

# Rumblings



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## Mount St. Helens Institute eNews

It's officially fall. Mushrooms are fruiting, leaves are changing, and thankfully, the rain is helping to dampen some of the fires raging in our wildlands. The forests, like Mount St. Helens itself, are powerful reminders of change and resilience. **We continue to adapt with the landscape, and are committed to bringing the volcano to people around the world while improving equity in accessing science, the outdoors and public lands.**

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## Big Hollow Fire Update



Big Hollow Fire Closure area has been REDUCED effective Sept. 30, 2020. The current closure area includes all of Trapper Creek Wilderness and areas west of Wind River Road. All roads within and inclusive of the closure area are closed. Forest Road 30, Curly Creek Road and Forest Road 90, on the perimeter of the closure, remain open.

[Closure Order](#) [Map of the reduced closure](#)

Current closures are still in place as needed for public safety and for continued response operations. Please respect all closures.

A Burned Area Emergency Response team is currently preparing an emergency restoration plan for post fire suppression rehabilitation. As we learn more about the overall effects of the fire, we will share that information.

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# Romano's Ramblings:

The Devil Wind Blows Again: Devastation and Renewal in the Siouxon

By renowned hiking guidebook author [Craig Romano](#)



The Siouxon Creek Valley is a beloved hiking, mountain biking and camping destination less than an hour's drive from the Vancouver-Portland Metropolitan area. More than 50 miles of trails traverse this valley, embracing the cascading creek and fanning out to the steep peaks and ridges that cradle the valley. Siouxon Creek is revered for its abundance of showy waterfalls and captivating cascades, and its accessibility to hikers of all ages and abilities. Its surrounding peaks provide sweeping views of Mounts St. Helens, Hood and Adams—and of what was recently a luxuriant valley shrouded with a uniform emerald forest canopy.

[Read the Full Article](#)

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## Submission Period for our Photo Contest Has Ended!



Thanks to everyone who submitted photos! The submission period has ended and judging will begin soon. Be sure to visit our Facebook page to participate in voting on your favorite shots of Mount St. Helens.

Photo courtesy of Sonja Melander

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## The Dark Divide is Streaming Now



Get Lost, Find Yourself... The Dark Divide is now available to watch virtually.

A shy butterfly expert (David Cross) embarks on a dangerous, life-changing trek through one of America's greatest wildlands.

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## Wy'east Wolfpack Wood Burnings



Original drawing of Loowit (Mt. St. Helens) by Willie McBride, co-founder/owner of Wy'east Wolfpack, machine-burned on a 7.5 x 10" piece of Luan wood (tropical hardwood w/ veneer) Thanks to Jeremy Long of Daybreak Racing for the wood burning expertise! \$10 of every purchase goes to the Mount St. Helens Institute!

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