



ON THE PAPER TRAIL

NEWS FOR SITKA TRAIL WORKS MEMBERS

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SITKA TRAIL WORKS ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 19

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Centennial Building

**Potluck and Guest Speaker: STW Board Member,
Dawn Johnson - "Hiking the Chilkoot Trail"**

Board Members up for election:

Don MacKinnon, Jill Johnson

Roslyn MacKinnon, & Jeff Arndt

A hiker explores Mount Edgecumbe's summit while on the June 24th Sitka Trail Works hike. Photo by Dawn Johnson.



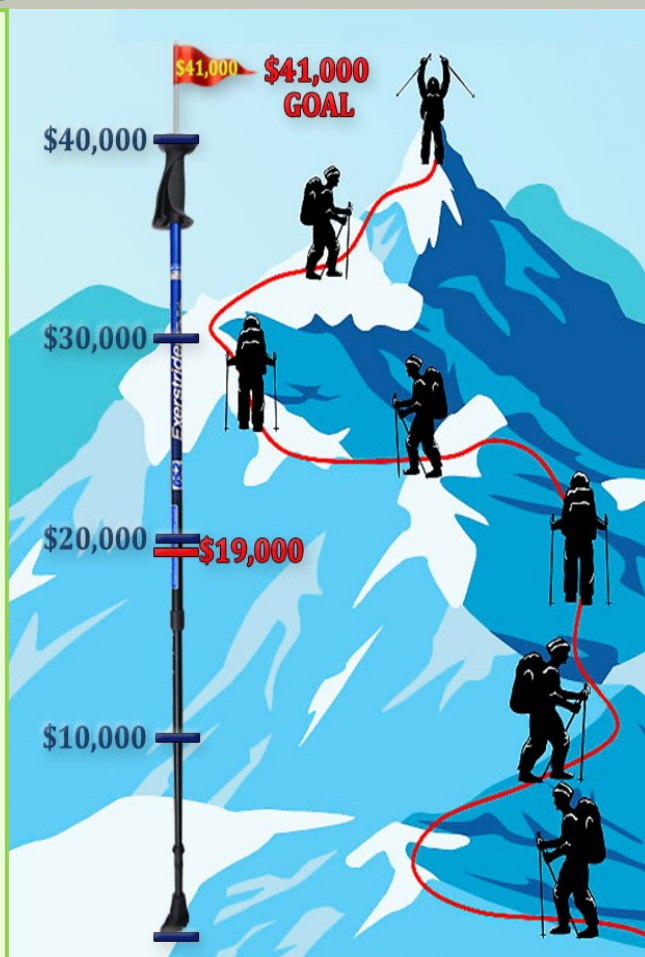
Dear Sitka Trail Works Supporters,

*Each year the fall issue of "On the Paper Trail" is mailed to supporters. If you are receiving this newsletter it is because you have been a member or gone on a STW hike sometime within the last three years. **Thank you!***

Your membership support has gotten us 47% of the way to our annual goal of \$41,075. If you haven't given yet, please consider making an individual or corporate donation during our Fall Drive. Donor dollars allow for staff time for our mission: maintaining, building and promoting a world class trail system in Sitka. We now have a recurring donation option. Call for details. As always, one-time gifts can still be made on our website, via the mail, or at the office.

As fall approaches, I am thankful and continue to be amazed at the wonderful support of our members, volunteers, the dedicated Board and our agency partners. I am very thankful for you and our incredible community.

Warm Regards, Lynne Brandon, STW Executive Director



Our website: sitkatrailworks.org

Made possible by STW members:

CROSS TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

2.6 miles

2019 -2021

- ~ COMPLETE STORM WATER PLAN
- ~ ESTABLISH CORPS MITIGATION:
Wetland Delineation & Functional Analysis
for Conservation Area
- ~ LOCAL CAPITAL DRIVE & RASMUSON GRANT for Match
- ~ FINALIZE DESIGN & PLAN SET
- ~ COMPLETE FISH HABITAT PERMITS
- ~ NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DECISION
- ~ WETLAND DELINEATION, CORPS PERMIT PROCESS
- ~ COLLECTION AGREEMENT WITH
FOREST SERVICE TO COMPLETE NEPA REPORTS
- ~ PUBLIC PROCESS, FINALIZE ALIGNMENT
- ~ APPLY FOR & SECURE CONSTRUCTION FUNDING
1.9MILLION FROM FED. HWYS.
- ~ PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE & ALIGNMENT
- ~ RFP PROCESS & HIRE ENGINEERING FIRM
- ~ SECURE FUNDS PLANNING, SURVEY, DESIGN
\$250,000 FROM FED. HWYS. 2014

PLANNING, DESIGN, PERMITTING - 2014 - 2018

SITKA TRAIL, NON-MOTORIZED & CBS COMP PLANS

The iceberg projecting above water doesn't reveal the mass hidden below.

The iceberg illustrates well trail project development, starting at the bottom.

The pre-construction work is "hidden", below the water. The top of the iceberg shows the construction of the Cross Trail and is the part the public sees.

The four-year long paperwork trail for this project is made possible with your support.

Thank you, too, to our partners: City & Borough of Sitka and the US Forest Service.

Did you know? Cross Trail has been in major community plans since 1975. Cross Trail currently connects to two other hiking trails & eight neighborhoods. The final piece will add two connectors in the Old Sitka area. Once completed, you'll be able to use separated, multi-use paths for the entire length of the road system.

Indian River Repairs Project Complete

Major repairs to Indian River Trail were made this summer using Title II Secure Rural Schools RAC funds. The Forest Service hired the Juneau Trail Mix crew for 3 weeks in June. Their work repaired the first 1.5 miles of trail and improved safety in areas where boardwalk was failing. The Sitka Ranger District trail crew spent 5 weeks working on a 1500' reroute at the last river crossing and installing two new log-stringer bridges. The USFS Sitka Ranger District has secured an additional \$80,000 to continue work on the Indian River Trail. They will be working with Juneau Trail Mix to perform a substantial amount of trail work over the next couple of years. Thank you Forest Service for the wonderful effort on this highly-used community trail.



Failing boardwalk replaced by this new gravel section.



Newly rerouted trail!



A work crew installing a new log-stringer bridge. This article's photos courtesy of US Forest Service.

Funding for Cross Trail Match Campaign : \$866 to reach our goal!

Thank you to everyone who has helped with STW's capital campaign for the Cross Trail match. These funds will help leverage a larger grant proposal that we are submitting to the Rasmuson Foundation this fall. Thank you SEARHC for the \$5,000 contribution and to Bart Meyer and the Sitka Skating and Sports Arena for their \$10,200 donation. We are so near our goal! With a small amount left to raise, we started a CrowdRise Campaign on August 23rd and as of this publication have \$865.88 more to go.

Track our progress or contribute here: <https://www.crowdrise.com/sitka-trail-works-inc>



Member Benefits! Your current STW member card can get you 10% off of selected items at three local retailers. Thank you to Orion Sporting Goods, Russell's, and LFS Marine Supplies for offering discounts to Sitka Trail Works members during 2018.



Orion Sporting Goods: Outdoor clothing, backpacks, water bottles, camping gear | **Russell's:** Store wide excluding guns & ammo | **LFS Marine Supplies:** Outdoor clothing, gloves, boots
May not be used in combination with other discounts or sales & other restrictions may apply.

Become a member. It's easy online at: sitkatrailworks.org

2018 Summer Season - By The Numbers



▶ **197** total hikers during summer 2018 ◀

▶ a median of **15** participants per hike ◀



▶ **28** participants on largest on-island hike ◀

▶ **1,252** miles hiked with Sitka Trail Works ◀

