

CITY OF COOS BAY PARKS COMMISSION

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
February 19, 2026	3.d

TO: Chair Lyons & Commissioners
FROM: Greg Hamblet, Operations Administrator
THROUGH: Jennifer Wirsing, Public Works Director
ISSUE: Coos Forrest Patrol and AYA Collaboration

SUMMARY:

Collaboration Opportunity with Coos Forest Patrol

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the Commission, approve the recommendation by staff to collaborate with the Coos Forest Patrol to perform trail Maintenance and remove dangerous and dead trees from John Topit's Park.

BACKGROUND:

The city of Coos Bay has an opportunity to collaborate with the Coos Forrest Patrol to perform trail maintenance within John Topit's Park. This effort will also remove hazard trees that have a high risk of falling unexpectedly that could harm park users or block trails. The Coos Forrest Patrol has partnered with AYA to create a six-week training program that will teach AYA members foresting skills that may lead to positions within Coos Forrest Patrol. The six-week program will include two days a week classroom training and three days of hands-on training in the park. The AYA workers will be taught and supervised by Coos Forest Patrol foresters, with direction from city staff.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

There is no cost to the city for this program. This program is fully funded by AYA.

ATTACHMENT(S):