

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Agenda

Wednesday June 11, 2014

Location: REI Clackamas

## Welcome

- Welcome
- Attendance: Ruth, Geoff, Robert (Pace), Jerry, Tyler, Steve P, Tim D, Gentleman Bob, Becky, Tim L., Chris, Jim, Rick, Bill, Ron, Leif, Justin, Dennis, Summer, Roberta
- Logout status separate doc
- Absent: Tami K., Steve Q, Dana, Jeff

## Past Events

- 2014 Stats – as of May 31
  - 378 Logs removed (Many thanks to Tim L's group)
  - 3500 Volunteer Hours
  - 33 Trail Work parties
  - 38 days on the trail
  - 75 miles maintained
- May 18 Top Spur Southbound: Pace and Roberta
  - Wet slide repair – 2 big slides are passable
  - North side needs some more work (Maybe a New Season's Crew)
- May 20 Hawthorne NSM Invasives: Jeff and Roberta
  - Good work party, got way up the hill, great job pulling stinky bob
- May 24 Teakettle Springs: Tim D. and Trail Boss Bill
  - Good work party, some people new to trail work,
- May 24 scout Williams Mine area: Gentleman Bob
  - done
- May 27 – Jim
  - Finished his section (Trout Creek)
    - Repaired some horse cave ins (it should be new category)
    - Log out done (2 more completed)
    - Would like to bring the trail to full width on the next work. Would this be something to use the Youth Crews for?
- May 28 Upper Muddy Fork/Timberline Logout: Pace
  - Hiked one end to the other
    - Rain and snow showers that day
  - 15 logs, with Bill & Tyler
- May 30-May 31 Wahtum Lake/Indian Springs: Busdriver john
  - Couple of logs left for next time
- May 31 Lolo Pass Logout: Leif
  - Nice day
  - Handful of logs cleared
    - 1 left suspended – wedged up off of trail
  - 1000 feet of tread
- June 1 Snag Creek (non) Logout: Leif
  - Log already cut, done by unknown equestrian
    - nice cut, needed a little clean up

- June 5 Wilson High Community Service Fair
  - About 20(ish) organizations there
  - A lot of Parents trying to find volunteering for their kids (and their college applications)
- June 6-7 North Bend Saw Certs
  - 1 recertification, 9 new certifications
  - Structured more for the beginning sawyer: 103 class on Saturday, practicum on Sunday
- June 7-8 Tentative work party Williams Mine as far north as possible: Gentleman Bob
  - Moved
- June 7 Lost Lake Logout/Brushing: Leif
  - Brushed about a mile in
  - Not logged out – 2 down near the beginning
- June 9-10 Potato Hill and Mt Adams North Logout: Roberta and Ruth
  - 4 miles until they reached snow (didn't make it to the highline trail – about .5 mile away)
  - 16 crosscut and 12 chainsaw logs out
- See Calendar
  - Hard copy passed around and updated by hand.

## Future Events

- July 9 Next Caretaker meeting
- Mt Hood 50 on July 14 per website [www.mthood50.com](http://www.mthood50.com)
- Mountain Lakes 100 on September 27-28 per website: [www.mountainlakes100.com](http://www.mountainlakes100.com)
- Named Crews
  - New Seasons Crews:
    - Hawthorne Dates
      - June 24: Leif – Lolo Pass North
      - July 9: Pace and Roberta – Top Spur tread work (a rare Wednesday crew)
      - August 19: Pace and Roberta – Top Spur tread work
      - September 9: Ruth – Timberline
      - October 7: Ruth - Timberline
    - 7 Corners Dates
      - June 24: treadwork Karla's section
    - Urban Youth Crew: July 11-12: Dana
    - Packwood Glacier Crew: Bill/Dana
    - WTA to work at Muddy Meadows on Mt Adams in September
    - National Guard: Tyler
  - PCT Days
    - Two crews?
  - Potluck Sept 27
    - Steve Q: Geo Cache as our event
  - See Calendar for more

## Reports

- Budget. Kim
  - Business cards: \$55 for 1000, \$81 for 2000. (Plus some for shipping.) will be charged to our budget. Ordered through Jen on May 16, no update
    - Probably will not happen until end of the heat of the season
- Tools. Leif
  - Power Brushers

- Any questions about power brushing see Leif
      - Probably an early fire season this year
        - Fire spotted in Dog Creek Falls
  - If any repairs are needed, send Leif a note so he can get it fixed/repaired
  - Surplus fire hose received from Amboy FD thanks to Tim D.
    - Leif will make some more axe sheaths this weekend
      - May also make chainsaw sheaths
      - Make a couple for Underbucker
      - Dave needs more for cross cut saws
        - Not used in the wilderness but uses for shipping
          - Can use about 100 feet
    - Perfect, light weight, rubber lined hoses -
      - Need to call Amboy FD to let them know they will be used
  - Tim d is working with another contact to get more hoses
    - Amboy FD uses a different sheath method with sling
    - May be more cumbersome (Leif)
  - Roberta will call Amboy to thank them
  - From Underbucker: An interesting side note: While in the Wahtum Lake area, Justin's crew was accompanied by two USFS personnel. Neither of their "bricks" could communicate with Columbia Dispatch. On the other hand, our little radios worked just fine. McKenzie would have liked to swap radios with me but I held managed to get it back from her.
- Saw Certification:
  - Underbucker -
    - Hyatt Lake saw cert this weekend
- Caretaker/Crew leader Roles and Responsibility: Kim
  - Scout/Surveyor roles
- Training and Safety: Open
  - Wilderness First Aid Training Nov 8-9
    - Any changes let Roberta know
      - Yes: Becky, Gentleman Bob A, Steve P, Chris S., Tammy (but does not need), Sara and Tim Lagasse, Jerry, Liz and Tyler, Pam and Kim, Tami K-S
      - No: Rick (available on Sunday not Saturday)
    - David to check on Estacada Library availability
      - Booked – they relaxed their scheduling rules as they normally only book 90days out
        - Paid the deposit
- Dana
- Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy
  - Trip to Kilimanjaro in July. Barbara Niece to cover.
  - Tammy leaves July 1 (Barbara is unavailable until July 2, so Roberta will provide coverage for July 1), home Aug 1
  - New standardized formatting for new crew volunteer request
  - Roberta handling some of the emails that come in
    - Email to let everyone know Barbara are answering the emails?
      - Nope
    - Have volunteers respond directly to crew leader?(Leif)
      - Nope
  - Leif & Ruth have work parties close to the 11, first ones for Barbara to send out
- Sat is get outdoors day – Ft Vancouver
  - Robert - Picked up saw stuff from Underbucker, tent from tammy
    - Couple of certified sawyers to demonstrate
    - Greg asked “how many miles in non-wilderness” in chapter
      - If someone can get that info for Roberta

- Extra Projects: Tim D. will work on making an electronic version of my caretaker info on top of the PCTA map

## Announcements/Reminders

- Robert (Pace) is now a full-fledged caretaker. Congrats!
  - Can lead crews
- Tami Keller-Sheets is the new caretaker for Snag Creek.
  - Snag Creek Bridge will never be replaced. Dean improved the ford and removed the detour signs
    - Dean made into a ford; improve entrance and exit.
    - Leif - Rocks are a little slimy
    - slope into is more than 25inches (from north side)
  - Great project plan submitted – pro looking
- Media Coverage:
  - Gresham Outlook/Portland Tribune: <http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/220301-80602-mount-hoods-wilderness-sawyers-are-a-cut-above>
  - KGW: <http://www.kgw.com/lifestyle/grants-getaways/Grants-Getaways-PCT-Wilderness-Logout-260359961.html>
  - Grant's Getaways Long Version: <http://traveloregon.com/trip-ideas/grants-getaways/pacific-crest-trail-wilderness-logout/>
    - DVD coming to Underbucker
  - KGW work – 2 versions: 1 with a whole section of saws
    - The one on the site is the short one
    - Will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> one
      - Had to get a wilderness permit to film
        - Winston pulled a lot of strings on the regional level and stepped on a lot of toes to get it done
      - Same permit needed as the one for the filming of Wild
      - Sawing at Wahtum Lake – everything done, Dave and Tyler stayed late waiting on camera crews
      - Winston and Mackenzie stayed until the last log was cut
- Gina's last day is Wednesday June 11.
  - Gina asks that if you send in admin hours, please send to her and copy me. That way I can double-check that the hours got properly entered. She especially notes that the VSI hours seem to be missing (hint – VSIs are you submitting your hours?)
  - With Gina gone, don't post on the PCTA website until Tammy gets back
    - Problems with who gets the contact emails from volunteers
    - Tammy isn't always getting the responses either – changed spam filters
      - If someone says Tammy doesn't respond – ask them to email her directly and not hit reply
- Remaining Vacancies: Potato Hill, Mt. Adams – North. Leif is just fostering the 400 trail.
- Columbia Dispatch will be staffed 0730-1800, 7- days a week starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Discussion Items

- Tami K. would like assistance on Aug 15-16.
  - Anyone to lead a crew?
- Fred Meyer Donation Requests
  - Up to \$200 (up to \$400) gift card to buy equipment (Tami works at Fred Meyer)
  - Can do 1 a year for chapter
    - Food, gloves, etc
    - Ask at some of the places that are closer to the worksite, they are more involved/aware

- Recruiting via the PCTA website pluses and minuses. Chris Sanderson (Freefall) said:
  - Having done both ways, I think I'd go through the PCTA again. There are plusses: it was pretty easy; it seems to reach a broader audience; my work crew was filled up a long time ago, and there was a waiting list for it at one time. Minus? I had three volunteers drop out in the week leading up to the work party. I was able to fill those three spots with friends, who were waiting in the wings. Last year, I felt like I was pulling teeth just to get a volunteer. I had a work party last year, which had one person. That said, I did not give a lot of advanced notice for that work party. I will go through the PCTA again for another work party that I would like to organize in August or September...another minus of going through PCTA. I kept asking Gina for the list of participants, and did not get that list until Tuesday before the work party. I will say that as a caretaker, I felt a bit of a disconnect from the whole sign up process. Still, I'd sign up with the PCTA to get more numbers.
    - Same place where you do your trail report
  - Freefall did it a far bit out from the work crew date, plusses and minuses
    - Easy to do it, the response was incredible, there was a waiting list and the coordinator kept calling asking if more people could join (above the max number entered into the request)
      - May: everyone wants to get out but Aug is a little slower in recruitment
      - The day before, 3 dropped out, Was able to fill slots with friends
    - Potential for flakers but one of the volunteers that came was a seasoned crew person from Americorps from 2010/2011 (Nate Bane)
    - 2 people came up from Eugene/Salem area
    - Locals were the majority of flakers
    - Trying to get the contacts of who was going from Gina was delayed – didn't get that info until a couple of days before
      - Leif – week before is ideal
    - (Roberta)Time of the year will make a difference
      - Roberta is not ready to make any changes while Tammy is away
  - Post on pcta.org, just make a posting it should go through Sacramento volunteer coordinator
    - Not setup to automatically link to the chapter here and go to Tammy
      - But you can set up your own contact
      - Tammy does not want it to come to her
  - Please post **work reports** on PCTA.org if you are comfortable

## Round the Room

- Ruth - Ruth & Dennis is working together and Ruth to mentor
- Geoff - Muddy Fork Section is done & easy this year, not a lot of blow down, only 4 logs
  - River crossing – going to budget this year, 80foot span next year will be beside horse ford (where old bridge was) – hiker bridge only
  - Horse ford: is it good?
    - No one knows
- Pace - Ellingham last weekend
  - Smaller than our training – took trail design & reconstruction
  - Next Mon – going to top spur to cut out log at trail head (not on calendar)
  - Will work with McKenzie with what she wants the New Seasons crew to do
  - Roberta will still co-lead
  - 2 cases of covers dropped off at tool shed
    - Left some slings for crosscut
    - 1 more cover for long saw
    - Working on revamping tool check out sheet – launch in fall
- Jerry - 2 weeks will have medical release to get back to trail
  - A few logs
- Tyler - 1.5 week ago Steamboat section, still has snow
  - last week 23 down to 8810, right at Dry Meadows is 4 foot marsh, 3 to 4 feet of snow in places, went around dry meadows and lost the trail on the other side.
  - The trail is very narrow and there is so much tree trash down that you can barely see the trail
  - tomorrow: from 88 north to 8810+ depending on what it is like, will flip crap off the trail with a rock rake
  - 8851: Steamboat Campground – attempt to stay at campground, great big tree hanging across access to trail
  - fri – 8851 trying to get down on the trail (towards Rd 24) a piece never seen

- Seen 4 elk, half dozen deer, and 1 bear

Steve

- Hope to get last 3 miles of his section this Sunday
  - o upper 5 mile from Hwy 26
  - o Big leaner came down and gouged out trail as it fell
  - o Ready for Mt hood 50
  - o Has 17 logs left to do

Tim D.

- anyone have external backpack frames they don't need? He takes the soft cover off and uses just the frame
  - Bill – has one that is old and may be useful – aluminum frame
- o Any volunteers want to help make a video that Tim is working on with Bill? Tim can do the tech, needs producer or editors
  - Send an email when Tammy gets back

Gentleman Bob

- o Hiked Barlow to Palmateer – about 10 little logs
- o Greg scouted G' Bob's section – lead 28<sup>th</sup> day work party
  - Not so many logs but lots of debris
  - Snow right off of 23
    - Hopeful it will melt in a couple of weeks

Becky

– weekend in July for work party

Tim Lagasse

- Group going north had good ride
  - o South – lot of work
  - o Sandy River Crossing heading from trailhead towards Ramona Falls
    - New ford raking sand down to bottom and up the other side (ramp work)
    - New ford has clear water to see footing better
    - New signs to direct people to new crossing

Chris

- Sunday – head up to scout last 2.5 miles of section
  - Leaving for 3 weeks on Tuesday
- o Might need help logging while he is gone (crew leader)
  - Area by quarry always seems to have down trees
- o Chainsaw needed – (Chris not certified)
  - Leif has someone(s) that may be interested
    - Certified but not Crew Leaders

Jim

- finished his section
  - o Realizing (last 2 years) unusual number of 3 feet plus snags
    - Some 20-30 feet long
    - Snag creek is the same (Tyler)
  - o Some places where the trail is quite narrow and has drop offs
  - o Some paces with logs over rock slides – Dean thought it was ok last year but Jim not too comfortable with them

Rick

- scouted Sunday to Indian Heaven (north end)
  - o Huckleberry area needs brushing
  - o Got into snow quick
  - o .5 mile of snow before turned around
  - o Tried down 24, still snowed in (got past first Indian Heaven campground)
  - o Late June for more scouting
  - o Bill is mentoring Rick

Bill

- May have a full VSI by fall – volunteer saw instructor – to help take care of Washington people
  - o Haven't seen trail
  - o Believes there is still snow
  - o Has plans
  - o Is doing Pig Pens section – thought he would be able to join Bill for one day
    - Leif is helping on the southern end of that

Ron

- Oneonta slide is still posted closed (they never take the signs down – site is fixed but signs left up)
  - o New ranger at Multnomah Falls (24, never been ranger) landscape designer, not much help from him

- Getting him to take down signs that are no longer valid
- Only been to the top of the falls because someone had a heart attack up there, nice fellow, greets people
- No plans on his section yet due to snow

Leif

- scouted section in a couple of trips
  - 6 logs, snags, blow down – everything starts 4 miles in

Justin

- log out – section done,
  - Chunk of tread work this year to clean drains
  - Some brushing, some grass on plateau that can be hack out
    - Wait until log outs are done and people are free
    - Need 2<sup>nd</sup> crew leader to help this
  - Maybe do it with Leif's section (that also needs tread section) and make it a weekend
    - Maybe September
- Behind Zig Zag ranger station ran into mountain lion
  - 5 miles out from anything

Dennis S.

- Clear 100 yards of rock spill
  - 2 really good size, took 4 people to move
- Crossed river
  - Root ball, destroyed part of trail, people have created another trail around it
- Cut 3+ trees from across trail
- Devils Peak – a couple of weeks ago just little snow patches (April 9: 6 feet of snow), in the shade (5000feet) – didn't make first look out – just below
- Katana Boy saw will do anything,
  - need more of those (Bill)
  - Need wedges with it, light weight and packable
    - Everyone seems to love the Katana Boy