



Project Updates

Volunteers were champing at the bit, pulaskis poised. Crew leaders came out of hibernation. Donuts, the breakfast of champion trail workers, waited by the dozen. But Mother Nature was not impressed. The caveat "weather permitting" came into play as a freak snowstorm sidelined **Bandera Trail's** opening day. But since that snow day, good progress has been made as the trail edges ever closer to Mason Lake. Be a part of the action on this scenic and popular trail, dubbed the best in the I-90 corridor. Work parties take place every Saturday – and select Sundays – through the fall. For Bandera and all our projects, sign up at trailvolunteers.org.

Weather complicated efforts at **Robe Canyon**, too. But thanks to volunteers, both the Old Robe and Lime Kiln trails were cleared in time for Memorial Day traffic. Robe Canyon's Steve Dean also reports: "The new river loop segment is now two-thirds complete and looking great. It is without doubt the highlight of our six years of construction on the Lime Kiln Trail."

The 2003 **Iron Goat** Crew Leader Refresher/Training was a huge success. A large turnout resulted in a lot of work accomplished. Trainers and trainees were split into three groups and focused on constructing rock walls and digging culvert ditches.



Bandera volunteers, minus the snow. (May 2003)



Newly completed section along the Lime Kiln Trail. Photo courtesy Bob Chesterman. (May 2003)

Online Sign Ups

Yes, VOW has taken a daring leap into the 21st century. To sign up for a work party simply log onto trailvolunteers.org, click on Events Calendar, and then pick a day from the calendar. Directions, maps, email confirmation - all can be yours at the click of a mouse. A huge VOW thank you to Randy Washburne for making this a reality.

VOW Needs You!

Exciting things are afoot at your favorite volunteer organization. As we reported in our last newsletter, this summer VOW is teaming with the Pacific Northwest Trail's **SKY** program, Service Knowledge Youth. For three weeks beginning in July, SKY - Job Corps youth will be on the Bandera Trail. And now VOW is in talks to establish our own SKY program, partnering with alternative high schools to put youth on the trails.

VOW is also looking to become more active in your backyard, seeking out more projects in urban parks and greenbelts around Puget Sound. We've partnered with the **City of Woodinville** on an exciting project across from Woodinville High School: 18 acres of woodlands and wetlands, including the salmon bearing Little Bear Creek. VOW will train volunteers and serve as trail consultants.

And this is where you come in. VOW is a volunteer-driven organization and we need you. We are looking for volunteers to help us in our traditional trail work and to explore new areas. Short term needs include:

- **Crew leader mentors** • **Youth development** • **Habitat restoration** •
- **Contacting retirement and other organizations** •

Do you have experience or interest in one or more of these areas? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact VOW at 206.517.3019 or info@trailvolunteers.org and tell us where you'd like to fit in. Together we can make a difference.



New Board Member

VOW is proud to welcome Kim Zelo to its board. Kim grew up in the Sierra foothills of Northern

California and received a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies from Cal State Stanislaus. She has a Master's from the UW College of Forest Resources. Kim worked as a wildlife biologist for the US Forest Service, and her non-profit experience includes a stint with the Sacramento Tree Foundation. After two years in Florida, she and her husband now call the Pacific Northwest home. A real estate agent, Kim is excited to be a part of VOW and is "looking forward to working on existing and potential projects with our volunteers." In addition to a love of hiking, camping, and skiing, Kim has been known to wield a mean cue stick at the local billiards hall. You've been warned.

To have his path made clear for him is the aspiration of every human being in our beclouded and tempestuous existence.

- Joseph Conrad



Sure it's hard work, but it's so much more. It's about meeting people, having fun, and making a difference. Contact VOW and tell us where you want to fit in.

(Iron Goat Trail, May 2003)

Trail Notes

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For the latest work party details call the office or visit www.trailvolunteers.org. To be a Robe Canyon volunteer, sign up online or contact Steve Dean at steveandnancydean@msn.com.

VOW CALENDAR

June

7
 7, 14, 15, 21, 28, 29
 5, 21, 24, 29
 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 28
 23

National Trails Day!
 Bandera Mountain / Mason Lake
 Robe Canyon / Lime Kiln Trail
 Iron Goat Trail work parties
 VOW Board meeting, 6:45pm

July

2, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26, 30
 12 - 19
 1, 6, 12, 26, 27, 31
 5, 12, 19, 26
 28

Iron Goat
 Iron Goat Volunteer Vacation Week!
 Robe Canyon
 Bandera Trail
 VOW Board meeting, 6:45pm



Volunteers lop, grub, and smile in Seattle's Ravenna Park. VOW conducted a series of Ravenna work parties this spring and students from the University of Washington emerged from behind their books to join in. Thank you! (May 2003)



New online signups!

Visit trailvolunteers.org, click on Events Calendar, and sign up for a work party. It's that simple!

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Volunteers for Outdoor Washington (VOW) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization promoting volunteer stewardship of recreation, natural, and heritage resources in Washington State. We partner with land managers to accomplish trail construction and maintenance, youth development, interpretation, and other service projects. VOW is a member of Earth Share of Washington.

We depend on volunteer efforts and contributions. Please fill out form and send to VOW. Thank you for your generous support!

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
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 Email _____

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 \$25 individual \$30 family
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 ___ I'd like to support VOW with a donation of \$ ____.

Note: If your employer will match your gift, please include a gift-matching form.