



a forest that works ...

There are big trees and mushrooms; salmon and seabirds and shorebirds; sand dunes, tide pools, and meadows. There is beauty, and jobs and adventures to be had. But what makes the Siuslaw a forest that works? It's the people.

We get our work done by working with communities, schools, and partners in restoration, timber, conservation, recreation. In 2015, these collaborations yielded impressive results. An estimated 330 Oregonians were put to work restoring the forest, enhancing fish and wildlife habitat, and improving water quality. Partners and volunteers helped provide exceptional camping, hiking, and riding opportunities for visitors throughout a very busy summer. Field rangers shared stories about what makes this place so special. And many of us took time to inspire kids through outdoor learning, exploration, and mentorship.

We are committed to working in our communities to find creative ways to serve the public and manage the land across boundaries. New trail development, a volunteer interpreter program, and a large-scale collaborative restoration strategy were initiated in 2015 by partners who share our passion for this place. And we traded expertise and shared resources with other agencies, counties, and organizations to conquer invasive plants, repair roads, and advance restoration efforts both on and off the forest. Together, we're accomplishing more.

In 2016 and beyond we will use the knowledge and partnerships we've gained to continue to grow our restoration successes. We will face management challenges openly and head on, learning from the experience of our colleagues in industry, conservation, engineering, and research. We will provide great opportunities for all people to go play outside that can be sustained over the long run. And we will continue to honor and nurture the relationships – the people – who make the Siuslaw work.

Our forest by the numbers:

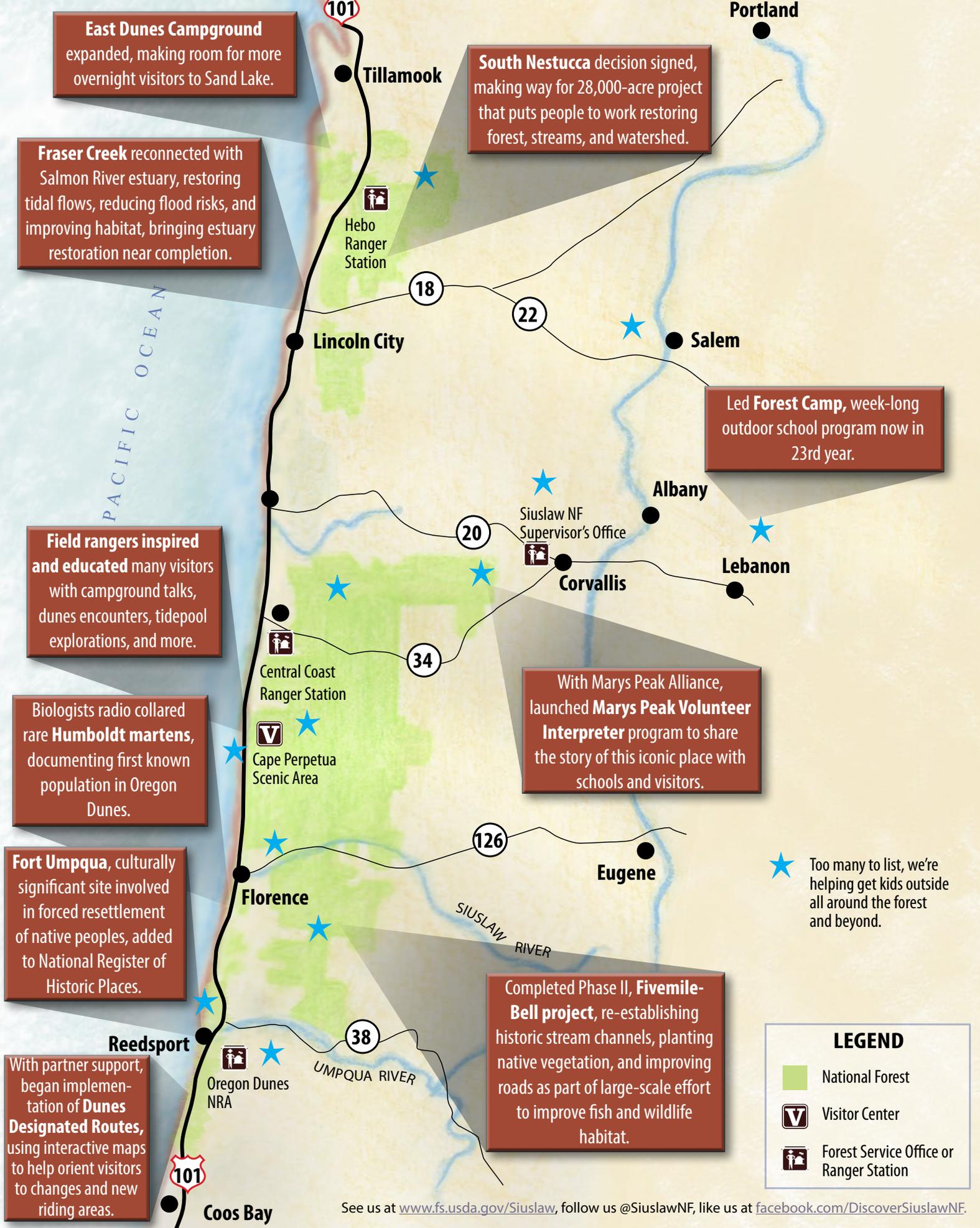
129	miles trail maintained
1.4M	dollars generated by recreation fees to be invested in recreation facilities maintenance
10,000	visitors enjoyed interpretive programs by Field Rangers
8,150	acres wildlife habitat improved
38M	board feet sold putting people to work for restoration
16	miles salmon habitat improved with helicopter log placements
850	acres treated to reduce or prevent invasives species
3,102	days worked by employees supporting firefighting activities elsewhere in the US
2.4M	dollars generated by restoration timber sales to invest in watershed restoration



for the greatest good

2015 highlights SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST

where we worked in 2015...



East Dunes Campground expanded, making room for more overnight visitors to Sand Lake.

Fraser Creek reconnected with Salmon River estuary, restoring tidal flows, reducing flood risks, and improving habitat, bringing estuary restoration near completion.

South Nestucca decision signed, making way for 28,000-acre project that puts people to work restoring forest, streams, and watershed.

Field rangers inspired and educated many visitors with campground talks, dunes encounters, tidepool explorations, and more.

Biologists radio collared rare **Humboldt martens**, documenting first known population in Oregon Dunes.

Fort Umpqua, culturally significant site involved in forced resettlement of native peoples, added to National Register of Historic Places.

With partner support, began implementation of **Dunes Designated Routes**, using interactive maps to help orient visitors to changes and new riding areas.

Led **Forest Camp**, week-long outdoor school program now in 23rd year.

With Marys Peak Alliance, launched **Marys Peak Volunteer Interpreter** program to share the story of this iconic place with schools and visitors.

Completed Phase II, **Fivemile-Bell project**, re-establishing historic stream channels, planting native vegetation, and improving roads as part of large-scale effort to improve fish and wildlife habitat.

★ Too many to list, we're helping get kids outside all around the forest and beyond.

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