work is expected to take five to six weeks each summer for two years. Once the trails are cleared, OET volunteers will install wayfinding signs.



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