



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, April 8, 2009

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

Caretakers present were: Ron Goodwin, Jim Webb, Bill Hawley, Becky Wolf, Ruth Weston, Roberta Cobb, Steve Plant, Bob Arkes, Eric Allen, Steve Queen and Jack Konner. Also present was PCTA Regional Representative Dana Berthold.

Steve Queen announced training sessions and new work parties that have been added to the schedule:

- April 22 - Herman Bridge Trail junction south. North Face is supplying a crew of volunteers to work on improving tread. Thank you North Face! Crew Leader: Bill Hawley.
- May 15 - 17 - Westfir Volunteer Training Weekend. See class offerings and register at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/admin/volunteer/training/index.html>
- May 17 - Frog Lake Trailhead to junction with Lower Twin Lakes. First logout of the season. 4 volunteers needed to swamp (a swamper is the person who helps the person with the chainsaw). Crew leader: Roberta Cobb.
- May 29 - 31 - Allingham Volunteer Training Weekend. See class offerings and register at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/admin/volunteer/training/index.html>
- June 5 - 7 - Cascade Locks Trail Skill College. See class offerings and register at: <http://www.pcta.org/TrailSkillsCollege/>
- 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. 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. 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.
- 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 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.

Trail Fest 2009 was a great success. The attendance exceeded expectations. The 100% turnout and terrific job done by volunteers was a major factor.

Mt. Hood Chapter Award Ceremony: Edan Lira and Kathleen Walker distributed awards and Forest Service passes.

Mt. Hood Chapter Major Awards:

Steve Queen - Above & Beyond

Becky Wolf - First Mile

Bill Hawley - Regional Maintainer of Year

It was decided that we would not hold a separate Annual Meeting the same year that PCTA Trail Fest is held in Portland, Salem or Eugene.

Ron Goodwin reported, Jim Procter, has been hired in the Scenic Area. He will serve under Edan. Ron also reported that \$3,000 has been appropriated for repair of the bridge on the Wahkeena Falls Loop Trail.

Dana Berthold reported that Kim Owen and Bill Hawley will be Class Coordinators at the Trails Skills College. Additional Caretakers are needed for instructors. Those interested should contact Dana or Kim. Enrollment at the College is nearing 100.

Budget Report: The following amounts have been allocated.

Pack Teams: \$600, Supplies: \$5,000, Training: \$1,000.

Tool Report: There will be a Tool Committee meeting on Monday, April 13. In attendance will be Jerry Bentz, Steve Queen, Bill Hawley, Kim Owen and Bob Arkes.

Steve Queen described the new Wilderness areas that will impact the PCT in the MT Hood area. The boundaries are still tentative.

Draft PDFs of the Communication Plan were sent to Caretakers via links for examination and designation of nearest access routes.

Bob Arkes recommended sending trail reports using Word documents or PDFs.

Roberta Cobb brought up for discussion Bill Hawley's idea that all volunteers using crosscut saws should be certified. It was questioned whether using non-certified crosscut sawyers would present a liability problem. A suggestion was made to have a listing of certified sawyers on the website.

In addition to the training sessions listed above, there will be Chainsaw Certification on Saturday, May 2, at Wind River and Crosscut Certification on Friday, June 26, at Indian Heaven.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 PM, at Clackamas REI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Konner

Secretary