LSH Woods Cleanup Day May 14th, 2022

The plan was to clean up the many limbs and debris from fallen trees this winter and early spring. Kurt Zacker rented a chipper which proved to be a winner as the LSH member crew of about 19 were able to remove not only the recent branches but also cleaned up older limbs and debris.



Kurt Zacker, his brother John work the pile of limbs putting them through the chipper while Brian John's son and others bring the limbs and other debris out of the woods and pile it on the side of road 5 to run through the chipper.

Carol Mannix and in the far background new member Chris **Pelchat gather** limbs new and old to feed to the chipper. In the background is the large fallen fir tree, early this spring can be seen in the background minus its limbs. Which were removed to reduce fuel for fire safety. Ken **Clawson cleared** the top portion of it off the road and has rightfully claimed the tree.



Brian John's, LSH Wood's Boss, and others bring new limbs and older limbs and fuel out of the woods



Rick McCord and Jamie Steel removing old fallen small tree and many dead limbs out of the woods west of road 5. Due to the limitation of area LSH/DNR could masticate due to the limited scope of the DNR contract \$16K and 10 acres, this area was beyond the contracted area boundary. This was all removed and chipped.



The Russ Morris, Sons, grandkids and Steve Tierney cleared this area just south and west of the junction of road 5 &6. This is an area with some rock outcrops that were problematic for the masticator. The Morris family and Steve chose to clear the area by a bonfire as the rest of us chipped away at the debris in the woods. This worked out well and lots of caution was exercised



Rick McCord and Steve Roffler moving limbs etc. from an area on road 5 north and east of the Junction of 5 & 6. This is debris left from a tree that had fallen over road 5. There was a lot of limbs, a couple small fallen dead trees and other dry fuel in this area that was pulled out and chipped greatly reducing fuel and improving fire safety.

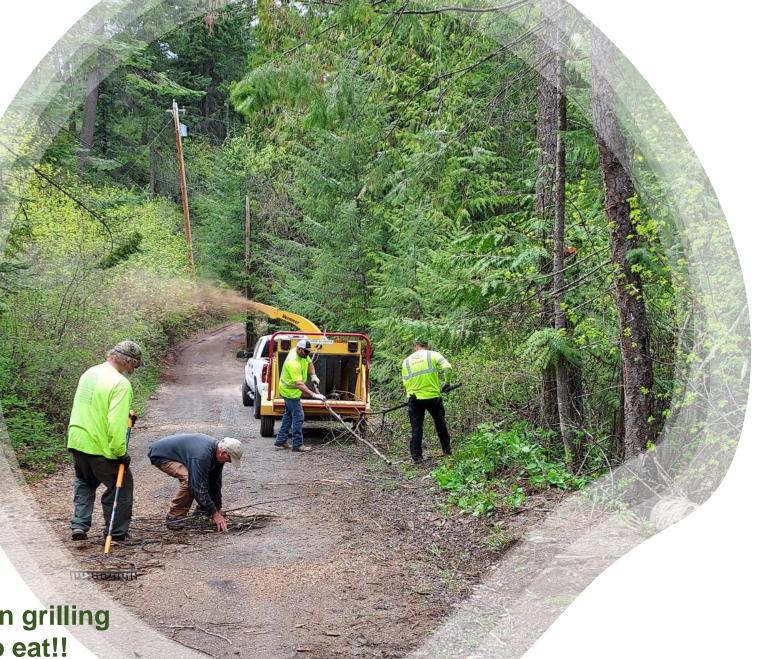


Kurt Zacker is pulling a large dead tree out of the side of road 6. Steve and Chris look on while **Rick and Jamie** gather dead limbs etc. to be chipped. Yes, Kurt was able to pull out the dead tree with some help and it did go through the chipper. There was a lot of dead limbs as well as some piles of limbs further down road 6. Again, greatly reducing fuel level and improving fire safety.



Jamie and Russ clean up remnants of a pile of dead limbs that were fed through the chipper while Kurt and brother John continue to feed the last of the dead limbs into the chipper at near the bottom of the hill on road 6. It is now about 3 pm or so and much cleanup has been accomplished.

Kelly Johns has been grilling hamburgers. Time to eat!!



One of problems encountered when the area between road 5 and roads 1 thru 4 was masticated, was the dumping of trash by homeowners particularly west of road 1. Bed springs, garbage bags and yard waste was encounter that slowed down the process as well as risked damage to the masticator. Steve found these several piles of yard waste and some wood dumped on Association property.

<u>There is to be no dumping on</u> association property!!

Steve Roffler is unloading the yard waste, which was dumped west and above road 1, on the area where the **Forest Management folks placed** and then burned the slash pile in February 2019. The LSH board is going to do a one-year trial to provide this LSH area for dumping LSH members yard waste. We will then get a burn permit and burn the waste in the fall. The hope is that LSH members were either dump their yard waste here, burn it safely on their property or take it to the **Stevens county transfer station. The** location of this site is just north & off S. Loon Lake road and 100 ft or so west of LSH rd. 5 entrance.



Yard waste and burnable only – nothing else

Many Thanks to Brian and Kelly Johns for organizing this LSH May 14th Workday as well as providing an excellent lunch. The plan was to work from 10 am to 2 pm then have lunch. However, the work party was so into feeding the chipper that the work continued up to after 3 pm. Also, the fire crew did not want to leave the fire, so Kelly& **Brian delivered** hamburgers and beer to them. The rest gathered around the table. A fun time to meet your neighbor.

A little after 4 pm, the LSH May 14th workday is winding down, lunch has been served as well as good conversation and fellowship around the patio and table at the John's place. On my way home I stop to say hello to Henry and his Dad as the Morris' make sure the fire is almost out. Their plan was successful. Much debris and fuel was cleared out. Thanks to Steve Tierney and the Morris'. Job well done

