**Laughing Water Trail Head**

On July 29th, Amy Prummer and Jay Adams met the Mt. Rainier N.P. Rangers at the Laughing Water Trail Head.  They brought their 2 riding horses and 2 pack animals.  The Rangers had about 200 lbs. of gear to haul up the 6.5 miles to their camp.  The trail gains 2600 ft of elevation in that 6.5 miles.

The day was cool and wet - not so much rain as a constant mist from riding in the clouds.  The trail was cleared by the Rangers just a few days before our trip.  About 4 miles up, we had to stop and help the rangers clear some big rounds off the trail.  The rounds were too big to lift and roll off the trail, so Ryan used the maul and wedge to split them into manageable chunks and the trail was cleared.

They made it to the lake and offloaded the packs, ate a light lunch, tightened their cinches and reloaded the boxes and cans for the return trip.  They left the trailhead at about 0900 and were back to the trucks about 5:00.

A group of men chopping wood

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