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**2022 ALL HANDS, ALL BRANDS FOR YOUR PUBLIC LANDS
BackCountry Hunters & Anglers Lead Brand this year**

This year's projects were adjacent to Little Summit Prairie with fence builds protecting Aspen stands. Two 4 wire fences were built along with a buck and pole fence. Volunteers began showing up as early as June 13th with the primary work day being the 18th.

Guzzlers 1 through 10 along with 900N and 900S were checked with some fence repairs being done, aprons cleaned, water bowls cleaned out and downed trees removed. Past buck and pole builds were also checked. Mud Springs need major work.



Rod Adams mucks out a guzzler water bowl and Eric Brown removes a tree off the Derr Meadow fence.

Derr meadow was in great condition with the meadow looking absolutely gorgeous and very wet!

Monty Gregg, Ochcoco USFS Wildlife Biologist and now also the Blue Mountain Elk Initiative Coordinator and a few other USFS employees began hauling materials and doing preparation work at the sites earlier in the week.

On Friday volunteers cleared out the fence path and laid out materials. Saturday morning arrived with rain and it rained pretty much during the entire day while no complaining was heard, only laughter and praise.



There were several rsvp's that did not show up this year. Likely due to the rain and fuel prices. I would like to do a follow up and contact those that did not show up and learn more about why they did not come in order to try and improve next year's attendance.

Those that did come to this event:

Bend, Redmond, Emerald, Capitol and Yamhill OHA Chapters and Bryan Cook, OHA Field Director.

Johanna Kovarik, USFS Paulina District Ranger. This was a first having a Ranger camp and work with us.

BackCountry Hunters & Anglers from around Oregon along with RMEF and NWTF.

Mikal Cline, ODFW Upland Bird Game Coordinator.

Leland Brown, Oregon Zoo Non Lead Education Coordinator.

Oregon State Police Fish & Wildlife. One Trooper spent some time at a fence build and later two Troopers came to our evening potluck, spent the night and had breakfast with us. It was nice seeing volunteers asking the Troopers questions.

Michael O'Casey, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership Pacific Northwest Field Coordinator.

In all we had 62 people come to Sugarcreek CG for the work project.



Kona the work party mascot. Bryan Cook constructing fence.



Above L: Viggo Toftemark thought he was the oldest volunteer this year. Viggo immigrated from Denmark years ago and said it was great seeing young to old with different political ideals coming together for a common purpose. He said this event is the most fun he has had this year. R: Sam Brown and Leanna enjoying the work.



Elliott Newman helping stack rocks on the rock jack and later winning the youth raffle which was a very nice donation from Sig Sauer of a pair of Sig Sauer Zulu5 10 x 42 HD binocular. Thank you, Sig Sauer.





Upper Right: Saturday night potluck. Tristan Henry and Nick Obradovich, BHA worked the BBQ delivering us all mouth watering 8oz New York Steaks. The skies dried out for our dinner. Upper L: Derr Meadow which was last year's project. L: Ryan Scroggins dishing up his breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham, bacon and beer pancakes provided by BHA. What a fantastic way to close out the weekend with a bunch of great people. Lower: Johanna Kovarik, Paulina Ranger along with Michael O'Casey (TRCP) and his son Owen working a new fence line with several other NGO's.





Michael O'Casey has a reason to smile as he just won the Howa M1500 6.5 PRC with bipod, scope and carbon fiber threaded 5/8 x 24 rifle with an \$1,800 value.

A huge thank you to LEGACY SPORTS INTERNATIONAL for this donation.

Other donors were Worksharp knives, Gerber, Sig Sauer, Havalon Knives, Nosler, BHA, RMEF, NWTF & Bend OHA.

Besides the binoculars Sig Sauer also donated a 3x9 x 40 Whiskey 3 Scope.



BackCountry Hunters & Anglers donated a Traeger "Ranger" Wood Fired Pellet Grill

which came with pellets, spices, and much more. They also gave away a Yeti Cooler. To say these items were over the top is an understatement.



Mikal Cline with her mother providing music entertainment which was enjoyed by several. Nick Obradovich also brought his harmonica skills to the evening fun.

What we accomplished:

Approximately 1 mile of wire fence build at two locations and a buck and pole fence which was about 360 feet long.

Volunteer hours for the fence build: 338 hours @ a volunteer rate of \$29.95 per hour or \$10,123.

Volunteer hours for the Wednesday/Thursday Guzzler and old project maintenance: 116 hours = \$3,474.



Travel to/from home: 269 hours.

Obviously, we did not care that it was raining. Below: Bill Littlefield and Trooper Joe Zimmerman, OSP F&W Prineville attaching fence wire.



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