

2019 SWOCC ELLIOTT STATE FOREST DRAFT RECREATION PLAN W/RECOMMENDATIONS

April 30, 2019 Millicoma Fish Hatchery Field Trip

This field trip is being hosted by Antonio Salgado, Assistant District Fish Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) and STEP (Salmon Trout Enhancement Program) Director for the Coos River system – including the West Fork of the Millicoma River draining the Elliott State Forest – and by Melissa Hogan, our guide for Boy Scout Camp Chinook, which is immediately adjacent to the Millicoma Fish Hatchery and bordered by some of the best steelhead fishing in Oregon.

Field Trip #2 Stops and Points of Interest:

- A Allegany Steamboat Landing**
- B Chinook Camp**
- C Millicoma Hatchery**
- D Deans Mountain Road**
- E Trail Butte**
- F Leaving The Elliott**

PDF Reference Files:

Allegany Recreation District Community Center Maintenance Manual, Carole Dawson, Pres.
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/Recreation/Allegany/Dawson_20100504.pdf

Millicoma River Park and Recreation District “Operating Manual” compiled by Lionel Youst:
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/Recreation/Allegany/Youst_20120702_.pdf

USFW Southwick State and National Sportfishing Economics Statistics:
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/References/Agency/USFW/Allen_et_al_20130000.pdf

ODFW Fish Biologist Gary Vonderohe re: Millicoma Steelhead Fishing:
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/References/News/Oregons_Adventure_Coast/Vonderohe_20141105.pdf

ODFW Steelhead Hatchery Program for Coos River Basin:
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/References/Agency/ODFW/Patterson_et_al_20171005.pdf

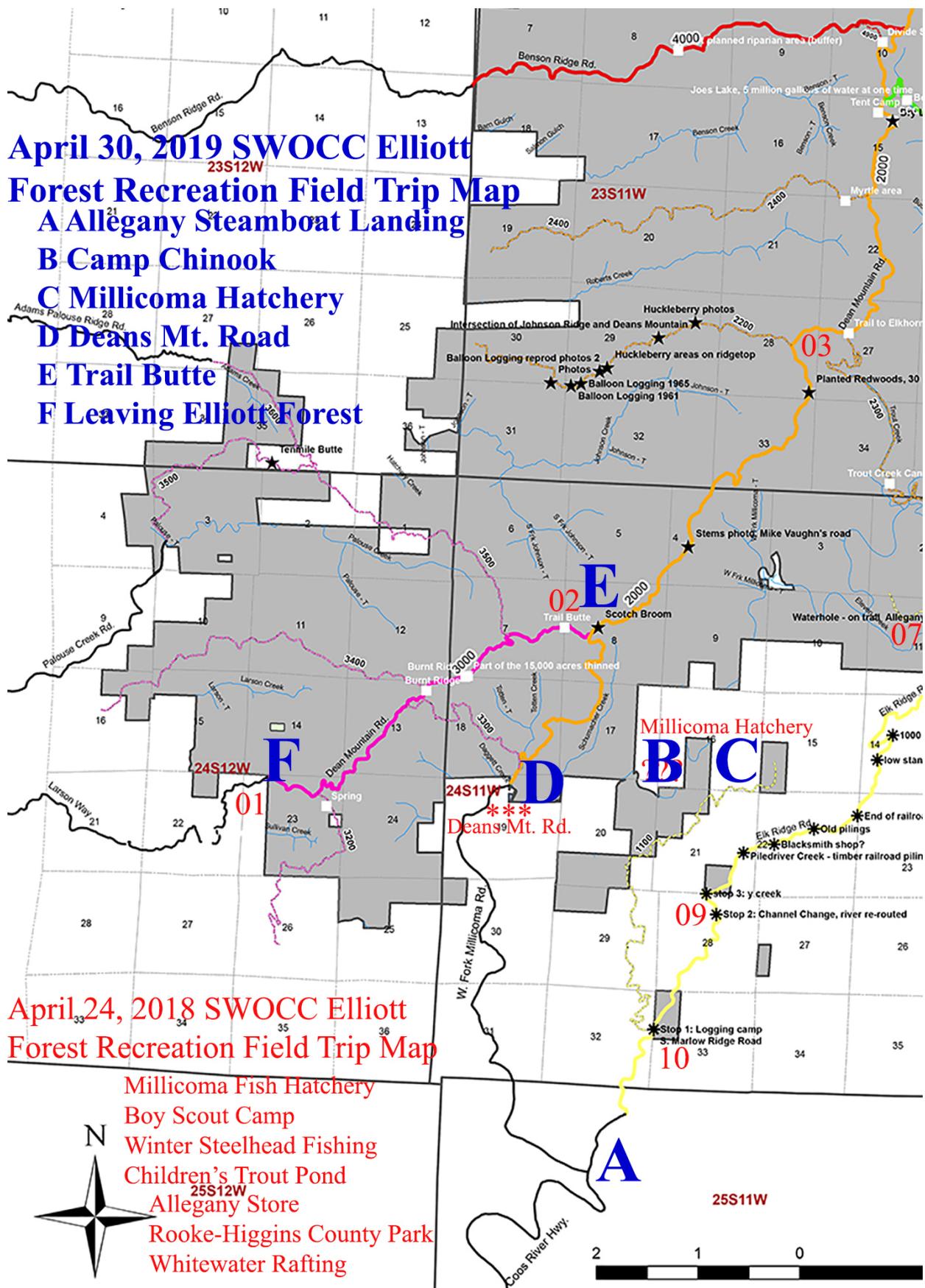
Millicoma Fish Hatchery vs. ODFW Fishing Regulations:
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/References/News/Coos_Bay_World/Moriarty_20130426.pdf

South Coast Anglers STEP Association re: Hatcheries:
http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/References/Agency/ODFW/Bertrand_et_al_20130730.pdf

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**April 30, 2019 SWOCC Elliott
Forest Recreation Field Trip Map**
A Allegany Steamboat Landing
B Camp Chinook
C Millicoma Hatchery
D Deans Mt. Road
E Trail Butte
F Leaving Elliott Forest



**April 24, 2018 SWOCC Elliott
Forest Recreation Field Trip Map**

- Millicoma Fish Hatchery
- Boy Scout Camp
- Winter Steelhead Fishing
- Children's Trout Pond
- Allegany Store
- Rooke-Higgins County Park
- Whitewater Rafting

PROPOSAL FOR RENOVATIONS FOR THE "OLD GIRL SCOUT CAMP MILLICOMA"

Nellie Ripper believed a Girl Scout camp should be built on the West Fork of the Millicoma River. Her dream was realized in 1954. The Girls Scout maintained and operated the camp until 1986 when the Millicoma Parks and Recreation District took it over. The Parks District operated the camp until September 2008 when they allowed the permit to be turned back to the state Forestry. Tom Rumerick with Fish and Game, approached the Boy Scouts with the idea of the Boy Scouts taking over the Camp Millcoma property in cooperation with the STEP Hatchery

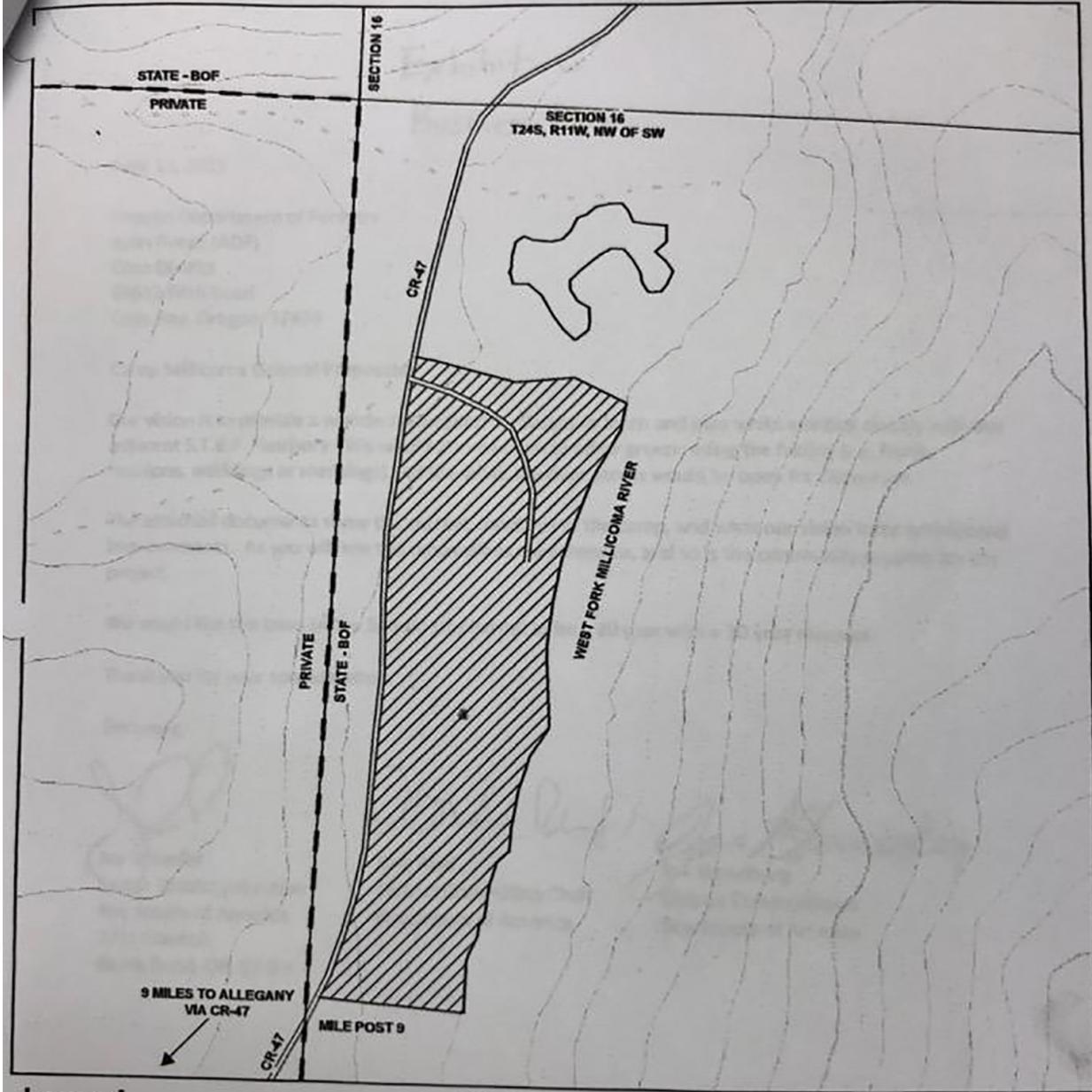
Our vision is to renovate Camp Millicoma, into a modern Boy Scout Camp called Camp Chinook. This would provide a wonderful location for Scouts to learn and play while working closely with the adjacent STEP Hatchery. Both Boy and Girls Scouts would also hone their camping, nature, swimming, fishing and leadership skills. In addition the property could be used for weddings, and family reunions rentals.

Camp Chinook physical facilities would include a meeting room lodge with a kitchen area, bathrooms and showers, a covered open picnic area, amphitheater, bath house, 10 Adirondack shelters, and a pad for camp hosts. Camp would be available for weekend type camping with the Scouts sleeping in the Adirondacks and cooking outside. There will be an occasional Scout Troop which might spend a week camping. The meeting lodge kitchen will be for cooking during training sessions and families of Cub Scout age Scouts.

Representatives of Chinook District, Boy Scouts of America and the Oregon Forestry Department meet with the neighbors on West Fork Road in June, 2015. The meeting was to show what we had in mind to do with Camp Millicoma and ask for concerns about the project. Many neighbors attended the meeting as all were asked by mail, phone calls and usually both. All of them expressed interest the project would be good for the area and a positive influence. All seemed anxious to get the project started. The only concern for those living on the graveled section of West Ford Road was the issue of dust. We pointed out mostly Scouts will be camping on the weekends with 2 to 7 vehicles on the road on Friday night and again on Sunday, so the traffic would not be more than on an average fishing weekend. The neighbors understood without any other objections.

In the following pages we have outlined current conditions at the camp and our proposed improvements.

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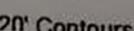
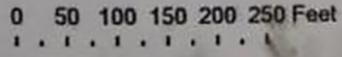
-  Permit Location
-  Millicoma Fish Hatchery
-  Streams
-  Roads
-  20' Contours

EXHIBIT "A"
CAMP CHINOOK
Elliott State Forest
Portions of Section 16
T24S, R11W, NW of SW,
Coos County, Oregon

E. Larsen
DATE

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While Camp Millicoma was under the Millicoma Parks and Recreation District, it had become self sufficient (During, fiscal 2009-2010). Camp Millicoma provided its own fundraisers, the collection of day use fees, overnight campground fees and Lodge rental fees.

It is the intention of Camp Millicoma to follow the same fee structure, with the exception of not charging walk in patrons a fee. We do not wish to charge patrons of the Millicoma Fish Hatchery a fee while at the same time campers are not charged when visiting and touring the STEP program. Our relationship with ODFW is very important to our future goals. To further clarify, a parking fee will be charged in lieu of the former day use fee to those who drive into the campground for either day or overnight use. Walk-ins, including those who park on the county right-of-way will not be charged to access the river.

At this time Camp Millicoma is run 100% by volunteers. Our board of directors, camp hosts, ground maintenance, trash clean up and brush clearing are all based on a community that supports our efforts and is willing to pitch in. The only change we might make is applying for federal, state, and private grants to help reach some of our goals for long term projects. Some of these include ADA access to the fish hatchery, ADA access to restrooms, showers and ADA access for fishing and picnic tables.

After 2012 we have long term goals of finishing a playground, rebuilding the lodge porches and wheelchair ramps; as well as creating a history and wildlife center to educate school age children as well as adults and families on examples of conservation techniques. These include solar power, wind generation, gravity fed water sources and recycling. Another goal is to build a history center which tells the story of Forestry in the area, our Native American history, as well as the wildlife that inhabit the Elliott State Forest. We can focus on ways to be safe, while still keeping the area clean and safe for others.

Other ideas such as cob-cabins, Yurt and tee-pees have been looked at but are on the back burner for the time being.

Various camp fees are to be collected by the host. The host is to record and provide a receipt from the pre-numbered books or envelopes for use of the Adirondacks, Tent sites and Lodge. A donation receipt can be provided on request. The funds are then forwarded to the treasurer for deposit. As funds pass from the host to the treasurer, a signed receipt is provided to the host. The treasurer then deposits the funds into the local bank account and keeps the general ledgers and sub-journals as necessary. Deposits for future camping are recorded as a refundable liability. Revenue is not recorded until the service is provided. The treasurer does not have the authority to sign any checks. Two other board members sign checks.

Camp Millicoma is currently a state recognized non-profit corporation, we are in the process of becoming a federally recognized non-profit in the next 12 months. Any funds that are surplus at the end of the fiscal year will be used to implement upgrades or put toward other project goals. At this time we pay no wages and every employee at the park is a volunteer. We have found that by giving to our park we give to our local communities. If there comes a time that wages need to be paid at the park we will notify forestry of our intent.

June 2, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting

Item E- First HBCU-16-012

Good Evening Commissioners. Thank you for the time you and your staff have taken to review our application and consider its merits. And thank you for your service to this community.

My name is Deb Reid, I live in Glasgow and I am the District Committee Chair for the Chinook District Boy Scouts. With me tonight is Jay Schaefer, the District Executive employed by the Oregon Trail Council to guide and serve scouting in our county. Jay has been the main contact person from our group as we have gone through this process with the Planning Commission. Together we represent the interests of the council and Council District Executive Scott Impecoven.

We appreciate the staff report produced after an analysis of our application and the recommendation that we have met the criteria for approval. We hope you will be able to support it tonight. The single caveat seems to be whether you will need additional measures in the interest of fire prevention. We agree that improving and maintaining this camp will provide better access for fire fighters; phase 2 includes paving the driveway and creating a better parking area. I would like to add that phase 1 will also serve to help *prevent* forest fires in that area. The first actions we plan, upon receiving approval to go forward, will impact fire and public safety. We have a crew available to go in and remove dead and dangerous limbs on our 3-acre tract; in addition, part of phase one of the project is to improve the water supply to this area. And let's not forget – we are Boy Scouts. We practice Leave No Trace, the Outdoor Code and fire safety as part of our youth program. Your interests are our interests and, as state leasees, we have direct oversight from the Assistant Coos District Forester, Ryan Greco, who unfortunately was unable to be here with us tonight. — *but shares these interests*

We are very excited about the opportunities available to youth in our community once the camp has been rejuvenated and put into use. The camp is sited in a relatively insulated area adjacent to the existing Millicoma Fish Hatchery and is sandwiched between the road and the creek a very short distance from the edge of the Elliot Forest – this separates it from most of the potential forest zoning concerns outlined in the permitting process. The site comprises a lodge and several Adirondack-style camping shelters. We wish to significantly improve these facilities, add additional Adirondacks (to total ten), develop a bathhouse, cooking shelter, septic and water systems, improve access and relocate the old camp host site to one with a better vantage point of the full camp.