

NWSA LINKS member experiences the rewards of environmental service

Rachael Schultz, a LINKS member serving with Clackamas River Basin Council wrote, “On October 7, 2007, we teamed up with the staff of the new Clackamas Town Center REI, as well as local residents of the Cedarhurst neighborhood, to restore and enhance a riparian habitat, at the confluence of Spring and Clear Creeks in Clackamas County, Oregon. The area has been a targeted restoration site over the past several years, and this month’s planting party was the culminating event. With all of the extra volunteer hands, we were able to clear a large (approximately 500 sq. ft) patch of invasive English ivy, in addition to numerous stands of blackberry. In place of the invasive species, over 175 native trees and shrubs were planted. It was an extremely rewarding experience – witnessing the enthusiasm and energy with which the volunteers threw themselves into the work, getting caught up in the enthusiasm, and being able to see firsthand the amazing transformation of the landscape.”