

## Forest Products Companies Donate Amazon Headwaters' Bridge Materials



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A bridge that links a publicly-owned corridor at the headwaters of Amazon Creek in the Amazon Canyon not only makes the pristine headwaters area more accessible to hikers, it also connects the trail with the Ridgeline Trail system. Peter Noble, owner of Westwind Forest Products, lives in the neighborhood and saw the opportunity to provide materials for an environmentally harmonious bridge in the headwater's stand of Douglas-firs and Big-leaf maples. He donated Alaskan yellow cedar for the bridge structure to be more aesthetically pleasing than steel bridges located down creek in a more developed park setting. "Alaskan yellow cedar has a great record of resisting insects and rot and performs well in damp situations. It is a renewable resource that doesn't require preservative treating and fits naturally into this type of an environment," said Peter.

Peter contacted Jim Weber, general manager at Cascade Structural Laminators, who donated laminating the Alaskan yellow cedar into turned handrails and structural materials. Jim noted, "This is one way we can give back to the community in which we live by providing products that are environmentally friendly. Our production facility is a full service glulam plant in Chehalis, Washington that manufactures FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) certified products for a wide variety of applications." Neighborhood volunteers installed the deck and handrails after the contractor installed footings and beams, completing the bridge on Sept 16.