



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, August 12, 2009

Caretakers present were: Ron Goodwin, Jerry Bentz, Steve Plant, Ruth Weston, Roberta Cobb, Jack Konner, Jim Webb, Dennis Beard, Steve Queen and John Vhay.

Also present was Jason Waicunas, representing PCT Day and McKenzie Jensen, Wilderness and Trails, Zigzag Ranger District.

The meeting was called to order by Steve Queen at 6:35 PM.

Past Events

- July 7-9, Hatfield Wilderness Boundary south to Buck Peak, Barb Adams, OET.
- July 9, Timberline Lodge to Barlow Pass, Ron Goodwin.
- July 10, Indian Springs to Buck Peak packing in supplies, Ernie Strahm, Oregon Muleskinners.
- July 10, Junction Lake south, Bill Hawley.
- July 10-12, Road 42 to Jude Lake, Becky Wolf, OET.
- July 10-16, Buck Peak, AmeriCorps.
- July 11, Wahtum Lake, John Vhay.
- July 12, Road 2000 north and south (Timberline Lodge to Paradise Park), Ruth Weston.
- July 12, Wapinitia Pass to Little Crater Lake, Steve Plant.
- July 24-26, Mount Adams (Wilderness), Bob Arkes.
- July 25, Top Spur to Lolo Pass, Jack Konner.
- July 27, Timberline Lodge to Trail 778, Ruth Weston.
- August 2-8, Eagle Creek, John Vhay and AHS.
- August 8, Top Spur to Ramona Falls Loop, Jack Konner.
- August 10, Wahtum Lake, John Vhay.

Calendar and Announcements

- August 10-15, Paradise Park, AmeriCorps.
- August 15, Breitenbush Lake south, Jerry Bentz, BCH.
- August 15, Road 2000 north and south, Roberta Cobb.
- August 17, Timberline Lodge to Zigzag Canyon, Ruth Weston.
- August 18-25, Horseshoe Meadow, AmeriCorps.
- August 23, Timberline Lodge to Zigzag Canyon, Ruth Weston.
- August 29, PCT Day, Jason Waicunas.
- September 12, Potluck, Champoeg Park.
- September 16, Timberline Lodge to Barlow Pass, Ron Goodwin.
- September 18-20, Berry Mountain, Bill Hawley.
- September 19, Scratch and Dent Sale, Clackamas REI, Jack Konner.
- September 25, Barlow Pass south, Roberta Cobb and ALDHA-West.
- November 7, Wilderness First Aid training, Hopewell House.

Budget

Kim Owen: Now is the time to be spending our budget dollars; use it or lose it! Please get your receipts submitted to Kim, or send them in to Sacramento. Please send Kim a note of what you plan to spend this season, or give them to Steve and Kim will pick them up. We may get additional funds in Sept., to be spent in September, so keep the wish lists up to date.

Tools

Jerry Bentz: Hand saws need sharpening. Tools needed for Roberta's cache: 10 Loppers, 10 McLeods.

Other News

- PCT Day: Jason Waicunas reported on plans for PCT Day, August 29, 2009. Posted on Mt. Hood Chapter website, with link to the brochure. E-mail to be sent to Mt. Hood Chapter e-mail list, with link to brochure.
- Potluck: The Mt. Hood Chapter 2009 Hike and Potluck Barbecue will be held on September 12, 2009, at Champoeg State Park. Necessary Items:
 - Ron Goodwin - Coffee pot & coffee.
 - Jim Webb - Hot water pot.
 - John Vhay - Propane stove. 2 ice chests
 - Jack Konner - Microwave, bratwurst, rolls, relishes, utensils, napkins, coffee cups, banner, photo montages, ice chest, ice, soft drinks.
- REI Recruitment Project: The Clackamas REI has graciously invited the Mt. Hood Chapter to have a recruitment table during sale days and other events. The first event will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Used Gear Sale, 9 AM to 3 PM. Nine Mt. Hood Chapter volunteers will be assisting with this project.
- Publicity: The Register Guard in Eugene will be reporting on the PCT. Contact: Bob Welch.
- Trail Section Reports
 - Dennis Beard: Report on handling of a fire violation
 - Jack Konner: July 3 & 15, scouting with Susan Corwin. July 25 & August 8, work parties.
 - Ruth Weston: Logout.
 - Jim Webb: Logout.
 - Steve Plant: Many work parties, problem tree.
 - Jerry Bentz: Bridge repair this weekend.
 - Ron Goodwin: Removed 25 trees from trail. Section of trail overlooking Barlow Pass needs to be repaired or moved.
 - John Vhay: The PCTA/AHS work party had to be aborted one day early due to high wind and rain. A subsequent work party was conducted to complete the creek crossing and to retrieve camping gear and tools.
 - Steve Queen: The Dry Creek bridge is being replaced by a youth group.
 - Jim Webb: Access to the Trout Creek trailhead is currently blocked by construction equipment in connection with the rerouting of Trout Creek around the dam.
- Radio Use: Jack Konner: It is recommended that Caretakers working in the Zigzag and Hood River Ranger Districts who are using Forest Service radios should post their work parties on the Wilderness Steward calendar to facilitate contact with Columbia Dispatch.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 PM, at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Konner
Secretary