

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA

Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 9, 2015

Location: REI Clackamas

Welcome

- Welcome: Nate Baim, possible new caretaker
- Attended: Tami, Summer, Leif, Pam, Kim, Rick, Carole, Tammy, Chris K, Marijke, Tim L, Pace, Ron, Nate, Steve Q, Steve P, Jim, Underbucker, Kelley, Roberta (20 people)

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

- Kudos to all for the Leadership Award our chapter won from USFS.
- 2015 Stats through August
 - Trail Work Parties: 113 this year (1 less than all of last year)
 - Events: 18 (3 more than last year)
 - saw certs/TSC: 6
 - Vol Hours (unaudited)
 - Events: 149.25 hours
 - Trail Maintenance: 7729.1 hours
 - TSC: 3769.05 hours
 - Total Vol Hours: 11,647.4
 - Specialized Hours: 657 (includes TSC)
 - Miles of Maintenance: 194.5 (Includes TSC). This is down from 487 miles last year. Roberta will be working hard to audit, come October the agencies are going to want their reports. Roberta did see some log outs that were 1/10mile. So there may be some log out miles to be entered.
 - Rick still has a report to submit
 - Roberta is missing reports.
 - Feet of Rehab: 6530 (1.24 mile - includes TSC)
- In comparison, for 2014 calendar year our accomplishments were:
 - 114 trail work parties
 - 15 events attended
 - 1073 logs removed (218+ xc, 858+ chainsaw)
 - Over 400 volunteers (includes TSC)
 - Over 15,600 volunteer hours (includes TSC)
 - 1120 Specialized hours
 - About 487 miles maintained
 - 3.9 miles of trail reconstructed

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Aug 21-22: Urban Youth: Dana
 - Kim/Pam: There were about 16 kids. It was a great group. Had fun.
 - Roberta: Saw the work done where there was a going to be a turnpike, they put down gravel, added an uphill ditch, and it looks really good. South of Cascade Locks/Moody Street (muddy mess). Last year's urban youth put a culvert in but it wasn't enough. Roberta has removed some logs blocking water flow, hopefully this works
2. Aug 28-30 PCT Days: Kelley
 - Ron: This year was a fantastic venue. The grass was so nice. Lot of vendors, and the crosscut was there. An interesting demonstration: When you crosscut really fast, and you pull the blade out, it is still cool to the touch. It was a perfect day up until the bridge walk.
 - Roberta: Guess Sunday was nothing but rain so people pulled out early. Heard there were 470 people for the bridge walk.
 - Ron: The bridge walk was only 30min so there was no lingering around. There were no dogs allowed (because of holes).
 - Tammy: I read somewhere that there 1500 people at PCT days?
 - Roberta: Didn't hear numbers
 - Ron: There were a lot of people and thru-hikers. There were some hikers that made it further and then hitched back.
 - Marijke: They are seeing 15-20 hikers per day that are still going through her section.
3. Aug 28: PCT Days Work Party: Roberta
 - Pulled holly, herb Robert on my section starting at the powerline road and working north towards Moody Street.

4. Aug 29: 3rd Annual Bridge Walk: 470 happy people
 - o Also Aug 29: Services for Joel Starr. MHC sent a hydrangea bush.
 - David: His wife really liked what Dana wrote
5. Aug 29-30: Triangle Lakes Corral Work: OET & BCHO TR
 - o Corral building. That campground is used for staging for clearing the Warm Springs area on the south side. We had nice weather on Saturday. Sunday it rained. There were 11 people. Had a real good time replacing rails and digging out rocks. We fixed 8 corrals.
6. Aug 30-31: 3-Corner Rock Brushing/Drainage: Freefall
 - o Overnight
7. Sep 4-7: Packwood Glacier Crew: Kelley, Karla, Roberta
 - o Roberta: Lead the hike and pack in and pack out. Went via Snowgrass Flats. The fast people made it to Packwood Glacier campsite before the snow. Roberta had about an hour of hiking in the snow. They woke up to 4" of snow and really windy. They had to call the work party back. They had 9 (supposed to have 13) people. They had nice support from backcountry horseman from Washington. Then there was a thru-hiker family, the Ravens, with a 10 year old boy and an 8 year old girl. The boy wrecked his knee. The sheriff's posse was already at the trailhead (they were our packers) and able to ride in and ride the boy out.
 - o Also Sept 5: Bunker to Bonneville 50K Run
8. Sep 7: Mountain Music Festival at Timberline Lodge
 - o Carole: It was great, she was at table. We closed out at about 5pm because it was so cold. Not a lot of thru-hikers (only 1 during her time).
 - o Steve P: Had 2 pages of volunteer sign ups
 - o Roberta: Mark (volunteer from CA) was there with her. They got there at 530pm, everything was closed up but the music was still going.
9. Sep 7: One more log near Herman Bridge Trail: Roberta
 - o Took Mark up for the log out (2 logs)
10. Additional: Kim: Not PCT work. Badger Creek Wilderness.
 - o Kim: Helped Barb Adams (OET) with some work. It was in July (25th ish). Cleared out 20-some logs.
 - o Pam: It was 2 days.
11. Sep 9: Today's Caretaker Meeting

Future Events

Next Month:

1. Sep 11-17: Sasquatch crew moved to Indian Heaven Wilderness #1
2. Sep 14: New Seasons Markets at Timberline: Ruth and Worm
3. Sep 23: Eagle Creek with Danner Boots: Lamar, Carole, Roberta
4. Sep 25-Oct 1: Sasquatch crew moved to Indian Heaven Wilderness #2
 - a. Also Sep 25-27: ALDHA-West Gathering
 - b. Also September 26-27: Mountain Lakes 100 per website: <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100>
5. Oct 3: Volunteer Picnic at Guy Talbot State Park
6. Oct 13: B-Corp Crew: Freefall
7. Oct 14: Next caretaker meeting

Beyond:

Nov 21: CPR training

Reports

Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy

- Possible corporate crews: The North Face, Danner Boots, Columbia Sportswear
 - o Chris: The North Face is doing a series of t-shirts for the National Park Service anniversary next year. They have an Appalachian Trail t-shirt available but he didn't find a PCT one.
- Tammy will set up a recruitment event with Montbell. It is happening. They need to know tomorrow.
 - o Roberta: Oct 10th is fine.
 - o Tammy: They are concerned about traffic. They need to know because they get into the Mazamas newsletter and needs to know before they go to print. That means Roberta gets to speak. We're going to have a couple different stations, have some tools and people telling them about the tools and how we use them. We will have picture boards, and Tammy talking about volunteer opportunities. It will be all day (probably 10-4). They want to support the PCT and the PCTA and they have been insisting on this since last year at PCT days.
- Picnic logistics
 - o Roberta: Wants to celebrate Jim retiring.

- Jim: May not be able to make it.
 - Tammy: Would like to go out and see the site.
 - Roberta: Has been there. It will be good.
 - Roberta: Have plates but we will also encourage people to bring their own mess kit. Dana would like to invite agency folks and have an awards presentation. I think we need to get that publicized. Would someone like to lead a hike?
 - Ron: It's easy to go to Latourell Falls for a 2 mile hike or just going to the falls and stand at the bottom may be enough. If you go across the road and up that trail there are some neat looking trees. You don't even have to do the whole loop.
 - Kim: Can do it. What time would we start the hike?
 - Roberta: We normally start at noon and then eat at 1.
 - Ron: That hike is 2 miles. It may take longer.
 - Kim: If you give some direction, he will do it.
 - Roberta: The pavilion is a good size has electricity, running water.
 - Leif: Will bring his coffee set up. Do we need Forest Passes?
 - Ron: We don't need a parking pass.
 - Tim: Will we send out a map?
 - Roberta: We can do that. Hike around noon, lunch at 1:30. Pets on leashes. Jayme going to ask for a donation from NSM. See below.
- Outdoor Retailer show in Salt Lake City. Brought a catalog of family/kid games (Appalachian Trail game). They had Trivial Pursuit with age levels. She doesn't have kids or work with kids but brought it for us. Talked to Louis, works for Rest Stop 2, they do WAG bags of all sizes. She has 5 of them for us to play with. It's a whole little kit. Not sure if we do work parties in places that are not good for digging holes. The OR Show was a lot of fun. If you are interested in standing inside in a huge expo center and talking to people, it's fun. We had 3 hour shifts which meant she had 6 hours she had to be "there" but not working. She found the rejuvenation room to be lovely and sat and read. There were 3 pavilions outside plus everything inside. It was huge. They only sell to retailers. Got to go to a lot of happy hours and talked to Danner Boots. Went to Point6 socks.
- Jayme: At the meeting I was going to ask about New Seasons donation for the volunteer picnic. What do people want Food (what kind?) for \$75-\$100 or a \$50 gift card. Who will pick it up and when?
 - NSM has deli salads, brats, buns.
 - Roberta: Jayme can't come. Can someone pick up? Roberta can
 - Tami: Can pick up as well.
 - Roberta: Will work with Jayme on food options
 - Roberta: Will send out email to agency folks.
 - Marijke: Can we bring extra food?
 - Roberta: The caretakers bring side dishes/desserts like a potluck.
 - Kim: If your birthday is on an even day bring a dessert, if it is odd bring a side dish.

Dana: FYI I'll be on vacation next week.

- One item to note is, major congratulations to you guys! (Duh). Do you know if any agency folks are planning to attend the Oct 3 potluck? It might be a good opportunity to have the agency folks do a more proper "presentation" of the award and say a few words to you guys. I'm thinking of inviting the forest supervisor.
- Another item is, big thanks to everyone who helped with Urban Youth, Bridge Walk, and PCT Days. The trail is getting a lot of positive press out here in the gorge.
- Another is, I've asked Steve to "officially" represent PCTA at the ALDHA-West gathering. (No PCTA staff is able to attend this year). Steve is expecting to bring a modest amount of tabling materials, and to do a 3-minute "talk" about PCTA whenever he can get the microphone. There's no set idea about what he's going to say, so if you want to have any input on that please talk to him about it.
 - Roberta: Have fun, will be there and will cheer him on.
- Kelley: Someone from Sasquatch had the key holder so we had to take the door off the hinges a couple of times. It is all fine and fixed.
 - Kim: Did she address at all, when we were there, the toll taker came over and asked why they were there.
 - Roberta: I am normally wearing PCT gear so they know why I'm there
 - Roberta: since the movie Wild, people are trying to park there to get their pics taken

Bill:

- Is no longer the main contact for TSC. Dana is. Happy to be copied.
- The two Sasquatch crews originally scheduled for Mt Adams have been re-assigned to Indian Heaven.
 - Because Mt Adams is closed and will probably not be reopened

Budget. Kim

- We are on track except, most people need to get expenses in to him as they will be wrapping on for October. There was something that needed replacing this year if we had a budget surplus. Is happy to fill out the forms for people if they get him the receipts

Tools. Leif

- Tool Inventory has been updated. Submitted to Sacramento.
- Got a new filter for the big Katatdyn Base Camp gravity filter.
- Also got a new table
- Still need to sharpen some loppers.
 - K24 are getting dull. So we can send them back to phantom saw for sharpening.
- Katanaboy blade is still on order.

Trail Skills College 2016:

- April 15, 16, 17, 2016 (3rd week)
- Tammy will be the leader.
- Tammy: We have all our positions filled and are discussing an email to the group at large and see if anyone wants to be a shadow and learn the positions. If you do talk to her. The first meeting is Oct 8, 630pm at Tammy's house.

Saw Certification: David

- Thanks everyone that put input into the saw policy. He is getting questions about our comments.
 - Crosscut: Challenging that a trainee can only operate a 2 person saw and they aren't teaching them to single buck. David has no problems with single bucking as long as the instructor is standing by them as they are doing it. He thinks it will be ok.
- Working on the rewrite of training book. Issue with axes with curved handle came up again. Top saw men from the USA think we should be able to use curved headed axes if we want to. Look for a lot of changes in the new policy.
 - Leif: Didn't we give feedback?
 - David: We did. There was a lot of feedback. Now that fall is here, we will see more coming in.
- David: Now is the time to collect all crosscut saws for sharpening. Don't wait for March, we will be starting work and won't have as much time. Let Dave know so he can arrange pickup for sharpening.
- Leif: We had saws that weren't in place, so he couldn't count all the saws for the tool list.
- David: Has 1 or 2 in for repair. Every saw that comes through he puts a serial number on so it is easier to track where they are supposed to be. Even if they don't need sharpening, bring them in and he can clean them up and make sure they have serial numbers. Some saws are of poor quality and need sharpening more.

Training and Safety: Open

- CPR Recert set for Nov 21 at Estacada Public Library. To the best of my and Dennis Beard's ability, these people need CPR recert:

Expires –

CPR	First Name	Last Name
not sent yet	Jerry	Bentz
11/30/2015	Roberta	Cobb
no reply	John	Cunningham
expired	Carole	Dearholt
11/30/2015	Tim	Duncan
11/1/2015	Karla	Hawley
11/15/2015	Leif	Hovin
no reply	Sara	Lagasse
no reply	Tim	Lagasse
can't find*	Liz	Marriott
11/30/2015	Tyler	Marriott
4/29/2013	Greg	Mikol
11/6/2014	Steve	Plant
11/6/2013	David	Roe
can't find *	Jayme	Smith

7/5/2015	Ernie	Strahm
11/6/2013	John	Vhay
no reply	Marijke	Weaver – Can also teach First Aid and CPR classes. Will send her and Scott's cards to Roberta
no reply	Scott	Weaver

* From Ellen: I do see that Jayme and Liz both attended the FA/CPR courses during Trail Skills College (Jayme in 2015, Liz in 2014), but I don't have hard copies of their certs on file.

- Roberta: At least 16 people that need it. Would like to send an email so we can confirm attendance. She needs to get the info to Leanne for supplies. She would like to move the caretaker meeting that morning.
 - Tammy: Where is it?
 - Roberta – Estacada Library. We will move the November meeting to that morning. There will be goodies of some sort.
- Roberta: As a Caretaker/Crew Leader, you are required to have first aid, we prefer wilderness first aid (offered next year), and CPR
 - David: All sawyers require it as well

Discussion Items

- Really need people to submit their reports, and send in your signed JHA and sign-in sheets
 - The new coordinator is stricter on this. Has to be done by end of September.

Announcements/Reminders

- Vacancies: Mt. Adams-North; Big Huckleberry;
 - Trout Creek transition for Jim Webb (Tami/Kelley). It's Kelley's now. Steve to update the website.
 - Dennis Sheprow resigned as of today. His section is now open. It is just north of Ruth's. There are some issues with that section. Kim and Pam had it for 12 years and would be willing to walk over it a couple times to help
 - Dennis old section: Kim: If he had scouted it. We can go and make sure it just doesn't get worse.
 - Roberta: Not sure if it has been maintained for the last 2 years. Last time was with Ruth a couple years ago.
 - Kim: We will plan to go up and if people would like to go out he would like that. Will send out an email, would like to do it before the wet season.
 - Tami and Chris would like to go
 - Pace: Will scout it this weekend. Planning on a hike around the mountain this weekend.
- **Columbia Dispatch** is open 0730-1800, 7 days a week.
- As of July 10, many areas are IFPL III or equivalent. No power tool use.
- Mckenzie is currently on a detail on the Middle Fork District, will be back on the Zigzag District 12/14/2015.
 - TomTriscik & Claire Pitner are covering for Mckenzie until the permanent person is named
 - Steve Q: Should he change the website?
 - Roberta: Not until it becomes official
- **The 2015 updates include PCTA's policies regarding alcohol, marijuana, and firearms:**

Firearms: Please do not bring firearms. These are prohibited by the agency agreements that enable our work. (Page 5)

Alcohol: PCTA does not provide alcohol on projects. If a volunteer decides to bring and consume alcohol, they need to do so in moderation and outside the designated work hours. Volunteers will be dismissed from a project if the crew leader feels a volunteer is abusing alcohol. Some projects are led by corps crews from the American Conservation Experience (ACE) or EarthCorps. While serving with these crews, alcohol is NOT allowed in camp. It is important to know that these corps programs are drug and alcohol-free and we expect volunteers to respect these policies. (Page 6-7)

Marijuana: Possession or use of marijuana is prohibited at all times on PCTA volunteer projects. Although certain states have legalized the medical and/or recreational use of marijuana, it remains illegal to possess marijuana on all federal lands -- even within states that allow it; the federal government can prosecute people who are otherwise protected under state laws. All PCT projects are under federal jurisdiction because the PCT is a federally designated and managed resource. Where the PCT crosses private or state lands, it does so upon federally-owned easements. Further, the agreements that provide funding and insurance coverage for PCTA volunteer programs are federal agreements. Therefore PCTA must abide by federal laws on all projects. Volunteers will be dismissed from a project if using marijuana. (Page 6-7)

The guidebooks are available on three PCTA web pages:

- For New Volunteers: <http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/new-volunteers/>
- Volunteer Learning Center: <http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/learning-center/>
- Crew Leader Center: <http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/crew-leader-center/>

Direct links are available here:

- Overnight Projects: http://www.pcta.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/PCTA_volunteer_trail_crew_guide_overnight_2015.pdf

- Day Projects: http://www.pcta.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/PCTA_volunteer_trail_crew_guide_day_projects_2015.pdf

Round the Room

- Roberta: Got to witness horse dentals. Took a long time dealing with her 25 year old mare, they had to shoot her 4 times with sedatives and it took a while to wear off.
 - Roberta just picked up our FS Award. It was passed around.
- Tami: Hasn't been out in the woods for almost 2 months, has been working in Ohio. Forest Youth Success: 12-14 kids both days. 1.5 miles. Love to have them again, great work. Would like to do some scouting in October before it snows. Going to Indian Heaven on Friday, looking forward to a week of no technology.
 - Tim: Doing drainage?
 - Tami: Possibly. Going out to Bear Lake for a week.
 - Jim: A guy from his community way back when, was doing some unusual things in trail maintaining there
 - Roberta: Need to know how they are dividing Jim's section.
 - Kelley is taking it.
- Summer: My bird dog is really cute. Scored a "1".
- Steve P: Music fest was great. Helped the volunteers. Had a great time.
- Steve Q: The end of July did Timberline Trail. Ramona to Timberline looks good. It does need help (drainage).
 - Jim's first hours were training chainsaw. Jim's first trail maintaining was Apr 16 2003, with Larry McLaughlin, it was a logout & repair slide damage 2000 Rd and Sedum Ridge. 2005 was the first crew he lead, May 18, Sedum Ridge to Rd 43.
 - Got back from Thailand, son volunteer at welfare school in the jungle, took a trip to see him. It was a Phenomenal trip
- Nate: From Indiana, trail work brought him to the NW. 2010 – Worked in the Donner Pass Area with the NW Service Academy. 2011 - Came back as a leader and worked in the Mt Hood, Alpine Lake, and Goat Rocks Area. Finished grad school in May. Wants to get back involved.
- Leif: Haven't been doing much for a while but needs to get some drainage work done. Scheduling 2 work parties in the next month
 - Roberta: Can you use one of Tammy's corporate groups?
 - Leif: Can check with her.
 - Tammy: Will talk to him about it later.
- Pam: We hiked in Wyoming, were there for a month. Hiked Bridger Wilderness for a couple of weeks. Had 5 days of rain. Went to DC for 2 weeks in August. Planning to go this month but her uncle having a 90th birthday celebration with the family.
- Jim: I'm sorry to Kelley for ducking out on PCT days. He spent the days with his 15 year old grandson learning the chainsaw. We'll see what comes of that. It was a good time, a great experience. Helen and Jim will celebrate 60 years of marriage on the 18th of this month.
- Kim: With Tammy's help, we have a corporate party September 20th. Has all the radios except PCTA 14, and PCTA 4X (Tim thinks he has 4X). Thinks they are all programed now. Jerry may have the PCTA 14.
 - Tami: Thanks for doing all of the radio work, I know it has been a challenge
 - Kim: Pam, Tami and I have been putting up signs on the trail where mountain bike has occurs. Dana has asked to coordinate this with BOG into GP. If stuff needs to be down south, please let him know by email. Tim L wants some by Timothy Lake.
 - Marijke: Has been signing up the area before and after her section. Gets the signs from Dana
 - Kim: Would love to do work on Ramona to Paradise Park. Will keep everyone posted on that.
- Rick: Feel bad about Mt Adams not get attention but great news for Indian Heaven getting that attention. It is such a formidable task for just a weekend so having 2 week long parties is great. It should be mosquito free (frozen out/dried out). Going to Boise to the Sawtooths for a couple days.
- Carole: Been down on the John Muir Trail. Back early due to a bad fire (hiking north to south). The rangers were evacuating the trail. Walked for 4-5 days where the smoke was so bad, you couldn't see anything after 1130 am. You could see across the lake but not up. It was thick smoke. It was 0% contained when they left. They evacuated cedar grove but weren't fighting it. It was great experience. Trail was well maintained.
- Chris K: Been mostly doing wilderness steward stuff. Lot of fire patrols. Was on campfire watch for a while. Can't tell you how many fire rings he's dismantled this month. We never finished 778. We have in the neighborhood (according to Ruth) about 24 logs and some are pretty big. We cleared to 0-4.5 miles. Another 1.5 to the junction. There is still stuff up there.
 - Kim: Maybe loop up from Ramona
 - Chris: Only has 1 day he can work this month and it is the 20th. Justin tentatively agreed to help him. Would like to get a good crew up there. Will talk with Kim. Ruth is the last one to see it personally, would love to get it done.

- Kelley: Went to Montana, did not see anything. The smoke was so bad. Had fun anyway. Thank you for everyone's help on PCT days. Will do it again next year.
 - Last weekend crew party (Packwood Glacier), lost her phone on the mountain in the snow. Picked up a new phone today. Someone found her phone and is sending it to her. Snowed from the minute we got there, it was cold.
 - Roberta: For 3 people it was their first work party, they will come back.
 - Leif: Went in Friday?
 - Roberta: We camped at the trailhead on Thursday night, hiked in Friday, hiked out Saturday because of snow. All the packers stayed at the trailhead.
- Marijke: Helped out with 2nd day of urban kids, it was super fun. All they wanted to do was cut big logs. She thought their section was Panther Creek to Horse Camp but their section is actually the Work Center Area. Last week, did 15 miles of Big Huck, left the house 1145am, banged it out but didn't get home until 7pm. The last 2 days she has barely been able to walk. Found 4 logs down in that section. Spending a lot of time in that section. On Monday saw 25 hikers north bound, averaging 15-20 a day still coming through northbound. A lot of people are calling it quits at Cascade Locks. But those that are pushing through still have hope it will work.
 - Kelley: Awe, you bonded with that section now.
 - Roberta: Bill helped some guy that was cold, lost and so far off the trail and Bill sent him down hill
 - Kelley: It is hard to see the unprepared hikers
 - Marijke: The ones with bags on their feet, all their clothes on their head.
 - Roberta: Will talk to her offline to set up log out for Big Huck
- Tim: Regarding the smoke, we had smoke here at our house. Couldn't even see the barn is was so bad. While doing territorial section – couple of guys from Europe came by Timothy Lake, big hurry to get to Bend to make their flight. Later they saw only 1 hiking by himself; 1 guy bailed and the other continued with possibly no backpack and commented on how he wasn't feeling great after drinking water from the lake. Sandy river trail project coming up. If anyone interested let him know. They are rerouting the trail in 2 sections where it has fallen into the river. Mckenzie had flagged it in last year but someone has taken down the flags. Will send out an email.
- Pace: After the last meeting, left for 7 days on the trail. Took some side trips; 1 to Washington Ponds and found a crosscut saw. Looked like a good saw, stashed it at Mckenzie Pass. Picked it up on the way home. Spent a week in La Pine with brother. Tomorrow heading up to Timberline. Yesterday did his 3 trails in a loop. Saw some Timberline hikers that were off route, trying to get new signage for that area.
 - Message from Bill Canavan: Finished up his trail on Aug 30, had to detour around the fire. Got out at Stevens back in at Chelan and took the boat across. Missed the Glacier Peak area. Will do the missed section next year.
 - Kim: The problem is the PCT north bound actually goes south there.
 - Chris: Mckenzie has put in a sign request but will not be in until October. In a shack behind the ranger station is a giant stack of signs. There are a lot of junction signs.
 - Roberta: Pace, you may want to contact Mckenzie to touch base
- Ron: It is the 100th anniversary for Multnomah Falls today. Never saw so many FS people today. The Friends of Multnomah Falls and The Lodge put on a big feast. It was a fun thing. Noticed a week ago, ran off 10,000 more trail loop maps. Given out more maps this year, normally 20,000 all year. The trails have so many people on it. The parking is worse than it was before. 2 RVs got stuck on a viaducts between Multnomah Falls and Wahkeena. It is an exciting place to volunteer at
 - Kelley: Do you have the gorge maps there?
 - Ron: It's gotten to be a pain how much stuff we have and where to store it.
- David: 3 weeks ago, Tim called to ask if he needed any help, there was a fire 1/4 mile from his house and David wasn't aware of it. They came with a bulldozer. He couldn't leave because they had hoses across the road. 15 min later, bulldozer came by and gouged a hole on the other side of his fence. Was able to stop the fire at 13 acres. We didn't lose anything. The fire was about 100 yards from his property. Fire started from a truck that backfired and the engine caught fire and instead of staying on the road, the driver pulled off into the grass.
- Tammy: thank you Kelley, profusely, for doing all the work on PCT Days! She did a lot of pre-event logistics and had a lot of work on the days too. I really, really appreciate NOT having to do it and she did a GREAT job!! I also hope that she will continue to work on this event for us.
 - Also wanted to thank Steve Plant for "being me" at the Timberline Music Fest! I know it's a fun day, but he did do a lot of pre-event logistics too and was such a champ to meet me and make it all easier for me!
 - Thanks to all that help out with the special events too.