



# Mount Hood Chapter Pacific Crest Trail Association

The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve, and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people.



## Minutes of Caretaker meeting, June 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Roberta Cobb at 6:37 PM. (Steve Queen out with poison oak.)

Caretakers present were: Ron Goodwin, Jerry Bentz, Bill Hawley, Steve Plant, Becky Wolf, Ruth Weston, Roberta Cobb, Bob Arkes, Jack Konner, Jim Webb, Eric Allen.

Also present was PCTA Regional Representative Dana Berthold.

Recent training sessions:

- May 15-17, West fir
- May 29-31, Allingham
- June 5-7, Trails Skills College

Bob Arkes questioned whether three training sessions were necessary.

Since all three sessions had over 100 attendees, it was felt that three sessions were required.

Dana Berthold outlined a possibility of three dates and locations for next years Trails Skills College:

- April: Cascade Locks
- May: Wind River
- June: Zigzag

Eric Mason, seasonal employee, will be a technical advisor under Dana.

Bill Hawley reported that there were 18 new chainsaw certifications and 18 new crosscut saw certifications at the Trails Skills College.

The following trail projects are still open:

- June 19-21 - Big Huckleberry. Log-out and tread repair. Camp at Crest Camp - Some meals provided. Medium difficulty hiking, 6-8 miles each day. 9 people signed up. Crew leader: Bill Hawley.
- June 21 - Barlow Pass Trailhead to junction with Lower Twin Lakes. First logout of the season, and treadwork as needed. 6 volunteers needed. 7 people signed up. Crew leader: Roberta Cobb.
- June 26-28 - Indian Heaven Wilderness. Log-out and crosscut certification. Camp at Forlorn Lakes - Some meals provided. Medium difficulty hiking, 8-10 miles each day. Crew leader: Bill Hawley.
- June 26-28 - Ramona Falls, Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon. Eight volunteers needed for logout (using crosscut saws) and maintenance of the PCT between Ramona Falls and Paradise Park. Backpack in 4 miles Friday evening or Saturday morning to work site. Backpack out Sunday afternoon. This will be an opportunity to receive USFS Crosscut training and certification. Crew Leaders: Kim & Pam Owen.
- July 8 - South of Mount Adams. 6 Maintainers Needed for Non-Wilderness Log Out. William's Mine Trail Head. Forest Service Road #23 to Wilderness Boundary. Easy Hiking. Approximately 2 Miles. Crew leader: Bob Arkes.
- July 10-12 - Joe Graham Horse Camp to Jude Lake. The North Valley Chapter of Oregon Equestrian Trails will be performing annual maintenance on their section of PCT using multiple crews accessing the PCT from different trailheads. Crew leader: Becky Wolf.
- July 10-16 - Buck Peak. This AmeriCorps project will entail brushing and reconstructing slumped tread. Project Difficulty is Level 2 - 3, daily hike distance from camp to work site is 1 - 2 miles. Volunteers will backpack to Buck Camp location. Water is from a nearby spring. Contact: Dana Berthold, Tel.: 541-844-9133, E-mail: dberthold@pcta.org.

- July 12 - Timberline Lodge to Paradise Park, Mount Hood National Forest, Oregon. Season's first logout. Hiking distances will vary based on the temperament of the snow and the trees. We'll be using crosscut saws as this is designated wilderness. Six sawyers with an "A" certification or better are needed. If you'd like to camp at Alpine Campground the night before, that makes for a 1 mile drive to the work site. Dinner will be provided. We will also need 6 certified dishwashers to clean up. Crew Leader: Ruth Weston.
- July 24-26 - South of Mount Adams. 6 Maintainers Needed for Wilderness Log Out. William's Mine Trail Head. Wilderness Boundary to Horseshoe Meadow. Moderate to Difficult Hiking. Approximately 6 to 8 Miles. Car Camp at William's Mine Trail Head. Some Meals Provided. Crew leader: Bob Arkes.
- August 2-8 - Eagle Creek. 12 volunteers needed. Work level moderate to difficult, Backpacking involved. Work involves brushing, root removal and tread repair of the south half of the Eagle Creek Trail, from Tunnel Falls to Wahtum Lake. Base camp will be at Wahtum Lake where this favored alternative of the Pacific Crest Trail down to Cascade Locks begins. The trail descends from 3800 feet. Years of neglect have left it badly eroded and new fill and water bars will be needed in many places. Side springs and seasonal creeks will require the wearing of water resistant footwear. Hand tools will be used in the Hatfield Wilderness. Removal of debris and cables from an abandoned fire lookout site will be done before leaving Wednesday for rest and recuperation at Hood River that evening.
- August 10-15 - Paradise Park. This AmeriCorps project will entail improving drainage and repairing rutted tread in the Mt. Hood Wilderness. Project Difficulty is Level 2 - 3. The backcountry camp is located at Paradise Park near historic Timberline Lodge and Ramona Falls. Daily hike distance from camp to work site is 1 - 2 miles. Contact: Dana Berthold, Tel.: 541-844-9133, E-mail: dberthold@pcta.org.
- August 18-25 - Horseshoe Meadow. AmeriCorps project. Details to follow.

#### **Calendar**

- September 12, Potluck, Champoeg Park
- November 7, Wilderness First Aid Training, Location: Hopewell House.

Third Weekend in September, Wild Berry Mountain, 2-3 days, Bill Hawley will be leading a Northwest Youth Corps Project.

#### **Budget: Kim Owen**

Packer gas: \$600, Supplies: \$5,000, Training: \$1,000, Instructor Travel:\$800.

#### **Tools: Jerry Bentz**

The trailer in Oregon City is almost ready to go. Steve Plant will take over.

There is a need for more McLeods at the Portland cache.

Jack Konner will try to obtain a radio harness from Zigzag.

Bob Arkes: Color banding to identify the tool caches is important.

#### **Caretaker Reports**

Bill Hawley: Parts of his section was worked on by Trails Skills College classes(TSC).

Jim Webb: Lower section of his section worked on by TSC class.

Bob Arkes: Section still snow covered.

Jerry Bentz: Section still snow covered.

Becky Wolf: Section still snow covered.

Steve Plant: Section still snow covered.

Eric Allen: Will scout section this week.

Jack Konner: Lolo Pass road is open. Will scout section as soon as Top Spur trail melts out.

Roberta Cobb: Checked out first mile from 26. No snow.

Bill Hawley: Lower part of Tom Linde's section used for TSC.

The Skamania County Youth Group project will take place July 6-9.

Potluck:

Saturday, September 12, 2009, Champoeg State Park.

11 AM: Ron Goodwin will lead an Oregon History program featuring Oregon's 150th Anniversary at the visitor center.

1 PM: Potluck Barbecue at Oak Grove area.

The Red Cross offers a first aid and CPR course: 6 hours & 15 minutes: \$47.

Since Jack Konner cannot make next months meeting, a minutes-taker is needed.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 8, 6:30 PM, at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Konner

Secretary