

# 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 from Leadership Meeting, September 12, 2012*

*Location: Clackamas REI*

### Welcome

- In attendance: Jerry Bentz, Bill Hawley, Jim Webb, Pam Owen, Tim Duncan, Geoff O'Neil, Erin O'Donnell, Chris Sanderson, David Roe, Roberta Cobb, Tammy Turner.
- Guests: John Hoffnagle (Napa County Land Trust)
- Absent: Kim, Leif, Bob Arkes, Busdriver John, Ruth, Steve Q, Pig Pen John C.

### Past Events

- Stats from Merrit: 2012 YTD reported: 5646 hours (1046 specialized), 406 volunteers, 150 trail miles.
- 89 reports (some are monthly individual hours) by agency. Roberta still does not have everyone's, so please send them in, or you will be receiving an email. **These reports need to be in by October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (FS)	25
Gifford Pinchot National Forest	3
Gifford Pinchot National Forest: Mt. Adams RD	7
Mt. Hood National Forest	14
Mt. Hood National Forest: Clackamas RD	1
Mt. Hood National Forest: Hood River RD	6
Mt. Hood National Forest: Zigzag RD	9
PCTA	23
Willamette National Forest: Middle Fork RD	1
Grand Total	89

- See Calendar.
- Warm Springs PCT Crews continue to be busy: cairns at the Sandy River re-benching the PCT south of Wapinitia. removing slough and berms just south of Wapinitia Pass. First pass maintenance and reconnaissance on the PCT from Timberline Lodge south and downhill to Wapinitia. working on either side of the Timberline Lodge. cleaning drains and brushing the PCT west of the lodge to the Hidden Lake Trail, Timberline to Barlow Pass. rehabilitation / re-vegetation efforts near the lodge.
- A lot of comments about the amount and the high quality of work that John Bain has been doing all summer.
- 8/21 Dave Roe went in with Forest Service to close the Warm Springs section and put in the reroute signs. Signs may still need to come down.
- Dave Roe spent 9/11/12 in Wind River with Winston doing 3 miles of trail (not PCT) to test an electric chain saw that Bill reported on work in Goat Rocks. Used 2 crews at the same cost to us. Both sides of 96 junction and top of 97 trails were totally reconstructed, 3 foot wide trail.
- Dave Roe reported on a cordless chainsaw that has just become available. Tool works with a battery pack that can be worn on a waist belt. Demonstration videos are available if anyone would like to see them. Good for mostly branches and trees under 12".

### Future Events

- Potluck in October – 10/6/12 at the Arboretum (same as last year). Tammy is heading up that event. Do we want to do some sort of activity like last year (geocaching). Other ideas are welcomed. Chris S will look into possible donations from Next Adventure for raffle or volunteer giveaways.
- No Meeting in October
- Possible Eagle Project: Kim Owen taking this on, though it's not PCT related.
- Sasquatch crews at Teakettle Springs and 3 Corner Rock. Bill has supplied fliers for people to distribute.
- New Seasons has "teams" that would like to participate in events involved with the PCTA. Do you have a project where you could use 8-10 people for one day. The project can involve anything, but most people don't have trail work experience. And they prefer weekday projects.

## Reports

- Special Crews Mt Adams crew has been relocated due to fire to Indian Heaven near Wood Lake. Cascade Fire is burning within 3 miles of the PCT, from Riley Creek up to Road 23. The PCT may be closed within the next 48 hours.
- Budget. Kim
  - We set next year's budget to same as this year's.
  - Spot: It is time to renew the service and we should decide whether it is worth the \$100/yr. (Busdriver John had it when Kim asked). Doesn't sound like anyone is using it. Discussion leaned towards dropping the device/fee.
- Tools. Jerry Bentz.  
We need to do a tool clean up. Start thinking about what we need that we don't have.
  - New tools received from April Ann Fong; she was just cleaning house from previous grants to her projects.
    - 3 single bit axes, 36" handle
    - 1 pulaski
- Trail Skills College: John C
- Training and Safety: Open
- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy Turner - Event at Timberline Lodge was a great event. Lots of different groups participating. We had an active table at the event. Received approx 25 names for the email list.  
PCT Days\_– It was suggested that there be a committee of people that put it together.  
The Mountain Shop would like to do a volunteer recruitment day.  
Tammy would like to have 3 different tablins for volunteer recruitment.

## Discussion Items

- Jonathan: Winter work projects
- John Hoffnagle is a PCTA board member and recently relocated to Portland.
- Potluck – Various food items for the event were discussed, in particular making sure that there are vegetarian options available.
- Annual Meeting: Date, Location, Speaker – Everyone agreed that it should be at Gifford Pinchot again. Likely, it will again be a Saturday in February. John C will be working on recruiting a speaker for the event.
- Dana on leave
- No meeting in October
  - I will be gone the month of October
- Please get your reports submitted – they are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.
- Signs! If you have any that need to be placed please let Bill know ASAP, as an order will be placed soon.
- New business cards received.
- Bridge over Muddy Fork?
- As-A-Bat died in Oregon; Michael Popov died in Death Valley; Steve is healing. Dave also reported that Joel is recovering very well.

## Round Table

Dave Roe – Aluminum PVs would be a good tool for us to invest in this year. Also working with Winston to work on instructor certification for this spring. Tentative dates for 10/18 (thurs) in Wind River. Annual Saw program meeting on 10/20/12.

Bill Hawley – asked if Tara Hoes are holding up. Some of the blades have been breaking. No one else noted broken blades.

Tim Duncan – noted talk at Clackamas REI that will be happening on 9/13 about the PCT.

Geoff – talked about the Muddy Fork Bridge closure. Read notice to the group about fording the river. Has mixed feelings about the detour. Is concerned that we're replacing it with something that isn't a good option, especially for all the thru hikers coming through. What are some other options? Who is responsible? Discussion amongst the group that we need to make it a higher priority at next year's Hike the Hill, put some pressure on getting more bridges rebuilt.

Chris S – Hiked Panther Creek to Chinook Pass. Met a lot of thru hikers and got lots of great feedback on the maintenance of the trail.

Tammy - Also was up on the trail talking to lots of thru hikers about the state of the trail. Welcomes ideas for 2013 trail fest.