

## **December 2013 Path Volunteer Report**

From: Ed Martin  
Sent: December 07, 2013.  
Subject: Tree on Partnership Shelter.

Ed Martin, Steven Call and Tyler Dishmon walked 601 to Partnership Shelter today. 37 degrees and cloudy. Cleaned water bars, removed 3 dead falls across trail, and small trees around Partnership. Large oak 1 mile north of 601 is now less than 6 feet off the ground. It will either come down with snow or need attention before thru-hiker season. Tyler Dishmon completed his Senior project this trip.

From: Chris Bracknell  
Sent: Sunday, December 22, 2013.  
Subject: Boundary Monitoring in the I-81 area.

We had a good day yesterday with Josh and Kathryn from ATC. We checked off about 22 monuments, did some line clearing and put in some nails and washers in the witness trees. There are suppose to be three witness landmarks at each monument. Most of the time they are painted witness tree. This makes the marker relatively easy to find. We found in some cases at least one of the witness trees was missing (died and rotted away). In one case, an abandoned power pole was missing. We will need to do some painting at a later date, but for the most part the paint was in good shape in the area we worked. All in all, it was a very good day with a great deal of information and technique learned from Josh, and Josh said we got a lot accomplish compared to some other boundary/monument outings. The crew included Josh Kloehn, Kathryn Herndon, Greg Weaver and Chris Bracknell.