

Whiskey Springs Post Fire Restoration Status 5-11-2023

Bulbous grass is *Poa Bulbosa*. Very dense now, esp below the tub. . Common name bulbous bluegrass and considered invasive. Is an annual and is now everywhere. I know we tried to pull a lot of it last 2 years but it has now spread everywhere. Only positive I see is that although it is dense in places, it is stabilizing bare dirt. Need a visit in next week or two as hot and dry weather is coming and we could discuss options before it goes to seed with those thousands of bulbs.

Broken rain gauge. Empty. Probably froze and expanded as bottom of it separated and cracked. Laurel? Maybe repair it and only use it in the heavy-frost-free months?

Water is really running! Took 8.76 sec to fill the paint can. But 1 cup, less than one second. Probably need a big capacity measure from now on. Or next visit I can check how many cups are needed to fill the paint can. LOTS of water is running from the pipe and seeping out of the ground up above like in years ago.

I swept out a lot of green algae. But did not try to dump out the tub. Got it as clean as I could with that broken broom. Probably should be emptied soon, cleaned, and leveled again as it leans downhill now. Need more than just me. I am too impaired!

Most of our greening plants are heavily browsed but that is probably fine. Annuals and perennials are showing. Natives - sedges, miners lettuce, cinquefoil, blue-eyed Mary, strawberry are all coming up. Jake must have gotten most of cheat grass as I didn't see much inside the barriers. The ferns and thistle are not showing yet. Raining a bit so I didn't stay as long as I should have. Shrubs look green though browsed, dogwood, gooseberry, ocean spray, currant, ceanothus are alive. 2 little ponderosa transplants are alive, not thriving, but some,

Not many birds, too early this cold spring, at this elevation, but Western Bluebirds were checking out a cavity and actively defending against chipmunks.

Jake maybe has put up 2 new "No Trespassing" signs up there. The signs I put up last year are gone. The landowner is adamant that our restoration group are now the only people allowed. And all birding must be done from the road.



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