

## June 2011 Overview

### Shasta-Trinity Backcountry Trail Crew

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ZIP! There goes June as quick as it came. With two camp moves, an assortment of visitors, and plenty of leg work from the special events committee breaking up the monotony of the daily grind, we find ourselves nearly half way through the season!

We started the month camped at the low-lying confluence of Virgin Creek and New River. The weather was hot when it wasn't rainy, with plenty of rattlesnakes, poison oak, ticks, "no-see-ums," and colorful mining folk to compliment the weird Northern California weather. Undaunted the crew continued to turn out quality work on long logging gays and hot scratchy brushing runs. Additionally we got our first taste of project work re-routing a creek crossing access trail. We completed wood cribbing walls and rock walls to return new trail, installed waterbars to irrigate water off of the trail, and threw in some check dams made both of wood and rock to keep the soil on the trail from running down with water or foot traffic. The "Special Event Committee" planned and executed an awesome Summer Solstice Party, and a raucous game of waffle ball complete with participation from our sponsor and cook! Our list of visitors included Carl Menconi for 3 days, Lee Bundy for 2 days, and crewmember John Kenkel's lovely girlfriend Megan Hoffman for a weekend.

To wrap up the month of June we hopped into our troubled vehicles with crossed fingers and headed due east from the New River "Green Alps" to the more rugged, cooler "Grey Alps" of Coffee Creek. The color names for the different locales come from the type of rock found commonly in each area. The vehicles got us from point A to B without a hitch and now we anxiously await what's coming down the pike in the notoriously monster month of July!

**CURRICULUM:** Thanks to Carl Menconi for his 2-day class on erosion and trail design. Thanks to Lee Bundy for his 2 day class on crosscut saws, tool rehandling, and steel forging! We also covered Journal writing, Mission Statement, special events planning, and crewmember life stories.