

# siuslaw NATIONAL FOREST

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017



### WE CARE ABOUT PEOPLE.

And in 2017 we worked hard to meet the needs of our friends and neighbors. As stewards of this amazingly rich landscape, we take seriously our responsibility to restore and renew the environment and provide people from all walks of life access to outstanding outdoor recreation and learning opportunities, all the while working with our local communities on what's most important to them.

On the Siuslaw, caring for the land means connecting with people – people who work in the woods and streams helping meet our restoration goals, people who hike the trails and ride the dunes, people who help us plan projects that matter to them, people visiting for the first time who are awestruck by this stunning landscape we're honored to manage, and people who will one day be stewards of the land.

In 2017, we stayed busy taking care of today's needs while planning for the future. Our friends and partners in timber, tourism, conservation, and recreation, and in tribal and local governments, were critical in helping us accomplish so much. We're a forest that works.

## WE'VE BEEN BUSY.

### RESTORATION

Busy putting people to work to ensure we have clean water, healthy forests, and rich ecosystems now and into the future.

### RECREATION

Busy contributing to Oregon Coast's tourism economy and providing a big backyard for local residents with high quality, inclusive opportunities for outdoor fun.

### PARTNERSHIPS

Busy building networks of ideas and support. We don't go it alone. The energy and commitment of our partners is what allows us to be successful.



## RECREATION



Reopened **North Fork Smith River Trail** with two new bridges and sections of trail that are both attractive and designed to withstand the worst winter might bring.

Streamlined process for reviewing **special use permits** for outfitters and guides so they can focus less on paperwork and more on providing great experiences for their customers.

Reconfigured previously low-use **Castle Rock Campground** as a group site to accommodate larger gatherings of family and friends, with noticeable increase in use.

Helped thousands of youth and families experience the **wonders of western Oregon** through school programs, family outings, camps, events, and more.

## RESTORATION



Completed plans on the **Schooner-Rock Restoration Project**, which will enhance wildlife habitat and put people to work through forest thinning and other treatments across 2,400 acres.

Accepted donation of 52 acres in **Bull Creek watershed** via Oregon Dept. of Transportation for Highway 20 mitigation, which will be restored to improve fish habitat.

Continued the 10-year **Fivemile-Bell restoration project** - reconnected stream to flood plain, removed dikes, seeded over 10,000 native willows, and transplanted thousands of seedlings.

Supported **Salmon SuperHwy** cooperative projects to remove fish barriers in salmon streams and restore stream habitat on and off the forest with funding and technical expertise.

## PARTNERSHIPS



Participated in the **Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative**, a diverse group of stakeholders who completed a broad restoration strategy to address the urgent need to save this special place.

Teamed up with Mudslinger Events and Marys Peak Alliance to host a **solar eclipse celebration** on Marys Peak, with visiting astronomers, volunteer interpreters, great food, and more.

Offered a career skills program in partnership with **Joint Base Lewis-McChord**, with servicemen and women nearing their transition to civilian life, gaining career experience as interns on the forest.

Provided real-world job experience to **Angell Job Corps** student interns and fire crew, who helped provide customer service, maintain trails and recreation areas, and respond to wildfires.

# THE NUMBERS HAVE IT.

**19 campgrounds** served by **38 volunteers** providing excellent camping experiences

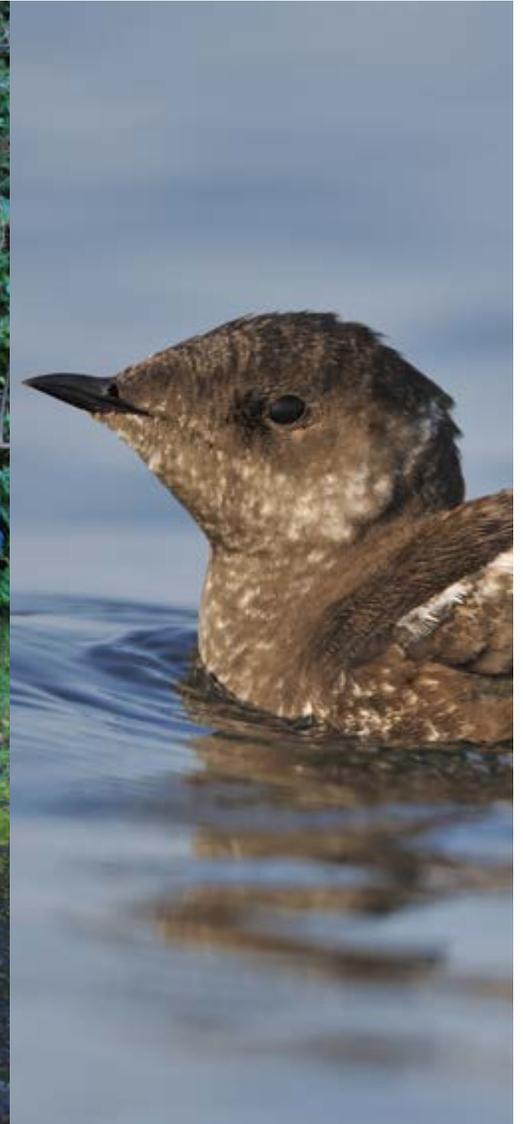
**3,631 acres** wildlife habitat habitat improved for birds and mammals

**985 pounds** of litter removed from the beach by volunteers

**10 volunteers**, donating **21,847 hours**, sharing conservation messages

**41 million board feet** timber sold for forest restoration projects

**20,000 native flowers** planted to restore silverspot butterfly habitat



**114 miles** of trail maintenance completed

**37 miles** of stream habitat restored for native salmon and lamprey

**928 free ranger programs** led for coast visitors

**211 special events** connecting kids with the natural world

**1 trained Conservation Canine** dog helping locate butterfly larvae for captive rearing zoo effort



The Siuslaw National Forest manages more than 630,000 acres of temperate rainforests along the Oregon Coast Range, from Tillamook to the end of the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area in Coos Bay. Additional information is available online at [www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw](http://www.fs.usda.gov/siuslaw), [www.twitter.com/SiuslawNF](https://twitter.com/SiuslawNF), and [www.facebook.com/SiuslawNF](https://www.facebook.com/SiuslawNF).