



Ron Bauer and Amy Olson walk up to find only the deck to one cabin remaining after floodwaters receded.

taken by bank erosion. The river literally ate the bank away and the houses fell into the river. It doesn't look like the water ever rose above the top of the bank (at least at Knights Rest)."

From David Lewis: My son and I went to Packwood Nov. 18. I brought along a few shovels, gas powered pressure washer and a chainsaw. ... We were assigned to a nice older lady who mainly needed the mud off of her porch and out of her garage. The pressure washer worked great. I wish I had remembered a big floor squeegee. How hard was it? Well, my son is 10, worked hard all day moving things around, and actually claims to have had a good time. He likes the mud. "

From Sean Green: "The places we worked at were a little less dramatic for sure. My wife Brianne, Alan Dahl and I helped a guy who owned some tiny apartments right next to the river. There was no erosion, but the highway bridge that spanned the river acted as a dam and the water simply filled up the property. The apartments were filled to about 2 feet deep (thankfully with clean, silt-free, water) and we spent the morning pulling swollen MDF flooring out of the place.

"We ended the day at a little cabin at High Valley 6 that had been filled 15



Karl Coleman, Amy Olson and Ron Bauer (not visible) point across the Cowlitz River at damage from the flood.

inches deep in fine, silty mud. Most of the property was still mired in it. We had to move a bunch of clay moulds out of their storage 'tent.'

"The people we helped out were very nice and had a pretty good sense of humor about it all. They were very happy that SCCA members cared enough about them to come and help out."

From Mitch Lewis: "Andrew from the Red Cross just called me. He said he had heard lots of compliments about our group that came and helped out on Sunday.

"He said he heard that we had done a lot of work all over the area. He was very appreciative and asked that I give a big thank you to everyone who helped out. He was very happy."