



SUV Drive on the Washington Side!

The group at McClellan Overlook.

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Jeff Gasparitsch kicking off the drive.

It may not be so much on the wild side, but a wonderful group of people joined the 144-mile trek into the beautiful Gifford Pinchot National Forest this Memorial Weekend. Scenery and wildlife were abundant, and the weather was a mix of everything we come to expect living in the Pacific Northwest – we just wish the timing of our rest and photo stops wouldn't have coincided so well with the passing rain showers!

Leaving Camas, our mix of Macan and Cayenne's headed north. After clearing the town's traffic, we explored some off-road stretches in Yaocolt Burn Forest before following the flowing

pavement along the Lewis River. The group then headed north again through several small communities eventually following the shoreline of Yale Lake, and climbing through the forestry road passes along the Swift Reservoir. The return route brought the group down the always fun Windriver Road to Carson before returning along the Columbia to a well-earned lunch in Washougal.

Special shout-out to Joe Kuhl (Treasurer of the Cascade Region PCA club) who made the early morning drive up from Eugene to meet us north of the Columbia! A pleasure to meet you!!

Thank you to everyone for sharing your weekend with ORPCA! ■



Enjoying a post-drive lunch at the Washougal Times.



A little shelter from the rain.

(Above) Gravel! (Below) Rain shower at the rest stop.



Jim Luke comes prepared!