

**Elliott State Forest 2017-2019 Oral History Project**

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**Interviewees: Jerry Phillips, David Gould, Bob Jacobson, Roger Johnson, Gary Vonderohe  
Interviewer(s): Bob Zybach, with Amber Ross and Randy Wiest**

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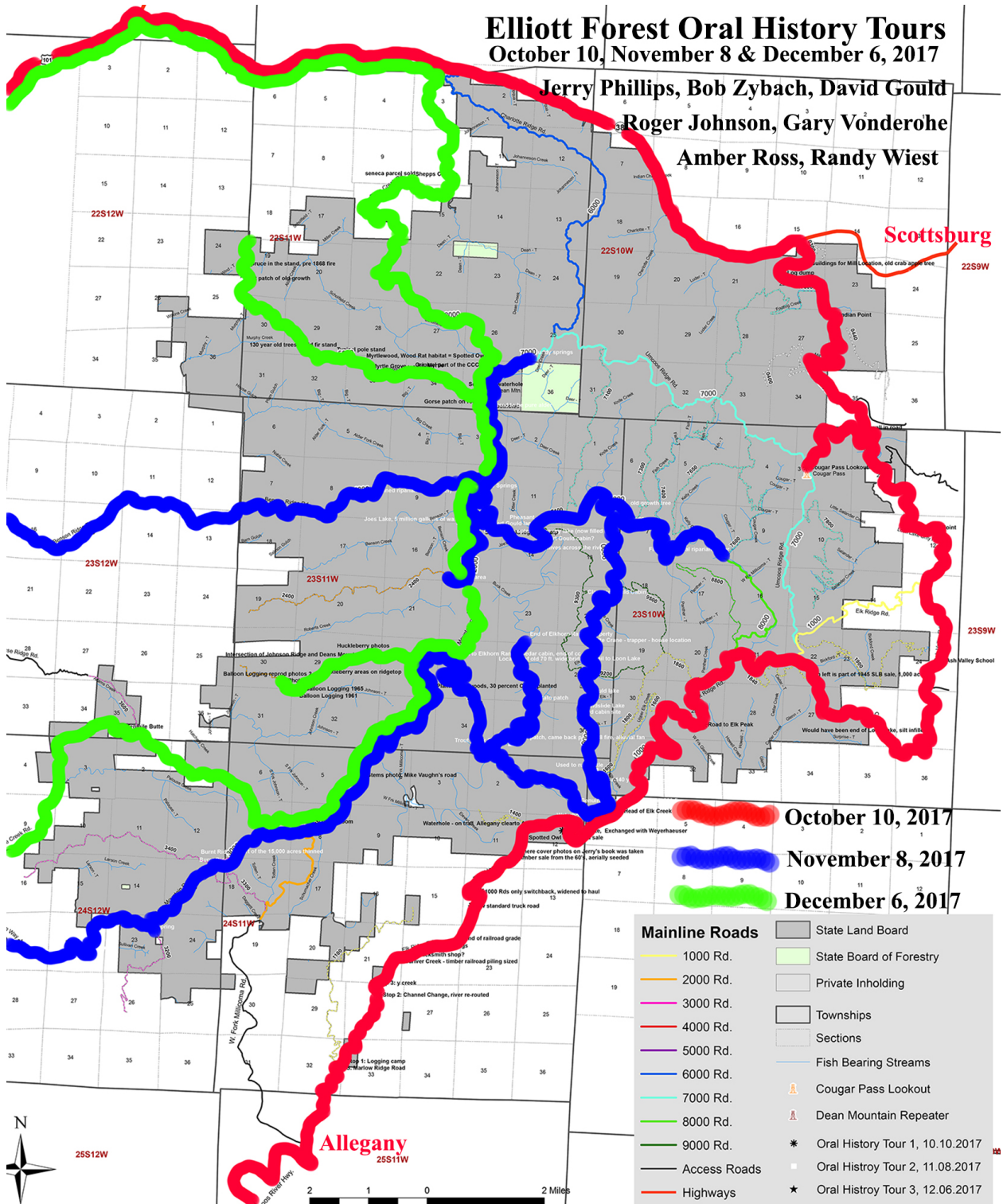
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<b>#1</b>	<b>Oct. 6, 2017</b>	<b>Jerry Phillips</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0:19:21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>#2.</b>	<b>Oct. 10, 2017</b>	<b>N &amp; E Tour: Phillips/DSL</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>4:40:07</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>#3.</b>	<b>Nov. 8, 2017</b>	<b>S&amp;C Tour: Phillips/Gould/DSL</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>5:24:38</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>#4.</b>	<b>Nov. 28, 2017</b>	<b>Bob Jacobson</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0:59:11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>#5.</b>	<b>Dec. 6, 2017</b>	<b>W Tour: Phillips/Johnson/DSL</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>5:23:07</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42+</b>
<b>#6.</b>	<b>Oct. 10, 2018</b>	<b>Fisheries Tour: Gould/Vonderohe</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2:02:43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>
<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>			<b>542</b>	<b>18:49:07</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>194+</b>

**Photos: Total does not include historical photos used as references during interviews, which are clearly identified and available online, or photographs taken by Amber Ross of Department of State Lands (DSL) during the December 6, 2017 interview and tour.**

# Elliott Forest Oral History Tours

October 10, November 8 & December 6, 2017

Jerry Phillips, Bob Zybach, David Gould  
 Roger Johnson, Gary Vonderohe  
 Amber Ross, Randy Wiest



Map of 2017 Elliott Forest Oral History Interview Routes with Jerry Phillips and Bob Zybach, October-December, 2017. Map by Bob Zybach, ORWW and Amber Ross, DSL.

**Interview #1. October 6, 2017: Coos Bay Test Interview: Jerry's Book Characters**

Tape 1A. Interview with Jerry Phillips at his home in Coos Bay by Bob Zybach on October 6, 2017. The focus of this brief discussion was some of the peripheral characters in Phillips' book *Caulked Boots and Cheese Sandwiches*. The interview was also conducted as a test of the relative quality of recording devices being considered for subsequent field trips. The digital recorder was tinny and difficult to work with, so this and following interviews were recorded on cassettes with a portable tape recorder. No photographs were taken during this interview.

<b>Tape</b>	<b>Minute</b>		<b>Page</b>
1-A.	0:12	Rex Wakefield .....	1
1-A.	0:35	Bill Hagenstein .....	1
1-A.	1:38	Dale Thomas .....	1
1-A.	2:11	Dick Posekany .....	1
1-A.	2:26	Wayne Giesy .....	1
1-A.	3:49	T. J. Starker .....	2
1-A.	5:01	Bruce Starker .....	3
1-A.	5:04	Bond Starker .....	3
1-A.	6:53	Faye Stewart .....	3
1-A.	9:03	Bill Davies .....	4
1-A.	9:28	Joan Davies .....	4
1-A.	9:33	Ralph Saperstein .....	4
1-A.	10:07	Roy Silen .....	4
1-A.	10:15	Joseph Wheat .....	4
1-A.	11:46	Paul Dunn .....	5
1-A.	12:47	Walter "Mac" McCulloch .....	5
1-A.	13:25	Wylie Smith .....	5
1-A.	13:29	Jason Smith .....	5
1-A.	13:32	Willis Smith .....	5
1-A.	14:20	Mike Groban .....	5
1-A.	15:34	William Greeley .....	6
1-A.	15:46	Gifford Pinchot .....	6
1-A.	16:42	Jim Phillips .....	6
1-A.	17:26	Ken Messerle .....	7
1-A.	17:28	Arnie Roblan .....	7
1-A.	18:28	Caddie McKeown .....	7
1-A.	18:31	Sally Phillips Baird-Scott .....	7

## Interview #2. October 10, 2017: Elk Ridge Road to Loon Lake & Umpqua River

Map	Tape	Minute		Page (Photos)
<b>Part 1. Allegany to the Elliott on Marlow Creek [1000] Road (47:14)</b>				
#A-01	1-B.	0:50	Buehner's Logging Camp .....	1 (4)
#A-03	1-B.	12:23	Marlow Creek Channel Bypass .....	5 (3)
#A-04	1-B.	27:40	Y Creek .....	12 (0)
#A-06	1-B.	31:28	Piledriver Creek & Blacksmith Shop .....	14 (2)
#A-07	1-B.	41:59	Old Railroad Grade .....	19 (0)
<b>Part 2. North Marlow Ridge Clearcut to Jerry Phillips Reserve (50:32)</b>				
#A-10	2-A.	0:14	Logging Road Switchbacks, Fire & Wind History .....	22 (0)
#A-12	2-A.	7:08	1958 North Marlow Ridge Clearcut .....	25 (9)
#A-14	2-A.	20:20	Jerry Phillips Private Reserve .....	31 (5)
#A-14	2-A.	35:08	Elk's Peak Lookout .....	37 (0)
<b>Part 3. Indian Trail Spring to CCC Umpcoos Ridge Road (47:33)</b>				
#A-15	2-B.	3:55	Indian Trail Spring .....	41 (2)
#A-15	2-B.	8:15	Jerry's Memories of Stayton .....	44 (0)
#A-16	2-B.	13:15	Big Saddle (1), Birds & Old Growth .....	47 (0)
#A-17	2-B.	27:01	Elk's Peak Landslides .....	55 (0)
#A-17	2-B.	35:28	Umpcoos Ridge CCC Road .....	60 (0)
<b>Part 4. 1945 E.K. Wood Logging Sale to Huckleberry Point (47:17)</b>				
#A-18	3-A.	2:23	The 1850 Road to Ash Valley .....	69 (0)
#A-19	3-A.	11:00	Ash Valley School, State Prison Camp & Lunch .....	72 (4)
#A-20	3-A.	34:33	Lake Mountain to Huckleberry Point .....	88 (8)
<b>Part 5. Loon Lake Logging &amp; Cougar Pass to Indian Point (47:16)</b>				
#A-21	3-B.	0:13	E.K. Wood's Loon Lake & Mill Creek Logging .....	95 (0)
#A-23	3-B.	4:15	Cougar Pass CCC Fire Lookout .....	97 (15)
#A-24	3-B.	23:36	Indian Point, Allotments, Old-Growth & Sawmills .....	106 (4)
<b>Part 6. 1850 Mill Creek Sawmill to Schofield Creek (31:38)</b>				
#A-26	4-A.	1:10	1850 Mill Creek Sawmill to Charlotte Creek .....	116 (0)
Hwy 38	4-A.	8:35	1945 Logging Report, Tour Maps & Elk Pasture .....	119 (0)
Hwy 101	4-A.	17:10	John McWade, Don Whereat & the Wassons .....	123 (0)
<b>Part 7. Streamside Buffers &amp; North Bend Library (11:49)</b>				
Hwy 101	4-B.	0:08	Elliott Streamside Buffers History .....	129 (0)
Hwy 101	4-B.	4:33	North Bend Library Plans for Next Trip .....	130 (0)

**Interview #3. November 8, 2017: Larson Slough to Elkhorn Ranch & Gould's Lake**

<b>Map</b>	<b>Tape</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Page (Photos)</b>
<b>Part 1. The Big Burn to Bear Wallow (47:38)</b>			
Haynes 5-A.	0:04	The Big Burn to Bert's Cabin Photos . . . . .	1 (0)
Larson 5-A.	8:42	Larson Ridge to Sullivan Ridge (1) . . . . .	6 (0)
#B-01 5-A.	22:52	Bear Wallow Homestead & Plantation . . . . .	14 (5)
<b>Part 2. Burnt Ridge to Trout Creek Canyon (47:30)</b>			
#B-03 5-B.	0:04	Burnt Ridge to Trail Butte (1) . . . . .	26 (0)
#B-05 5-B.	13:40	Trail Butte & Flag Peak to Stull Falls . . . . .	33 (0)
#B-06 5-B.	34:16	Cedar Cabin & Trout Creek Canyon . . . . .	44 (0)
<b>Part 3. Jacobson Fishing Camp &amp; Elkhorn Ranch (47:43)</b>			
#B-07 6-A.	0:08	West Fork Old-Growth Alder . . . . .	51 (0)
#B-08 6-A.	5:32	Bob Jacobson Fishing Camp . . . . .	54 (6)
#B-11 6-A.	14:36	Potato Patch & Elkhorn Ranch . . . . .	59 (14)
<b>Part 4. Elkhorn Lunch Break to Gould's Lake (47:29)</b>			
#B-10 6-B.	2:33	Elkhorn Ranch Lunch Break . . . . .	78 (0)
#B-12 6-B.	14:53	CCC Fire Patrol Trail to Beaver Creek Old-Growth . . . . .	83 (0)
#B-13 6-B.	34:06	Big Saddle (2) to Gould's Lake . . . . .	94 (8)
<b>Missing 45-Minute Segment: Gould's Lake to Old Maid's Cabin (0:00)</b>			
#B-19 7-A.	0:00	Trail to Loon Lake . . . . .	00 (0)
#B-20 7-A.	0:00	Baltimore "Balty/Baldy" Crane House . . . . .	00 (0)
#B-21 7-A.	0:00	Clarence Gould Cabin . . . . .	00 (0)
#B-22 7-A.	0:00	Elk Cabin . . . . .	00 (0)
<b>Part 5. Old Maid's Cabin to Roberts Ridge (47:27)</b>			
#B-23 7-B.	0:39	Old Maid's Cabin, Spawning Gravel & Old-Growth . . . . .	102 (7)
#B-25 7-B.	26:14	Pheasant Cabin to Joe's Lake . . . . .	117 (0)
#B-30 7-B.	36:16	Old-Growth Alder to Roberts Ridge . . . . .	124 (3)
<b>Part 6. Divide Spring (1), Dean Mountain (1) &amp; CCC Mud Flat Side Camp (47:20)</b>			
#B-32 7-C.	0:08	Roberts Ridge Myrtle Grove to Divide Spring . . . . .	132 (0)
#B-35 7-C.	16:46	CCC Road to "Dean's Mountain" . . . . .	140 (4)
#B-36 7-C.	29:58	Umpcoos Road to Mud Flat Side Camp . . . . .	146 (7)
<b>Part 7. Strawberry Creek, Big Creek Riparian Zone &amp; Lakeside (39:31)</b>			
#B-33 8-A.	0:38	Divide Spring (2) to Strawberry Creek Questions . . . . .	154 (0)
#B-32 8-A.	9:30	Big Creek Riparian Zone & Judge Shopping . . . . .	158 (0)
Lakeside 8-A.	32:27	Lakeside CCC Bridge & Airport . . . . .	166 (0)
<b><u>Appendix. November 6, 2017 Oral History Tour: Discussion Outline &amp; Maps (4 pp.)</u></b>			

**Interview #4. November 28, 2017: Bob Jacobson & Fishing the Elliott**

Tapes 8-C (47:21 min.) and 8-D (11:50 min.). Interview with Bob Jacobson at Coos History Museum in Coos Bay by Bob Zybach on November 28, 2017.

<b>Tape</b>	<b>Minute</b>		<b>Page (Photos)</b>
8-C	0:44	West Fork Sea-run Cutthroat & Ocean Dead Zones . . . . .	1 (6)
8-C	11:50	Tenmile Lakes Coho & Lamprey Eels . . . . .	5 (0)
8-C	18:10	Tom Rumreich’s Millicoma STEP Hatchery & Program . . . . .	7 (0)
8-C	31:58	Elliott Forest Splash Dam History & Riparian Management . . . . .	12 (0)
8-C	44:45	Hatchery Fish vs. Wild Fish . . . . .	17 (0)
8-D	0:01	Hatchery Fish vs. Wild Fish (cont.) . . . . .	19 (0)
Appendix		Elliott Map of “Coho Salmon Runs & Historical Oregon Indian Tribes ca. 1775-1845.” Feb. 14, 2017 (Zybach & Giesy) . . . . .	24 (1)

**ORWW Links**

MP3 Recordings: [http://www.orww.org/Elliott\\_Forest/History/Oral/20171128/Recordings/](http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Oral/20171128/Recordings/)

JPEG Photos: [http://www.orww.org/Elliott\\_Forest/History/Oral/20171108/Photos/](http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Oral/20171108/Photos/)

PDF Transcript: [http://www.orww.org/Elliott\\_Forest/History/Oral/20171128/Transcript/](http://www.orww.org/Elliott_Forest/History/Oral/20171128/Transcript/)

**Interview #5. December 6, 2017: West-Side Elliott Creeks & Ridgelines**

<b>Map</b>	<b>Tape</b>	<b>Minute</b>	<b>Page (Photos)</b>
<b>Part 1. Adams Ridge, Tenmile Butte Salmonberry &amp; Columbus Day Storm (47:29)</b>			
	Tenmile 9-A.	2:22	Tenmile Lake, Tree Planting & Boomer Colonies . . . . . 1 (0)
	#C-01 9-A.	15:22	Sukurski's Bamboo to Adams Ridge . . . . . 10 (0)
	#C-01 9-A.	32:05	Tenmile Butte Salmonberry & Umpqua Road Rock . . . . . 21 (0)
<b>Part 2. Sullivan Ridge, Trail Butte Scotch Broom &amp; Weed Control (47:42)</b>			
	#C-02 9-B.	0:33	Sullivan Ridge (2), Mexican Treeplanters & Bears . . . . . 33 (0)
	#C-03 9-B.	16:20	Trail Butte (2), Dry Ridge (2) & Oral Histories . . . . . 40 (0)
	#C-04 9-B.	31:33	Land Exchanges, ESA Ologists & Weed Control . . . . . 48 (0)
<b>Part 3. Johnson Ridge Huckleberries, Balloon Logging &amp; Gorse (47:24)</b>			
	#C-05 10-A.	0:26	Johnson Ridge Huckleberries & Balloon Logging . . . . . 56 (0)
	#C-08 10-A.	14:26	Johnson Ridge Roads, Maps, Photos & Reprod . . . . . 62 (0)
	#C-10 10-A.	31:25	Columbus Day Storm, Huckleberries & Gorse . . . . . 68 (0)
<b>Part 4. Lamprey Eels to Dean Mountain (2) &amp; Scholfield Waterhole (47:26)</b>			
	#C-12 10-B.	0:10	Boomer Trapping, Lamprey Eels & Dry Ridge . . . . . 74 (3)
	#C-15 10-B.	12:10	Planting Specs, Dean Mountain & Unhappy Owls . . . . . 80 (37)
	#C-17 10-B.	28:20	Scholfield Waterhole & Road Numbers . . . . . 89 (0)
<b>Part 5. Scholfield Ridge Myrtle, Old-Growth Diversity &amp; Politics (47:26)</b>			
	#C-19 11-A.	0:13	Forest Aesthetics, Myrtle & Old-Growth Diversity . . . . . 98 (0)
	#C-20 11-A.	10:25	Spotted Owls, Site Prep, Wood Heat & Turkeys . . . . . 104 (0)
	#C-22 11-A.	32:48	More Myrtle, Politics, and Section 36 . . . . . 118 (0)
<b>Part 6. Allowable Cut, Forest Dynamics, Dean's Ridge &amp; Johannessen Creek (47:21)</b>			
	#C-23 11-B.	0:11	Allowable Cut, 1927 Prices, TV & Cell Phones . . . . . 127 (0)
	#C-24 11-B.	12:51	Forest Dynamics, Dean's Ridge & Historic Roads . . . . . 133 (0)
	#C-25 11-B.	27:53	East Hakki Ridge, South Slough & Faye Stewart . . . . . 141 (0)
<b>Part 7. Highway 38, Scotch Broom, Clear Lake, Tenmile &amp; Hauser (38:19)</b>			
	OR 38 12-A.	0:11	Burning Embers, Highway 38 & Scotch Broom . . . . . 152 (2)
	US 101 12-A.	10:58	More Myrtle, Clear Lake & Jerry's Books . . . . . 159 (0)
	US 101 12-A.	26:40	Tenmile Fishing & Phillips' Family Histories . . . . . 166 (0)

## Interview #6. October 10, 2018: Elliott Landslides, Fish Habitat & Fisheries

Map	Tape	Minute	Page (Photos)
<b>Part 1. Trout Creek to Jacobson Fishing Hole to Elkhorn Ranch (46:57)</b>			
#D-01	13-A.	0:10	Trout Creek Fry, Waterfalls & Landslides . . . . . 1 (2)
#D-02	13-A.	7:10	West Fork Spawning Gravel to New Beave Dam . . . . . 3 (8)
#D-03	13-A.	21:40	Mud Runners to Elkhorn River Crossing . . . . . 7 (8)
<b>Part 2. Elkhorn Ranch to Beaver Creek, Elk Creek &amp; Gould's Lake (45:23)</b>			
#D-04	13-B.	0:52	West Fork to Beaver Creek . . . . . 13 (2)
#D-05	13-B.	23:01	Beaver Creek to Elk Creek & Gould's Lake . . . . . 18 (0)
<b>Part 3. Gould's Lake to Elk Creek Log &amp; Boulder Structures (30:23)</b>			
#D-05	14-A.	0:01	Gould's Lake & Historical Family Photos . . . . . 24 (5)
#D-06	14-A.	6:03	Elk Creek ODF Structures: Dynamic Design . . . . . 26 (11)
#D-08	14-A.	18:27	Landslide Lakes: Big Fish, Moving Logs & Gravel . . . . . 33 (11)

### References and Illustrations

(Oct. 10 2017 interview)

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John McWade 1914 map (Zybach 2018: 74)  
1945 Logging Report  
Bull Elk BLM

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Bert's cabin  
Allegany store  
OHS 1906 Oelo McClay Portland World's Fair  
George Gould boat

(Dec. 6 2017 interview)

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