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## Alsea Falls Trails Open June 22



**Alsea, Ore--**The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Salem District will be opening the new and improved Alsea Falls Trail System for the public on Sunday, June 22. The system – located halfway between Corvallis and Eugene in the Oregon Coast Range - is currently under construction. Nearly 6 miles of natural surface trail are completed and 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. “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 Highway 99 in the Willamette Valley and Highway 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.

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For more information on the Alsea Falls Recreation Site and trail system, including directions and a map, go to <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/salem/index.php>.

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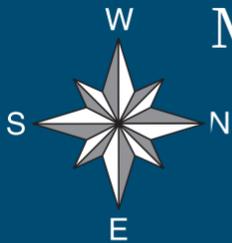


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# ALSEA FALLS TRAIL SYSTEM



**LEGEND**

- Multi-Use Trail (Hike, Bike and Equestrian)
- Hiking and Biking Trail
- Hiking Trail
- Major Road
- Double-Track Road
- Single-Track Road
- Trailhead
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Bridge
- Gate
- Intersection
- Spot Elevation in Feet
- Recommended Direction of Travel

