

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Summer

Welcome

- Welcome: Mark Engler: **Natural Resources Specialist, Zone Recreation Program Manager**
- Attended: Mark, David, Tami, Tyler, Ruth, Ron, Jerry, Busdriver John, Steve P, Justin, Becky, Carole, Chris K, Pace, Pam, Kim, Little Brown, Worm, Luna, Summer, Kelley, Leif, Jim, Roberta (24 people)
- Steve Q phoned in from the trail south of Warner Springs
- Ernie Strahm from the Oregon Muleskinners has retired from caretaking of the Olallie Lake section.
- Aaron Petersen has taken a new position as Saw Coordinator for Region 6.

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

Thanks to Pace for generating these stats

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - Mar 2016				
	Mar	YTD Mar		YTD Mar
	2016	2016		2015
Volunteer Hours, total	1188.50	2693.50		3045.65
Trail Maint - on trail hours	744.00	1419.50		1105.80
Trail Maint - support hours	265.00	1036.00		1428.10
Outreach Event hours	16.75	26.75		131.25
Training hours	162.75	211.25		380.50
Specialized hours	195.00	488.00		237.50
Miles Logged out	8.5	29.3		n/a
Miles Maintained	5.2	7.9		27.5
Feet of Rehab/Recon	1470	2110		1105
# Trail Work Crews	9	20		18

- We've logged out 211 logs on the PCT and 284 logs total.
- Mark Engler is joining us. He is the West Side Mt Hood Forest Manager out of Zig Zag and has replaced Kathleen (who was there 20 years).
 - Roberta: Aaron is still with us.
 - Mark: No, he is going to be saw coordinator for the region. Will be looking for a new person to replace him. He finishes up the middle of May. Continue to copy him on email.

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Mar 10: Eagle Creek Logout #2: Lamar and Leif
 - Leif: We had good day, the rain held off. I don't know how many logs we cut, I lost track. There was a campground that he was looking at getting some help with (5.5mile). I said to ask if the fire crew wants to go in for practice.
 - Roberta: My understanding is the lower end is clear?
 - Leif: Everything to 7.5 mile. The campground was just a trail south of high bridge. And Robert rigged up a nice rope to get across the creek and there were a bunch of hikers that were fortunate to get across with us.
2. Mar 12: PDX Tool Day
 - Roberta: It rained so we didn't paint. Everything got sharpened and inventoried.
 - Tyler: Are we doing the other caches?

- Tami: We did BOG
 - Leif: Was going to do Wind River this week and we can do Trout Lake whenever.
 - Tyler: There are no crosscut in Wind River.
 - Leif: There will be, they are out being sharpened.
3. Mar 14: Scouting 400 Trail: Carole
- Carole: We found the switch back continuing to crumble.
 - Leif: It's not that bad, not as bad as it was
 - Carole: I've been stuffing rocks in it. The top part is only about foot wide
 - Tyler: It's not a horse trail then
 - Carole: Well, a skinny horse. With Roberta's expertise we decided there will be a rock wall. TSC will add a class to put that in. The 2nd switchback is crumbling, since Layla is doing the first I was hoping that she would come back out to do the 2nd one.
4. Mar 18: Logout Panther Creek: Luna
- Luna: We've done 3. Tyler has been the rock star sawyer. The 1st day we went a mile and had 10 trees that were huge (Luna joined by Tyler and her dad). We cleared up Trout Creek to Whistle Punk, the next time up to Wind River road had 21 logs. Last Friday we went out and Little Brown came out and we had 45 logs from Rd 68 down to Panther Creek campground and we had to leave one log behind because we didn't have a bar big enough. We left 32 trees for saw class. Her section should be cleared then.
 - Mark: Did those come down in the winter? Is this the first time you've been in?
 - Luna: Yes.
 - Roberta: Your section normally has a lot. Last year was about 200.
 - Luna: Leif and I are going on Saturday with Scott to take out a 44-48" log sitting on an angle funny. Only a mile in (mile north of Panther Creek Rd). This one you have to climb over. We've been working full on to make this happen.
 - Roberta: Yes, it has been really fast. Amazing.
5. Mar 18: Nesmith Trail Tread work: Pace
- Pace: 5th crew. Lots of brushing and tread work. Bill was up and Marijke's dad (Marijke: he's been trail guy lately) and its looking a lot better. On the 31st we went back and all the major brushing is clear and the tread work rebuilt. There is 1 slide area beyond the buttress below where we were working and it needs major work (cribbing) all the major brushing is down there. If I get a hold of Dawn, I'd like to go back
6. Mar 19: OSU Tree School
- Steve P: I was it. It went well. Not real exciting. There is a rush in between classes and then it gets quiet. It would be nice to attend classes but they fill up real quick. Got 3 pages of people signing up. #1 question: have you seen increased traffic because of Wild
 - Tree school: Classes to aid small land owners on how to manage their land. Other suppliers and vendors there. Through Clackamas County Extension Service; held at Clackamas Community College
 - Steve Q called: 20miles south of Warner Springs.
7. Mar 19: REI event: Get Ready to Backpack 2016
- Roberta: I heard it went fine
 - Pace: I think Tonaya went
8. Mar 20: Gorton Creek and Nick Eaton Logout #2: Pace
- Pace: We had an All-star cast of 7 crew leaders. It was our 2nd time out. We did it with the Mazamas the first time. There were 2 40"+ logs and it was a good time. We cut one and it didn't move so Marty went and tapped it and the wedge flew out and it went down.
 - Roberta: Good planning of your cuts.
 - Pace: Planning another with Bill
9. Mar 24: Crew Leader Training Session: Pace
- Pace: There were 5 people plus Pace and Roberta. We went over the tool cache and all the forms that have to be filled out. It was an informative evening.
10. Mar 25: Trout Creek North 1 mile logout: Luna
- See above
11. Mar 27: Scout south of Trout Creek: Roberta
- Roberta: On Tami's section. Prep for Tyler and a crew for saw certs
12. Mar 26: Scout Sedum Ridge South: Tami
- Tami: It has all been scouted, all 11 miles of it. Didn't expect to scout as much as I did. Found a washout big enough for a truck to drive through. Someone logged out the middle section – wasn't a horse group. Gong back up with Tyler and Leif and 2 swampers.
 - Mark: When you find larger areas do you contact the Forest Service?
 - Tami: The washout is on DNR land. It is 6x6x6' so when we go out with Tyler and Leif we'll take a look at it.
 - Roberta: If we need materials we will coordinate with the Forest Service

- Leif: If its bigger than a weekend than we coordinate
 - Mark: Is that a Skyline Project?
 - Leif: They have a list of things they want to do so they already have projects.
 - Roberta: Skyline is in Oregon and Sasquatch is in Washington
 - Tami: I also learned that a snow field can make a sink hole
- 13. Mar 29: Scout Muddy Fork: Pace
 - Pace: They opened the snow gate so I can drive all the way in. Some snow on the lower part of Muddy Fork and Ramona. Last week got up to the ridge above Top Spur, and then up above Yocum. You can look across Bald Mt and it is all bare. Drove to Lolo pass and was 150 yards of the pass and there was snow I couldn't pass. Most of his trails are bare. Going next Tuesday for log out. The upper part looks bare from across the canyon but can't get in.
 - Roberta: Are there a lot of hikers on Ramona?
 - Pace: Not too many. About a dozen cars.
 - Mark: Did you fill out a scouting report?
 - Pace: Yes
 - Mark: I forward them on to the front desk and other people and they like reading those
- 14. Mar 29-Apr 1: Estacada Saw Cert for USFS Staff
 - David: It included agency people during the week. Managed to get 24 people through which is great. 3 different locations: Indian Henry, Riverside Trail and Lazy Bend. The more advance stuff was at Indian Henry (everything is a hazard). Turned out really well. We had good classes and a broad range of people from beginners to really advanced.
 - Roberta: Aaron helped organize the first couple days.
 - David: I was told there would be 4 agency people and they showed up with 12
 - David: Mt Hood FS has no crosscut instructors left so we are covering that.
- 15. Mar 31: Nesmith Point Trail brushing and tread repair: Pace
 - above
- 16. Mar 31: Three Corner Rock: Kim and Pam
 - Kim: DNR land administered by Scenic Land out of Hood River. We scouted. Culvert wash out, few logs, snow, solid snow at 2600', Kelley will scout again in a few weeks
 - Pam: We each had folding saws and took out everything we could on our way back down, most was less than 10"
- 17. Apr 2-3 Estacada Saw Cert for Volunteers
 - Tyler: Crosscut and chainsaw recerts, went 3/4mile and massive log needed 13 cuts. Lots of big stuff thankfully the crosscut recert on a 13" not a 30". We took out 18 going up 2.5miles. It was about 130pm so Bill said that was enough.
- 18. Apr 2: Logout Whistle Punk to Wind River Road: Luna
 - above
- 19. Apr 4: Logout Trout Creek area: Tyler and Trail Boss (saw certs)
 - above
- 20. Apr 4: Scout Herman Creek and Nick Eaton Ridge Trails: Little Brown
 - Little Brown: We hiked around, there is enough logs to take 2 projects – one this Sunday and one May 2 with Mazamas. One log is 54" and will be a big project. Wondering if David wants to come look at it and give us advice? It is just beyond Rick Schmidt work about a mile up from Herman Creek Trail.
 - David: Yeah, I can scout it
 - Little Brown: May 2 is when we are planning to do the work
 - Roberta: There was not enough work on Eagle Creek for Mazamas so we are moving them to this one
 - David: I have some bigger saws that we don't keep in the cache and only bring out for big ones like this.
- 21. Apr 5: Scout Muddy Fork and Upper Muddy Fork: Pace
 - above
- 22. Apr 8: Logout Road 68-Panther Creek Road + one log on Big Huck: Luna
 - above
- 23. Apr 9-10: Scouting Sedum Ridge: Tami
 - above
- 24. April 10: Brushing BOG Oregon Side: Roberta and Ruth
 - Roberta: A small crew brushed my section and I didn't realize how much poison oak is there. Robin had a good time brush.
- 25. Apr 13: Today's caretaker meeting

Future Events

Next Month:

1. Apr 15: Logout Sedum Ridge: Tami
2. Apr 17: Logout Nick Eaton/Gorton: Little Brown
3. Apr 18: New Seasons Market @ Herman Creek/Herman Bridge Trails: Busdriver John
4. Apr 19: Logout PCT Muddy Fork Section: Pace
5. Apr 22-24: Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College – the biggest and the best!
6. Apr 29-May 1: Wind River Saw Certs
7. May 2-3: Mazamas Crew: location needs to change
8. May 10: New Seasons Market @ Bald Mtn: Pace
9. May 11: Next Caretaker Meeting

Beyond:

1. North Cascades TSC: May 7-8
2. Get Outdoors Day: June 11
3. Sasquatch in Columbia Gorge (Freefall's section): July 8-14
4. Mt Hood 50 running event: July 9-10, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mt-hood-50/>
5. Sasquatch, Mt Adams I: Aug 19-25
6. Sasquatch, Mt Adams II, Sept 2-8
7. Bunker to Bonneville 50K run: Sept 3, <http://www.cgrcb2b.com/>
8. Mountain Lakes 100 run: Sept 24-25, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>

Reports

Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy

I will be in San Diego on Wednesday night! I will have my computer while in SD. So if you have crews in the next week, I'm all over it! So here's my report for this month.

Working with Tonaya on setting up the event coordinator duties/position. Our March 19th tabling events (tree school & REI 'get ready to backpack') went well, got lots of volunteer sign ups.

Mail transition seems to be going okay. Learning curve much less steep with Mail Chimp. And I can see how many people look at the request, which is kinda cool.

- Tyler: I'm not getting the MailChimp emails.
- Luna: Gmail is putting them into the promotions folder.

Partnership Crews: Jayme

1. Alaska Airlines: Leif on his section, Thursday May 12?
 - Tentative but probably, it is weather based.
2. Urban Youth: Aug 12-13
 - We haven't pick a project but it won't be too far in the gorge. We will need 4 or 5 leaders, must be comfortable with teens and teaching them how to pee in the woods. Will be working from 8am-4pm, on the 2nd day we stop earlier for a hike. The kids are spending the night on Beacon Rock. Dana will be main leader and do all the paperwork, but needs 2 or 3 adults. They will come out in a van and bring all their stuff.
 - Luna: The kids are super fun, some just want to cut stuff but they are all pretty enamored being out there.
 - Jayme: Anyone have any ideas? Any thoughts or interest send me an email.
 - Jayme: It's a lot of kids
 - Kim: A dozen, dozen and a half. Think of them like tenderfeet. Most of them are really excited and it is cool to see people get so excited to be in the woods.
3. Troup 22 Eagle Scout Project: Kim???
4. Lisa Holmes, Author and hiking group with 6 people wants a crew on April 30. Ruth and Carole
5. Boeing: group of 5 or a few more- was going to be on Earth Day, now rescheduled, new date TBD
 - Cancelled. Doing another date.
6. Danner Boots: Sarah would like a large group event; invasive plant pull. No dates yet.
 - Waiting on confirmation.
7. Apple: Tami, June 2 and June 3. Two single-day projects.
8. Go Beyond Racing: Justin. June 18
9. Girl Scout group: Carole and Ruth
10. REI: Tyler: September, overnight at Steamboat section
11. Outward Bound Sep 3-4. Underbucker and Becky. Tread specialists: Kim and Pam and Busdriver John have offered to help
12. PGE at Timothy Lake: Roberta date TBD, May or June. Waiting to scout with Leslie from PGE
13. New Seasons Market:
 - April (1 crew): Tuesday April 19 with Busdriver John, Herman Creek Trail and Herman Bridge Trail

- May (1 crew): Tuesday May 10, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work, Bald Mtn area (near Top Spur)
- June (2 crews): Tuesday June 14, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work also Bald Mtn area
- Monday June 27 with Kim/Pam Owen, specific location TBD, Washington in the Gorge area
- July (2 crews): Tuesday July 12 with Kelley Davis - easy, brushing work on the Washington side of Bridge of the Gods
- Monday July 18 with Chris Sanderson - moderate, Washington in the Gorge area
- Kids Day, July 15 with Carole and Roberta – Bridge of the Gods Tollgate Park, invasive plant removal on PCT and 400 trail
- Aug (2 crews): Monday Aug 15 with Roberta - easy, invasive plant removal on Oregon side of Bridge of the Gods. April Ann Fong may also co-lead.
- 2nd crew on a Tuesday with Leif - moderate, basic tread work
- Sept (1 crew): Tuesday Sep 6, with Tami Sheets – moderate work in Washington near Sedum Ridge.
- Oct (1 crew): Monday Oct 3 with Roberta – location TBD. Will decide location in June.
- 4 weekend crews: Worm, dates TBD. Hope to have the first crew out first week of June

14. Mazamas:

- Feb: done – Nesmith Trail with crew leader Pace.
- March: March 5 (done) crew leader Rick/Pace. Wilderness logout Nick Eaton Ridge and Gorton Creek
- April: none (no work party requested)
- May: May 2-3, location moved. Logout Gorton Creek.
- June: June 11, Crew leader Chris K, one day project on Paradise Park Trail starting from Hwy 26. Logout/tread work
- July: July 9, Crew leader Chris K, continuation of work on Paradise Park Trail
- Aug: Aug 13/14 Crew Leader Chris K. overnight at Paradise Park
- Sept: 9/4. Crew leader Tami at Sedum Ridge, this is on the Washington side PCT just north of the Gorge.
- Oct: unassigned at this point

15. FYS (Forest Youth Success): no news

16. Montbell: Lamar offered to lead

- Tyler: I met with the manager at the REI in Tualatin, we're talking about an overnight on my section. The people at that store want an overnight.
- Jayme: I've just started building the database with contacts and folders to keep all the communications. Please CC me on these so all the emails are together. I'm organizing folders by businesses.
- Jayme: If you fall short on the NSM crews, I can pull people off mine but I need 4 weeks to get those approved.

Dana: need sites, assistants for Urban Youth

Bill:

Budget: Kim

New budget master?

- Well, it has been an expensive year so far for tool maintenance. Spent more already than last year. Just keep doing what you are doing, I think we are all careful with spending. We may be short this year, for the first time ever, so I'll just beg for forgiveness and ask for more if we need it. I don't have the details because our accountant in Sacramento is on vacation.
- Radios: I bought a radio with my own money to check out and it fizzled, not going to work for us. Just in the last couple of weeks a replacement for our radio is becoming available. We're buying a couple for Bill H. Still analog, hopefully they will work up and down the gorge.
 - Leif: Do they use the same battery?
 - Kim: They are Vertex264. Different batteries. About the same price.
- Kim: I have some helmet bags to distribute.

Tools: Leif

- Leif: All new hard hats are in Roberta's garage. As we disperse the hardhats to the caches we can disperse the bags.
- Leif: We now officially have a licensed trailer with title. Or it will be when I bolt the plate to it. When it gets over 1500lbs, we needed this.
- Leif: We've been updating chains and saws and bars so that you have much better choice of tools to use. BOG is updated. We'll have extra filters, spark plugs, bar nuts. Still getting pouches to carry everything.
- Roberta: The brushers worked fine

- Leif: Good. They didn't get serviced. We will wait until we get through all the saw stuff in the next couple of weeks before we get to Trout Lake and Wind River caches. Until we get to the end of the month it is going to be hard to find tools as we will be stealing it for TSC. I'm still not sure what we need to bring.
- Kim: I didn't mean to imply we've been spending too much money. There was a lot of stuff we needed to get. 1 gallon of environmentally friendly bar oil is \$22
 - Leif: We haven't bought bar oil in years and that will last all year
- Leif: Have a bunch of handles for tools out of service, it seems we have enough tools so
 - Roberta: We've already had 1 collection of 4 work parties out on the same day. If you take a look at the calendar and notice that there are other parties you need to look at how many "extras" you take. Making sure everything gets back quickly as well.
 - Leif: We may have to run things around.

Trail Skills College 2016: Tammy

Trail Skills College – looking good. After our meeting on Wednesday we are all set to get out there next week and have a good time. Hoping the weather cooperates too! All instructors and volunteers should have registered by now, we need to have a head count for the food by 4/15.

All classes and wait lists are full, except Saturday's FA/CPR class, no wait list! And just filled the last couple spots.

Hope to see you all there.

- Roberta: I have the tea and Tami will pick it up from my house.
- Jayme: I'm going to freeze the bread and have it Thursday if someone wants to pick it up. The coffee I will grind it at work on the 19th.
 - Leif: I will be going out on the Thursday and can take the bread and coffee. I'm leaving Thursday mid-day.
 - Jayme: I will have everything ready and meet you on Thursday at NSM
 - Leif: Sounds good.
 - Jayme: You can park in the receiving bay.

Saw Certification: David

- David: Estacada is done
- Kim: Wind River is the 30th-1st. Looks like a medium showing of people but we will be busy. Leif will be there, Jerry will co-lead and Brian Briggs from Salem (VSIT) will be there.
- David: June 10 – Big Bend will have 5 instructors and will be able to handle a bigger load. It will be a much larger affair. Jennifer emailed today saying the Forest Service will put the national saw policy program into effect April 29. We have to recertify our program under their new national policy. I wouldn't hold my breath on April 29, they've been saying this for 3 years.
 - Leif: The card issue will go through their card program that isn't in place yet. Most likely next year will be when they put the cards into their system and they issue the cards.
- Leif: Down at saw workshop in NM, David went last year when it was in Wind River. Jen and I went for a week helping them with the policy. There would definitely be a big gap without having the volunteer organizations represented.
- David: The agency crosscut skills are deteriorating very quickly with retirements.
- Leif: We don't teach axe work because it is hard with volunteers but with sawyers, we should take time to learn how to use an axe. If you are crosscut sawyer and want the proficiency, I encourage it.

Training and Safety: Open

Pace is now the Crew Leader Development Coordinator

- Pace: We had training last month on paperwork and I started writing a list of topics to go over with new crew leaders. New crew leaders go out with experience crew leader will have a list of things to discuss. Something to back up forms and procedure.
- Roberta: All of you that are already qualified are qualified.

Discussion Items

- Challenges List:
 - A) Administrative Process needs improvement
 - Sacramento's survey of the crew leader process closed. Only 18 people responded. Ellen said they will take steps throughout the season to implement changes where feasible. No plans as of this time.
 - B) Improve the Satisfaction Percentage (compared to admin, rules, training, certification, or other annoying tasks)
 - C) Leadership Expansion (VSI, Caretaker, Crew Leader)
 - Pace assumed Crew Leader Development coordination
 - D) Volunteer Base: keep who we have, get new
 - E) Recruitment Issues: intimidation factor, timeliness, location, etc.
 - Switched to MailChimp
 - Recruitment emails will add crew leader

- F) Maintain the trail to standard
- G) Workload on Tammy and Roberta
 - New Event Coordinator Tonaya
 - Pace taking on Crew Leader Development, already took data audit
 - Marty taking on Logout Status Report
 - Jayme now Partnership Crew Coordinator

Announcements/Reminders

- **Vacancies:** Mt. Adams-North; Upper Eagle Creek; Indian Springs Trail; Olallie Lake
 - Big Huckleberry (reserved for Little Brown); Sandy River (reserved for Nate)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch hours are M-F 0730-1630. Reminder that if you want to work outside of these hours, you still need a TCP and a dispatcher, but it can be a friend, family, or volunteer who is in the front country and will take action if you don't check out.
 - Kelley: When does that change?
 - Roberta: Depends on fire season.
 - Mark: If I hear I will forward it.
 - Roberta: Normally sometime in June and normally over October 1.

Round the Room

- Mark: I have a project that I would like you to help me with. At Mirror Lake there is a trail head along the HWY and I've been tasked with working on that project with ODOT and will be involved with the first meeting real soon. We will be building 1.2 miles of new trail from Ski Bowl (where the new parking lot and trail head will be) and hook into the existing trail so people don't have to walk along the HWY. Think about that, we'll talk about it again in a couple months. There will be a parking lot and a handicapped accessible trail down to a creek and then the FS will take on the 1.2 mile of new trail construction. If you have any ideas let me know. Trail crews, contracts, all the different pieces trying to make that happen in the next couple of years. I don't know how we are going to deal with that piece of that yet we have to build it
 - Kim: I believe that is non wilderness
 - Mark: There will be 7 bridges, 6 or 7 crossings. There is quite a few ravines.
 - Roberta: Is TKO involved?
 - Mark: I've not heard.
 - Leif: I thought they were. Maybe just to promote it but not enough for trail work. They don't have tools or crew leaders.
 - Mark: One of the things I was thinking was to hire a designer to lay out the trail and then having a crew come in and build it.
 - Kim: When you are talking about that type of construction, you need power tools and then use volunteers to polish it. I can forward you the contact info for the crew that is working in the gorge.
 - Mark: We would like to use native material to build bridges.
 - Ron: The Mirror Lake area is all white fir too, not very good for stringers, they won't last very long. Not a lot of good trees in that spot.
- Leif: Just sent out the roster, need to add Mark's info and resend it, Focused on TSC next week and saw stuff.
- Kelley: Very distracted by life. Vacation, surgery, thankful that Kim and Pam could step in and lead a hike on the 9th. Couple big things down on her trail that she will need help with. I signed up for the sign class and needs some signage on her section.
 - Leif: The PCT signing?
 - Chris K: You'll learn how to fill out the requirements for signs: spacing, where the signs should face, official FS forms
- Summer: Mom went home. She labelled everything in the kitchen. Puppy is learning to retrieve!
- Luna: I'm super excited and thankful to Tyler for all the work and I've been following along doing whatever he says and if I do the paper work he brings the tools and gets it done. My dad and Scott have been coming out. Saturday last time out (Kelley will dispatch). Everything is good. Just hit 30 weeks (due June 21). Feels good to still be able to go out on log outs.
 - Tyler: Her dad is awesome
 - Luna: He is more than excited to go out. Lives up by the Ivy Bear. Found the joy of helping people and he is a Vietnam vet.
- Jayme: I haven't put a toe on my trail for so long it makes me sad. Looking to scout first week of May. Assuming the NSM crews are log outs and assuming I will need sawyers.
 - Leif: I plan to be up there May 1st. If I see anything I will let you know
- Little Brown: I was able to get within a mile of crest camp at 3500'. Hoping that after this warm week I can get in to take a look. Would like to get on my section before I go overseas. I had a kind of surprise when I was helping Luna, holding the top of a spring cut and didn't think it would go very far but it jerked and stopped so fast. So look out for those. Don't underestimate those.

- Kim: Pam and I did a little more work at BOG cache and it is inventoried, Pam has it all typed up. BOG cache is good to go: sharpened tools, fixed handles. You could outfit a 12 person crew and there are 4 radios. So, we did our scouting trip. At 2600' snow was solid, we are the north side of the hill in Washington. Going with Bill H to his saw weekend then TSC, then Wind River weekend then vacation then Dave's saw weekend in Ashland then crew for Jayme (NSM), then in July going to another TSC, then vacation.
- Pam: You already heard everything from Kim. Want to thank Kelley for calling us, we got to see the calypso orchids.
- Kim: It is peak out in the gorge right now. For those that want to vacation, Tom McCall is building a new trail and there is no paperwork.
- Pace: Next week is first log out on Tuesday. The following week will get a little higher up. Try to schedule one every week and a half and go as far as I can get in there.
- Chris K: Got up to his trail twice. Mar 21 there was snow at trailhead and spotty. At 3000' it was solid and 3500' was 3-5' deep. There were some small logs and I went back last weekend and cleared 6 logs (little ones) I made it 4 miles up. We have 13 logs and the biggest is 13" (last year was 60 something). When I came back last weekend no snow at the trailhead, nothing until 3000-3500'. Nothing big blown down. Everything I cut was rotten. Nothing healthy down. When you drive in on 26 it looks like a war zone and I thought it would be horrible.
 - Roberta: We've got 2 work parties with the Mazamas
 - Chris: With a good sturdy crew, we should be able to do it in a day
 - Roberta: One is a day hike and one is an overnight, you could do tread work the second day
- Carole: I've been going along with the girl scouts. They have decided to not do a service project. They had a presentation from Bacon Bit last Monday and that got cancelled. So the girl scouts are on the back burner. I offered to do a hikers badge with them but there is lots of things happening in their lives, it may happen sometime. The 30th I have the book club work party in the gorge. I need my practical in field saw training so I need to go out where Leif is hanging out to get practice.
- Becky: Mine is still under snow. Timothy Lake melts pretty quickly but can't normally get in until end of June beginning of July. We invite the Forest Service every year and have a big BBQ on the Saturday night we finish – will send Mark an email
 - Mark: Do you get involved with Backcountry Horseman?
- Jim: This is the first year I haven't been up on cross-country skis or snowshoes. Somehow we lost communication and I apologize for not showing up for the last saw recert. I would be happy to recert if I can be of use.
- Justin: I have 2 work parties in May. Dawn said she would go up and take a look but I haven't heard. It'll be a project. If I can get some of you guys to come out. The running group - we have a date but the area will depend on snow. Tami – thank you for the blanket. 2nd that from Luna.
- Steve P: I hope to get out in early May with the mosquitos to scout. Me and the mosquitos come out at the same time.
- Busdriver: We may not be getting in there May 21. I was advised that there is one hell of a landslide that will take a road engineering to take care of that (intersection 1310).
 - Leif: Guess you are scouting from Eagle Creek
- Jerry: Needs to get together with Mark
 - Busdriver: Jerry does a great job packing other crews in
- Ron: Bad news is there are more and more people moving to Oregon every week.
- Ruth: Very itchy from poison oak
- Tyler: Haven't been in there yet. The 25th-26th going to go finish 21 signs for Bill, I think.
 - Kim: Those signs are wonderful. I have a whole bunch in the BOG cache. Who knows about them?
 - Tyler: Dana.
 - Tyler: I have a spy now that work with Luna to tell me when it breaks up
 - Luna: The intern I share an office with goes out all the time and I get updates for Tyler.
- Tami: Going out on Friday to get my big log off and look at my drain. Then Tyler and I are going to try to get the last 20 logs. The biggest one is 13".
 - Kim: I have a replacement sign for you at the BOG cache.
 - Tami: They took all the signs down. I have some sections that are really bad from tires and that is all since Easter.
- Roberta: Put out an email for camp tenders and got 20 some names. I know there has been talk of overnights, we can start working with these people. We've got quite a few options. If you need a camp tender, we have a good list to send to.
 - Kim: If you haven't already, let me know if you are planning for food and overnight expenses.