

CHAIN GANG PROGRAM STATISTICS

(January through August 12, 2005)

Litter and illegal dumpsites cleanup:

538 Miles of roadway cleaned
19,788 Pounds of litter bagged
40,245 Pounds of illegal dump material cleaned
1,656 Pounds of aluminum cans recycled
98 Hypodermic syringes removed
340,568 Noxious weed plants removed, including:
scotch broom, poison hemlock, tansy ragwort, herb
Robert, spotted and meadow knapweed, Canada and
bull thistles

County Road Department Activities

- * Weeded **39,711 feet** of guardrails
- * Constructed approximately 3 miles of Olympic
Discovery Trail (Adventure Trail)
- * Planted **tree seedlings** at various sites
- * Cleared grass/debris from drainage channels,
flapper valves and culverts
- * Installed erosion control blankets and silt
fencing at various locations
- * Brushed small alders and vegetation around
Bridge approaches and superstructures
- * Cleaned and painted Meadowbrook Bridges
- * Weed Control at Olympic Wetland Site

U.S. Forest Service Activities

- * Painted Kloshe Nanitch Lookout
- * Cleaned campsites at the Klahowya, Klahanie and
Dungeness Forks Campgrounds

Other Activities

Maintain **3 Adopt-A-Highway** sections along
Highway 101 East and West
Litter pick up along City Landfill access roads
Fire Hydrant cleaning and painting for Fire District
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Clallam County Sheriff's Chain Gang
Clallam County Corrections Facility
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2005 CLALLAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S CHAIN GANG



Supported By:

Department of Ecology

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Clallam County Road Department

U. S. Forest Service

Clallam County Sheriff

Local Merchants

Roadside Litter and Dumpsite Clean-up



This program is a unique partnership involving state, county and municipal government, and local solid waste advisory groups, as well as support by local merchants. All partners envision a cleaner environment, re-cycling of valuable resources while utilizing inmate laborers who are returning a portion of the cost of their incarceration back to the community through their labor. This results in cleaner, more attractive roadways, a healthier environment and reduced inmate idleness. It is truly a win-win program made possible by enthusiastic and dedicated partners.

Inmate Labor Reduces Idleness and Stress

Inmates in the Chain Gang program are selected from screened, full custody inmates. Participation requires that the inmates have demonstrated an ability to get along with other inmates, as well as corrections officers. They share jail living quarters, which are inspected regularly for cleanliness and order. Their behavior and quarters are held to a higher standard than other non-working inmates. They may earn some time off of their sentence for successful participation which is continued only if their work is satisfactory. A noticeable benefit of this work program is a markedly higher sense of self-esteem, better work ethic and a new understanding of the effects that littering has on their community. They demonstrate a very high level of pride in their accomplishments, and turn over contraband, drugs, and weapons that are found along the roads. Over 700 inmates have participated in the program since July 1998.



The multifaceted program consists of three teams. As well as cleaning up roadside litter and dumpsites, we work to help control noxious weeds, clean campsites, weed eat along county and Forest Service roads, clean bridges and culverts, and plant trees. Beginning November 2004, one chain gang team has been building a section of the Olympic Discovery Trail

