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Alsea Falls in Oregon Coast Range gets new BLM mountain bike trail system



Alsea Falls and its camping park are located near a new BLM mountain bike trail system that will open June 22. (Terry Richard/The Oregonian/2009)

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The new and improved Alsea Falls Trail System, a project of the Bureau of Land Management's Salem District, will open on Sunday, June 22.

The system, located half way between Corvallis and Eugene in the Oregon Coast Range, is currently under construction. Nearly six miles of natural surface trail are completed and will be ready for use this year by hikers and mountain bikers.

The revamped system offers a connecting network of roads and trails, including two mountain bike "flow" trails that incorporate new trail design and construction techniques. Flow trails maximize the fun of mountain biking for all ability levels by combining features like rolling terrain and banked turns.

Team Dirt, a local Corvallis chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association, has partnered with the BLM to develop the system. To date, club members have invested more than 1,500 hours into trail construction and maintenance.

"As we went through the planning process, we realized we had the chance to overhaul the trail system and bring a new and improved recreation asset to the community," said Richard Hatfield, Field Manager for the Marys Peak Resource Area, in a statement released by the BLM. "Partnering with Team Dirt has been a game-changer in our ability to invest in this area."

Development of the system is part of a long term strategy outlined in the Alsea Falls Recreation Area Management Plan released by the BLM in 2013. Due to limited parking capacity and trail connectivity, the trail system is not available for equestrian users at this time. Improved facilities and multi-use connectors are planned.


The trail system lies along the South Fork Alsea River Back Country Byway, a paved BLM road that connects the communities of Alpine and Alsea and offers a scenic and less-hurried route between Oregon 99W in the Willamette Valley and Oregon 34 en

route to the Oregon coast. The system is conveniently located next to Alsea Falls Recreation Site, a beautiful camping and day use facility with 16 first-come, first-served campsites and 22 picnic sites.


For information on the [Alsea Falls Recreation Site](http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site_info.php?siteid=220) (http://www.blm.gov/or/resources/recreation/site_info.php?siteid=220) and trail system, including directions and a map, go to [blm.gov/or/districts/salem](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem). (<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>.)

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You can find more information about Team Dirt, and the work being done at Alsea Falls on the web page <http://teamdirt.org> (<http://teamdirt.org>) For the grand opening, on June 22nd, Team Dirt will be having a shuttle day for unlimited rides down the trails (with lifts up to the top of the trails by truck). For more information on the grand opening, see <http://teamdirt.org/alsea-falls-grand-opening/> (<http://teamdirt.org/alsea-falls-grand-opening/>) .

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