

# Olympic Collaborative Website Updates

## 2016-2022

### December Monthly Updates

1.1.23

- Tuesday, December 6th members of the Collaborative met with consulting foresters from Resilient Forestry to discuss budget needs for the '23-'25 biennium and the expansion of their monitoring program.
- December 14th, the Collaborative met to plan final details for the January '23 internal retreat

### November Monthly Updates

12.1.22

- On Tuesday, November 2nd the Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest for their regular quarterly meeting to discuss shared interests and goals for 2023. Topics included collaboration on future stewardship sales in 2023 and updates on ONF's work on the Calawah River Watershed restoration.
- On November 8th the OFC Coordinator met with the Executive Director of the Blue Mountain Forest Partners to share ideas on general forest collaborative funding.
- On November 15th members of the OFC met to plan details for their Collaborative retreat in January.
- On November 30th the OFC Coordinator met with Washington DNR's Forest Resilient staff to learn more about funding for the collaborative in the next biennium.

### October Monthly Updates

11.1.22

- On October 11th, members of the Olympic Collaborative met with an Olympic National Forest Natural Resource Specialist to discuss upcoming stewardship

sales for the 2023/24 calendar year. The Collaborative looks forward to continuing to work with the ONF on priority stewardship sales.

- On October 17th, the Olympic Collaborative met with Representative Derek Kilmer and his staff to provide an annual update and details on Collaborative projects, achievements and long-term goals.
- On October 25th, the Olympic Collaborative Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Networks monthly calls, where she learned about the quantitative risk assessment of wildfires in Eastern and Western Washington from Oregon State University fire ecologists.
- In October, the Olympic Collaborative began planning their first in-person retreat in more than three years. The retreat will take place in early 2023.

## September Monthly Updates

9.30.22

- On September 1st, Resilient Forestry and the Olympic Collaborative presented their AMA over 80 Decision Framework to Olympic National Forest specialists, where they answered questions about the research and process of using the Collaborative's decision framework tool.
- On September 22nd, Collaborative member Dave Marshall presented at the 4th Annual American Forest Resource Council's Emerging Leaders Conference, where he shared about the OFC's history, shared goals, current projects and processes with upcoming leaders in the forest products industry.

## Collaborative Member Presents at 4th Annual American Forest Resource Council's Emerging Leaders Conference

9.29.22

On September 22nd, Collaborative member Dave Marshall, Sierra Pacific Industries, presented at the American Forest Resource Council's 4th Annual Emerging Leaders Conference in Olympia.



Dave presented the Collaborative's history, process of member election, shared goals between forest products industry and conservation, and highlighted the success of Stewardship Sales in collaboration with the Olympic National Forest. The AFRC Emerging Leaders program is intended to promote leadership skill-building for emerging professionals interested in leading the forest products industry throughout their careers.

## **Collaborative Member Joins University of Washington and Olympic Natural Resources Center for Legislative Field Tour**

**9.14.22**

On August 30th, Collaborative member Jill Silver, with 10,000 Years Institute, joined the University of Washington (UW) College of the Environment's Legislative Field Tour to represent the Collaborative's partnership with the Olympic Natural Resources Center and stakeholders who work to improve forest health across the Peninsula.



The two-day tour spanned the Peninsula's geography, from Olympia up through Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge, to Ocean Shores to understand the threat of invasive European green crab impacts on coastal fishers, to Forks and the ONRC for an introduction to the Olympic Experimental State Forest (OESF) T3 Watershed Experiment, the Elwha River Restoration Project, and Jamestown S'Klallam shellfish operations. Alongside Bernard Bormann, ONRC Director, faculty from UW's Forest and Environmental Sciences, and Cori Rendón of the Olympic National Forest, Jill shared the Collaborative's focus and process in developing relationships between stakeholders, thinning prescriptions, and monitoring the forest's response over time. Bernard and Jill reflected on, and how the OESF expands on the Collaborative's example in developing alternatives to standard thinning practices, and how Collaborative projects are designed to improve forest health as well as the local forest product economy. The Collaborative appreciates inclusion in the field tour and looks forward to furthering the partnership with the Olympic Natural Resources Center, UW, and Washington's legislative staff.

## August Monthly Updates

9.6.2022

- In August, the Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest and Washington DNR to discuss funding opportunities for the Collaborative for the 22/23 fiscal year.
- On August 26th, the Olympic Collaborative met with Derek Kilmer's legislative staff to share priority Collaborative goals with the Representative's staff, including timber harvest target goals and aquatic restoration projects on the Olympic National Forest.

- On August 30th, Collaborative member Jill Silver attended the University of Washington-Olympic Natural Resources Center's (ONRC's) Congressional Staff tour on the Peninsula, where she shared about the Collaborative's work from 2014 to present and the OFC's partnership with the ONRC.

## Collaborative Shares 2022 Monitoring Report

8.8.22

The Olympic Forest Collaborative is excited to share their [2022 Monitoring Report](#), prepared in collaboration by consulting foresters Resilient Forestry and their team, Bernard Bormann of the UW Natural Resources Center, Jill Silver of 10,000 Years Institute, and Patricia Jones of the Olympic Forest Coalition.



Resilient Forestry in the field

The report provides detail and analysis on the Collaborative's ongoing pre-treatment and post-treatment monitoring programs for several stewardship sales, including Queets Corner, Humptulips, Big Stew, Orchard-Loner, H to Z and WWB. Of those projects, Queets Corner is the only one thus far that has had both pre-treatment monitoring and post-treatment monitoring. Treatment effects for the Queets Corner sale range from a reduction in density, a reduction in understory cover and understory diversity. The report notes that, "the effects of recent forest operations were still a dominant factor for these [results]." Read the [full monitoring report](#), or visit the [Monitoring Forest Health](#) page on our website. The Olympic Collaborative looks forward to working with their collaborators on future monitoring programs and is seeking funding for further monitoring work.

## July Monthly Updates

8.2.22

- On July 1st, Resilient Forestry shared with the Collaborative a 2022 OFC Monitoring Report. This was done in partnership with Jill Silver (10,000 Years Institute), Patricia Jones (Olympic Forest Coalition), and Bernard Bormann (Olympic Natural Resources Center at University of Washington).
- In July, Resilient Forestry installed post-treatment monitoring plots for the Collaborative's Orchard-Loner sale. They also made progress on their RMZ thinning project for the Boomerang sale.
- On July 21st, the Olympic Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest for their quarterly leadership meeting in which they discussed their partnership in relation to various restoration thinning projects and funding efforts across the Forest.
- On July 25th the Collaborative released their consensus-based statement regarding the Canyon Restoration Project and the Olympic National Forest's Over 80 AMA policy. The statement was released during the ONF's Canyon Scoping Comment Period. The statement can be viewed on the OFC website.
- On July 28th, OFC Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network's monthly meeting where they met with the Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition to discuss how climate change impacts vary and present across Region 6 for different collaboratives in Washington and Oregon.

## Olympic Collaborative Releases Statement on the Canyon Forest Restoration Project within the Olympic National Forest's Adaptive Management Area

7/25/22





“The Olympic Forest Collaborative is looking forward to implementing a project to conduct a vegetation management treatment in the Adaptive Management Area (AMA) of the Olympic National Forest (ONF) near Sequim, WA in Clallam County. The potential project would come out of an environmental assessment, the Canyon Forest Restoration Project, being developed by the ONF, which is currently at the scoping stage of the National Environmental Policy Act review. This project will explore the use of a science-based and informed decision framework to identify the need for treatment in stands over age 80 in the AMA. The Collaborative’s contract foresters, Resilient Forestry, conducted a literature review of recent science and developed the framework for use on Collaborative projects. The goal of the framework is to employ a transparent and credible science-based decision tool to identify stands that can benefit from treatments to accelerate the goals of achieving desired future conditions that support late seral species such as the Northern Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet. The Collaborative projects include commercial thinning treatments. The members of the Collaborative have agreed to use this decision framework on Collaborative projects in AMA stands over 80 and will adapt and/or modify the framework over time as we evaluate results and conditions on the ground. All Collaborative projects follow the ONF Management Plan and any amendments to that plan under the Northwest Forest Plan, including NEPA analysis. Our reports on monitoring and evaluation of Collaborative projects can be found on our [Monitoring](#) page. The Collaborative encourages and welcomes review and comments.”

## June Monthly Updates

7/1/2022

- June 13th-17th consulting foresters Resilient Forestry completed the stand exams, posting and painting, boundary traversal, temp road and landing layout for the Boomerang project in the Wynoochee watershed.
- Also in June, Resilient scouted several potential locations for an RMZ pilot project.
- Resilient also installed several monitoring plots on the Orchard-Loner project area.
- On June 17th, the Olympic National Forest released a press release stating that the public scoping and comment period is open for the Canyon Forest Restoration Project. The public scoping period is open until July 25th. More information can be found on the [ONF website](#).
- On June 27th, 28th and 29th consulting foresters Resilient Forestry worked in partnership with the ONF to complete the timber cruise for the Collaborative's Boomerang project in the Wynoochee watershed.

## Olympic Collaborative Hosts Big Stew Field Tour

*6/7/2022*

Scroll through the whole Story Map below or [click here](#) to view it in a bigger browser.

## May Monthly Updates

*June 1, 2022*

- On May 3rd, Collaborative consulting foresters Resilient Forestry and their crew completed stand exams for the Boomerang Stewardship Sale.
- On May 4th, Collaborative member Jill Silver (10,000 Years Institute) gave a talk on invasive plant removal on the Peninsula for the Olympic Experimental State Forest science conference.
- On May 9th-12th, Resilient Forestry and their assisted the Olympic National Forest in marking timber sale cuts for the Humptulips Stewardship Sale.
- On May 14th the Collaborative, along with our Olympic National Forest Partners and consulting foresters Resilient Forestry, led a field tour for the Lake Cushman Firewise Council and Lake Cushman community members. More information and a StoryMap of our field tour is forthcoming.
- On May 27th the Olympic Collaborative Coordinator, along with OFC Co-Chairs, attended the Region 6 Forest Service briefing with Regional Forester Glenn Casamassa.



## April Monthly Updates

5/2/2022

- On April 8th the Olympic Forest Collaborative met with the Washington Department of Natural Resources GNA Program Specialist to discuss ways of working together towards aquatic restoration goals on the Olympic National Forest.
- On April 14th the Olympic Forest Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest for their quarterly meeting and discussed shared restoration priorities and upcoming key stewardship items.
- On April 20th the Olympic Forest Collaborative's Conservation Caucus attended a presentation by Resilient Forestry on recent research on AMA over 80 thinning prescriptions.

## The Olympic Forest Collaborative Welcomes Olympic National Forest Deputy Forest Supervisor

4/28/2022

Susan Beall has joined the Olympic National Forest as the Deputy Forest Supervisor, which became effective on March 14, 2022.



Credit: Olympic National Forest.

Beall recently served as the Lands Zone Lead for the Western and Central Oregon Lands Zone which provides Realty and Boundary Management services to seven National Forests in the Pacific Northwest Region including lands adjustments, access, title, and landline surveys. Beall began her career for the Siuslaw National Forest as a visitor information specialist and worked in various positions over the years. The Olympic Forest Collaborative welcomes this collaboration to work alongside the Olympic National Forest and the Deputy Forest Supervisor in prioritizing predictable timber harvests and improving watershed health through aquatic restoration projects.

## March Monthly Updates

3/31/2022

- On March 8th, the Olympic Forest Collaborative and partners from the Wild Salmon Center, Wild Earth Guardians, Coast Salmon Partnership, and Trout Unlimited met with the Olympic National Forest to discuss shared restoration priorities across the peninsula.
- On March 17th, Resilient Forestry accompanied the Olympic National Forest staff on the Orchard Loner site to support the completion of the cruise.
- On March 22nd the Collaborative Coordinator met with DNR-GNA program specialists to discuss opportunities for supporting restoration work on the Olympic National Forest, which will be followed up with a meeting with the Collaborative.

## February Monthly Updates

2/28/2022

- On February 7th, Members of the Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest to finalize discussions around the Adaptive Management Area over 80 Policy, including receiving a scientific literature review of both historic and recent AMA over 80 research from Resilient Forestry.
- On February 15th, the Olympic Collaborative Coordinator attended the Washing Forest Collaborative Network monthly call to discuss strategies for collaborative funding and learn about a new grant program provided by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.
- On February 16th, the Olympic Collaborative attended a presentation by Olympic National Forest's Andrew Stonebreaker on flood and storm damage from the November 2021 atmospheric river that heavily impacted the Olympic Peninsula.
- Throughout February, Collaborative Members met with our local restoration partners from the Coastal Salmon Partnership, Wild Salmon Center, Wild Earth Guardians, and Trout Unlimited to discuss our shared restoration goals on the Olympic Peninsula.

## Collaborative Supports Olympic National Forest in Identifying and Responding to Forest Health Needs Post-Atmospheric River

2/16/2022



At a junction on the 2900 Rd. Photo by Thomas O'Keefe

On February 16th, the Olympic Collaborative attended a presentation by Olympic National Forest (ONF) Hydrologist, Andrew Stonebreaker, on flood and storm damage from the November 2021 atmospheric river that heavily impacted the Olympic Peninsula and the Olympic National Forest. Stonebreaker presented an interactive map of the atmospheric river damage along the ONF 2900 Road, including culvert inlets plugged by debris flow, small landslides, surface slumps, and culvert blowouts. Atmospheric rivers are large bands of water vapor from tropical waters that, when they meet land, release unprecedented amounts of moisture. Atmospheric rivers can be beneficial at the best of times, such as alleviating drought, and extremely hazardous at other times, such as last November's storm. As these extreme events occur more frequently with climate change, the Olympic Forest Collaborative is committed to supporting the Olympic National Forest and our Lead Entity partners to identify and respond to these sites, our shared goals being to maintain water quality, forest health and accessibility conditions for everyone impacted on the Olympic Peninsula.

## January Monthly Updates

1/31/2022

- On January 10th the Olympic Collaborative met with their Olympic National Forest partners for their quarterly leadership meeting, where they discussed project timelines and restoration goals.
- On January 11th and 12th the Collaborative Coordinator attended ONF's Stewardship and KV Authority Workshops.
- On January 12th, the Olympic Collaborative hosted a virtual public meeting presenting our stakeholders project updates, funding announcements, monitoring protocol, and hosted a Q & A session.

## **Olympic Forest Collaborative Hosts Virtual Public Meeting**

1/12/2022

On January 12th, 2022 the Olympic Forest Collaborative hosted a virtual public meeting to engage their stakeholders and community members in a discussion around current projects, funding updates, and the Collaborative's newly completed monitoring protocol. Thank you to all of our stakeholders who attended to listen, provide feedback and prompt the Collaborative with questions. Thank you to stakeholders who brought up concerns regarding Forest Road 29 and Forest Road 30. We look forward to working together to address these issues.

## **Washington Department of Natural Resources Awards Collaborative Funding to Work with Olympic National Forest on the Boomerang Timber Sale**

12/20/2021





Resilient Forestry crew captures a small waterfall in the Boomerang project area in the Wynoochee watershed.

In December, the Collaborative's consulting foresters, Resilient Forestry, signed a contract with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) solidifying \$30,000 in funding to begin work alongside the Olympic National Forest (ONF) on the Boomerang Timber Sale in the Wynoochee watershed. The scope of work focuses on 546 acres within the **Wynoochee Restoration Project Area**. The WDNR will also be providing an additional \$70,000 of funding directly to the ONF to support increased rock resources for road maintenance and reforestation plantings of drought tolerant species. The Collaborative supports crucial forest health monitoring for each of their ONF projects, and their recently finalized **Monitoring and Evaluation Protocol** helps to formalize their monitoring program. The Collaborative is still seeking funding for the monitoring portion of this project. All of this work illustrates great partnerships that increase the pace and scale of forest health and forest restoration work on the Peninsula.

## November & December Monthly Updates

*12/15/2021*

December:

- On 12/13 the Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest to discuss restoration priorities to work towards together
- On 12/13 the Collaborative met with Representative Derek Kilmer to update his team on Collaborative projects

## November :

- On 11/3 members of the Olympic Collaborative met with Resilient Forestry and the Olympic National Forest to discuss the AMA over 80 policy. They continue their scientific literature review.
- On 11/17 the Collaborative met with Washington Department of Natural Resources' Good Neighbor Authority Program to discuss funding updates and ways to collaborate.

## October Monthly Updates

11/1/2021

- On 10/4 the Olympic Forest Collaborative hired their new coordinator, Olivia Awbrey
- On 10/5-10/8, consulting foresters Resilient Forestry completed suitable nesting tree surveys for the Marbled Murrelet and the Northern Spotted Owl at the Wynoochee area project site.
- On 10/8 the Olympic National Forest signed the Humptulips Thinning NEPA Decision
- On 10/14 the Olympic Collaborative met with Olympic National Forest to discuss improving strategies to work better together
- The collaborative continues to solicit feedback on their monitoring protocol from collaborative stakeholders.

## Olympic National Forest Signs Decision on Olympic Collaborative Thinning Project

10/8/2021





Humptulips Watershed. Photo Courtesy of the Olympic National Forest.

On October 8th, the Olympic National Forest (ONF) signed the Humptulips thinning project Decision Memo, which includes forest thinning, culvert removal, stream habitat restoration, and other aquatic restoration items. The Humptulips watershed is approximately 17 miles south of Quinault in Grays Harbor County, Washington. The area is a Western-Hemlock dominated site, with some Douglas-fir, Western Red Cedar and Red Alder. The Olympic Forest Collaborative has worked to assist and support the development of this project and will help with pre-sale activities as well as pre- and post monitoring of forest health.

### **Olympic Forest Collaborative Welcomes Olivia Awbrey as New Coordinator**

*10/4/2021*



The Olympic Forest Collaborative is excited to announce we have hired Olivia Awbrey as the new coordinator! The coordinator role continues to provide key support to the collaborative, overseeing internal and external communication, facilitating meetings that move the collaborative forward, and public outreach. Olivia brings more than six years of experience in communications and public organizing, including her strong interest in collaborative governance and hydrology. A PNW resident for the last 20 years, Olivia is passionate about finding long-term solutions within forest management that meet the needs of all communities involved. Feel free to reach out to Olivia at [olivia.olympicfc@gmail.com](mailto:olivia.olympicfc@gmail.com)

## **September Monthly Updates**

*10/1/2021*

- On 9/1 OFC consulting foresters Resilient Forestry completed the pre-treatment monitoring of the Humptulips project area.
- On 9/1-2, 9/13-14, 9/16 Resilient Forestry completed the post-treatment monitoring at the Queets Corner project area.
- On 9/15 Resilient Forestry completed GPS marking of the Orchard-Loner project area.
- On 9/27 the Olympic Forest Collaborative hired Olivia Awbrey as their new coordinator

## The Olympic National Forest Supports Milepost 16.1 Culvert Replacement as a High Priority Project in Sitkum Watershed

9/2/2021



Sun beams

through the trees on the H to Z project site. Photo courtesy of Jill Silver.

After receiving support from the project sponsor, Clallam Conservation District, and many partner organizations including the Wild Salmon Center, Trout Unlimited, and the Quileute Tribe, the Olympic Forest Collaborative is pleased to announce that Olympic National Forest has approved up to \$200,000 to be applied to Milepost 16.1 Culvert Replacement from the Collaborative's H to Z stewardship thinning project's retained receipts. This project is listed as an Essential Project in the ONF's Sitkum Watershed Restoration Action Plan and has been added to the Olympic National Forest's FS RD 2900 Aquatic Restoration Project list. The culvert replacement will prevent damage to the 29 Road and protect Sitkum River aquatic habitats. We look forward to improving the health of the Sitkum watershed alongside the Forest and all watershed partners. .

**August Monthly Updates**

9/1/2021

- On July 28th-August 6th, Collaborative consultants Resilient Forestry completed the stand walkthroughs, road surveys, and stream surveys on the Wynoochee project site.
- On August 3rd-6th and 26th-31st, Resilient Forestry completed the installation of the pre-treatment monitoring plots for Humptulips project area.
- On August 8th-13th, Resilient Forestry also completed the posting, painting, and GPS for the Orchard-Loner project.
- On August 20th-September 2nd, Resilient Forestry completed the post-treatment monitoring plots for Queets Corner project area using the collaborative's newly minted monitoring protocol.
- On August 20th, the collaborative participated in a second field tour for Queets Corner project area.
- On August 25th, the Collaborative put out an announcement for a new Olympic Collaborative Coordinator. The previous coordinator, Anna Shepherd, took a full-time consulting position. The Collaborative wishes Anna well in her new role!

## **Collaborative Participates in Second of Two Field Tours of Queets Corner Project**

8/20/2021

Members of the Olympic Collaborative joined representatives from the Olympic National Forest, Olympic Natural Resources Center on two field tours to look at the Queets Corner project while it is being harvested. Both field tours were hosted by the WA Department of Natural Resources, which ran the bidding process for the sale under the Good Neighbor Authority focused on combining state and federal forestry capacity. Queets Corner is the second GNA sale on the Olympic Peninsula. The Olympic Forest Collaborative was responsible for providing the sale layout, boundaries, prescription and much of the pre-sale work for the project. The group also got to look at several miles of no longer needed DNR roads that will be decommissioned to restore watershed health.





**Collaborative to Work with ONF on Wynoochee Restoration and Road Management Project**

*8/13/2021*



Resilient Forestry field crew captures a view of the Wynoochee project site. Photo courtesy of Resilient Forestry.

The Olympic Forest Collaborative is excited to announce that the Environmental Assessment for the Wynoochee Restoration and Road Management project has been signed by the Forest Service, as of August 13th, 2021. The Collaborative provided comments during the draft plan public comment period. The Wynoochee project encompasses more than 40,000 acres managed by the Olympic National Forest in Grays Harbor County. The EA found the following needs for this project are: (1) to increase structural and habitat diversity via reducing the density of trees in second-growth LSRs; (2) to contribute to the economic vitality of local communities; (3) to improve Riparian Reserve conditions to meet Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives; and, (4) to create a road system that meets transportation needs while reducing risk to aquatic habitats. The OFC is assisting the ONF with a restoration thinning stewardship sale for one of the units as part of the final decision.

## July Monthly Updates

8/01/21

- On 7/10 the Olympic Collaborative solicited feedback from the public on their monitoring protocol through their website.
- On 7/15 the Olympic Collaborative posted a new web video detailing the mission, goals and accomplishments of the Collaborative.
- On 7/30 the Olympic Collaborative joined representatives from WA DNR and the Olympic National Forest to participate in a field tour of the Queets Corner Project while it was being harvested.



## **Olympic Forest Collaborative Releases New Video!**

*7/15/21*

Over the past year, the Olympic Forest Collaborative has worked with Shane Anderson of North Fork Studios to produce an outreach video sharing the mission, goals, and accomplishments of the Olympic Forest Collaborative with input from Collaborative members the Olympic National Forest and U.S. Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA06). The video was made possible by a grant from the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Check it out and share!

## **We want your feedback on the Olympic Forest Collaborative's New Monitoring Protocol**

*7/10/21*



In addition to assisting the Olympic National Forest with implementing more restoration thinning projects and funding priority aquatic restoration work, the Olympic Forest Collaborative has developed a Monitoring and Evaluation Protocol that we apply to the projects we work on. We recognize that every Collaborative project should be monitored thoroughly and uniformly to highlight the meaningful ecological changes affected by treatments and to allow for direct comparisons and to provide lessons learned for the future. The Monitoring and Evaluation plan has been developed with input from the University of Washington's Olympic Natural Resources Center, the Olympic National Forest, and Resilient Forestry.

We welcome and appreciate any feedback our community has to share with us. Check out the document and let us know what you think by [clicking here](#).

## June Monthly Updates

*7/1/21*

- On 6/14, members of the Collaborative met with ONF leadership and staff to discuss Orchard Loner, Wynoochee, and Humptulips sales.
- On 6/14, Collaborative members and ONF leadership discussed draft Collaborative Monitoring and Evaluation Protocol, and the virtual consultation with stakeholders set to launch July – September online and with a virtual public meeting.
- On 6/30, the Olympic Collaborative released a new story map on its website detailing its past projects with the Olympic National Forest.
- On 6/30, members of the Collaborative hosted interested Collaborative funders in a site visit to H to Z.

## Our new OFC projects story map is here!

*6/30/21*

Scroll down to take a virtual tour of our project sites around the Olympic Peninsula.

## May Monthly Updates

*6/01/21*

- On 5/4, members of the Collaborative met with ONF staff to discuss final logistics and steps for the Orchard-Loner stewardship sale.

- On 5/6, members of the Collaborative met with ONF staff to discuss progress and timing on upcoming vegetation management projects in the Dungeness watershed.
- On 5/18, our Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network's monthly facilitator call.
- On 5/26, the Collaborative met with ONF staff to share and collect feedback on our new draft Monitoring Protocol.

## **April Monthly Updates**

*5/01/21*

- On 4/2 the Collaborative shared a draft Letter of Agreement with Olympic National Forest.
- On 4/30, the Collaborative shared a draft protocol for identifying priority projects for the application of retained receipts with Olympic National Forest.
- On 4/14 and 4/28, the Collaborative met with staff from Olympic National Forest to support work on shared projects and priorities.
- This month, the Collaborative worked with staff from the Department of Natural Resources and Olympic National Forest to align priority projects for an upcoming round of state funding.

## **March Monthly Updates**

*4/01/21*

- On 3/04, the Collaborative shared a stakeholder sign-on letter with Olympic National Forest, supporting the application of the retained receipts from the HtoZ sale for the culvert replacement at milepost 16.1 on FS road 2900.
- ON 3/16, our Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network's monthly facilitator call

## **Collaborative submits application for key funding**

*3/31/21*



This month the Collaborative submitted an application for the Building Forest Partnerships grant program through the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This grant funds our Coordinator position, which increases the capacity of the Collaborative to broaden our work while meaningfully engaging stakeholders and partners. The DNR has been a valuable partner in this work and we appreciate the opportunity to be considered once again for this key funding.

## **Collaborative and Partners Work Together to Promote Funding Priority Project in the Sitkum Watershed**

*3/04/21*





This month the Collaborative drafted and finalized a letter expressing our support for the use of \$200,000 in retained receipts from the HtoZ thinning project toward funding a culvert replacement at Milepost 16.1 on Forest Service road 2900. The letter, signed by a number of key stakeholders, encourages the Forest Service to apply the funding to the culvert replacement, which has been regionally ranked as a high priority due to both the imminent need to avoid slope failure and its importance for aquatic organism passage. The Collaborative greatly appreciates the support from the Clallam Conservation District, the restoration project sponsor, and all who provided support for this effort. If our request is granted, this will be a significant step towards securing the needed funds for this priority project.

To read the full letter, [click here](#).

## **February Monthly Updates**

*3/01/21*

- On 2/25 members of OFC met with Olympic National Forest leadership to discuss progress and next steps around Collaborative projects and forest priorities.
- 2/16 our Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network meeting to check in with other Coordinators around the region.
- In February DNR released the Request for Proposals for the Building Forest Partnerships grant program, which the Olympic Forest Collaborative is eligible to apply for up to \$50,000.
- In February, members of the Collaborative met with Olympic National Forest to discuss progress on Orchard Loner and Humptulips projects, and with the Department of Natural Resources Forest Health Division to discuss progress on and future opportunities around the Collaborative's work.

## January Monthly Updates

2/01/21

- On 1/15, the Collaborative developed and submitted a list of proposed projects for priority consideration for the Department of Natural Resources All Lands Forest Restoration funding program.
- On 1/06 The Collaborative met with WA DNR to discuss upcoming grant opportunities and potential projects on the ONF to be considered.
- On 1/08 the Collaborative's restoration subcommittee met to discuss opportunities for support and outreach around priority aquatic restoration projects on the ONF
- On 1/19, the Collaborative Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network meeting, where the Department of Natural Resources shared details of the 20 year forest health strategic plan.

## New Story Map Highlights On-the-ground Work by our Consulting Foresters

We're excited to be able to share some of the important work that Resilient Forestry leads in support of our restoration thinning and monitoring programs. We invite you to scroll through



the slides below for a closer look at the work our Consulting Foresters do in the field, and hear them explain in their own words how it benefits Collaborative forestry.

To view the story map on archgis.com [click here](#)

## **December Monthly Updates**

*1/01/21*

- In December, Resilient Forestry hired a new Project Manager, Allison Rossman. Allison will be taking over the responsibilities of Ben Barenboim. As part of the transition, Ben recently led a field tour to the Humptulips site to help familiarize Allison with the field work Resilient Forestry does. Thank you Ben, and welcome Allison!

## **Collaborative and ONF tour potential new restoration thinning project**



On 11/20, members of the Collaborative met Olympic National Forest staff to tour a site that is being considered for a new restoration thinning project in the Dungeness watershed. It was a great opportunity to have a productive conversation on how we can creatively meet the challenge of stewarding healthy forests amid dynamic and changing conditions, while spending the day outside getting some fresh air.

The Collaborative is grateful to ONF staff for hosting this opportunity to have a hands-on discussion while taking steps to ensure the health and safety of all participants regarding Covid-19 risk. This meant not only wearing masks and maintaining physical distance throughout the day, but also accommodating the need for extra photos and video of the site for those who are participating in the conversation remotely.

We look forward to continuing these conversations and are excited about the opportunities ahead!

## **November Monthly Updates**



12/01/20

- This month, Resilient Forestry worked with ONF to discuss next steps on the Orchard-Loner stewardship sale.
- On 11/6 the Collaborative held our quarterly leadership meeting with ONF staff.
- On 11/17, our Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network meeting.
- On 11/18, members of the Collaborative met with ONF Supervisor, Kelly Lawrence, to discuss future projects and collaboration moving forward.
- This month, members of the collaborative worked with the Wild Salmon Center to discuss aquatic restoration priorities.

## **Collaborative members and Partners share perspective on Restoration Thinning and Stewardship Sales for a new video**



On a sunny late October Wednesday, several of our Board members met at a campground in the Olympic National Forest to film interviews for an informational video about the Collaborative. The video will feature some of our members and key partners discussing the diverse interests represented by the Collaborative, and the benefits for communities when stakeholders work together. We're very excited to have the opportunity to create this important tool for outreach, and look forward to sharing it with our community in the coming months!

## **October Monthly Updates**

*11/01/20*

This month, our Consulting Foresters and members of the Collaborative worked with the Forest Service on next steps for the Orchard Loaner stewardship sale.

On 10/20, our Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network's monthly Facilitator meeting. The group shared successes and challenges facing Forest Collaboration in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, including strategies for connecting with members and partners in safe ways.

## **Wildfire Season is Here**

*10/01/20*





It has been a difficult month for almost everyone on the west coast, as wildfires driven by high winds and unusually dry conditions burned over five million acres in Washington, Oregon, and California. Most of us faced hazardous air quality, many thousands of people were displaced from their homes, and some lost loved ones. Our thoughts are with all those who were and continue to be impacted by the fires, and our deepest condolences go out to those who are grieving. We also would like to thank all of the firefighters who work tirelessly to protect communities. As a forestry collaborative, we represent multiple perspectives on forest management, but our common ground is the desire for healthy, resilient forests and thriving communities. We know that for many who were impacted by these fires, the recovery is just beginning, and we are committed to continuing to support our partners and stakeholders and work responsively to the changing realities we face.

## **September 2020 Monthly Updates**

*10/01/20*

- This month our Consulting Foresters completed the flagging and layout for the Orchard Loner project site, and installed monitoring plots at the WWB project site.
- On 9/23, the Collaborative received notice that a draft Decision Notice and final Environmental Assessment is available for the Wynoochee Restoration Project. The Collaborative looks forward to working with the Forest Service to identify opportunities to assist with capacity on future restoration thinning projects following this decision.

## **August 2020 Monthly Updates**

*9/01/20*

- In August, our Consulting Foresters met with Olympic National Forest staff to discuss the possibility of a tether logging system for appropriate units in the Orchard-Loner project.
- Working with our Consulting Foresters, the Collaborative completed the draft prescription for the Orchard-Loner project.
- On 8/20, the Collaborative met with Representative Derek Kilmer and his staff to update them on recent progress and accomplishments.
- On 8/18, the Olympic Forest Collaborative Coordinator attended the Washington Forest Collaborative Network meeting
- On 8/24, the collaborative met with the Washington Department of Natural Resources Forest Health Division about future funding opportunities for collaboratives in Washington State.
- On 8/27/20, the Collaborative provided a formal letter responding to a request for feedback on the Washington Department of Natural Resource's legislative priorities related to forest health funding for the next biennium.
- In August, the Olympic Forest Collaborative finalized multiple Collaborative documents including a new fact sheet highlighting recent accomplishments and goals, and a timeline of significant collaborative events.

## **August Monitoring Progress**

*9/01/20*



The Olympic Forest Collaborative is developing a monitoring plan for new stewardship projects on the national forest, and recently released an interim summary of progress in this area. The collaborative has received input on the plan from Olympic Natural Resources Council, the US Forest Service, and Resilient Forestry. To read our summary of recent monitoring progress, [click here](#).

## July 2020 Monthly Update

*8/01/20*

- On 7/15, members of the Collaborative met with Olympic National Forest leadership to discuss progress on forest restoration projects and possibilities for future collaborative work.
- The Washington Forest Collaborative Network held its monthly facilitator call on 7/21, which was attended by our OFC Coordinator. The call focused on some ways that forest collaboratives can adapt to changing economic conditions in the near future.
- On 7/13, the Collaborative officially welcomed the new ownership of Resilient Forestry on our bi weekly call. We look forward to continuing the great work with Sean and Miles!
- Working with our Consulting Foresters, the Collaborative completed several objectives on the Orchard-Loner project during the month of July. These included the layout and boundary flagging of D units, as well as Orchard units 1 and 2. In addition to the boundaries, our forestry team flagged wetlands at the project site to ensure their protection during the harvest process.

## Monitoring is Underway at Queets Corner

*7/18/20*



photo courtesy of Paul Fischer

This month, members of the Collaborative conducted monitoring at the Queets Corner project site, using both drone imagery and on-the-ground observation. Monitoring begins before harvesting a new project, so that the change in overall health of the forest can be assessed following the treatment. On the ground, our invasive plant specialist documented the presence of invasive species and began some initial work to remove them, with plans to continue this work with a team in the near future. In the air, drone flights took images of the forest pre-treatment, which will allow us to compare the condition of the forest before and after the thinning is done. The images are also a great way to show the differences in thinned vs unthinned forests, on a landscape scale. The Collaborative will continue to monitor the Queets Corner site and share the findings with our community.

## **June 2020 Monthly Update**



**7/01/20**

- On June 12<sup>th</sup>, members of the Collaborative were invited to give an update at the Skykomish Watershed Action Team meeting.
- The Collaborative completed a draft prescription for the Humptulips harvest unit
- Working with our Consulting Forester and Olympic National Forest staff, the Collaborative completed a site visit at the Orchard Loamer project to assess preliminary layout, logging systems, and prescription.

## **Collaborative Welcomes New Ownership at Resilient Forestry**

**6/29/20**

The Olympic Forest Collaborative is excited to welcome the new owners of Resilient Forestry, Sean Jeronimo and Miles LeFevre. Resilient Forestry plays a key consulting role in the collaborative – providing the on the ground expertise to drive our restoration forestry work on the Olympic Peninsula. The Collaborative greatly appreciates the support and expertise of Paul Fischer over the past two years in his role as owner of Resilient Forestry. Paul will continue to support the Collaborative as he moves into his new role as Senior Forester for King County, and we extend our warmest wishes and congratulations to him in this next step!



Sean has forest management, research, and analysis experience from up and down the West Coast, and National Forest collaborative experience in eastern Washington and Arizona. He specializes in forest restoration and analytics. Sean earned his PhD in forest ecology from the University of Washington.



Miles has a wide range of expertise in forest restoration and management. His work experience includes summers as a wildland fire fighter, field mapping old-growth forests, and using remotely-sensed datasets to model landscape-scale forest management scenarios. Miles earned both undergraduate and Master's degrees in forest ecology from the University of Washington.



**Collaborative Works with Forest Service, Tribes, and Conservation District to Create a "win-win" for Forest Restoration**

*6/12/20*





This Spring, the Olympic Forest Collaborative worked with the Olympic National Forest, Skokomish Tribe, and the Mason Conservation District to resolve a potential conflict regarding two restoration opportunities on the forest. The Forest had offered the Orchard Loaner stewardship sale to the Collaborative, supported by grant funding from DNR. Another engineered log jam restoration proposal, supported by the Mason conservation district and Skokomish tribe required targeted trees which were most readily available from the Orchard location. Olympic National Forest was able to offer replacement acreage for the Collaborative stewardship sale, clearing the way for the engineered log jam to proceed as well. The Collaborative appreciates the support of Olympic National Forest in turning this challenge into an opportunity to increase forest stewardship on the Olympic Peninsula. On June 12th, a member of Olympic Forest Collaborative was invited to the Skokomish Watershed Action Team meeting, where they had the opportunity to report on this exciting “win-win” for restoration.



# May 2020 Monthly Update

*6/01/20*

- On May 18, The Olympic Forest Collaborative announced their new Coordinator Anna Shepherd. The Coordinator will support the Collaborative by leading internal and external communication as well as overseeing administrative tasks, adding critical capacity to our work.
- In May, the Olympic Forest Collaborative held zoom interviews with nine candidates for the Collaborative coordinator position.
- On May 27, the Queets Corner project was sold to Skagit Logging and Construction for \$25/MBF. The Queets Corner is a project that the Olympic Forest Collaborative has provided support to the Olympic National Forest with presale planning, thinning prescription, monitoring protocols, and field layout. The sale includes 578 MBF of 60-year old stands that will be part of a restoration thinning to expedite late successional characteristics.
- In May, the Collaborative worked with the Forest Service to identify and secure replacement acreage following some changes to the Orchard/Loaner stewardship sale.

## Collaborative Queets Corner Project Sold

*5/27/20*

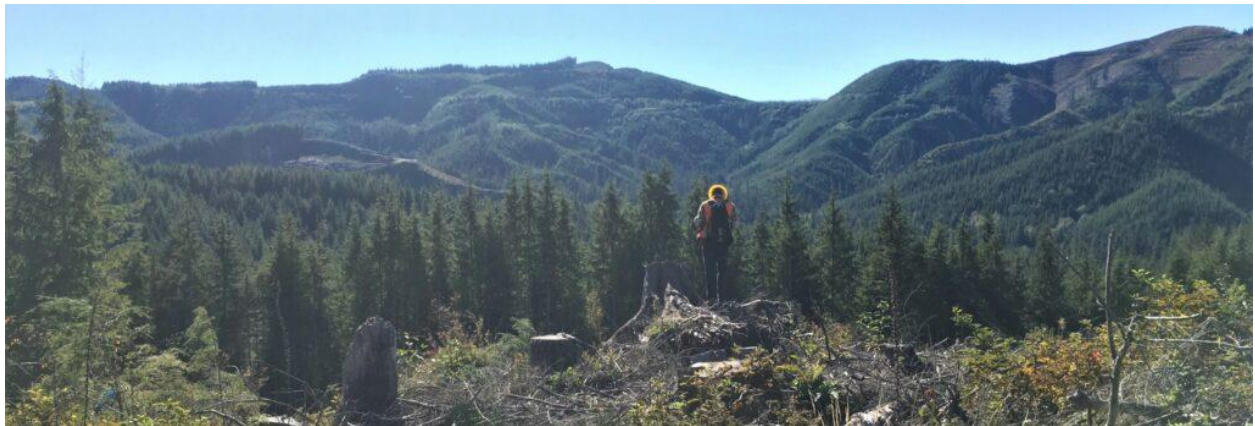


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The Queets Corner Project was supported by the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) program at the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Project auction, contracting and compliance will be overseen by DNR GNA staff with engagement from the US Forest Service. The GNA program is focused on providing DNR expertise to increase capacity on federal lands for timber harvest as well as terrestrial and aquatic restoration projects.

## **Olympic Forest Collaborative Welcomes Anna Shepherd as New Coordinator**

*5/18/20*

The Olympic Forest Collaborative is excited to announce that we have hired Anna Shepherd to be the new Olympic Forest Collaborative Coordinator! The Coordinator will support the Collaborative by leading internal and external communication as well as overseeing administrative tasks, adding critical capacity to our work. With her background in Environmental Education and Community Engagement, Anna is passionate about bringing people together to find creative solutions to stewardship that meet the needs of all communities. As a lifelong resident of the Pacific Northwest, Anna knows the importance of our forests and is excited to help ensure that they continue to provide cultural, economic, and ecological benefits to communities on the Olympic Peninsula for generations to come.



If you have any questions for Anna about her work with the collaborative please reach out at [ashepherd.ofc@gmail.com](mailto:ashepherd.ofc@gmail.com)

## **April 2020 Monthly Update**

*5/1/20*

- On April 23, the Olympic Forest Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest Supervisor and leadership to discuss current work by the Collaborative on ONF lands and future opportunities.
- On April, The Queets Corner project was advertised as a restoration thinning sale by the Washington State DNR on behalf of the U.S Forest Service, under

the Good Neighbor Authority. The Olympic Forest Collaborative has worked for more than a year to do the pre-sale work and prescription for the sale.

- In April, members of the Olympic Forest Collaborative met with Washington State Department of Natural Resources to give input into the development of their Washington Forest Action Plan
- In April, members of the Olympic Forest Collaborative ground-truthed stands in the Skokomish watershed that were potential for a new thinning project
- On April 29, members of the Olympic Forest Collaborative took a field tour to conduct recon on additional units offered to the Collaborative for the Orchard/Loaner stewardship sale.

## **Olympic National Forest Supervisor Kelly Lawrence Announced**

***4/17/20***

The Olympic Forest Collaborative welcomes Kelly Lawrence who was announced as the next Forest Supervisor for the Olympic National Forest. Kelly comes from the Naches Ranger District on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest D and her official start date will be May 24. Originally from Portland, Oregon, Kelly has served the last 17 years with the Forest Service in research, partnerships, planning, and management. The Olympic Collaborative looks forward to working with her to support restoration thinning and aquatic restoration projects on the Olympic National Forest in the years to come. Welcome Kelly!



## **Collaborative Hiring Coordinator Position**

***4/6/20***





The Olympic Forest Collaborative is looking for a passionate and skilled individual to work with members of the Collaborative to coordinate their work to support restoration forestry and aquatic restoration projects on the Olympic National Forest located on the Olympic Peninsula. The Olympic Forest Collaborative brings together stakeholders from the environmental community, the timber industry, and representatives from federal and local government around shared goals of increasing timber harvest from the Olympic National Forest while benefiting the environmental quality of our forests and watersheds. The Collaborative will work together and with federal officials to address issues that stand in the way of achieving the stated goals. Ultimately, the purpose is to simultaneously create a more environmentally sound forest, provide for increased, sustainable timber harvests on the Olympic National Forest, and provide economic benefits to timber communities on the Peninsula. This coordinator position will significantly increase the capacity of the Collaborative by accomplishing key administrative tasks, increasing the quality and volume of outreach to local stakeholders, developing relationships, and identifying additional grant opportunities for the Collaborative. The position is open until filled with a priority deadline of April 15, 2020.

Click here to read the full job description:

<https://wawild.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Olympic-Forest-Collaborative-Coordinator-Job-description-040620.pdf>

*4/01/20*

## **March 2020 Monthly Update**

- In March, Resilient Forestry completed a draft prescription for the Humptulips project
- In March, Resilient Forestry provided a final field monitoring report for the monitoring protocol for the H to Z project

*3/01/20*

## **February 2020 Monthly Update**

- On 2/7, members of the Olympic Collaborative hosted an H to Z Lessons Learned field tour which included staff from Olympic National Forest, local landowners, Tribes and other stakeholders.
- In February, Resilient Forestry completed the logging systems analysis for the Humptulips project

*2/01/20*

## **January 2020 Monthly Update**

- On 1/16, members of the Olympic Collaborative met with leadership from the Olympic National Forest for a quarterly leadership meeting to discuss progress on current and prospective projects.
- In January, Resilient Forestry completed the road analysis for the Humptulips project

*1/20/20*

## **Olympic National Forest Supervisor Reta Laford Moves to Regional Office**



In January, Olympic Forest Supervisor Reta Laford will be leaving to take a planning position in the Regional office in Portland. Reta led the Olympic National Forest since 2012 and presided over the launch of the Olympic Forest Collaborative and its growth over the past seven years. Reta supported the Collaborative's work to provide additional capacity on the Olympic National Forest for restoration thinning projects and aquatic restoration priorities. She provided several letters of commitments as part of successful grant applications by the Collaborative, worked to identify larger stewardship sales on the Forest and established quarterly leadership meetings between the Collaborative and the Forest. We wish her all the best in her new position at the regional office.

*1/16/20*

## **Collaborative and Olympic National Forest Establish Regular Quarterly Leadership Meetings**







On January 16, the Olympic Forest Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest Supervisor and leadership as part of quarterly meetings to discuss current work by the Collaborative on ONF lands and future opportunities.

*1/01/20*

## **December 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 12/24, the Olympic Collaborative received a Building Forest Partnerships grant from the Department of Natural Resources for \$40,000 to support a part time coordinator position and a short video about the Collaborative and its accomplishments.
- In December, Resilient Forestry provided blow down spatial analysis as part of the monitoring protocol for the H to Z project

*12/24/19*

## **Olympic Collaborative Receives \$40K Building Forest Partnership Grant**



On December 34, the Olympic Collaborative got an early Christmas present and received a Building Forest Partnerships grant from the Department of Natural Resources (WA DNR) for \$40,000 to hire a part time coordinator to support forest restoration work on the Olympic National Forest. The grant is part of a program at WA DNR that supports local forest collaboratives work to improve forest health conditions statewide. Funds are expected to be available in March 2020 and funding would be applied through June 2021.

*12/01/19*

## **November 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 11/21. the Olympic Collaborative received an All Lands Forest Restoration grant from the Department of Natural Resources for \$125,000 to support forest restoration work on Olympic National Forest
- In November, Resilient Forestry completed riparian tree surveys for the Humptulips project

*11/21/19*

## **Olympic Collaborative Receives \$125K All Forest Lands Restoration Grant**



On November 21, The Olympic Forest Collaborative received an All Lands Forest Restoration Grant for \$125,000 to support restoration forestry work, including thinning of overly dense forests, doing stand exams, road inventories and pre-sale work associated with future sales on the Olympic National Forest. The grant is part of a program at WA DNR that supports local forest collaboratives work to improve forest health conditions statewide.

*11/01/19*

## **October 2019 Monthly Update**

- On October 3, the Olympic Collaborative met with Glenn Casamassa, Regional Forester (Region 6) for the U.S. Forest Service, Congressman Derek Kilmer (D-WA06) and leadership from the Olympic National Forest to discuss progress and opportunities for the Olympic Forest Collaborative
- On October 9, the Olympic Collaborative met with the Olympic National Forest Supervisor and leadership to discuss current work by the Collaborative on ONF lands and future opportunities. The ONF agreed to offer the Collaborative to work on the Orchard Loner project as a stewardship sale in 2020.

*10/01/19*

## **September 2019 Monthly Update**

- A member of the Olympic Collaborative walked prospective units in the Wynoochee watershed that is a candidate for a future Olympic Collaborative project

- A member of the Olympic Collaborative met with the Salmon Coast Partnerships to learn about and discuss potential aquatic restoration project priorities
- In September, Resilient Forestry completed field work for additional thinning areas and provided a GFIS layer of the draft harvest boundary as part of the Humptulips project
- In September, Resilient Forestry digitized blowdown and field verified samples as part of the monitoring protocol for the H to Z project

*9/01/19*

## **August 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 8/7 members of the Collaborative attended a meeting with Rep. Derek Kilmer and Regional Forester Glenn Casamassa to discuss future opportunities for the Olympic Collaborative to work with Olympic National Forest.
- In August, Resilient Forestry completed draft monitoring reports for the H to Z, Queets Corner and Big Stew project areas
- In August, Resilient Forestry provided an analysis of plot data and summarized current conditions for the Humptulips project for Olympic National Forest staff

*8/22/19*

## **Olympic Collaborative Hosts Rep. Kilmer and Members of Approps Committee on Field Tour**

On August 22, the Olympic Forest Collaborative hosted a field tour of their H to Z project for Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA06) and three members of the House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee who were visiting Washington State. The tour is part of a broader tour for the subcommittee members who were touring the 6th CD with Rep. Kilmer as part of the district work period.

*8/01/19*

## **July 2019 Monthly Update**



- On 7/13 the Olympic National Forest sent out a tribal scoping notice on the Humptulips Restoration project
- On 7/22 Resilient Forestry finished a supplemental inventory and logging systems work including 40 basal area plots in all four units for the Humptulips project
- On 7/21 Resilient Forestry finished post-harvest monitoring field work at the H to Z project and pre harvest monitoring at the Queets Corner project
- In July, Resilient Forestry and members of the Olympic Collaborative participated in a field tour of the Queets Corner project with Olympic National Forest staff

*7/01/19*

## **June 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 6/3 Resilient Forestry sent final prescription to the Olympic National Forest for the Queets corner project
- On 6/14 Resilient Forestry put in 14 monitoring plots distributed across different treatment types in the Big Stew project area pre harvest
- On 6/23, Resilient Forestry met with Olympic National Forest staff about timing and the prospect of using Good Neighbor Authority for the Queets Corner project
- On 6/27 members of the Olympic Collaborative attended a shared Stewardship workshop hosted by the University of Washington's Olympic Natural Resources Center which included U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester Glenn Casamassa

*6/1/19*

## **May 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 5/28/19 the Olympic Forest Collaborative held a public meeting in Port Angeles, WA, hosted by the Olympic Natural Resources Center. The meeting included a welcome from Port Angeles Mayor Sissi Burch and presentations by members of the Olympic Collaborative and Olympic Forest Supervisor Reta Laford. The meeting attracted about 25 participants, including Port of Port Angeles Commissioner Connie Beauvais, local Clallam County loggers, and representatives from North Olympic Land Trust, Green Crow Timber, Olympic College, and Congressman Derek Kilmer's office.
- On 5/31/19 the Olympic Collaborative completed a GIS analysis of drone monitoring flights of its H to Z project post-harvest.

**5/1/19**

## **April 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 4/15/19 the Olympic Forest Collaborative held a public meeting in Aberdeen, WA hosted by the Olympic Natural Resources Center. The meeting included a welcome from Aberdeen Mayor Eric Larsen and presentations by members of the Olympic Collaborative and Olympic Forest Supervisor Reta LaFord. The meeting attracted about 50 participants including local contract loggers and representation from Congressman Derek Kilmer's office. On 4/18 members of the Olympic Forest Collaborative met with leadership and staff from the Olympic National Forest to discuss existing and future stewardship and Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) projects to assist with Forest Service capacity issues.
- On 4/18 members of the Olympic Forest Collaborative met with staff from the Washington Department of Natural Resources Good Neighbor Authority Program to receive an update about progress and discuss future opportunities to collaborate
- On 4/22 the Olympic Forest Collaborative unveiled its first logo which was created by Lori Veres Graphic Design.

**4/22/19**

## **Olympic Forest Collaborative Unveils New Logo**

After working with a graphic designer for several weeks and supported by a grant from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the Olympic Forest Collaborative finalized its first logo. The logo was developed in conjunction with the Collaborative's Board of Directors by Lori Veres Graphic Design.



**4/1/19**

## **March 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 3/6, Resilient Forester measured 17 inventory plots on the Queets Corner project.
- On 3/14, members of the Olympic Collaborative, Olympic National Forest and WA Department of Natural Resources participated in a field visit to look at the road decommissioning stewardship component of the Queets Corner sale.
- On 3/18, members of the Olympic Forest Collaborative and Resilient Forestry met with Olympic National Forest staff to do a field meeting on the Queets Corner project to review stand boundaries and streams.
- On 3/26, the Olympic Forest Collaborative held a public meeting in Forks hosted by the Olympic Natural Resources Center. The meeting included a welcome from Clallam County Commissioner Bill Peach and presentations by members of the Olympic Collaborative and Olympic Forest Supervisor Reta LaFord. Participants included Port of Port Angeles Commissioner Connie Beauvais, Forks City Attorney Rod Fleck and representation from Congressman Derek Kilmer's office.

Watch the presentation below.

**3/31/19**

## Peninsula Daily News Article: “Forest Collaborative Tells of Projects, Seeks Input”

The Peninsula Daily News reported on the first of three public meetings schedule around the Olympic Peninsula by the Olympic Forest Collaborative and host by Olympic Natural Resource Center. Read the article from the forks public meeting [here](#).



Reta Laford, Olympic National Forest supervisor, spoke about the Northwest forest plan and current emphasis on Olympic National Forest land and the need for many different entities to work together to make the collaborative successful. (Christi Baron/Olympic Peninsula News Group)

**3/19/19**



# **Olympic Forest Collaborative Begins 2019 by Building on Successes – Seeks Input at Upcoming Public Meetings in Forks, Aberdeen, and Port Angeles**

PORT ANGELES, WA –Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA) & The Olympic Forest Collaborative head in to 2019 with an impressive string of successful projects increasing timber harvest and aquatic restoration on Olympic National Forest.

The Olympic Natural Resources Center will facilitate 3 public meetings in 2019 where the Olympic Collaborative and the Olympic National Forest will highlight their accomplishments, discuss upcoming plans and ask for ideas and feedback from attendees on new projects and ways to increase their representation and involvement:

## **Forks Public Meeting (March 26, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)**

Olympic Natural Resources Center  
1455 S. Forks Avenue  
Forks WA 98331

## **Aberdeen Public Meeting (April 15, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)**

Rotary Log Pavilion  
1401 Sargent Boulevard  
Aberdeen, WA 98520

## **Port Angeles Public Meeting (May 28, 2019, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm)**

Peninsula College, Lecture Hall J47  
1502 E. Lauridsen Boulevard  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

**Read the Full Press Release [HERE](#)**

***3/1/19***

**February 2019 Monthly Update**

- On 2/11, members of the Olympic Collaborative met with representatives from Olympic Natural Resources Center to discuss and develop a monitoring and evaluation protocol that can be applied to Collaborative projects both current and in the future.
- On 2/18, members of the Olympic Collaborative met with representatives from Olympic Natural Resources Center to discuss and develop a monitoring and evaluation protocol.
- On 2/19, Resilient Forestry subcontracted with a local Hoquiam forester to assist on the inventory and layout for Queets Corner.
- On 2/20, a member of the Olympic Forest Collaborative participated in the monthly Washington Forest Collaborative Network phone conference.
- On 2/20, Resilient Forestry had a field meeting at the Queets Corner site to identify roads and logging systems and discuss inventory plots and boundary layout.
- On 2/21, Resilient Forestry completed tree measurements on two of the 10 plots at Queets Corner as part of the Olympic Collaborative's monitoring and evaluation protocol.

**2/1/19**

## **January 2019 Monthly Update**

- In January, members of the Olympic Forest Collaborative partnering with Olympic Natural Resources Center research relevant monitoring and evaluation protocols to inform efforts to develop a protocol for Collaborative projects.
- On 1/16, a member of the Olympic Forest Collaborative participated in the monthly Washington Forest Collaborative Network phone conference.

**1/1/19**

## **December 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 12/8, members of the Olympic Collaborative met with leadership from the Olympic National Forest to discuss status and future projects .
- On 12/26 -12/28, 10,000 Years Institute deployed crews to the H To Z site to do post harvest invasive species treatment to the site.
- In December, the Olympic Collaborative retained a graphic designer to develop a logo for the Olympic Forest Collaborative.

**12/28/18**

**Collaborative Treats Invasive Weeds Post Harvest**

On December 26, 27, and 28, 10,000 Years Institute's crew returned to work at the H to Z on non-native plant control to prevent the newly thinned units from invasion by species which affect the growth of native plants important to native biota, and that do not provide the ecological services and functions provided by the native species they very effectively replace. Four to six restoration technicians mapped, pulled, and piled the early growth of non-native, allelopathic and toxic foxglove, Scotch broom, herb Robert, and common groundsel.



Survey crew pulling foxglove patch on  
railroad grade.

**12/1/18**

**November 2018 Monthly Update**



- On 11/5 members of the Olympic Collaborative and Olympic Natural Resources Center participated in a field tour of the H to Zsale to discuss and develop improved monitoring and evaluation protocols for existing and future Collaborative projects.
- On 11/8 member of the Olympic Collaborative and Olympic Natural Resources Council met with leadership for the Olympic National Forest to check in on existing joint projects and discuss opportunities for future public engagement around restoration forestry and aquatic restoration efforts.

**11/1/18**

## **October 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 10/11 Olympic Collaborative's contractor Resilient Forestry completed a Recon trip identifying logging systems, hydrologic resources, layout, habitat and sensitive features for the Queets Corner project on Olympic National Forest. Olympic Collaborative members Jill Silver participated in the effort.
- On 10/12 Olympic Collaborative's contractor Resilient Forestry met with Olympic National Forest staff on site to review harvest plan for Queets Corner project
- On 10/20 the Olympic Collaborative submitted formal scoping comments to the Olympic National Forest on the Wynoochee Restoration and Roads Management Project.

**10/15/18**

## **September 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 9/14 the Olympic Collaborative received confirmation that their grant request to the Washington Department of Natural Resources for restoration thinning project work and developing a monitoring protocol was awarded.
- On 9/26 the Olympic Collaborative hosted with the Olympic National Forest a field meeting to discuss the recently released proposed action for the Wynoochee Watershed Project. More than a dozen members of the Collaborative and the Olympic National Forest participated in the meeting which included discussion about restoration thinning and other aspects of the proposal as well as a hike into one of the units.
- In September the Olympic National Forest requested the number of hours that the Olympic Collaborative has contributed toward restoration thinning work during FY2019.

- The Collaborative is planning with Olympic Natural Resources Center to organize the first of three public meetings for the Olympic Collaborative in the Forks area for November.

**9/26/18**

## **Olympic National Forest Staff and Olympic Collaborative Members Have Field Meeting in Wynoochee**

On 9/26 the Olympic Collaborative hosted with the Olympic National Forest a field meeting to discuss the recently released proposed action for the Wynoochee Watershed Project. More than a dozen members of the Collaborative and the Olympic National Forest participated in the meeting which included discussion about restoration thinning and other aspects of the proposal as well as a hike into one of the units. This provided an excellent opportunity for Collaborative members to learn more about the recently released Proposed Action for the Wynoochee Management Plan and for Olympic National Forest Staff to meet and interact with members of the Collaborative.



Participants from the Olympic Collaborative and the Olympic National Forest at the Wynoochee Field Meeting

**9/1/18**

## **August 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 8/8 the Olympic Collaborative hosted a public filed tour on their H to Z stewardship sale in the Sol Duc watershed. The tour was well attended by more than 30 participants.
- On 8/15/18 the Olympic National Forest awarded the contract for the Big Creek Stewardship Sale to Sierra Pacific Industries for an estimated forest product value of \$654,281.76.
- On 8/31 the Olympic Collaborative submitted a grant application to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources as part of their cross boundary competitive grant program for Washington forest Collaborative projects. The grant requested funds to do pre-sale inventory and layout work on the Queets Corner and Humptulips restoration thinning projects on the

Olympic National Forest as well as funding for the establishment and initial implementation of a monitoring protocol for stewardship sales the Collaborative has been involved with.

*8/15/18*

## **Olympic Collaborative's Big Stew Stewardship Project Sold to Sierra Pacific Industries**

On 8/15 the Big Stew stewardship sale was awarded and sold to Sierra Pacific Industries in Shelton. The project will include 207 acres of restoration forestry and provide sufficient funding for aquatic restoration at Vance Creek by replacing a damaged culvert. Project implementation is scheduled for the summer of 2019. The Collaborative has worked with Olympic National Forest and the Skokomish Watershed Action Team (SWAT) to support a restoration thinning project that will promote late successional structure in a previously harvested stand. As a stewardship project the retained receipts from the thinning sale were sufficient to fund an aquatic restoration project on Vance Creek. This summer, the Olympic Collaborative hosted a field tour to the Big Creek unit to educate local stakeholders around the benefits of restoration thinning and the efforts to mitigate impacts and enhance recreational opportunities associated with the Big Creek Trail and campground as part of this project.

*8/8/18*

## **Olympic Collaborative, Representative Kilmer Host Field Tour on H to Z Project**

On 8/8 the Olympic Collaborative hosted a public field tour at their H to Z stewardship sale in the Sol Duc watershed. The H to Z was harvested in September 2017 and was the first pilot project of the Olympic Forest Collaborative on the Pacific Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest. The stewardship sale has two components: a thinning project, and an upland habitat enhancement component to increase standing and down dead wood and



understory plant diversity and improve habitat for sensitive and threatened species. The Field Tour discussed the Olympic Collaborative's role in the H to Z project, remarks about the efforts by the Olympic Collaborative by U.S. Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA06) and a question and answer portion with stakeholders and members of the Collaborative. The tour was well attended with more than 30 participants including U.S. Congressman Derek Kilmer, State Representative Mike Chapman, Clallam County Councilmember Bill Peach, Forks Mayor, Port Angeles Mayor Sissi Bruch, Port of Port Angeles Commissioner Connie Beauvais and representatives from Olympic Natural Resources Center, North Olympic Timber Action Committee, Coast Salmon Partnership, the Hoh and Quileute Tribes



*U. S. Representative Derek Kimer hosting field tour*

*8/1/18*

## **July 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 7/13/18 the Olympic National Forest opened bidding for the Big Creek Stewardship Sale to local contractors and loggers.
- On 7/16 the Olympic Collaborative received a formal offer letter to work with the Olympic National Forest on two additional projects (Queets Corner and Humptulips). The Collaborative accepted the offer and will continue planning work on the two projects.
- On 7/18 the Olympic Collaborative submitted a grant application to the Washington Department of Natural Resources' Washington Forest Collaborative Infrastructure Pilot Program for \$25,000 to support coordination and organizational capacity needs.
- On 7/26 DNR awarded the Olympic Forest Collaborative an infrastructure pilot project grant. The Collaborative is in contract negotiation on the final project.
- On 7/30 Collaborative member crews led by 10,000 Years Institute did Herb Robert eradication on H to Z project site.
- On 7/31 the Collaborative hosted a public outreach site visit to the Big Creek project site. Residents, stakeholders attended and viewed the project, learned about stewardship restoration project plans, and asked questions of the US Forest Service staff and Collaborative members.

**7/31/18**

## **Collaborative Holds Big Creek Field Tour with Local Stakeholders**

The Olympic Collaborative hosted a public field tour on their Big Creek Stewardship Sale in conjunction with the Olympic National Forest. The tour introduced the Olympic Collaborative and provided education about the nature of Stewardship contracting which focuses on restoration thinning focused on promoting late successional stand characteristics and allows the receipts from the sale to go toward an additional aquatic restoration project on the Olympic National Forest. The tour also clarified how the sale will minimize impacts to recreation associated with the popular Big Creek trail and campground. The aquatic restoration project for this sale will be on Vance Creek in the Skokomish watershed. The tour was well attended with about 20 participants such as Olympic National Forest staff including Forest Supervisor Reta LaFord, Mike Anderson and Bob Metzger from the Skokomish Watershed Action Team, Mitzie Schindle from the Olympic Peninsula Access Coalition, Max Franklin from the Hoodspout Chamber of Commerce, Chuck Malinski from Evergreen Turtle Rockets Trail running club.





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## **Collaborative Crew Tackles Invasive Weeds on H to Z Site**

On 7/30 a local crew of 6 restoration technicians from 10,000 Years Institute, an Olympic Collaborative member, spent 8 hours pulling 75 pounds of herb Robert, a highly invasive non-native weed from the H to Z site, one of the Collaborative's stewardship sales in the Sol Duc watershed. Great work!





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## June 2018 Monthly Update

- On 6/7 members of the Collaborative met with members of the U.S Forest Service Region 6 Forest Leadership Team, including Regional Forester Jim Pena and Olympic National Forest Supervisor Reta LaFord during a field tour on the Middle Fork Snoqualmie region of the Mt. Baker Snoqualmie National Forest.
- On 6/8 members of the Collaborative attended the Skokomish Watershed Action Team (SWAT) board meeting to discuss Big Creek project, site visit and stewardship project opportunities. US Forest Service staff also attended and discussed potential future projects in the watershed through 2021.



- On 6/11 The Olympic Collaborative scheduled a Big Creek public field visit for July 31. Collaborative members will plan the visit with the SWAT and the Forest Service and local stakeholders.
- On 6/11 Collaborative members met with the Olympic Natural Resources Center (ONRC) and Rep. Kilmer's office to finalize next steps for the funding provided by the Washington State Legislature to support the Olympic Collaborative's efforts.
- On 6/20 Collaborative members participated in the monthly Washington Collaborative Network call. This was an opportunity for a Q&A with Washington Department of Nature Resource staff to ask clarifying questions related to the upcoming DNR request for proposal (RFP) funding for forest collaborative capacity building

**6/1/18**

## **May 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 5/1 Collaborative member spoke with ONF Supervisor Reta LaFord about two new projects: Queets Corner and Humptulips CE. The Wynoochee project is still in planning stages.
- On 5/14 Collaborative members toured the Big Creek project to plan for public outreach and local stakeholders site visit. The Collaborative met with local partners of the Skokomish Watershed Action Team to plan the site visit and discuss stewardship projects.
- On 5/14 Collaborative members met with local stakeholders in the west end of the Olympic National Forest to plan public outreach in their area.
- On 5/14 The Collaborative board met and agreed to move ahead with the State Legislature's capacity funding in partnership with the Olympic Natural Resources Center. The Collaborative also decided to apply for capacity building and stewardship forest health restoration funding when the two requests for proposals are published.
- On 5/14 The Collaborative agreed to hold a public outreach field tour to H to Z in July or August to demonstrate the Collaborative's impact in that project.
- On 5/21 The Collaborative evaluated the H to Z project and completed a project "accomplishment survey" preliminary report. The project yielded more revenue per acre than anticipated. The Collaborative experimented with GPS to lay out the boundary, rather than traversing method. The GPS method was also used on the with Donkey Creek project. The Collaborative finished replanting of H to Z.
- On 5/29/18 the Olympic National Forest advertised the Big Creek Stewardship Sale in local outlet

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## April 2018 Monthly Update

- Big Creek project planning moved forward with a meeting between the Olympic National Forest staff and the Collaborative. The Big Creek appraisal was released with the sale documents.
- The Collaborative received support from the Washington state Legislature for outreach and capacity. The Collaborative began discussions with the University of Washington's Olympic Natural Resource Center, located in Forks, WA, to plan for the funding.
- On 4/5 members of the Collaborative attended the Pacific Northwest Forest Collaboratives Summit in Hood River, OR.
- On 4/9 Trevor McConchie, Executive Policy Advisor on Forest Health and Wildfire at Washington Department of Natural Resources, spoke to the Olympic Collaborative by conference call to discuss and answer questions about the DNR's new federally funded Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) program. The GNA program is focused on increasing capacity for working forestry and restoration thinning on Forest Service lands. McConchie reported that the GNA program has two pilot projects on the Olympic National Forest: a stream monitoring project and a FSB thinning project on the North Fork of the Calawah. The projects are scheduled to begin in the fall of 2018, and hoped to contribute \$600,000 to restoration in the forest and future projects.
- On 4/9 the Olympic Collaborative agreed to have standing weekly Board conference calls indefinitely to respond to requests and project opportunities.
- On 4/18 a member of the Olympic Collaborative participated in the Washington Collaborative Network monthly meeting. In the meeting we continued a discussion about finalizing metrics that collaborative groups would actively track and discussed details of Washington DNR competitive grants available to WA collaborative groups in 2018

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## March 2018 Monthly Update

- On 3/9 the Collaborative completed the cutting guidelines, terrestrial restoration survey, and the cruise through the Big Creek Sale. The project is out for appraisal and contract. The Collaborative will reach out to residents and recreation groups to plan a field tour for the Big Creek sale with the

Olympic National Forest on the final prescriptions around the trail corridor, campground and aquatic restoration projects.

- On 3/9 Collaborative members participated in the state-wide survey to identify capacity needs for forest collaboratives in the state, and funding.
- On 3/9 the Collaborative assessed its capacity needs and identified where future funding could achieve Collaborative goals (project coordination and development, outreach, and technical assistance).
- On 3/21 a member of the Olympic Collaborative participated in the Washington Collaborative Network monthly meeting. Anticipation of the 4/5 Pacific Northwest Collaborative Summit in Hood River, progress on the Network's new website and a discussion on what metrics to use in evaluating Collaborative work were all discussed.

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## **February 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 2/21 a member of the Olympic Collaborative participated in the Washington Collaborative Network monthly meeting. The Network members provided input to DNR on two grant programs for 2018: Washington forest collaborative capacity building and scaled forest health restoration projects.
- On 2/26 members of the Collaborative provided a road tech to inventory 2.1 miles of roads over two days and several restoration techs put in 80 hours of work in coordination with ONF staff as part of the GFF sale. The Collaborative identified "off season" work to move forward potential future projects before the season.

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## **January 2018 Monthly Update**

- On 1/8 members of the Collaborative met with Olympic National Forest staff to discuss current and future projects involving the Collaborative.
- On 1/23 members of the Collaborative met with Forest Supervisor Reta LaFord and other Olympic National Forest staff to discuss the Collaborative's work on the Big Creek stewardship sale and future opportunities for collaboration.

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## **Collaborative holds Public Meeting in Port Angeles with Rep. Derek Kilmer**

On October 24, the Olympic Collaborative held a public meeting from 11:00 – 12:30 pm at Port Angeles City Hall. The meeting included a welcome from Port Angeles Mayor Pat Downie and a statement by U.S. Representative Derek Kilmer (D-WA06) about his support for the Collaborative's mission and work. Olympic National Forest District Ranger Dean Millet also spoke about the welcome assistance by the Collaborative on the Donkey Creek and H to Z sales. The meeting was attended by several local stakeholders including, Clallam County Commissioner Mark Ozias, Port Townsend Mayor Deborah Stinson and Director of Environmental Affairs at Green Crow Corporation Harry Bell.