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Century Sam Lake trail work 4-8-2013

Nothing lazy, hazy or crazy about the hard working crew who turned out yesterday for the Century Sam Lake trail work party.

Trip Report

6 of us in total, and in two vehicles, had an easy drive to the Glacier/Century Sam Lake trailhead. The roads are in good condition as TimberWest is obviously planning more logging in the area and are currently working on at least 2 new roads. See the attached photos.

We started clipping out the trail from the trailhead to the first slide area. At the first slide area the well clipped trail from last year was all but impossible to see. With the snow melting earlier than last year there seemed to be much more growth to hack away at. We didn't even finish with the first slide area until nearly 3 PM, and it was debatable whether we really wanted to clip out the second slide area as well. After a short and late lunch break we decided to have a look at the next area anyway and, like good little boys and girls, we did our duty for the club and fully completed what we started out to do.

The return trek was a breeze compared to the way in. It looked like a heard of elephants had gone through ahead of us and we had no problem clearly seeing all the uneven parts of the trail. One problem, though, that we had no control over was a wasp nest that I disturbed whilst almost on my hands and knees cutting out the trail. Even with a burst of adrenalin I still couldn't out run the angry bunch of critters that were in hot pursuit. Six stings later and a lost pair of \$700 prescription glasses had us all waiting awhile before heading on again. Luckily, I did find my glasses that were still on the trail and hadn't flown off into the impenetrable bush.

At least 2 other wasp nests were encountered, but not in the slide area so they were easier to avoid. We will have to be careful on the trip next Sunday.

We were back to the TW gate by about 6:00 PM after a long hot day in the bush and I would like to heartily thank all the participants who turned out for this trip for the excellent job they did on clearing out the trail. I am sure all our hard work will be really appreciated next Sunday.





A new road before the turn off on the trailhead road [Tim Penney photo]



Otto navigates one of the washout crossings [Tim Penney photo]



Admiring the scenery and taking a few photographs [Tim Penney photo]



Big tree tree hugger [Tim Penney photo]



At the turn off to the decommissioned trailhead road [Tim Penney photo]



Old growth forest at the start of the trail [Tim Penney photo]



The Glacier trail splits here for Century Sam Lake [Tim Penney photo]



Looking up [Tim Penney photo]



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