

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Agenda

Wednesday July 9, 2014

Location: REI Clackamas

Welcome

- Attended: 22 people: Rick, Tami, Steve P, Geoff, Dennis, Justin, Ron, Ruth, Liz, Gentleman Bob, Busdriver John, Robert C, Trail Boss Bill, David, Steve Q, Roberta, Pam, Kim, Tim L, Jeff, Becky, Summer
- Thank you Summer for note-taking

Past Events

- 2014 Stats: over 500 logs removed. No report from Jen for hours.
1. June 12 Steamboat: Tyler (in California)
 - High number of logs out (maybe 20)
 2. June 13-14 Hyatt Lake Saw Certs
 - Underbucker – it went fine
 3. June 14 Get Outdoors Day: Greg, Rick, Tyler (5 hours cross cutting!)
 - So fun & a lot of work
 - Liz – 6-12 volunteer sign ups
 - Rick – only time more tired working for this group was on one of Kim’s “death marches”
 - Every kid wanted their own round (one kid & one sawyer working together on each saw), so they sawed all day
 - Kids were very enthusiastic
 - Next year have some precut rounds and maybe a brand (or stamp) for the PCT
 4. June 16 Top Spur Logout: Pace
 - Tyler used short chainsaw on a big log
 - Rainy, short day
 5. June 17 Mt Adams South: Gentleman Bob/Greg Mikol
 - Logged out to the springs
 - Saturday – try to do the rest (springs to meadows)
 6. June 19-22 Indian Heaven South and Big Huckleberry: Bill et al
 - A lot of people
 - John came and worked with Leif on his section to the south
 - A lot of snow on the ridge
 - Cut a couple of logs, left in pace frozen to the landscape
 7. June 21: Mt Adams South: Gentleman Bob/Greg
 - Greg’s first work party (as leader)
 - Going back Saturday
 8. June 24: 7 Corners New Seasons Markets: Karla
 - This store may be interested in another project – will get back to Roberta
 - Bill was there
 - Worked on section of trail that has been in want of reconstruction for a while
 - There is a small seep
 - Jim Proctor and Bill were discussing it (some time ago)
 - Completely reconstructed – rock work, re-benched a couple hundred feet, did some brushing
 9. June 24: Hawthorne New Seasons Markets: Leif
 - Re-benching and basic tread work by Lolo Pass
 10. June 26: Timberline South scouting: Ron
 - Another work party planned
 - 2 really unusual spots: 3 trees teepee’d across about 15 feet above the trail where they met
 - 28 trees down, only 1 is green the rest are silver fir and rotten at the bottom
 - One 6 feet off the ground
 - The hotshots out of Zig Zag did these ones
 - McKenzie was on it
 - In the sandy spot, going to Timberline, water washed a lot of sand out, this will have to be put back
 - There is another spot where Salmon River is moving closer to the trail (wash out), will have to look at moving the trail over
 11. June 27-29: Jude Lake to Jeff Wilderness: Ernie

- Went 8 miles, got 80 logs
- Going to finish up end of July
- 12. June 28-29: White Pass Saw Certifications
 - Leif the only instructor
 - Only 3 students
- 13. June 28 Upper Eagle Creek: Busdriver John
 - Messy one
 - 8 people signed up but only 4 showed
 - 6.5mile hike to last log - dropped 18inch log across a bigger log to use as a step to get over it, will have to come back to remove the bigger log
 - Stopped just 0.5mile from Tanner
- 14. July 5: Logout Chris' Section: Leif
 - Finished Chris' section
- 15. July 5: Scout north of Tamanous Trail: Roberta
 - Karla's section
 - Needs a brushing work party, it is as bad as she was told
 - Poison oak, prickly variations on raspberry
- 16. July 6: Upper Muddy Fork (Trail 600) Logout: Pace
 - Finished log out
 - 3 logs left over from last work party
 - 5 more removed
 - Not on the trail but approaching trail
 - Cleaned up rock slide area
- 17. July 6: Steamboat Logout: Leif
 - And Roberta
 - Finished with cross cut
 - Left 1 log, needs chainsaw
- 18. July 9: NSM Hawthorne at Top Spur: Pace and Roberta
 - Top Spur
 - Worked on brushing and improving a drain that was in the middle of the trail so that it will drain

Future Events

Updated on manual sheet passed around

Planned Crews

1. July 10 Barlow Pass to Frog Lake logout: Tim L/TR BCHO
 2. July 11-13 Indian Springs/Buck Peak: Leif
 3. July 11-13 Olallie Lake: Ernie
 4. July 11-13 Warm Springs: Becky
 5. July 11-12 Urban Youth Crew: Dana and assistants
 6. July 12 Mt Adams to Meadow: Greg/Bob
 7. July 13 Indian Heaven North: Rick
 8. July 14-17 Forest Youth Success, possibly Trout Creek: Tom/Jim
 9. July 17 Timberline South: Ron
 10. July 18-24 Skyline on Upper Muddy Fork, Pace attending
 11. July 19-20 Potato Hill: Ruth, Karla, Roberta
 12. July 20 Upper Eagle Creek: Busdriver John
 13. July 23 N of Tamanous Trail: Roberta
 14. July 25-17 Jude Lake: Ernie
 15. Aug 13: Next Caretaker Meeting
- Mt Hood 50 on July 12 per website www.mthood50.com
 - Mountain Lakes 100 on September 27-28 per website: www.mountainlakes100.com
 - Named Crews
 - Juli Bradley, scout group: Kim, Aug 15 - 16
 - New Seasons Crews:
 - Hawthorne Dates
 - August 19: Pace and Roberta – Top Spur treadwork
 - September 9: Ruth – Timberline
 - October 7: Ruth – Timberline
 - May request one more

- 7 Corners Dates
 - None scheduled but may request one
- Urban Youth Crew: July 11-12: Dana
- Packwood Glacier Crew: Bill/Dana
- WTA to work at Muddy Meadows on Mt Adams in September
- PSU Sociology Club September 14
- National Guard: Tyler
- PCT Days Sep 5-7
 - Two crews?
 - Need crew leaders: Friday Sep 5
 - Half day crews
 - Karla or Roberta's sections
- Potluck Sept 27
 - Steve Q: Geo Cache as our event
- See Calendar for more

Reports

- Budget. Kim
 - Business cards: Ordered through Jen, delivery estimate 7/22, cost \$85.19
 - RAC funding to feed those on the Packwood Glacier crew
 - We are on track, no surprises
 - Business cards came in (2 boxes), passed out

**Pacific Crest Trail Association
Program Budget Report
As of May 31, 2014
Columbia Cascades Region - MT. HOOD CHAPTER**

CMTL Grant (360)	Jan-Dec 2014 Budget	May 2014 Actual	Budget Remaining
Trail Crew Travel	500	-	500
Expendable Trail Supplies	2,000	202	1,798
Tools & Equipment		-	
Crew Programs & Training	500	427	73
TOTAL	3,000	630	2,370

- Tools. Leif
 - New tool checkout form in use, may be modified. Thanks to Robert (Pace)
 - Starting to use new checkout, it is not done but in process
- Saw Certification:
 - Hyatt Lake/Big Bend
 - Most of the trees cut were on the PCT and had been there 2 or 3 years
 - Lots are close to the campground
 - Not enough volunteers and this area needs more love
 - Notes saying it was not passable for horses
 - Kim – it was good, recommends
 - Great campground, hot showers
- Caretaker/Crewleader Roles and Responsibility: Kim (no action)
- Scout/Surveyor roles: Tom (wait until fall)
- Training and Safety: Open
 - Wilderness First Aid Training Nov 8-9
 - Yes: Becky, Gentleman Bob A, Steve P, Chris S., Tammy (but does not need), Sara and Tim Lagasse, Jerry, Liz and Tyler, Pam and Kim, Tami K-S, Rick
 - Estacada Library is reserved for us
- Dana
 - Not here
- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
 - Trip to Kilimanjaro in July. Barbara Niece covering
 - Not here
 - Her email is still not working well, not sure what is wrong

- Bill isn't receiving email notices (post meeting found he was no longer on the distribution list)
- Who to send emails of people that sign up as volunteers if here email isn't working
 - Send to Steve until Tammy gets back
- Extra Projects: Tim D. will work on making an electronic version of my caretaker info mash-up with the PCTA map. Tim D not in attendance, no update.

Announcements/Reminders

- During the transition to a new volunteer program assistant in Sacramento, use Jen Tripp's email.
- While Tammy is gone, need requests for Work Parties to include "Work Party" or "Trail Crew" in the subject line, and who/what/when/where in the text. Responses need to go to the crew leader.
 - Due back Aug 1
- Saw donation from Hubbard in response to the print article, referred to David
 - Dave picked it up
- Remaining Vacancies: Potato Hill, Mt. Adams-North, 400 Trail. Leif is just fostering the 400 trail.
- Columbia Dispatch will be staffed 0730-1800, 7- days a week starting June 1st.
- Roberta taking vacation July 24-Aug 2
 - Hoping not to look at email, will have periods of no email access

Discussion Items

- September 14: Doc Billings wants a crew with his PSU Sociology Club
 - Works at new season
 - Car pool from Hawthorne New Seasons or have them meet closer to the work area about 8am
 - He would like September 14 (Sunday)
 - Tentatively Busdriver John, Kim will take backup
- New Crew Leader session?
 - Talk about needs, wants, radio practice
 - Roberta will look at a session as part of a small work arty after Sept 7
 - Maybe with Kim as host – cutting berm, brushing
 - Kim will check his calendar and work with Roberta
 - Pace has put together a nice checklist, he will finish it up and have it ready for September
 - Bill – project report form – how to find it, funny idiosyncrasies with it
 - Username – **rg_mthood**
 - Password – **contact Roberta to find out**
 - If you mess up 3 times you lock EVERYONE out, if you miss it twice, STOP
 - If locked out, Jen has to go in and unlock it
 - On the report there is a small box where you put the Agency contact
 - Have to put in the emails and separate them by commas and not semicolons
 - Semicolons will make the program send it to no one
 - You can just enter your email and when it comes to you, you can forward it to whoever needs to see it and add additional notes
 - Roberta to lead a 30 minute session to discuss just the on-line reporting form prior to August's caretaker meeting
 - Tami K. would like a crew on Aug 15-16.
 - would like to do something but needs a mentor
 - Is going up to her section this weekend to look at more of her area
 - Needs a lot of brushing
 - There is a campsite that Dana is looking forward to helping decommission and move up top where there is another one
 - Can go up every day or overnight
 - Kim's Scout Group is going up to that area (8 scouts and 4 adults – see Upcoming Events)
 - Will be there Friday night, working Saturday but can help on Sunday
 - TCP: Bill noticed that the local sheriff number is missing on the TCP; Robert noticed that there's a discrepancy on the number of TCPs to be printed (3 if you follow all the instructions)
 - Needs to work with Jen (official owner of it)
 - Fred Meyer Donation Requests
 - Trail Junction Signs: email from Dana: Thanks to a PCTA donor, we will have an opportunity once again this autumn to order replacements for missing or inaccurate trail junction signs. These are the routed signs that indicate names of side-trails, thus making them distinct from the PCT itself. Please note, we don't always place signs at each junction

that say <--Pacific Crest Trail -->, because that's what reassurance markers are for. However, we do make exceptions if you think there's a particularly confusing junction.

- Dana sent this email
 - Wanted these submitted by mid-July
 - If you have a junction that needs a sign, send Dana all the info/picture of what you need
- “Rockers” for other than sawyer – looking into it
- Special Considerations for crews, such as “non-smoking”, “no alcohol”
 - You can do this but you have to announce it when you request the work party volunteers

Round the Room

Kim

- For the Crew Leader Work Party
 - wants to collaborate with Roberta, can help organize but doesn't want to be the main teacher
 - use the official documents for review

Rick

- First work crew this weekend

Becky

- Move onto site tomorrow, start work on Friday
- Red Flag for eastern counties, includes Wasco county but will have to check the you have to check the IFPL map for region six
- Will have to take cross cut saws (looks like 300 logs – email said hundreds)
- There are a couple of guys from AmeriCorps to help Underbucker

Tim L.

- Doing Jerry's section tomorrow
 - Will go in HWY 35 and right up to chainsaw boundary, then help Becky

Underbucker

- IFPL changes everyday
 - Search for IFPL forest service region 6” on the internet
 - Dave will send out an email with a link for this as well
 - Steve will see about adding it to the website

Tami K

- Going up to Snag Creek on Saturday and Sunday to see the rest of her section (far north section)
- Available next 3 weekends (after this weekend)
 - Her car has 3rd row, backpacking is cool
 - May join Ruth's crew on Potato Hill

Jeff

- Trail Skills Collage
 - June 13 was their follow up, set dates for next year: April 17-19
 - Needs logistics coordinator will work under Dennis (manage sign in desk, set up and tear down)
 - Tami K loves logistics and will take this on

Roberta

- New Seasons group is great, would like to send some people to Skills College (Jayme Smith)
 - How do we get people on a special pre-registration list
 - Send to Jeff and he will take care of it

Steve P

- Finished section on June 15, 49 logs

Geoff

- It has been a light year and he is done

Dennis

- The Blue Bag Project is doing good
 - can't keep enough bags in it and 7mile camp is really clean

- Susan is working on building a different box that is bigger, funnels down, and is self-feeding,
- Looking at moving the box from above High Bridge to closer to trail head for easier refill (3 times a week)
- Youth Corp Group in Parkdale will make up blue bags as their summer project
- Waiting for Jonathan for trail decommission (Eagle Creek, user trail to Punchbowl)
 - haven't heard back – eagle creek, user trail to punchbowl

Justin

- Gone all of August – back Sept 5

Ron

- At Multnomah Falls: Forest Service is just not showing up, there is no one around to do the work

Ruth

- Going up to Timberline this weekend
- Scouted her section yesterday: 2 trees down in 7 miles, 1 rock fall, 1 mudslide

Gentleman Bob

- Log out going uphill finished up Saturday
- It will be a very busy weekend for the chapter

Liz

- Next week will finish last log in their section and then to start treadwork and brushing
- Tyler has been on the whole thing now
 - part that Liz did go on is very narrow

Busdriver John

- Add a Sunday July 20 work party
 - only 1 mile from trail head
 - tread building on Upper Eagle Creek (outlet of Wahtum Lake)
 - finished 9 drains (with 8 energetic volunteers)
 - Planning on 3 more work parties to finish

Pace

- Skyline crew next week (July 18-24)
- Meeting with 3 leaders tomorrow for walk through
- Will work on slides on North side of ridge

Bill

- On behalf of Karla: rumor has it there is a brush out on 23rd
 - Roberta is leading
 - Will talk with Roberta about it (will go if he can and will run brusher)

Underbucker

- Will email the IFPL link tonight

Steve Q

- Back from Alaska
 - will add the IFPL to website