

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 14, 2015

Location: REI Clackamas

## Welcome

- Attended: Justin, Freefall, Summer, Dennis B, Lamar, Ruth, Jayme, Ron, Chris K, Marijke, Gentleman Bob, Kim, Pam, David, Becky, Tim L, Rick, Pace, Tyler, Liz, Nate, Steve Q, Bill, Roberta (24 people)

## Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

Thanks to Pace for generating these stats (taken on the job of generating our stats and data)

2015 YTD Through 9/30/15	
Volunteer Hours	
Outreach / Events	764
Training / TSC	3,887
Trail Maintenance	9,846 Bill Hawley notes that 1058.5 hours were on the Mt Adams RD
Total Hours	14,497
Events	
Trail Crews	99
Volunteers on crews	570
Miles Maintained (includes TSC)	221
Feet of Rehab (includes TSC)	8,073 (1.53 mi)
Specialized hours	804

- Roberta: Total hours/events (actual trail crews no scouting) are records. Yeah us. Working on the Fiscal Year data - will be finalized soon. Bill and Dana submit this info to the Forest Service for the fiscal year end.
  - Bill: I'm easily confused about this, hopefully they will be training and sharing with me how and when to do this

Notes: now excluding scouting from trail crew counts. Events and Trail Crews are counted from submitted reports. Volunteer count is just the sum of the number of volunteers on each crew; counts individuals multiple times.

- 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. Sep 11-17: Sasquatch crew moved to Indian Heaven Wilderness #1
  - Bill: They worked on a section of trail from Bear Lake North. The area has not had significant work for some time. They completed trail reconstruction work. They brought it up to grade. And then 2<sup>nd</sup> crew, work on East Crater Trail. Dean had them put in some culverts and anybody that has been on that trail knows that it is lumpy near the top and the idea was to put the culverts in to smooth it out. It was not completed but very close.

- Roberta: Poor Mt Adams waits again. It's always the bridesmaid. It has lost its crew 3? 4? Times.
2. Sep 13: Timberline/PCT Trail Scout (Sandy River section): Pace
    - Pace: Pretty good shape except for 1 tree sticking out the trail. Needs brushing.
  3. Sep 14: New Seasons Market at Timberline: Ruth
    - Ruth: Did a lot of nice tread work. It was so nice to get the first couple miles done.
  4. Sep 19: Logout Big Huckleberry: Luna and Werewolf, Nate, Roberta
    - Marijke: It was so much fun.
    - Roberta: It was the first time we got to walk and talk.
    - Marijke: We got the crosscut stuff done only one took too much time. 6 or 8 logs. It was good.
  5. Sep 20: Logout Paradise Park Trail: Chris K et al
    - Chris: We finished. We pulled 20 logs. It was a rough one. We did the most remote section, it was a long hike to get up there and all the trees were big, nothing small at all. But we got it all done in one day. Happy to have that done.
  6. Sep 25-Oct 1: Sasquatch crew moved to Indian Heaven Wilderness #2
    - See above.
  7. Sep 25: ALDHA-West Trail Crew: Roberta
    - Roberta: Lead a group of ALDHA-West members who wanted to give back to the trail. Crew of 5 including Roberta and Pace. Really glad that Pace came. He demonstrated the best textbook example of converting an old log water bar to 'new school' drainage. Steve took a picture of it the next day not knowing that we had just done that.
      - Chris: You guys did an awesome job on that.
    - Also Sep 25-27: ALDHA-West Gathering
      - Roberta: It went well.
  8. Sep 26: Preacher's Peak Drains & Tread work: Leif
    - Roberta: I don't remember his report.
    - Also September 26-27: Mountain Lakes 100 per website: <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100>
  9. Sep 30: Logout Panther Creek: Luna and Roberta
    - Marijke: It is so fun when it is just 2 of us. Roberta gets to cut stuff and I get to throw it in the woods.
      - Roberta: But you should see her with an axe.
    - Roberta: We also looked at the exposed culvert. Have to talk to Bill about it.
      - Bill: Dean is ready to get that done.
  10. Oct 3: Logout Chinidere Trails: Justin
    - Justin: My wife & friend helped me take out 15 logs that had been there a long time. It's open all the way up to the top of the mountain.
    - Roberta: There is no caretaker from parking lot to PCT or stairs to PCT feeder trails.
  11. Oct 3: Volunteer Picnic at Guy Talbot State Park
    - Kim: It was great.
    - Tim: The award presentation went well.
    - Marijke: Let's plan the hike for afterwards next time.
    - Dave: How many volunteers came?
      - Roberta: It was low.
      - Gentleman Bob: I think we had 35ish.
      - Roberta: Someone said 60.
      - Chris: There was definitely not 60 people.
    - Luna: What if we start telling the volunteers about this before trail season and remind them throughout the year?
    - Roberta: Did we like location?
    - Marijke: Thank goodness someone put up signs or else we wouldn't have found it.
    - Kim: Was there enough coverage if it rains?
      - Liz: yes.
    - Roberta: I like the location a lot. We will have to do work in the State Parks to get it for free again.
      - Tyler: I tried to get a project in the State Park but they won't let me.
      - Roberta: The one you want to work on isn't part of the Gorge agreement.
      - Bill: We have more logs for you (Tyler) at Glacier Creek
  12. Oct 5: Scout Oneonta Slide: Ruth
    - Ruth: Heard from Ron about the slide
    - Ruth: It was there, it was messy and there were rocks falling. Gave it to the Forest Service. Ron said that the day after she was there someone fixed it.
  13. Oct 10: Montbell event: Tammy and other caretakers
    - Roberta: A lot of us sat around downtown Portland. It is a retail store. Roberta was supposed to give a talk but there were no people. Dave was there with tools. Tammy, Leif, and Pace were also there. Tammy said there were 7 sign ups. 3 were Girl Scouts. There is a girls scout group that wants to do work (Carole is the boss, Ruth will go too)

14. Oct 11: Logout Upper Eagle Creek: Busdriver John – 20 logs removed, great new volunteers
  - Postponed from Saturday to Sunday. Kim was sick so Busdriver took 4 people and finished Eagle Creek. I was a 12 hour day include hiking. Sheepdog was there, Dane was there, 2 brand new volunteers from Rhododendron were there (women). He thought the new volunteers were great and we need to get them to come again. Worked from 7.5 mile camp uphill to Wahtum Lake. They came down from top so they had a long drive.
15. Oct 11: Scouting Sedum Ridge: Tami
  - Roberta: Jim retired last month. Tami can't get to north end of her section without hiking through Jim's old section. From Trout Creek to 2000 Rd (Kim & Pam's area) is now Tami's section (about 10 miles) renamed to Sedum Ridge because that is the most prominent feature.
16. Oct 13: B-Corp Crew: Freefall
  - There were 24 volunteers from B-Corp, plus Dave, Ruth, Freefall, and Tyler
  - Freefall: We worked North of Tanamous intersection from Bonneville. Had everyone count out to make 4 groups. We all grabbed tools and headed up. Focus on brush work and treadwork. I can't thank Ruth, Dave, and Tyler enough for coming out and be a part of that and help to spread the workload and supervise people. We hit some poison ivy in the blackberry. We were able to knock stuff back pretty well. The B-Corp people could choose one of three activities: bike & beer, wine tasting or trail work and they chose trail work. Many hands make light work. We were able to do .5 mile of brush and tread.
    - Dave: There were 2 people from Great Britain, someone from New York, someone from Brazil, 2 from Canada.
    - Tyler: It takes 10 seconds to say count off, grab tools and head up. It took an hour to actually do it.
    - Roberta: It is great if you can get in and grub out the roots if you have the people.
      - Dave: It was so rocky, very hard to grub out the roots.
17. Oct 14: Today's caretaker meeting

## Future Events

### Next Month: passed around

1. Oct 16-17: Steamboat Drainages: Liz and Tyler
2. Oct 19: New Seasons Markets Crew at Eagle Creek: Lamar, Worm, and Ruth
3. Oct 22: PCT Muddy Fork Section, Drainages: Pace
4. Oct 22: Danner Work Crew near 3-Corner Rock: Carole and Roberta
5. Oct 24 & Oct 25: Trail work with Mt Hood 50 runners: Justin
  - a. Also Oct 24 Trail Dirt Live in Seattle
6. Nov 16: Meeting with Mt Hood National Forest: Dana
7. Nov 17: Meeting with CRGNSA: Dana
8. Nov 21: Next Caretaker Meeting and CPR Recert at Estacada Library

**Beyond:** nothing yet

## Reports

Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy

My report as Volunteer Coordinator: We did well! We need to figure out how to entice more volunteers to come to the picnic/bbq, but it was fun and there were a few 'regulars' there. A few folks talked about this afterwards, we should have the hike or whatever, after we eat from now on! Much better for timing.

Montbell was very slow but we got to talk to a few folks and we got 7 names. Tommy, manager of the store, really wants to do a crew with his store employees. I told him we could work on something for next year and it could be midweek as that is something he was concerned about! But it wasn't bad being inside on Saturday, looked very wet out.

Otherwise, volunteering is good.

Dana: Meeting with Mt Hood NF on Nov 16 (Sandy, OR); meeting with CRGNSA on Nov 17 (at Dana's office)

What they are is a chance for us to sit down with regional reps. We talk about accomplishments, talk about problem areas. Really line out where problems are and where works beyond normal treadwork/brushing/etc needs to be done. (like the equestrian horse crossing where the Sandy River trail meets PCT). And then Eagle Creek has a bunch. It's good to see faces and let them get to know you. The more we develop relations with land managers the better off.

- Kim: It is good to lobby for our stretches and that if the Forest Service has a crew available that they are getting to the PCT.
- Roberta: If you have the 2 hours, please come.
- Kim: There aren't a whole lot of resources, but we do have the ability to influence where work gets done.
- Roberta: It is open to any interested party. Just go to the one that is applicable to your section. These are set up by Dana so they are PCT specific.
- Chris: How will this happen with all the turmoil?
- Roberta: If you didn't get email about November 16, Roberta will forward it.

Bill: Tentatively put out inquiry to have a meeting (Oct 26 or 1<sup>st</sup> week Nov). Waiting to hear from Dean. Pretty certain it will be at Vancouver office. Will send out an update.

- Couple things to share: Went on a ½ day walk with new forest supervisor, Gina Owens and Tracey C. (rec specialist). It was enlightening that neither of them were aware that the PCTA did work on non-PCT trails. I talked about our relationship with the Gorge and about expanding our relationship with Mt Hood. They were thrilled to hear that. Talked with Roberta to see if there is interest in expanding shoulder season activities. This will influence the volunteer agreement we sign this winter that will allow us to work on other trails. They only vaguely knew about TSC, so expanded their knowledge on that. Tracey had heard of TSC but they didn't know how much we train people. Robin probably knows more than the other Forest Service people. We need to go out of our way with our agency partners, they are moving through so fast that we are continuing having to reeducate them about what we do – specifically the people that make the decisions about where money and resources go. We need to invite more activity with the agency partners. Everyone know that we had a bridge failure this year (horse ok, rider ok) it's a situation that needs a bridge, not so much for water, but the banks are so steep. Worked with Dean to get letters (Roberta was signatory for our group) to support a new bridge. We are competing for the money for 2017 – talked to the person making the decision and painted the picture of where this is and how important it is. It's probably going to happen, Back Country Horsemen have offered 60-80 hours, and we offered 100 hours from this group. It will be a very accessible and fun project.
- Ron: We have to do the same thing with new people moving here. They don't know about what is out here. We have to keep advertising all the time.
- Bill: As I went north, they changed boundary between PCTA regions. Fell to me to encourage the White Pass group to form. 9 stewards have 14 of 19 sections. They have a Facebook page. Not giving out Packwood Glacier because that is a core group area. This group (Mt Hood) has championed this. It has not been signed yet but we have papers from the Ranger district letting us open a cache at Randle. We also have a tentative tool day. People that have been working in that area have seen what we have done in our region and want to do the same.

#### Budget. Kim

- Kim: Remember the 25<sup>th</sup> thing now. We were supposed to get a corporate crew but didn't so we didn't do it.
- We have some budget left (few hundred dollars for tools) and we still have enough money for supplies if you are planning late season crew and need money. Used very little money for travel and have money for training. If you have receipts please give them to him. In 2-3 weeks we will get an email from Sacramento telling us that we have budget left over, and if we don't use it they'll take it back. Receipts can be given to Kim or he can send an email with the excel spreadsheet for you to fill out. They are cutting checks a couple times a month.

#### Tools. Leif

- Busdriver discovered the joy of the Katanaboy. Should we consider getting more? He also gave high praise for the Sandy River saw, cut like a champ, thanks to David for his skills.
  - Kim: Is it fixed? The Katanaboy.
  - Roberta: Yes.
  - Kim: You know how long it took me to get someone to try it? It sat there for 4 or 5 years.
  - Roberta: Should we consider 1 or 2 more?
    - Kim: yes.
  - Kim: I can just go ahead and order a couple? About \$150/each.
    - Pace: Amazon has them for \$120.
    - Kim: Sending Leif an email to get an ok.

Trail Skills College 2016: Tammy, TSC Chair report: We had our first meeting and it went fairly well. We are meeting again in November, I may have to change the date because Ryan Ojerio can't make the date we all set, but otherwise we are on track. We are looking into the Skamania Co. Fairgrounds as a possible venue change, but that is still up in the air. Becky is going to feed us well again at this college! We have a few new folks that are 'under studies' for some of the positions, which is great! However that is going to make it harder to meet at my little house.

- Steve Q: Where are the fairgrounds?
  - Kim: Stevenson.

#### Saw Certification: David

- Those of you guys that interact with Winston, every single fall he tells us he is going to retire (5 years going). He's pretty damn committed this time around and estimating his departure for February or March 2016. And that will have significant impact on our Saw Certification Program. It will be a little more complicated, may have to go through the National Forest Service or do 2 events. They won't even name a replacement until after he goes and the new Saw Policy changes happen at the same time. Next spring will be a little of a challenge. The Wind River Facility, most of the time, we make the reservations directly through Carole. Carole (Winston's office) books it as a Forest Service event at no cost, we will try and preserve that relationship with Carole but she is also getting ready to retire. The better relationship we have with the Mt Adams district; we need to really cultivate relationships so we don't lose access or start paying a lot more for the access we need. Winston will probably go to work for Stihl.
- The Katanaboys are great for reaching but they are delicate saws. Like an Ibuki they are re-sharpenable.
- Kim: We are planning the 2016 Saw Weekend the weekend after TSC and shooting for Wind River. Looking for another saw instructor to help us. I think April 15-17 is TSC. That would make April 22-24 the saw weekend. Dave would you like to do an Estacada event?
  - Dave: We normally do an Estacada weekend 4 weeks prior to Kim's event. Would like to do 1 more Estacada. Crosscut and duals and this one.
- Kim: For those that are new, TSC offers an Intro to Crosscut and an Intro to Chainsaw.

#### Training and Safety: Open.

- CPR Recertification is set for Nov 21 at Estacada Public Library. Monthly meeting will be that day as well – not sure of start time. Expecting to start at 9am, set up at 8am.

### Discussion Items

- Next up: Annual Celebration. Can't use the GP Headquarters anymore, they are moving to Ft. Vancouver. New location? Date? Speaker? Maybe <http://www.gorgeecology.org/>
  - Roberta: We need a location. We don't need to stay in Vancouver.
    - Tim: We can try the Mt Hood HQ.
      - Dave: We have that Mt Hood meeting, we can ask then.
  - Roberta: Date? Last year it was the last weekend in January but that is BCHW event. Our award hours are now based on fiscal year. Thinking about moving it earlier in January.
  - Roberta: Speaker?
    - Chris: the Forest Service has historians, can't remember her name...
    - Ron: Ron up at Mt Hood Ranger Station, good with birds, leads walks up at Cloud Cap.
    - Kim: Might be interested to get people from Mt St Helens, see if they have someone.
    - Chris: Maybe have more than 1 speaker?
      - Roberta: No, one is enough; the format of having me for 30min and then awards and then a speaker works really well.
    - Lamar: My neighbor is data person for St Helens.
    - Pace: 100 year anniversary of National Park next year, they probably have something they could do.
- Roberta: Need TCPs for all trailheads on all our trails. Dennis to compile the list. We'll send out an email please reply to him with a list of your trailheads, and if you have a TCP you've used in the past, please copy it to him.
  - Road crossings, feeder trails. GPS would be awesome too but would like to start with a list.
- Roberta: We will have to have a discussion to determine what has to be on the TCPs.
  - Bill: Can you send me a copy of what is being used?
    - Pace: It is on the website.
- Roberta: Wilderness Literature class at PCC needs a crew leader and location. Rock moving encouraged. Chris Jensen is the professor. Dates preferred are: Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, or March 5.
  - Roberta: It is very interesting. They do great with moving walks.
  - Marijke: Panther Creek?
  - Pace: Depends on the weather.
  - Roberta: It will have to be low elevation.
  - Ruth: Oneonta?
  - Roberta: Will send it out as a separate email.

### Announcements/Reminders

- Nov caretaker meeting is Nov 21
- Trout Creek/Snag Creek now Sedum Ridge and Tami is the caretaker
- Vacancies: Mt. Adams-North; Big Huckleberry; Sandy River (reserved for Nate)

- **Columbia Dispatch: Starting Oct. 18** Dispatch hours will be M-F 0730-1630. Reminder that if you want to work outside of these hours, you still need a TCP and a dispatcher, but it can be a friend, family worker, or volunteer who is in the front country and will take action if you don't check out. In Zigzag there's a SPOT procedure.
  - Kim: Can't promise, but they can generally pick up GP Defiance and Mt Hood Defiance from their place. Make sure he knows you are heading up.
  - Roberta: If you are using friend/family/Kim Owen as dispatch send them the TCP.
- McKenzie is currently on a detail on the Middle Fork District, will be back on the Zigzag District 12/14/2015.
- Carole to work with a Girl Scout troop for a project in 2016. Tammy has the contact info.
- I'm waiting to get the Fiscal Year audit complete, then will ask Ellen for an updated caretaker roster. There have been a number of corrections.
- Kim plans to conduct a reimbursement process training – pre-caretaker meeting in February.

## Round the Room

- Liz: Tyler is handling the work party, she's doing her real job. We were gone for a while. Went on an amazing cruise and then went to DC to see our daughter and drove through the New England states.
- Tyler: Work party coming up. Went on cruise of 10.5 miles - Dutchman Falls on Multnomah trail. There was 1 nasty rock. It has slipped out underneath it. The rock is about 8-10 tons, about 8 foot diameter, 25% exposed. Just waiting for something to happen. Next to it is a forked tree. If the rock comes out, the tree will too. Not sure the pull we have with Terry, but they need to look at this. If you have pull with whoever, something needs to be done. It is a dangerous rock. Just up above that, after the switchbacks getting up to Wiesendanger Falls. There is small slide, take about 4 people an hour or 2 to fix. If we could get together with Eden, that would be one of our magical mystery trails. 12-15 feet long, it is dangerous because of mud and making it slippery.
- Pace: Have a crew next Thursday, a couple water bars to fix. At the Montbell session, talked to a store employee who thru hiked in 2012. I mentioned TSC. He is interested in getting on some crews and maybe into caretaking.
- Rick: Went to Sawtooth Mt range in Idaho. Their trails need volunteers so badly. It made him aware how good a job we do relative to areas that don't have the staffing or volunteers. We are spoiled. Had great work done on his section. Sorry Bob.
  - Bob: Bill assures me next year there are 2 crews for my area.
- Tim: Anyone knows of a trail in Clackamas or Zig Zag district that is an equestrian trail with nasty logs, let him know.
  - Chris: Salmon/Huckleberry. Mackenzie was asking for help.
  - Pace: Latest on Sandy River trail reroute?
    - Tim: Waiting for Aaron to get freed up. We have GPS tracks but he has no time.
- Becky: Spent time in the Eagle Caps and the trails are in horrible condition. They are deep. If you can't get over, you turn around. Had a great trip
- Dave: University of Montana put together an online crosscut saw course. Not sure if anyone but him has taken it. It was really hard. It is free. You can enroll without being a UofM student. The Forest Service is using it as a prereq for sawyer positions. Thinking of using it instead of our quizzes. Can do 15 min/night. Will send info out to everyone here. Would like you to send it out to the crosscuts that work for you. Would like feedback before Dave makes it our prereq. You still need to read the book first. It's a good resource.
- Pam: Don't really have anything other than on Saturday we were supposed to go on Wahtum lake thing that we encouraged John to cancel or reschedule. At Wahtum Lake the winds were supposed to gust 40mph, and sustained at 20mph. I know I saw in one of the things Tammy sent out that we almost never cancel and made me think that if we are under pressure to not cancel if weather is bad. I felt like we were encouraging unsafe practices by not changing parties.
  - Roberta: We do need to take weather into account. If everyone is having a miserable time it discourages returns too.
- Kim: What she said (Pam). Feeling better. Slept through the weekend.
- Bob: Seeing Bill today energized him a little bit to do a post-fire scouting hike. Tyler, is there any reason not to pull the winter stuff out at the end of the month – close the Trout Lake cache (gas, radios, first aid kit, power tools)?
  - Tyler: Let me know when and I'll go with you.
- Marijke: Scott and I had busy day, I think we bought a house today. We will be moving further down the Gorge (to Underwood). That means our beautiful rental is going to be available. Trying to put it out in the hiking community – it is 15 acres by Panther Creek campground. Great little location. About an hour to Portland, 20min from BOG.
- Chris K: Couple things, unrelated, did last steward patrol on Sunday was also a recovery mission. Abandoned campsite above Lost Creek. Had to pack out 60lbs worth of gear but got it all in one trip. Went up and did some other work, rehab signs (someone stole sign at junction Timberline Lodge/PCT). Everything looked good, the campsites already look like they are recovering, the reroute paid off (done with Ruth). It was an amazing amount of erosion, 6x4" trough running for 1000s of feet from that one storm. There will be work to do next year.
- Ron: Spent 1.5 week in Green Mt (Vermont & New Hampshire). Did a bit of the Appalachian. The trail is rough, just rock to rock. Wiesendanger Falls ranger, asked him to get a rock rake and when you walk up the trail take it with you. He just sits in his office and doesn't do anything on the trail. Nothing is going to be done until someone gets hurt. The

name Wiesendanger comes from a ranger at Eagle Creek who started the Keep Oregon Green program. In old days, the trail went down through the creek (early 60s).

- Jayme: Last NSM crew for Eagle Creek. Exciting. Next year for the picnic, will try to get 2 stores to contribute.
  - Roberta: We didn't eat all the bread.
  - Pam: There was a loaf of bread and 24 hot dog buns left.
  - Roberta: The veggie burgers were gone in a flash.
  - Jayme: When we get \$100 food donation, we get the food at cost but margin on meat is so small. Every year we are adding more crews from more stores. If the store donates volunteers then they will donate product.
- Ruth: Did some research into the Starlight Parade, it costs \$450 just to apply, doesn't guarantee we get in so we aren't going to do it.
- Lamar: Doing Eagle Creek. While hiking with son, they found a McLeod at a campground. Didn't bring it back but did hide it. A chipmunk ran up his son's leg and just hung on to his leg.
- Dennis: Just trying to get healthy again.
  - Roberta: Thank you for taking on these admin tasks.
- Bill: Said his piece (above). Traveled North about 9 months ago and forgot to come back. Ha. Karla says hi. We have lived in 4 places in 3 years and getting tired of it so we are going to buy a house. Keeping track of possibility of your winter meeting and hopefully will be able to attend. I still feel a part of this chapter.
- Steve: Beginning of the summer was his 1<sup>st</sup> round of Lasik, it overcorrected and his near vision was crap. 2 weeks ago had 2<sup>nd</sup> round so everything is cool. 9 years ago did Lasik for the first time. Now was prepared for, when you get older, you have to make compromises. It's not absolutely perfect but it's pretty darn good.
- Summer: has a no-bird dog.
- Justin: has a great dog. Has the Trail Runner crew in 2 weeks. So far there isn't a ton of interest: 4 people on Saturday and 1 person on Sunday. Will try to make them all go on Saturday. We will work on Teakettle Spring section doing brushing and tread.
  - Roberta: If they are trail runners, they should hike really fast.
- Freefall: Went on vacation to Pukaskwa National Park (Lake Superior). It was remote, saw 4 bears. Very much underappreciated part of North America. Great to see that at Dana's cache, the light has been replaced. Told Dana, I can come up and do the light, and she called the building people and they did it.
  - Bill: There is an outlet inside the room now too.
- Nate: It was great to get out later last month with Marijke and Roberta. Went and checked out Sandy River section with buddy. Just got back from San Francisco, hiked 25mile across the city.
  - Jayme: What was your favorite eating place?
    - Nate: We went to the bar that the, supposedly, first Irish Coffee was from, it was good.
- Tyler: If you have sign needs get them in so they can be approved. Would like to do a sign weekend Oct/Nov.
  - Bill: For GP it is Bill (Dean will approve). Is working on signage with Dana. We have a budget for signs that hasn't been spent and they need to get on it. We've purchased the wood, just need to get the signs made.
- Chris: McKenzie went on a spending spree for signs. Back behind Zig Zag ranger station is filled. It is possible that what we need is in there. But with McKenzie being out, the rules are a little fuzzy. There are PCT, Wilderness, and some specific signs. Some of the signs are wrong.
- Pace: Emailing between McKenzie, Dana and him for Ramona so he can get the signs up this winter.
- Roberta: Going to Trail Dirt Live in Seattle next weekend, mostly so I can visit Bill and Karla.