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BEND CHAPTER

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Monner Springs Guzzler Re-Build September 20, 2022

In early August Monty Gregg, Ochoco USFS Wildlife Biologist contacted me to see if there was an interest in rebuilding a guzzler in the grasslands that was damaged in the 2015 Emerson Fire. The location is east of Madras. In addition, there is approximately one mile of fence that needs to be rebuilt. Don Clark, Brian Gainer and I met with Monty at the site on August 15 and decided that we did want to repair the guzzler and attempt to do it in September rather than wait for the proposed time period in November.



ODFW Bend was very generous and provided us with the metal sheeting and most everything we needed. The Bend Chapter spent just over \$200 for additional materials. Today a group of nine went to the location and completed the project.



What we did:

Cleared a path with a weed eater to the site and around the guzzler.

Moved dirt that was under the guzzler where 2" x 6" lumber would be contacting it.

Removed old metal sheeting and damaged 2" x 6" lumber.

Re-built rain gutter and re-attached to new lumber.

Removed one dead tree next to the guzzler.

Installed a 2" x 6" x 12' brace under the guzzler cross braces.

Placed wire mesh screen over the top of rain gutter to keep animals from getting into it.

Installed new metal sheeting and extended it 2' further at the high end.

Installed 2" x 6" lumber at two locations on top of the metal sheeting to keep snow from sliding off.

Installed one smooth wire around the guzzler at the top of the T posts.

Inspected interior of tank closest to water bowl and ran a snake line from one tank to the other. Ran a snake line from water bowl to first water tank.

Remove dirt and debris from water bowl and around it in attempt to direct any water/mud from running into the bowl. Also placed lumber around the water bowl at edge of concrete to additional help with this issue.

L: Brian and Terry Gainer. R: Roger Points



Rex Parks, Bend Chapter President inspecting a tank.



Lots of movement and activity happening below.



Between initial sight visit and today 10 members were responsible for this guzzler build occurring for a total of 97 hours of volunteer time and approximately 540 vehicle miles.



L to R: Larry Sharp, Rex Parks, Roger Points, Dan Ramming, Teri Gainer, Greg Petsch, Brian Gainer, Eric Brown, Fred Newton.



In conclusion you could not ask for a better group of people that know how to work and get things done.

If you would like to get involved in rewarding activities like this, contact the Bend OHA Chapter. We have a tentative date of November 12 to build a 4-wire wildlife friendly fence at this location. Easy access to the location and the fence will be along a single-track dirt road where we will be able to use ATVs to roll out the wire.

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