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day we had only managed to make it two miles to Cameron Meadows. With another mile of trail between the meadows and Frog Pond, which had pretty much disappeared under Sadler Oak brush, we decided to return to finish this year. Al Collinet from the Sierra Club had this to say about the trail: "After experiencing this wonderful trail it is amazing to me that people do not use this trail more frequently. This is an amazing place with many secrets to share. The list of 80 flowers spotted during our last trail clearing attest to the many wonders to be found here."

I am happy to say that we did finish cleaning this trail and hopefully the Forest Service will be doing their part to remove trees that were more than we could tackle. Al Collinet urges residents of the Applegate watershed to do their part to "encourage the Forest Service to remove the remaining large logs from the trail and let's get out on this nearby excursion into bio-diversity." As for me, I am already looking forward to the next trail to explore.

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GARDEN PARTY

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The silent auction contained many treasures such as original artwork, fine wines, books by local authors, services and even an airplane ride all donated by generous community members. The bidding was fun, enthusiastic and brisk. Five lucky attendees also won door prizes which were, appropriately, flowering plants donated by Forestfarm. A lovely day in a beautiful setting that successfully raised substantial funds (over \$6000.00) for Josephine Community Libraries, Inc.

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