

What is a McLeod?

A McLeod tool (or **rakehoe**) is a two-sided blade—one a rake with coarse tines, one a flat sharpened hoe—on a long, wooden handle. It is a standard tool used during wildfire suppression and trail restoration. The combination tool was created in 1905 by Malcolm McLeod, a US Forest Service ranger at the Sierra National Forest. – [From wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McLeod_tool)



The Spooky Beaver Trail Crew utilizes McLeods to create, rake and shape the trail bed. We use the straight edge side to cut small roots that may be protruding onto the trail. The McLeod is an essential part of the Spooky Beaver tool cache.

Check back here often as we will be describing various tools that the Spooky Beavers utilize when doing trailwork in Prince William Forest Park, VA.