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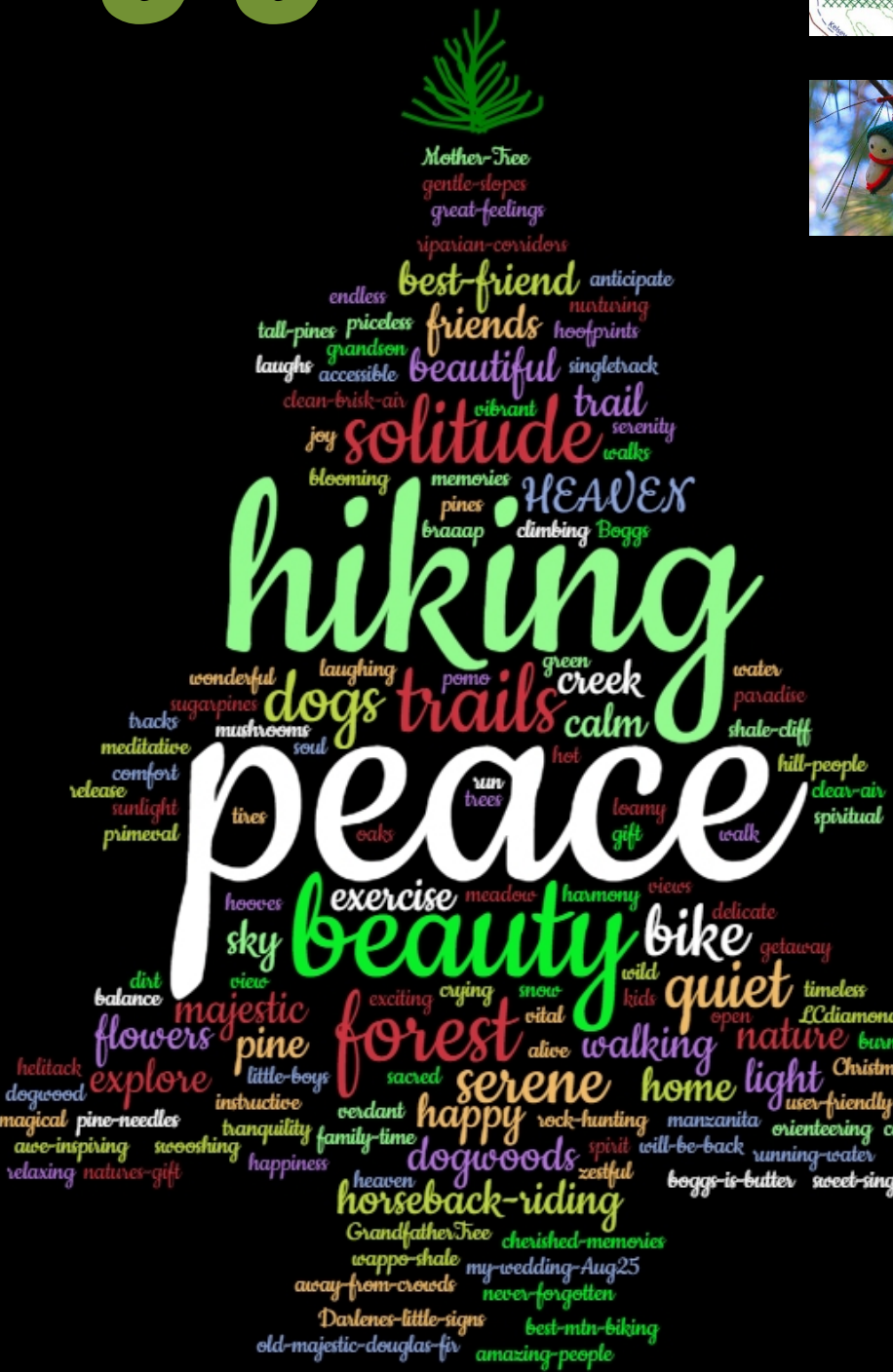

Dear Friends,

On Monday December 14, Nick Kent, Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest (BMDSF) Manager, led a tour of the forest to Friends of Boggs Mountain board members. We witnessed the extent of the fire damage, and brainstormed how FOBM can assist in forest and trail mitigation in the near and long term.

It was quite sobering to see the devastation first hand. But it was also encouraging to see bracken fern and coffeeberry shrubs sprout out of the scorched earth, as well as in the few small areas that were unscathed.

Nick has some terrific plans in mind for reforestation and is eager to enlist our help with ideas and muscle. The section of Boggs that surrounds Cobb School was largely saved from the worst of the fire, so in the next several months, we will concentrate our efforts there. Nick's stated goal is to have at least some areas of the main forest open by the end of the summer, 2016. After having seen the task he has ahead of him, it is a lofty goal and we plan to do whatever we can to make his job easier.

Prior to the fire, work began on re-establishing an interpretive trail behind Cobb school. Weather permitting from now through the spring, we plan to clean up an area on the north side where a large fire break was cut through the trail. In addition, we will be adding new signs identifying plant species. Many thanks to Darlene Hecomovich for her work and contribution to these signs.

Lastly, I want to thank all our members and many others that have contributed financially to the recovery of Boggs. We have received well over $12,000 in donations and new memberships since the fire, as well as an incredible outpouring of support and goodwill from friends in and outside the state.

Boggs meant so much to many people, and in so many different ways. Our "wordcloud" on the cover of this issue demonstrates the love expressed for the area. It helps us to imagine a new Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest that will emerge from the ashes better, more diverse and sustainable for future generations.

Wishing you and yours peace and joy,

David Thiessen
Board President

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TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Until further notice, trail maintenance will take place on the Boggs property behind Cobb Elementary School on the second Sunday of every month at 9am. We'll meet at the school parking lot. Bring water, gloves and hand tools, and wear sturdy shoes. We'll also have tools available. Please call David for more info: 707-928-0465. Rain cancels.

BMDSF CAL FIRE professional forester & forest manager, Nick Kent, indicates severe burn areas at Boggs on a burn severity map.

Post-Valley Fire BMDSF Presentation by Forest Manager, Nick Kent

November 10, 2015

The Friends of Boggs Mountain hosted a presentation by Nick Kent at the Cobb Elementary School last November. The meeting was well-attended with about fifty community members, many with concerns regarding re-opening of the forest, tree removal and re-forestation.

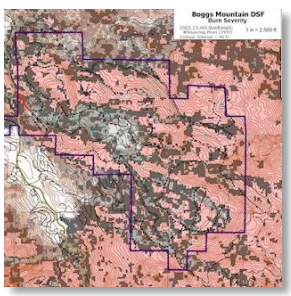
We present the following summary in Q&A fashion. Where relevant, we have included personal observations and photographs that were taken at the FOBM Board forest tour on Dec. 14.

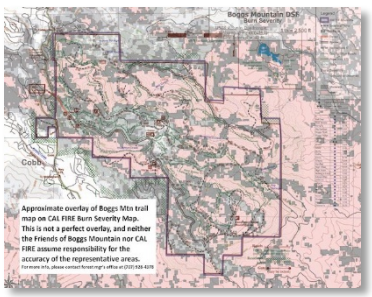
Many thanks again to Nick for the excellent slide presentation, his commitment to ongoing community outreach, and taking time out of his very busy schedule to answer questions and respond to emails.

Please note that Boggs Mountain is state property managed by the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention (**CAL FIRE**), not CA State Parks or US Forest Service. It is a demonstration state forest whose primary objectives are to "achieve an active research and demonstration program and maximum sustained production of high quality timber products, while developing an all-aged forest with the widest possible diversity of forest structures". Efforts to update the 2008 management plan (see http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/downloads/Boggs%20Mtn/Boggs_2008_DraftMgtPlan_HE_060408.pdf) were already in place before the fire, but will most likely be delayed due to the recovery efforts and ongoing research activities in the forest.

Q. How badly was BMDSF affected by the fire?

A. About 80% of mature trees and 95% of regeneration were destroyed by the fire. The eastern and northeastern ends were affected the most as was Houghton Creek and west of Horse Camp. You can see that along Road 500 toward Calso and in the campground itself, there were fairly low burn levels. CAL FIRE hopes a lot of those trees survive.
See Boggs Burn Severity Map: http://boggsmountain.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Burn-Severity-Boggs-Mtn-DSF-01_REDUCED.pdf and overlay of FOBM Trail Map on above map: http://boggsmountain.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/PostFire_BoggsMapOverlay.pdf





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Q. What areas were relatively undamaged by the fire?

A. Fortunately, the main parking area with the forest manager office, helitack, crew offices and living quarters, the information kiosks and new bathroom were untouched. The area along Gail's Trail where significant fuel reduction and controlled burns were conducted earlier in the year also had minor impacts. Finally, Calso Camp was only lightly affected, possibly on account of the campground area's relatively low fuel density.

View of main parking area from forest manager office

Q. If these places weren't affected much, why do they have to close the entire forest?

A. There are many reasons. Several critical activities are happening at Boggs, including salvage logging with goliath-sized machinery that can make mincemeat out of an unwary hiker, erosion management, research projects from state agencies as well as universities and colleges at several sites, numerous holes where trees were burned down to the roots, and the risk of "widow makers", broken tree limbs, and entire trees with burned-out roots falling.

Small and large holes at the horse camp.

Q. Will CAL FIRE remove all the trees that were burned?

A. According to the current plan, CAL FIRE will be thinning thick stands of dead trees, **leaving approximately 5% of dead trees per acre**. The objective is to reduce fuel loading while providing some structural support and habitat.

There is a delicate balance in leaving enough standing, dead vegetation to help manage erosion, and removing these to minimize current and future hazards. Logging will help soil absorb water (infiltration), but this can also lead to erosion, which is a huge concern.

Trees with white or yellow marks will be left standing. This tree is located near Gail's Trail, along Road 500.

So while CAL FIRE will NOT remove all the trees that were burned, heavily fire-impacted areas will be logged and will look significantly transformed.

Q. Has the fire lessened the threat of bark beetle damage?

A. Unfortuntely, the fire did not wipe out the pine or bark beetles. CAL FIRE entomologists and foresters anticipate that the bark beetle population will increase next year; in fact, they are expecting greater tree mortality next summer as freshly cut wood tends to attract bark beetles. In addition, trees already weakened from the fire may be the most susceptible to pests. It will be especially critical to manage slash piles as bark beetles can spread rapidly through these piles.

Pre-fire photo of trees dying from pine beetle infestation.

Q. What will CAL FIRE do with all that downed timber?

A. BMDSF generates income from timber sales and user recreation fees (campground fees, special permits), and does not receive money from the state general fund. Fortunately, BMDSF was able to secure salvage logging contracts from large lumber mills that will help support staff and management of the demonstration forest. Some lumber might also be milled to help in the rebuilding of homes in the Cobb area.

Nick Kent (far right) discusses how formerly thick stands of trees will appear once salvage logging is completed. Notice the rigorous new growth at the base of a coffeeberry shrub.

Q. So many trees are still standing and some even have a few clusters of green pine needles. Aren't they living organisms that are resilient and can recover from injury? Can't you try to just let them recover?

A. BMDSF is targeting to leave untouched about 5% of dead trees per acre. Several larger impacted trees are significant hazards and need removal. As Boggs is an especially popular place for visitors, forest management needs to protect the public from these types of hazards, as well as minimize the risk they pose in obstructing roads or trails.

View from Road 500 toward severely-impacted Houghton Creek.

The rain has fallen and tranquility transcends through the moss-laden rocks and trees.

- Gage H.

Q. What about "The General"? Will this beautiful Doug fir need to be taken down?

A. According to Nick, "The General" got badly scorched in the fire, and its location near Houghton Creek and right along the trail poses a significant hazard. He is aware and compassionate of many people's including FOBM members' attachment to this mighty tree, and regrets its demise.

Houghton Creek was so terribly ravaged, and The General fell victim to the flames along with hundreds of trees in that area. Unfortunately, the tree will have to be felled. However, Nick has agreed to create a memorial at its base, as well as possibly allowing volunteers to develop a program to create memorial pieces from the salvaged tree to raise money for forest restoration (see below).

"The General" aka "Grandfather Tree" aka "Mother Tree" photographed several years ago by David Thiessen along the Interpretive Trail near Houghton Creek.

Photo: Davis Palmer

Many people have inquired about a particular tree in Boggs and whether or not the tree survived the fire. Unfortunately, "The General" was hit hard. After significant debate, professional foresters determined that it had to come down.

Community volunteers are suggesting a program that would sell pieces of the tree as a fundraiser for the reforestation effort. This would allow everyone the opportunity to save a piece of a much-loved tree with great sentimental value.

We are looking for input and/or interest from anyone regarding this proposal. We are open to suggestions as we're still at concept stage, and would have to work out details with CAL FIRE.

Please send your comments/suggestions to fobmtn@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Deb Bloomquist
Volunteer

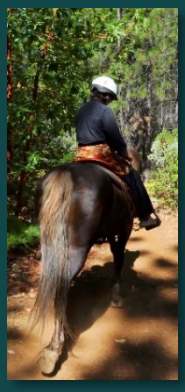
Q. What remains of the Horse Camp?

A. Unfortunately, the vault toilet was damaged, along with the picnic table and the new 2500-gallon water tank. However, the horse trough and its beautiful cedar cover are still intact. BMDSF has already contacted the Back Country Horsemen who built the camp, and will try to get FEMA support to replace the damaged infrastructure.

FOBM board members inspecting the horse camp facilities. Lisa Deas from the Back Country Horsemen and new FOBM Board Member surveys the damage on the recently-installed water tank. Unfortunately it is beyond repair and will need to be replaced.

Art-like images of sunlight streaming through pine needles and oak leaves. Heavenly, peaceful. The cadence and sound of horse hooves on dusty summer trails. The scent of equines surging uphill with grace and determination. Forever unforgettable.

- Anna R.



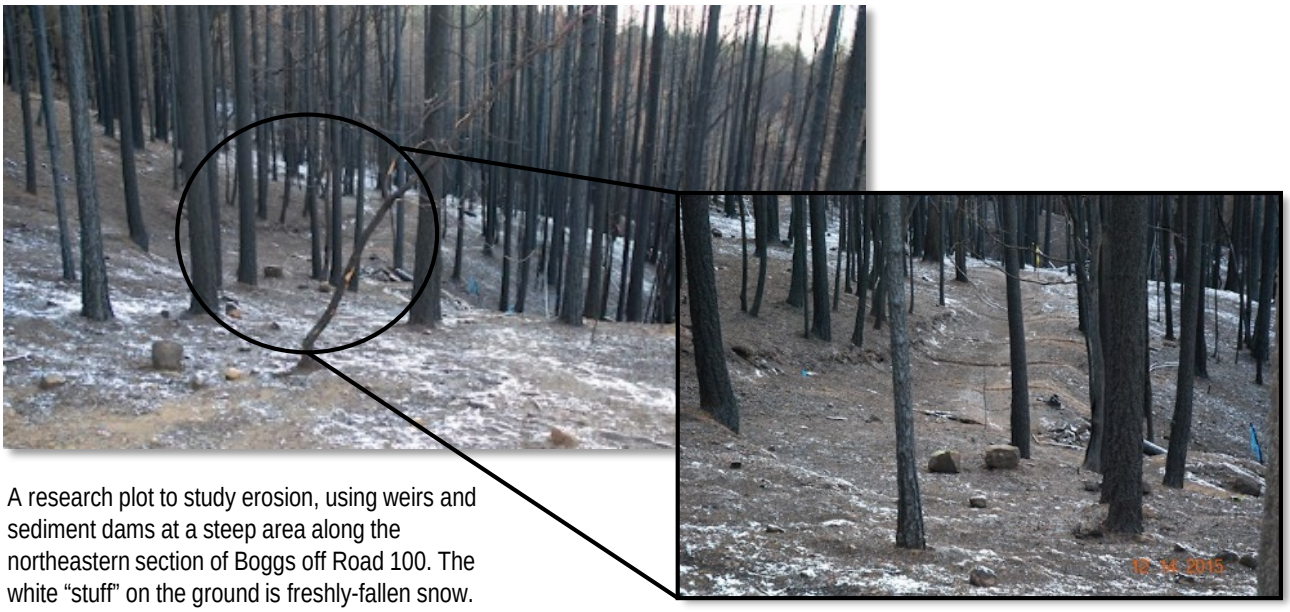
Q. What are BMDSF's current priorities?

A. With the winter rains arriving, **hill slope stabilization** is a huge priority. Some slash is being left to control erosion, and culverts are also being added to help manage increased flows. FOBM board members also noticed that roads were being improved and stabilized for erosion control as well as to facilitate and mitigate heavy use (road rocking) by trucks and logging machinery.

In its wake, the fire left a significant amount of dead trees standing. If unmanaged, these trees will decompose, become hazardous and abundant fuel for potential fires. So **salvage logging** during dry periods this winter is critical. Best to salvage usable wood from burnt trees than to leave it to decompose or become breeding habitat for bark beetles!

Community outreach and safety (prioritizing cleanup near neighborhoods, entry areas), and collaborating with other entities such as Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), UC Cooperative Extension, Lake County Emergency Services, and CAL FIRE Forest Improvement Program to clean up and reforest the local area are also near-term priorities.

BMDSF is also cooperating with researchers in and out of state who have come to Boggs to study post-fire impacts on the forest such as building and monitoring sediment dams, and monitoring the use of herbicides. Many different research proposals are underway or under discussion, and Nick envisions that Boggs could transform into a research and demonstration forest that integrates recreation and demonstration of forest management.



A research plot to study erosion, using weirs and sediment dams at a steep area along the northeastern section of Boggs off Road 100. The white "stuff" on the ground is freshly-fallen snow.

The smell of pine resin on a summer day.
The sound of snow falling.

- Scott S.

Crunching pine needles underfoot.

- Peggy C.

Q. What kinds of other research studies are being conceived or conducted at Boggs?

A. The following are just a few ideas in a long list being evaluated or conducted by BMDSF management:

- Site preparation, contour ripping, herbicides. Treatment vs no treatment. Effects on soil, water, erosion, growth and yield;
- Effectiveness of leave strips along watercourses in reducing surface erosion;
- Evaluate various dead tree structure retention levels to benefit wildlife habitat. Designing newly-established forest structures to provide rapid creation of northern spotted owl habitat;
- Competitive vegetation chemical release treatments vs. manual treatments;
- Effects of timber salvage vs no salvage on soil nutrients, water, erosion, growth and yield;
- Effects of leaving burned trees vs salvage on fuel loading and carbon life cycle calculations (black carbon from slow methane release of decomposition vs carbon stored in wood products);
- Hydrologic and geomorphic monitoring / research;
- Assisted Migration: different planting stock, climate adaptation;
- Evaluate various stocking standards, i.e. planting densities, thinning trials, manual vs. herbicide release methods (spot vs. broadcast spray);

  … and many others.

My experience on the Mountain

Inspiration: From the landscape and the people it touches.

Mystery: What is it that touches us?

- Dan D.

Q. Why are you planning to use herbicides?

A. Nick anticipates rapid and vigorous growth of underbrush – what amounts to forest fuel. Several coffeeberry plants are starting to take off even in the winter cold. Fire also seems to stimulate manzanita to regrow.

Unmanaged, extensive brush growth not only becomes a fuel hazard but will compete against pines and other desirable trees such as Doug fir and oaks. Ultimately, CAL FIRE would like to see larger trees to thrive, and a diverse, healthy forest with some open areas between trees that allow them to benefit from greater sunlight.

"Old Boggs" - too many thick clusters of small trees.

As a disabled person with polio that affected my right leg, Boggs has been a true gift from heaven!! I am lucky to able to experience it on the back of my horse. Boggs Mountain has been a beautiful gift that will never be forgotten and will be back better than ever!!

- Jackie H.

Q. I'd like to help in replanting trees. When can I start?!

A. BMDSF has been grateful for the incredible outpouring of generosity, especially from the local community eager to help in reforestation efforts. Until salvage logging and removal of hazardous trees is completed (hopefully by end of summer 2016), the forest will not be sufficiently safe to allow public access. At this time, replanting programs are envisioned to start some time in the winter of 2016-2017.

In the long term, Nick sees an opportunity to demonstrate techniques that create a resilient and more biologically diverse forest with native plant species. Tree species most likely to thrive in the higher ridge areas would include sugar pine and ponderosa pine. At lower elevations, doug fir, ponderosa pine, and black oak would do very well. The Boggs seed bank will provide local species, but possibly hundreds of thousands of trees will need to be planted. The help of the local schools, community and other organizations like FOBM will be critical in reforestation efforts.

Replanting at Boggs is envisioned to start some time in the late fall/winter of 2016. Photo: CAL FIRE

Dogwood blossom photographed in May 2012

As for the **dogwoods**, Nick believes that they may self-seed. We've already seen what appear to be healthy sprouts of coffeeberry shrubs in a very badly burned area, and he is hopeful that many other desirable plant species will self-seed or regenerate from their roots.

I have beautiful memories of taking our dogs up for a hike. We all loved the beauty of it. The smells of the pines, just the overall beauty. I've cried, just knowing that all that beauty might not be there anymore. "Dogs at Boggs" is a wonderful memory, too.

- Linda

Q. Is there a chance that the public can gain legal access to the forest before it is officially re-opened?

A. Nick would consider conducting guided tours for groups, including school groups to provide insight into programs and changes in the forest.

Please be aware that from now through late spring, he will be wrapped up in pressing issues that include coordination with many organizations, agencies, logging, milling, and research entities.

Photo: CAL FIRE

Thank you, Nick!

Listening to Nick's exhaustive presentation and bearing witness to Boggs' current state on his tour gave us a sense of the enormity of what is currently being done and needs to be accomplished over the next year.

Nick enjoyed using the trails and experiencing Boggs as we did, and he has shown a profound appreciation not just for the beauty and grace of the Forest, but also its history. FOBM is deeply appreciative of Nick's commitment to outreach and informative conversations during our community's recovery.

- Gigi Stahl

At the CAL FIRE Tour in July 2015 (see FOBM newsletter, August 2015), Nick Kent holds up a fire history map while Division Chief Jim Wright recaps the fires that occurred around Boggs. According to the map, that the last fire with significant encroachment into Boggs was the Big Canyon fire in 1947.

Being fairly new to hiking and wanting outdoor exercise, I looked forward to spending time exploring the various trails at Boggs. It was a special place that offered serenity, a place to get lost in one's thoughts.

The freshness in the air was always apparent, the chirping of the birds and running streams brought comforting sensations—simply a peaceful, natural environment surrounded me. I was excited to introduce the forest to my visiting family and friends to experience these emotions, too.

- Barbara Harris, Board Member

A Tiny Corner That's Definitely Worth A Visit

Boggs volunteers gather for a photo op at the amphitheater behind Cobb Elementary, hoping to get cooperation from Stoutheart (can't miss him) to look at the camera. And yes, that's Phyllis sporting her handydandy cordless electric pruner.

Few people know about a little corner that's part of Boggs, and it's right behind Cobb Elementary. It's only about fifty or so acres large, and most of it was not affected by the fire.

There are basically two short (1/4-1/2 mile) loop trails, long enough to wander in Thich Nhat Thanh style – slow, deliberate, mindful and wakeful walking, stopping to pause, taking in every detail of nature around you. With all this wonderful rain, you bet there's lots of fungal action down there! And before you know it, a full hour will have passed and your mind will be clear and refreshed.

The newsy part of this little gem is that Darlene ordered about thirty interpretive signs, some of which were mounted on posts by volunteers in early September in preparation for the Harvest Festival.

Darlene and Cindy (far right) carry the new interpretive signs to their respective locations while volunteers prep the area.

Needless to say, we're lucky and grateful to Darlene and especially to Cindy Leonard for leading the charge to get these signs established. They will play a part in outdoor education not just for school children but to other visitors who we hope will take some time to appreciate this special corner of Boggs. With that said, some of the trails in this area need some TLC, and FOBM will be looking for volunteers to help improve and if necessary, re-route trails in the next months.

This past March, USFS Johnny McMillen, former Boggs Forest Aide Jeremiah Steuterman, David Thiessen and Mitch Abe work on creating an outlet to prevent further severe erosion on an old logging road part of a loop trail behind Cobb Elementary.

Bike Monkey Raises the Pines

At the Bike Monkey HQ in Santa Rosa, a somber crowd listens to a riveting narrative from a Sonoma fire chief who was able to respond to the Valley Fire in the first 24 hours. Nick Kent also spoke at the fundraiser, attended by around 300 people from as far as San Francisco.

FOBM would like to acknowledge Carlos Perez of Bike Monkey for organizing a fundraiser on September 23rd to help in the reforestation efforts in the Cobb community and Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest through Levi Leipheimer's King Ridge Foundation (levisgranfondo.com).

To date, the non-profit has raised over $1.5M for various causes. The Bike Monkey fundraiser, which included the sale of "Raise the Pines" T-Shirts brought in a substantial sum of $62,953 in just a few months.

As the founder/organizer of Bike Monkey's Boggs 8-Hour Mountain Bike Race, Carlos has spent over a decade riding his bike at Boggs as well as organizing a major annual mountain bike event in Lake County that brings tourist dollars to Cobb and surrounding communities.

"We raised about a third of the funds at the event, and the rest came from online fundraising. So many people from outside of Lake County have gotten to know Boggs through the MTB race," he says.

Presentation of the check to the Lakeport Rotary Club from Bike Monkey's "Raise the Pines" fundraiser. Left-to-right: Cheryl Wallace, Levi Leipheimer, Jennifer Strong, Carlos Perez, Dave Townsend, and Glenn Fant.

Donors came from Lake and Sonoma County, as well as from more distant cities like San Francisco and Sacramento. As many as a thousand visitors from Northern CA come to Boggs for the MTB Race. Apart from the race events, they have enjoyed camping and hiking in the forest with their families.

Nick Kent, Boggs Forest Manager, was impressed with how Carlos came up this past fall to volunteer alongside CAL FIRE erosion control crews to help build soil dams and weirs.

"I worked with my dad in construction so I'm really good at building trenches," he laughs. Earlier this year, Carlos also joined volunteers with the IMBA Trail Care Crew in re-routing Jethro's Trail where manual excavation, moving and tamping down dirt was part of the fun.

The Lakeport Rotary Club was chosen to administer the fundraising proceeds. Under leadership of its current president, Jennifer Strong (race director for the annual Konocti Challenge bike ride), 100% of the funds is planned to be designated in the acquisition of about 100,000 trees for reforestation on Cobb, Anderson Springs, and Boggs.

Contemplating Boggs' Transformation

Many tears have been shed in the days following the Valley Fire. For me it was upon seeing the loss of loved landscapes and feeling the uncertainty associated with such drastic change. With continuing exposure and time, however, it is getting easier to accept the new norm and to look to the future.

Though we dearly miss the old and familiar, there is a great deal of beauty in the new landscape. The palette has changed, it is more earthy and muted, but still the subtleties of the variations in shade and intensity are intriguing. And the occasional hints of green, either old or new, speak of resilience and hope. New shapes and vistas have appeared, the lovely curling mass of branches of a burnt Ponderosa pine and the revealed majesty of Cobb Mountain looming over our beloved Boggs and the Cobb neighborhoods. Once hidden rock outcroppings are newly discovered and the violently volcanic underpinnings of our environment dramatically exposed.

The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, is often quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life." We've all known this to some degree, but probably have seldom experienced it as abruptly and drastically as in the last few months. The remains of devastated neighborhoods – burnt trees, ashes, chimneys, cars and scrap metal – are being removed, sites are cleared and cleaned, and rebuilding begins. Traffic delays and trucks have replaced the relative calm and certainty of past commutes. Many of our lives, in which we may have struggled before, have only become more intensely challenging. And the changes keep coming, some good, like our heightened sense of community, others more distressing, as the ever-new, recurring reminders of loss.

Our Boggs Mountain forest, too, is rapidly changing. As I watched and photographed it burning on September 12th, I could not have imagined what it would look like afterwards. At my first visit in October, it was shocking and overwhelming to see what the fire had done in such a short time. However, with increased familiarity and a growing understanding of the conditions that caused the fire to behave as it did, the change has become more acceptable. It wouldn't be undone.

Through repeated, supervised and sanctioned visits, the current state of the forest has become the new norm to me, but now even that won't last for long. Soon the carefully managed harvesting of the damaged timber will commence, another extreme change. It has to happen. Though it will extend our time of exclusion from the forest and the resulting landscape will most likely intensify our feelings of loss, it will be good.

It will not be the first time the forest has been harvested, nor will it be the last. We are fortunate to have seen it as it was and to see it start over again.

There is so much to learn in the process. And, especially for the younger among us, so much to look forward to.

- Davis Palmer

Davis Palmer, a former resident of Cobb, is a photographer and volunteer with CAL FIRE. He is helping to systematically photograph and record the current and future states of Boggs Mountain Demonstration State Forest. He photographed the snow-clad "General", shown in the background, in 2014.

A Special Acknowledgment to Forest Recovery Donors

The once comforting canopy of trees with winding trails - now just rows of memories.

Our beautiful forest that was thriving and strong, now needs our help to right the wrong.

The fire has burned images in our mind as we set to work for future mankind.

We will plant those seedlings with promise and hope, our forest will recover, like the rest of Cobb folk!

- Lisa Deas,
Board Member

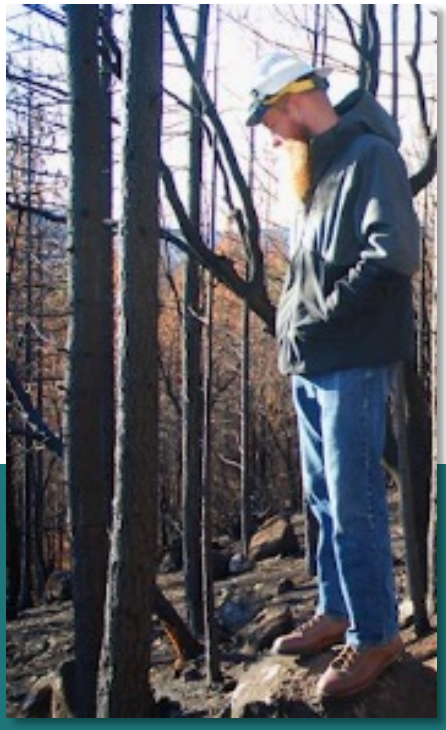
Thanks to recent outreach and support from IMBA Northern California / Pacific Northwest Region Director Laurel Harkness, BMDSF received a generous donation of $10,000 from REI.

"The International Mountain Biking Association can help mobilize its network and resources in support of CalFire's efforts to assess, rehabilitate, and re-open trails," said Harkness.

BMDSF and FOBM are also grateful for the largesse of many individuals who, like many of us, have developed a profound connection with the forest:

ARO Architect's Office, Susan Cannon, Doreen Del Testa, Scott & Claudia Hein (in honor of Darlene Hecomovich for the Valley Fire Trails Recovery), Kay Magenheim, Tami & Jeff Cramer of Main Street Bicycles, Gary Sousa, and John Ziesenhenne of MA Hays Insurance.

Donations toward the Boggs forest recovery effort can be sent to **FOBM, PO Box 726, Cobb, CA 95426. Tax ID: 56-2309457**



Boggs is freedom, tranquility, reflection, growth. As a mountain biker, Boggs is also exhilaration, exhaustion, and pain. Boggs can be brutally hot and bitter cold, dusty and muddy, often within one ride. Above all, Boggs is love, Boggs is peace.

- Adian Minty, Board Member

Words Give Strength
Actions Cement Our Commitment

Dear Friends,

The idea of a "wordcloud" for this issue came to me when I recalled the tightness in my throat as I drove past the unrecognizable Forestry Road about a month after the Valley Fire. There were no words. Just a hollow space of loss.

Since the fire, FOBM had received several inquiries about the Forest, many of them illuminating. I read the emails, listened to folks ask questions about the forest, watched in silence as I measured their expressions, creases of sorrow on ravaged Boggs.

All the words were coming from YOU. We had a huge response to the request, some profoundly moving, poignant and poetic. If you've managed to get to this page, you'll see a few phrases scattered throughout this issue. And in case you're wondering, the cover graphic came from this app: wordclouds.com

Ever-present and mighty FOBM volunteers – Barb and Phyllis – helping clear low branches for horseback riders. The three of us were "short-staffed" that day ☺

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Thank you so much for being a ***contributor*** *to this newsletter. And Davis Palmer, heartfelt thanks for your moving essay. Though I've been a FOBM volunteer for four years, I've learned so much more about our community just in the last few months – magnanimity and kindness that extend past the county line.*

The past ***Quarterlies*** *were produced and edited by Karen Rhoads, and we are immensely grateful for Karen's hard work and incredible artistic and musical talents. Going forward, we invite you to join our volunteer group – even a few hours in the year. You might consider taking on the newsletter, mailings, Website or social media – or if you'd like to contribute articles and/or photos. Contact fobmtn@gmail.com to join the fun.*

In closing, thousands have mourned the devastation of Boggs, of our and our neighbors' homes and items profound in each individual's life history and heritage. Here with us, home has no walls, no pretenses. Home is a gift of time to listen, a transcendant hug. Or maybe a faint breeze through the pines that heals our hurts and strengthens our hearts in loving compassion.

On behalf of the FOBM Board, our hearts are with yours. In solidarity.

Till soon, happy trails,

Gigi Stahl
FOBM Volunteer and this Quarterly's editor

We apologize for unintended misspellings, errors, exclusions. Please send corrections and comments to fobmtn@gmail.com.

Many Thanks to Our Regular and Business Members

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Susan Cannon (Lifetime), Mike Bielenberg, Deb and Chris Bloomquist, Tami and Jeff Cramer of Main Street Bicycles, and JoAnn Saccato.

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Membership Application

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ ok to email? ___ yes ___ no

I participate in these activities at Boggs:

□ hiking/jogging □ birding □ star gazing □ horseback riding □ orienteering
□ dog walking □ hunting □ target shooting □ mountain biking □ camping

I would like to be involved in the

□ Interpretive Committee □ Activities Committee □ Membership Committee

How often do you visit Boggs? _____ How long do you usually stay?_____

What changes would you suggest for the forest? _____

Are you interested in volunteering for any special projects at the forest (trail maintenance, installing more trail signs, etc.)_____

Sign me up as a member (payable to Friends of Boggs Mountain)

□ $20 Individual □ $35 Family/Supporting □ $100 Patron □ $500 Lifetime

Business Membership

Businesses and professional persons can also support Friends of Boggs Mountain. Business members receive a free advertisement posted in a prominent location on the main kiosk at the forest.

More than 10,000 visitors enjoy the forest's 22-plus miles of trails each year. At least three-quarters of these visitors reside in Lake County and the Bay Area.

Business Name _____
Contact _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ ok to email? ___ yes ___ no

□ $35 BRONZE *includes business-card size ad -- 2" x 3 ½"* **□ $60 SILVER *includes 4" x 6" ad***

□ $100 GOLD *includes 5 ½" x 8 ½" ad* **□ $200 PLATINUM *includes 8 1/2" x 11" ad***

□ $1000 LIFETIME BUSINESS SPONSOR *includes permanent plaque mounted on wood.*

Friends of Boggs Mountain will laminate your business card or printed ad and post it on the kiosk. Please allow at least a 1/8" margin on all four sides. Advertisements can be vertical or horizontal. Friends of Boggs Mountain reserves the right to reject any advertisement.

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