

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Agenda

July 10, 2013

Location: Clackamas REI

Welcome

- **Welcome Jeff Booth – 2014 TSC chair and Invasive Weeds Eradicator, and Ernie Strahm! Whoo Hoo!**

Past Events

- Stats from Lisa thru June: 30 entries, 16 work parties, 32 miles. This is impressive but I know we have done more. Please submit your project reports. **So Says Roberta: As of June 30th, Dean is requesting Log Out Status.**
 - Does not include Trail Skills College
- Logout Status – see separate doc
- See Calendar.
 - The Saw Certification at Big Ben went well; Dave Roe certified 7-8 individuals**
 - Lolo Pass to Big Huckleberry was scouted and logged out by by Leif H. on July 6th.**
 - The Noxious weed pulling event encompassed 1800 ft. of trail and 30 giant bags of weeds!**
 - Bob Appling scouted and logged out his section, Rd 24 to Junction Lake, but left some for Dean!**
 - Bob Arkes had 15 out of 19 people show for his work party. Incredible!**
 - Crest Camp work crew experienced a light blow-down but lots of snow from Junction Lake to Blue Lake.**
 - Pig Pen John finished his section south from Crest Camp.**
 - White Pass Cross Cut saw certification by David Roe had 5 certs and 1 F.S. person.**
 - Ernie's section had snow so couldn't finish, but managed to chainsaw clear 150 logs!**
 - Steve Plant finished his section**
 - Tim D. logged out his section north of Benson Plateau: Poison Oak is coming out!**

Future Events – Wow Lots going on!

- See Calendar for more . . . **but here is a brief view of the future. . . .**
 - Beginning with July**
 - Ron G., Geoff, and 9-10 volunteers will scout and log out from Timberline to Barlow pass**
 - Becky's section is due to be finished BEFORE the marathon.**
 - Tyler will be scouting Dave Welch's section in WA on 7/11-13.**
 - The clear cut next to Gillette Lake will receive trail reconstruction and rebenching on 7/11-13 by 22 of Bill Hawley's urban youth group. Bob & Jane Arkes to assist one day.**
 - David Roe logged and brushed out Camas Prairie.**
 - Leif has 5 volunteers for the Lost Lake Log out on 7/14-16.**
 - Rock Day is 7/16 at Zig Zag Canyon Trail: Ruth will be the host for this event.**
 - More urban youth will be working Chris S, section: Guided by Bill H. and assisted by Karla H. & Chris.**
 - John Vhay will be at Wahtum Lake on 7/19-21 to log out 6-7 BIG logs.**
 - Bob Arkes will be logging out from Salmon Springs to Horseshoe Meadow on 7/26-28 and will be assisting with the PCT reunion crew on 8/11-16. WOW!**
 - Jerry B., BCH, has a work crew from Frog Lake to Barlow Pass on 7/14: For clarity, Roberta drew a lovely schematic of the area to show what was chainsaw and not chainsaw-happy areas.**
 - Ruth to take down 20 logs on 7/22-23 near Sandy River with the help of Jeff!**

August and September's work parties need volunteers! We have lots of scheduled work and very few volunteer sign-ups.

Reports

- Budget. Kim: **He's on the CDT with Pam!**
- Tools. Leif
 - Chain Saws and Fire Extinguishers – **Holster Style as demonstrated by David R. – an 8 oz. minimum to be carried by operator or swamper during level 1 fire watch.**
 - **Chaps are back to inventory levels – we'll all have a Chappy good time!**
 - **The group looked at a chainsaw shoulder pad with tool pouch - \$50 from True North, and snap-on sheaths for Fiskar axes.**
 - **Fiskar tools need maintenance after use by so many crews.**

- **We need more small 1st aid safety kits**
- Trail Skills College: Welcome Jeff Booth: **We applauded Jeff for stepping up and being our new TSC.**
- Dana
We discussed on-line reporting; Information goes directly into the database and will assist Lisa. An important question was asked. “Can we have access to old data to use as a template.” Tammy is the contact person for this project. Hmmm! No equestrian information on the report!

Each forest is undergoing an analysis for road efficiency and impact. Please let Dana know of any road you may view as small and a nuisance that could be decommissioned and any road that is a must have to access work/trail.

- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
Trail Dirt articles are due 7/26.

Discussion Items

- Welcome New Caretaker (in her probationary period): KARLA! Yay Karla! Taking Bridge of the Gods Washington side to... well, you tell us where. **Thanks! Tim D will walk to determine boundaries: Carpenter Lake switchbacks to Bonneville Trail to Carpenter Lake Switchbacks. Thanks Tim!**
- Noxious Weeds: **Jeff reported that Class B noxious plants (invasive urban plants in a natural/wild setting) are prevalent from Cascade Locks to Benson Plateau. Mid-week scheduling of crews was suggested as not to compete with regular trail crew work parties. More discussion revealed weed control as part of the Trail Maint. Experience and a part of maintaining a positive trail experience.**
- Dave Welch and BCH Washington have relinquished their section. It's now vacant. Dean to log out this year. Tyler scouting for maintenance needs.
- Dennis Beard is healing
- Reminder we really want to give the large volunteer list an opportunity to volunteer.