



## Project completion news

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Last fall, the Cantrall Buckley Park Enhancement Committee, now housed within the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council's (APWC) nonprofit organization, finalized the planning and design of a long overdue, privately funded project in the Cantrall Buckley campground. The donors specifically requested improvements for the campground area. The campground now has a Hiker-Biker shelter site in space 16. This space will be available for campers hiking and bicycling in our beautiful area who need a cozy, covered space with a counter and simple seating. The shelter structure is complete and will be ready for use during the 2025 campground season. We have some minor details to take care of, but we look forward to hearing from our visitors about what they think of the new Hiker-Biker shelter. The committee extends a big thank-you to the donors for their patience.

This project completes the fundraising campaign that Tom Carstens initiated through the Greater Applegate Community Development Corporation, now recognized as A Greater Applegate. The fundraising campaign paid for improvements throughout the park, including the playground, the bathroom mural, the solar project, numerous benches, interpretive signs, and the Hiker-Biker shelter.

We would like to recognize the contractor and the lumber used to build the new Hiker-Biker shelter. We are excited that both were local. The shelter was built with timber harvested from standing dead trees in the park. Tom Maddox, a multigenerational community member, designed the shelter and milled the timber into merchantable, dimensional lumber

at his local mill, 4-M Timber. Applegate Valley resident Cody Goodnough constructed and roofed the shelter.

"We strive to initiate and complete projects using 'local' in every aspect of a project, and this project is a great example of that," said Janelle Dunlevy, APWC executive director and park committee member. "We are lucky to have a variety of skills available in the Applegate." Tom can work with dead standing timber that larger mills cannot handle, and still produce lumber usable for structures.

### Opportunities for volunteering

It's time to think about volunteering in Cantrall Buckley. We'll need help cleaning up windfall debris, weeding, removing invasive species, and restoring native species with new plantings. Fall brought much-needed moisture, making the soil workable, and now that the cold and freezing days are receding, we will be able to get out and continue creating a warm and inviting space for the community. Watch for announcements at [applegatepartnership.org/events](http://applegatepartnership.org/events).

As Park Enhancement Committee chair, I am making an appeal for community members interested in joining our committee. In collaboration with Jackson County Parks, we plan various types of projects to benefit the park and its users. We also lead and help at various types of work parties. If you are interested, contact me (Janis) directly at 541-846-7501.

### Save the date

Applegate Valley community members are invited to come to Cantrall Buckley Park from noon-4 pm Saturday, April 12 to celebrate our volunteers and learn more about our local service groups throughout the valley.



Details of the Hiker-Biker shelter will be finished when the campground opens.  
Photo: Janis Mohr-Tipton.

Bring a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon among community friends and new acquaintances. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. On this occasion, we will be recognizing and thanking our volunteers and supporters and all the other service groups from the Applegate Valley. Please come and learn from our community volunteers—you might even find that you were meant to help serve in an organization of your choice. Volunteers are a vital part of

making our communities in the Applegate Valley so successful. Details will follow through several media outlets.

Many thanks to all the folks and organizations that work hard to keep this rural area so alive and thriving. Together, we make this happen!

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Tom Maddox (left) and Cody Goodnough working on the Hiker-Biker Shelter, which was constructed by local contractors using dead trees harvested from Cantrall Buckley and milled locally by 4M Timber. Photo: APWC.

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