



# ON THE PAPER TRAIL

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## NEWS FOR SITKA TRAIL WORKS MEMBERS

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**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE VIRTUAL  
SITKA TRAIL WORKS ANNUAL MEETING**

**Monday, October 19**

6PM to 7:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting - **email us for a link or  
check the website.**

Board Members up for election:

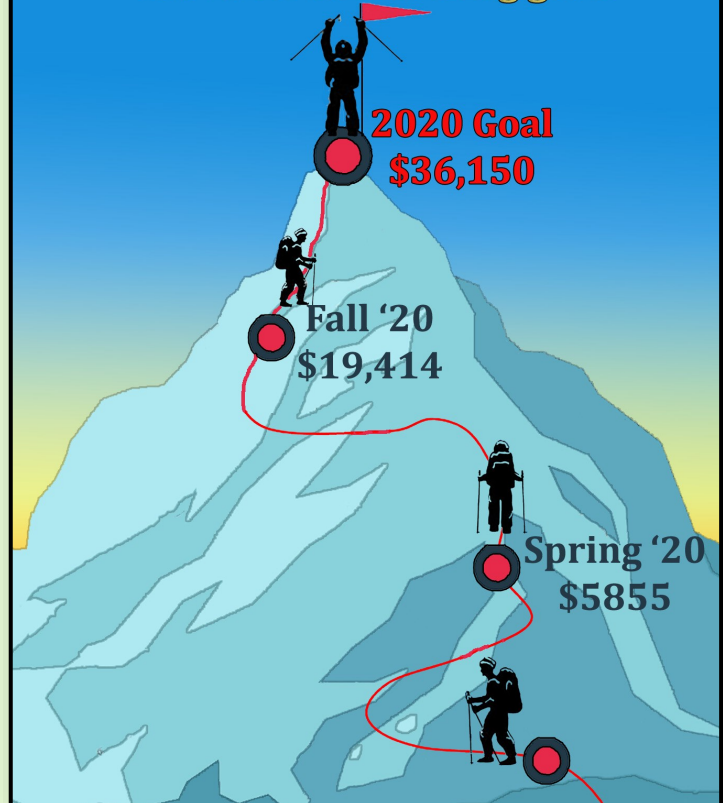
Doug Osborne, Brian Hanson & Nicole Duclos

Your membership support has gotten us **54%** of the way to our annual goal of \$36,150. Thank you members! If you haven't given yet, please consider joining STW by making 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. Sign up on our website, via the mail, or at the office.

We very thankful for our members, volunteers, the dedicated Board and incredible community of Sitka.

Lynne Brandon, STW Executive Director

**Help us reach the summit and attain  
our 2020 fundraising goal!**



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**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 2021.

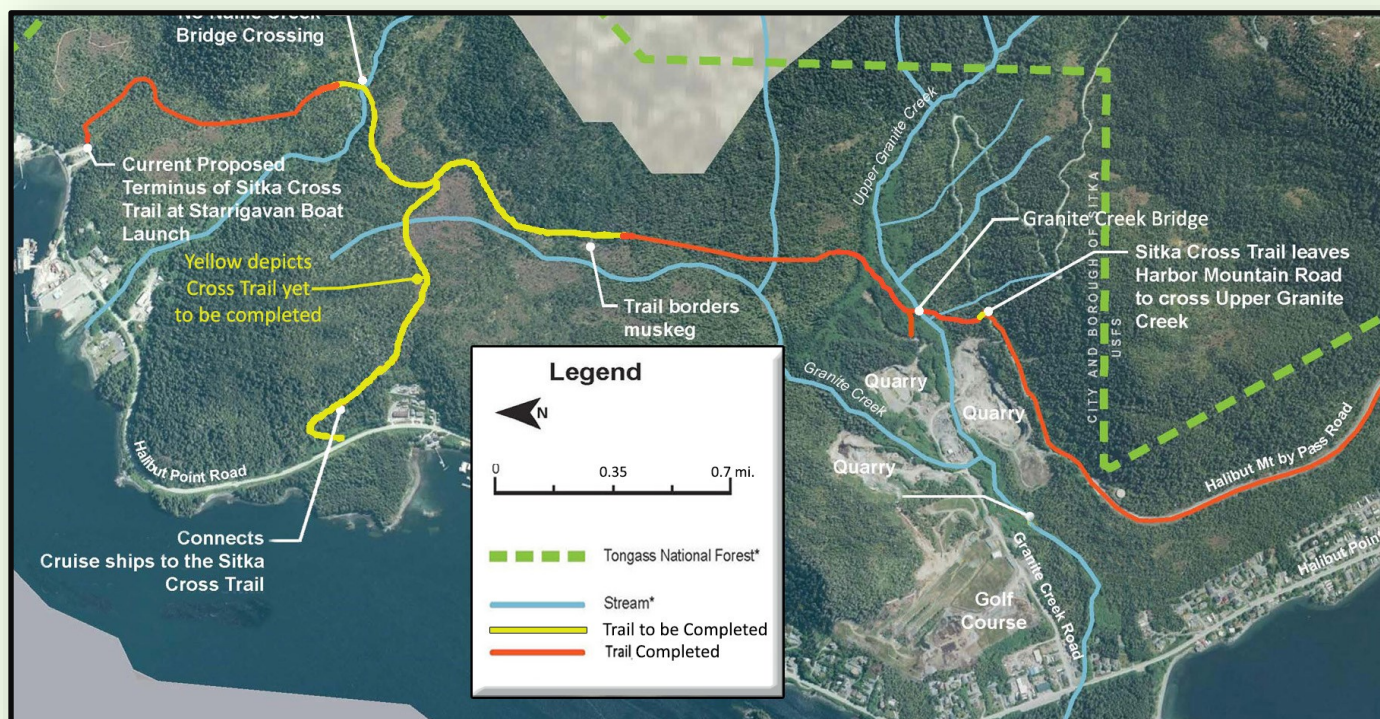
**Orion Sporting Goods:** Outdoor clothing, backpacks, water bottles, camping gear | **Russell's:** Store wide excluding guns & ammo | **LFS Marine Supplies:** Outdoor clothing, gloves, boots *May not be used in combination with other discounts or sales & other restrictions may apply*

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## Cross Trail Phase 6 Update

Construction of the 2.6-mile Phase 6 Cross Trail, from Harbor Mountain Road to Old Sitka, including a .6 mile connector to Sitka Rocks dock, has been underway since December 2019. Work continues from both the Granite Creek side and from the Old Sitka Boat Launch parking lot. Since the last newsletter, an additional 3,482 lineal feet base-course of trail is on the ground. Most of the trail winds through open, forested, wetland edge with large cedar, mountain hemlock, bull pine and western hemlock trees. Phase 6 Cross Trail will be a good hiking option for sunny days!

Multiuse trail construction has a few steps: the alignment is cleared, logs are laid down perpendicular to the trail (corduroy), culverts (40 so far) installed, fabric placed on top and then 18"± chunky rock laid on top. The trail "floats" on wet soils. To finish the trail surface, the last task is to spread fine gravel, D-1, as the topcoat.



Since the distances are long and access points are limited, Phase 6 is mostly being constructed with large equipment. Smaller equipment will be used when the "haul" distances are shorter.

The crew has completed a total of 6737' of chunky rock trail surface with 790' of the trail from Granite Creek to Harbor Mountain road finished with D-1. Work begins on the Sitka Rocks Dock connector trail this fall. The 60' No Name bridge will be installed; D-1 topcoat spread and compacted; a small trailhead parking area off Halibut Point Rd. and the remainder of the Harbor Mountain connector trail will be completed next year.

The project is nearly 50% complete and if the winter weather is mild, the crew will be able to work this winter. STW anticipates completing the Cross Trail project by the end of 2021.

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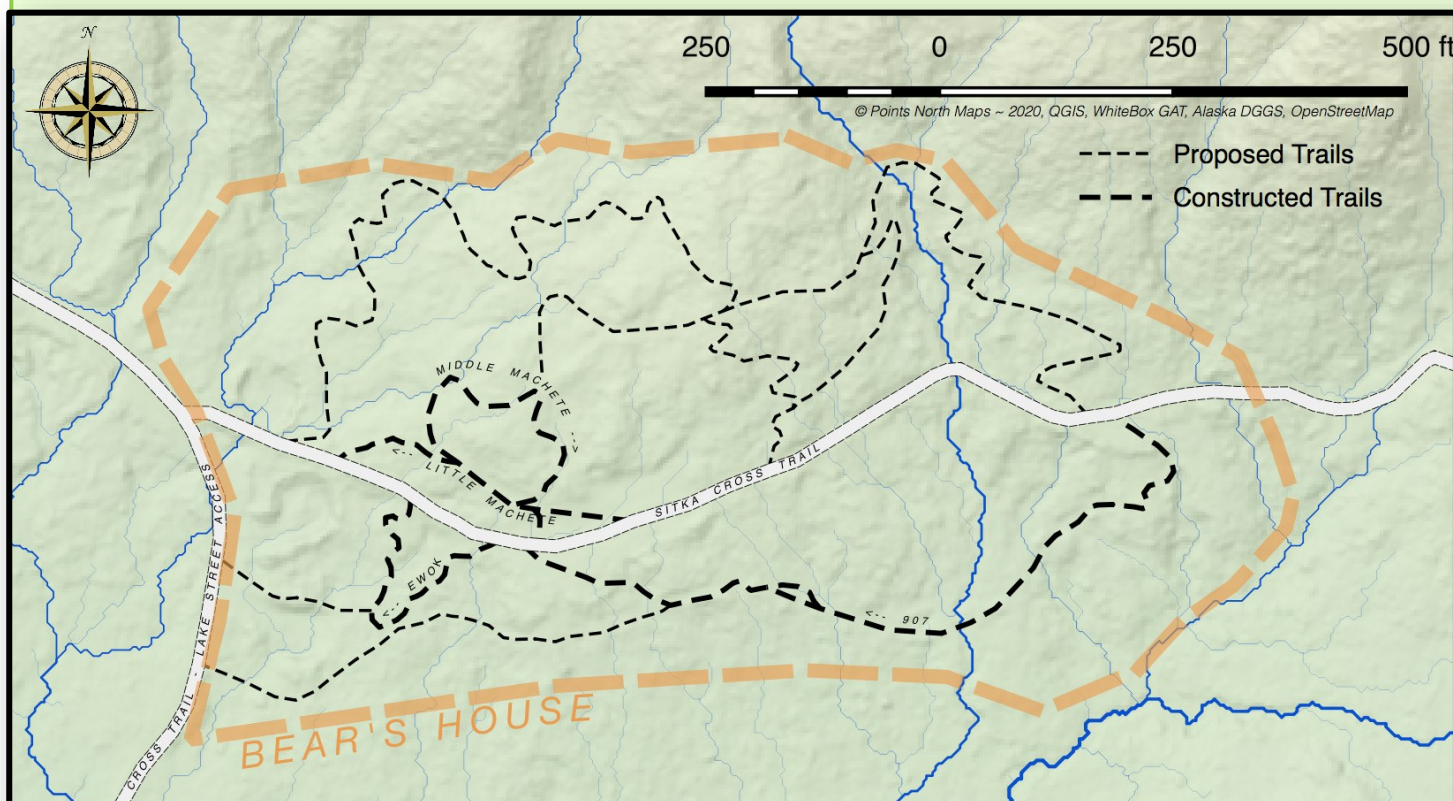
## Single Track Mountain Biking in Sitka!

Thanks to volunteers with the Sitka Cycling Club, Sitka has four new single-track mountain biking trail loops off the Cross Trail (907, Little Machete, Middle Machete and Ewok).

Trail Works has been partnering with the Sitka Cycling Club for the last couple years to promote cycling and the development of new single track mountain bike trails in Sitka. Single track mountain bike trail (MTB) projects are included as a priority in STW's Trail Plan and we consistently hear local support for MTB trails.

This summer volunteers from the Cycling Club were assisted on the Ewok Loop by Southeast Alaska Independent Living's (SAIL) Sitka Summer Work Program crew led by Joel Hanson. A crew of students from Outer Coast College are working on the Middle Machete Loop which is 99% complete. Volunteer work includes hauling rocks and gravel, spreading gravel, placing big rocks in muddy spots and fabric cutting. For the fall/winter schedule and updates, please email Amy Volz ([amy.volz@outlook.com](mailto:amy.volz@outlook.com)).

Work on other trails continues as the group, along with students from Outer Coast, will also complete a Master Plan for Sitka single track mountain bike trails. The Cares Act Community Conservation Corps will build another single track mountain biking trail off the Cross Trail High School connector to extend the 907 trail this fall! Updates will be posted on STW's Facebook page, as well.



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Join or renew your membership today!  
All STW memberships are 100% tax deductible

## 2020 Summer Season Trail Work!



**VOLUNTEER AMY VOLTZ MOVES ROCK**



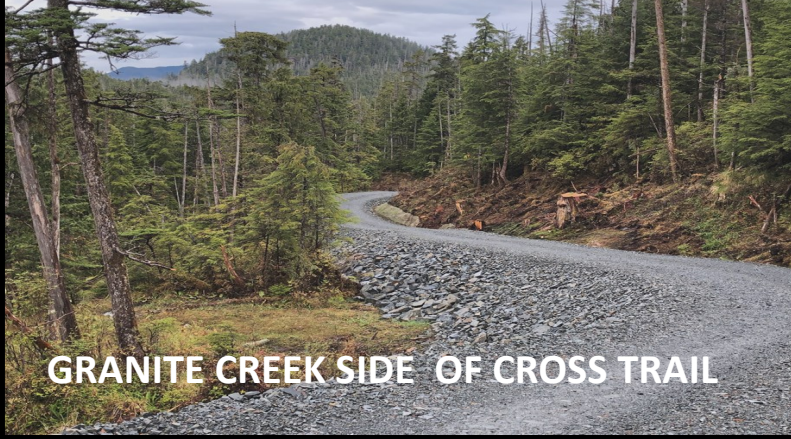
**LEE HOUSE & LAURENT DEVICHE ROCKIN' IT**



**VOLUNTEERS LEE HOUSE, LEFT, AARON PRUSSIAN, AND K.K. PRUSSIAN DISCUSS NEXT STEPS**



**OLD SITKA SIDE OF CROSS TRAIL**



**GRANITE CREEK SIDE OF CROSS TRAIL**



**GRANITE CREEK BRIDGE**