

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2013  
Location: Clackamas REI

## Welcome

- Guests: **None – (we are all friends here).**

## Past Events

- **05/25 – Steve P:** Cleared 105 logs from 240 to Little Crater Lake. There are a few remaining big logs to be cleared later (June 29/30). Tim and Sara cleared 58 on Steve's section
- **Kim/Pam Owen:** Scouted and reports small land slides
- **Bill H. & Kim/Pam Owen:** Bill Cleared from top of Sedum Ridge Switch Backs to 2090 Rd – Kim/Pam cleared from 2090 to their section.
- **05/30 – Roberta:** Invasive Species weed pulling at Bridge of the Gods to Moody Street: lots of Stinky Bob, ivy, blackberries; some Spurge Laurel. Pulled 20 garbage bags of weeds from Bridge of the Gods to Moody.
- **05/31 – Geoff:** Scouted/cleared Ramona Falls to Lolo Pass
- **06/01 – Bill & Leif:** Provided saw cert. training at North Bend, Washington. Gave out 8 certificates.
- **06/6-8 – BCH/Tim and Sara** cleared 220 logs between Road 240 and Clackamas Lake. Also worked on Steve Plant's section! WOW! Bridge at Timothy Lake needs work.
- **06/7-8 – John C.:** Cleared more than 50 logs from Crest Camp to the Access Rd and Huckleberry to Access Rd
- **06/11 – David R.:** Surveyed and cleared at Pinhead Buttes 7 of the 10 logs. Not enough people volunteered for the logout crew. Remaining BIG Ones will be scheduled for clearing later. David noticed a large Blow down at Camas Meadow. Pinhead Buttes at 5200 feet had no snow.
- **Benson has no high-priority logs per Chris S.**
- See Calendar. **WHEW!!!**

## Future Events

- See Calendar for more **LOTS MORE!**
- **06/22 - Leif H.:** will scout his section (Lolo Pass) and part of John V. (Wahtum Lake).
- **06/18 – Bob A.:** Rescheduled the Williams Mine work crew to June 27, due to snow levels.
- **06/13 and forward 2 weeks – Jim W.:** Will scout and have crews.
- **06/23-29 – Ron G.:** will scout section during this week.
- **07/6-7 – Ruth W.:** will be logging out Timberline – you rock Ruth!
- **07/12-13 & 07/19-20 – Bill H.:** Requests volunteers to assist with the Urban Youth Group at Gillette Lake: using kid energy to move boulders and re-bench. Chris Sanderson volunteered for the 07/19-20 date.
- **7/13:** Mt Hood ultra marathon
- **08/2-4 – Roberta C., Ruth W. & Karla H.:** Will provide some TLC to the vacant caretaker section at Midway Meadows (Potato Hill).
- **August:** Chris plans to work on his section sometime in August.

## Reports

- Budget. Kim - **No Report**
- Tools. Leif – **We have tools**
- Trail Skills College: **John C - No Report but GOOD NEWS!!!!** Jeff Booth has tentatively volunteered to be the next Trail Skill College Coordinator. Let's all support Jeff!
- Saw Certification: **David R. indicated that one VSI is no longer available. We need more instructors for chain saw and cross cut. Tammy volunteered to send out a request through the mailing list.**
- Training and Safety: Open – **No New News**
  - (old news) LeeAnn will teach regular CPR this fall, and Wilderness First Aid next year. Location?
- Dana: **The Mt. Adams fire closure has been lifted; Mountain bike organization is petitioning to open the PCT to mountain bike recreation.**
- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy

- Volunteer recruitment is going well: 18 names at the Clackamas Town Center REI & 13 names at the Vancouver Days outdoor event.
- 06/22 – Next Adventure will host recruitment efforts; will contact downtown Portland REI for recruitment opportunities.
- Chris Jensen is an instructor at PCC and teaches Mountaineer/Wilderness literature. Chris would like to participate in another trail crew (first and last one with Bill H. in 2012). Ruth, Leif and Bob A. indicated they would be interested in hosting a corporate crew.
- The Register at Cascade Locks will remain at the Post Office; Timberline staff assures that PCT hikers will have access to the PCT register (now that they know about it and know where it is supposed to be stored).
- There are 817 names on the email distribution list.

## Discussion Items

- From Dean: While were in the 2000 rd. area , I'll give you all an update on the Snag creek bridge. I went back down yesterday to mark a different tree (1 of the previously marked trees was too close to the creek) the state said they would go back in next week to scale it out so they could bill me. Maybe one of these days they will give me the okay to cut the trees down and start the bridge.
- Ben Clark looking to be a camp host.
- Barb Adams would like to know when the PCT from Herman Creek is cleared. (assume to Wahtum Lake).
- A guy named Dave (probably Kruse) said he's going to donate money in support of our noxious weed removal
- Dennis Beard is out indefinitely due to back Issues: Get Well Soon Dennis!
- Bill H. has been nominated as a Backpacker Hero: an article will be written up by Karla H. for Backpacker Mag.

## Round the Room

**BusdriverJohn** (via email): Didn't get to scout Wahtum - had to undergo the knife for a hernia. Will try to talk someone into a scouting trip real soon so we've got some ideal of the condition up there.

**Geoff**: Bridge over Muddy Fork getting NEPA. Not going to improve the crossing using the downed trees. The old broken bridge is no longer usable.

**Bill**: Gillette Creek bridge deferred to fall. Need help brushing the Gorge section next week or two.

**Leif**: no sign of new signs, expect them in August.