

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Agenda

Wednesday August 13, 2014

Location: REI Clackamas

Welcome

- Welcome: Jen Tripp during the pre-meeting session on how to submit an on-line report form.
- Attended: Dennis S, Dennis B, Ron, Steve P, Summer, Bob, Jane (pre-meeting session only), Ruth, Tim L, Tami, John, Roberta, Steve, Leif, David, Chris, Tammy, Tim D, Dana

Past Events

- 2014 Stats: Over 1000 logs removed. No report from Jen for hours, etc.
 - This will be sent out via email when it is received
 - Passed around to be reviewed and updated: log outs and future events
 - Only section left to log out is high elevation on Gentleman Bobs
- 1. July 10 – Frog Lake: Tim L
 - 23 logs out
- 2. July 11-13 Indian Springs-Buck Peak Logout: Leif
 - 15 logs out
 - Went back on the 26 and finished up – 2 more logs out
- 3. July 11-13 Olallie Lake: Ernie
- 4. July 11-13 Warm Springs: Becky
 - David Roe was there
 - A lot of logs
 - The trail was closed, due to fire, 3 days after they cleared it out
- 5. July 11-12 Urban Youth Crew: Dana
 - It was great
 - There are some other groups that may be interested in a crew next year
 - Some of them took Dana up on the challenge to pee in the woods, some needed more...guidance
 - Took them on a hike to Wahclella Falls that they really enjoyed
 - Played in the water like 6 years old
- 6. July 12-13 Paradise Park and Ramona Falls: Ruth and Dennis S.
 - Went over the bridge that is no more
 - Ruth: 1 log
 - Camped at Roaring River Camp, had thunder, lightning, and wind
 - Dennis S – had the rest of the logs
 - Had a blast of a time pushing a rock slide of the trail (no trail below)
 - Everyone was a pro by the end
 - Played with different ways to maneuver logs: if we cut it here where will it go, etc.
 - ❖ In regards to the washed out bridge across the Sandy River
 - Roberta: Pace found a large log that was buried on one end (root ball) about .25 miles up (equestrian ford is right beside it) that can be used as a possible temporary crossing
 - Dennis: Would they ever consider a suspension bridge?
 - Dennis S: the river bend tends to move
 - From around the room: It is wilderness; there is no money; every 10 years or so there is a major flood event; the river channel is filled with sand, a temporary bridge may be the right idea for this trail
- 7. July 13: Indian Heaven North: Rick
 - Roberta: Logged out, but the mosquitos were awful. Do not do anything but log out early in the season. Do tread work in the fall
- 8. July 14-17 Forest Youth Success on Trout Creek: Tom

- Haven't heard from Tom
9. July 17 Timberline South Logout and Tread Work: Ron
 - Looked on website for Zig Zag but they didn't have anything for this year being maintained, emailed and it has since been corrected
 - 10 good people, 1 new person (West side wilderness ranger),
 - Big hole (sand) filled in
 - A lot of early North bounders: all by themselves, trying to get up the steep sandy spot so they can get to Timberline
 - 26 trees out
 - Level 1 fire still
 10. July 18-23 Skyline Crew on Upper Muddy Fork: (from Pace): the crew was only 7, and we had a few days of rain that slowed us down some. We did not work on the slide originally planned, do to rock fall hazard from above, but did build a rock wall and reinforced the tread with rock at a smaller slide nearby.
 - Roberta: there were some cancellations
 - Dana: In regards to the spot that is in the highest need of repair, we may have to wait for some more stuff to come down
 11. July 19-20 Potato Hill: Ruth, Karla, Roberta
 - Ruth: It was good. 2 miles of trails that was ATV rutted, put brush on the trail to discourage ATVs from using the trail
 - Roberta: Can we add wood stanchions to block ATVs from entering the trail from the access road.
 - It is pretty open
 - Dana: Dean should have some no bike signs for the trail as well
 - Roberta: Currently the trail signs only say hikers and horses can use the trail but doesn't mention who cannot use it
 12. July 20 Upper Eagle Creek: Busdriver John
 - It is getting passable
 - There is a de-rut that is difficult to release the water that comes down
 13. July 23 N of Tamanous Trail: Roberta
 - Kelly Davis & Bill Canavan participated
 - Karla's section
 - Brushed out in the rain with the power brusher
 - Worked up to the first road crossing (up to where the forest starts again and skirts the skirts the clear cut)
 - Poison oak, lots of blackberry and branchy brush closing in on the trail (before)
 14. July 25-17 Jude Lake: Ernie
 15. July 29 – Southern Goat Rocks Scout: Underbucker
 - Looked like a mess
 - Increased the size of the crew at the last minute
 - Back country horseman helped
 - Managed to get the whole section done
 - Some rough areas in coordination with the Forest Service
 - Hopefully we can fix that in the future
 - Forest Service sent a crew 2 days before David had planned, heard from hikers that it was already done
 - Forest Service said that Dana told her that we weren't going to do it
 - They did the middle section
 - David had already sent his survey report
 - Had 3 cross cut teams
 16. Aug 11 Mosquito Lake - Leif – "Tyler's totem pole"
 - Top of the tree that went into the ground (only 5 feet left)
 - Someone cut the exposed end into a point
 - Removed the tree, flushed to the ground
 - Put dirt and tread on top of it
 17. Leif: growth of the White Pass area
 - 66 logs

- Steve, Jeff, and Steve Smith out of Washington
- One person in Randle, WA to help coordinate net year (Patty)
 - Took her to the Forest Service debrief on Monday (past)
 - Knows the Forest Service and has worked with them in the past

18. Dana: White Pass work party

- Tyler was stung and had to go to the hospital, due to an allergic reaction
- 14 people
- Car camping trips are popular (with people from Portland and Seattle)
- 3 more Yakima people came out
- Camped at White Pass Lake (Leech Lake) Campground
 - There was some confusion over reservations, Forest Service said no reservations and then called back to make the reservation

19. Aug 9-10 - Dana: Paul Martin Smith Memorial Work Party

- Wanted his ashes spread on Rock Pile Mountain during a PCTA work party
 - As spreading ashes, he requested that they sing Monty Python's "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life", which they did
- 70 logs from Minto Pass to the Rock pile in the Berm
- Paul always said that your #1 Job was to cultivate your replacement
 - 5 of the people he cultivated made it to the work party

20. August 9-11 Southern Goat Rocks Logout: Underbucker

- See above

Future Events

Planned Crews Next Month

1. August 15-17 Scouts at 3-Corner Rock: Kim
 2. August 18: Zig Zag Canyon Tread Work: Ruth
 3. August 19: Hawthorne New Seasons Markets, Top Spur Round 2: Pace and Roberta
 4. August 21-24: Packwood Glacier Clean Up: Trail Boss
 5. August 22-24 Horseshoe Meadow to Riley Creek: Gentleman Bob/Greg
 6. September 5 PCT Days Work Party on Trail 400: Leif
 7. September 9 Hawthorne New Seasons Markets at Timberline Round 1: Ruth
 8. September 10: Next Caretaker Meeting
 9. September 24 – New seasons – Leif will take
 - a. New date
 10. October 15 – New seasons –
 - a. New date
 - b. Maybe top spur, if they don't finish on Tuesday if they do finish they will need a crew leader/location
- Mountain Lakes 100 on September 27-28 per website: www.mountainlakes100.com
 - Named Crews
 - Juli Bradley, scout group: Kim, Aug 15
 - New Seasons Crews:
 - Hawthorne Dates
 - August 19: Pace and Roberta – Top Spur treadwork – 7 people confirmed

- September 9: Ruth – Timberline – 14 people
 - September 24: New, Location and Crew Leader unknown
 - Leif will take
 - October 7: Ruth – Timberline – 11 people
 - October 15: new, possibly Top Spur - 8 people
 - See above
- 7 Corners Dates
 - None scheduled but may request one
- Packwood Glacier Crew: Bill/Dana
- National Guard: Tyler (no news)
- PCT Days Sep 5-7
 - One Crew so far: Leif on 400 trail
 - Has 6 people so far but it has only just been advertised
 - More people will mean another work party & crew leader
 - Maybe slough Eagle Creek by the campground as a fall back
 - Dana: Herman Creek needs more love right out of the parking lot, a few switch backs that need reconfiguring: lowering; more bunny hopping; one really mushy spot on a corner that needs bigger rocks (take gravel out in a 20foot section and put in bigger rocks and then put gravel back over top)
 - May need more gravel, but there is a boulder field right there
 - Soft spot is after the 2nd switch back, not as far as the power lines
 - Bruce pulled out the ferns. He decided it wasn't the proper way to narrow up a trail
 - Jonathan was there and agreed that it was the proper strategy in this instance
 - Bruce doesn't talk to the crew leader to see why or what was done
- Potluck Sept 27
 - Steve Q: Geo Cache as our event
 - Up at the arboretum
 - Talk about who is bringing what next month (September)
 - Expect a big turnout from the new seasons crew
- See Calendar for more

Reports

- Budget. Kim
 - On track
- Tools. Leif
 - Bill Canavan used the "old" brusher at Tanamous, the one that hangs from my garage ceiling. The nut on it won't stay tight. He said something about a locking nut lost its locking mechanism. Also the old blade is pretty dull, we removed it.
 - The spare nut is in the Brusher kit
 - Want to change the blade out to the big one
 - They should all have the larger blade as they cut better
 - Katana Boy ordered for the Southern Cache
 - Twin Lakes saw is being repaired
 - Need some aux handles
 - Have 1 that needs to be repaired and 1 that needs replacement
 - On the 17th there were only 2 Reinhardt's in the Portland Cache
 - Ruth had already taken 4 or 5
 - 1 has a handle that needs replacing so it can be put back
 - A lot of crews running out of the Portland Cache this year
 - Appears we lost a Pick-Mattock on the Douglas Trail combined work party
 - Joint crew with TKO July 26/27/28
 - Curtis checked them both out and only got 1 back

- Has emailed them (Curtis smith) 2 and they are not replying
 - Will keep asking
 - The one that came back is not marked so maybe they took our 2 and left us their 1
 - Trail Skills College 2015: Position Open
 - Jeff has stepped down
 - Trails College needs a leader
 - The committee has been doing it for so long (kind of loosey goosey) that they almost don't need a chair
 - Great job but should probably apprentice
 - Skills needed: organizational skills, pulling a team (experienced) together, facilitating the team, keeps the larger perspective to keep everything moving forward, public speaking, project managing, be the face of Trails College, point person for coordinating the forest service and Port of Cascade Locks
 - Tammy may send out an email to all volunteers in the next month or so
 - Tim will also send one out to his other (equestrian) group
 - Dana/Tammy have copies of the job description that they can forward to you to pass on
 - Saw Certification:
 - Done
 - Caretaker/Crew leader Roles and Responsibility: Kim (no action)
 - Scout/Surveyor roles: Tom (wait until fall)
 - Training and Safety: Open
 - Crew leader training: Rick, Robert and Roberta talked about using the Mazamas lodge for training, it would be \$1300/night so not going use it
 - We will talk about what it takes to be a crew leader: preplanning, emails out, radio use, crew sizes, concerns
 - Includes timelines
 - Checklist created by pace (Robert)
 - Originally talked about doing it all on the trail, a lot of it is forum based, will need a room
 - Hoping to be near the trails
 - David Roe: Wind River training center is on the trail & has bunk house. Is forest service so no cost
 - Steve: Historic Ranger Station may work. Go through Kathleen
 - David Roe: It is fairly small
 - Roberta: would like to do it in October, a weekend
 - There is a Ski place in Government Camp: Cascade Ski Club. AA lodge like Mazamas but not as nice
 - Also quite small
 - Tim: Museum at the far end of Government Camp that has a kitchen, museum, is brand new, free, and fully equipped
 - Roberta: Probably go with Wind River
 - 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
 - No:
 - Estacada Library is reserved for us
- Dana
 - Filming request
 - Roberta: No response from request email sent out
 - They are from the German equivalent of the BBC
 - Want to film volunteers the last week of august doing trail work
 - Preferably with horses
 - Leif: Do they have their permits
 - Dana: They are waiting for us to tell them where the crew will work so they can get the correct area permit
 - David Roe: The filming that was already down was filmed to be used as promotional video for Oregon, they may be able to get all/part of that footage for use as well
 - Tim will put it out for his other (equestrian) group
 - They may go with the Skyline Crew
 - Suspects that we will see more requests as Wild becomes more popular
 - Busdriver John: Dana may need an assistant just to handle publicity requests
 - Sacramento has formed a marketing team to help handle this

- They can insist that if we are helping anyone doing some filming, that they have to give some time to the PCTA to talk about how to support/volunteer with the association
 - Shape Magazine will be up to film some film shorts
 - Cheryl Strand and Dana will be in some of these
 - Bridge Walk
 - Email sent out
 - Tami K has already reposted
 - Needs help running a table
 - Well send out a request through Tammy
 - Directional Signs
 - If you need any signs, please email Dana
 - Unattended Caches/Trail Magic
 - Forest Service has a prohibition against leaving unattended anything (especially food)
 - If you see any unattended caches, please help the forest service by removing them. If you know who it belongs to, please let them know about it
 - Water caches are more controversial and more complicated
 - The focus will be on food caches
 - Biggest unattended cache on our section is the Trout Lake Abbey. They leave a cache on the other side on 23 into Tyler's area, right as you come out of the Huckleberry Field, south end of the trail
 - 50 gallon drum that is secured and a couple of other items tacked up on a tree with a journal and register
- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
 - Thanks to Barbara Niece
 - Continued email problems
 - Very frustrating, don't want to talk about it
 - Have talked to Ryan and Steve
 - If you compose an email it works if you reply back it doesn't
 - Will respond if you send an email, if no response, she probably didn't get it
 - Labor day – Timberline Lodge Music Fest
 - Going to have booth, Tammy will be there
 - Roberta & Jason have offered to be there for set up
 - Sent email out for this
 - PCT Days – A little worried about this event
 - Talked to Angie last night
 - There will be 2 canopies: 1 is a real store and 1 with a booth for volunteer/memberships
 - Will need at least 2 very reliable people that the PCTA can count on to work and supervise other volunteers in the store and the volunteer section
 - The store will only be there on Saturday – am and pm shift
 - Jason also needs volunteers, sent out an email for him, please respond directly to him
 - Leif needs volunteers, please reply directly to him
 - Dana will be an assistant Crew Leader
 - Will start and finish the Work Crew on Friday at the PCTA Volunteer canopy
 - NEW EVENT: Trail Dirt Live
 - Will be in the communicator
 - Angie asked if we would appreciate a no host bar
 - Tammy: we would appreciate a bar of some sort

We are taking our news and information newsletter on the trail with us and we want you to come along.

Three times a year, Pacific Crest Trail Association will host a Friday evening event in different communities along the trail. It's an opportunity to bring together local volunteers, members, and partners with PCTA staff and board members in a social setting. We will share news of how you can help PCTA's work trail-wide and in the local region, present local volunteer and partner awards, and give thanks to you for all you do for the trail.

Join us for the first Trail Dirt Live at Skamania Lodge in Stevenson, Washington on Friday October 24.

Our schedule for the evening:
 6:00pm Doors Open
 6:30pm PCTA presentation

Awards ceremony
7:30-9pm Dessert Reception and door prizes

We are looking forward to seeing you. No RSVP required.”

Announcements/Reminders

- The new volunteer program assistant's name is Sandra Hall, she lives in/has family in Sacramento
- Remaining Vacancies: Potato Hill, Mt. Adams-North, 400 Trail. Leif is just fostering the 400 trail.
- Columbia Dispatch open 24 hours while these fires are going. Normally staffed 0730-1800, 7- days a week starting June 1st.

Discussion Items

Round the Room

- PCTA Business Cards were passed around
- Thank you card for Barbara for coving for Tammy was passed around to be signed
- Congratulations on your Baby card for McKenzie was also passed around for everyone to sign. (Card will be sent after the baby is born - due September)
- Steve Q: Will be hiking the PCT again in 2016, will be the 35th anniversary of his first hike.
- Tammy: Mt Kilimanjaro was *f-ing* awesome, will never do it again, will never climb above 16,000 feet again. Summited about 7am with the sun coming up behind the glacier, the mountain shadow on the clouds below.
- Leif: Glad he lived through July. Coming down from 24 road to 8851, they are logging right beside the PCT; Roberta has a picture
 - Dana: It is part of the Huckleberry Enhancement Project, she can send an email with details
- David Roe: Warm Springs is now open again. He will schedule a resurvey the trail in the next 2 weeks. May have to do some log outs but it will be difficult with the Red Flag so the work crew may need to wait until the fall. Point of ignition for the fire was on the PCT, 1 to 1.25 miles of the trail burned. There may be more damage .25 miles up. South of Pinhead, in Canvas Meadows, there is a small fire that may or may not be on the PCT.
- Tim: Tyler may have a picture of Bigfoot
- Chris: May go back to Latvia next year. Friends want to do the Sierra High Route next year.
- Dennis S: Ruth saved someone's life - fording the Sandy River, April was just about across and got in a little too deep (hip level). Ruth grabbed her and pulled her out.
- Dennis B: Eagle Creek is very busy right now; lots of city people; lots of thru hikers coming through. Have gotten a lot of compliments on how the trail is looking. There has been some controversy about some hikers taking a short cut from Indian Springs straight down the hill. The Blue Bags seem to be going really, really well; some have commented that there seems to be less trash this year. Going to move the Blue Bags box from High Bridge to closer to the trail head so it will be easier to maintain and refill. Came across an unattended fire while out on the trail.
- Ron: Hotshot crew McKenzie sent out did a good job. Yesterday, there was a report saying someone went 55 days on the PCT. Was supported the whole way.

- Pam: No PCT stuff, no hiking for a long time. They did finish moving. They were about 2 miles from the fire and it was blowing the opposite way.
- Dana: Brought canopy and bug tent back. Went to get bear boxes and saw stuff was still there, Roberta can take them home. Gus pooped in the potty and showed everyone.
- Gentleman Bob: Week after next (week of Aug 24), taking a crew for 3 days on the side of Mt Adams, should be able to finish the tread work from last year. Working on Midpoint to Horseshoe Meadows. Will clean up abandoned stuff (from a rescue last year where 2 hikers were airlifted during a winter rescue)
 - Dana will be hiking through Mt Adams wilderness about the same time (may not be able to start until day they are walking out) hasn't seen the area in about 5 years. Doing one end to the other week of Aug 24.
- Ruth: Work party on Monday will be great. Needs no more people
- Tim: North end of Becky's section, used a gelding he had never used as his pack and rode a mare in heat. It was an interesting combination, very eventful, she got a few kicks in.
- Tami S: Finally saw her entire section on Sunday, got the last mile down, saw all the logging roads
 - Roberta: let's try to schedule a work party so Tami can get her first crew leading in
- Busdriver John: on the 14th heading up to Snag Creek with the PSU Sociology Club
 - Tami K may join, will let John know
- Roberta: Has a stress fracture on right foot; hiking is very limited for the next 4 to 6 weeks. It is an over use injury. Has a work party on Tuesday.