

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2016

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Summer

Welcome

Attended: David, Liz, Tyler, Tami, Steve P, Leif, Rick, Kelley, Tim, Gentleman Bob, Becky, Ruth, Jane, Little Brown, Pace, Chris K, Ron, Carole, Freefall, Tammy, Summer, Roberta

- Little Brown accepts Caretaker status of Big Huckleberry section of the PCT!
- Hilary Renshaw is now a crew leader in-training. She will start coming to the caretaker meeting in September.
- John "Pig Pen" Cunningham stepped down as caretaker, staying on as VSI. Also willing to help on tough trees on request.
- Steve (O.G.) is north of Lake Tahoe, past Sierra City

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

Thanks to Pace for generating these stats.

Summary: Double the tread maintenance from last year. Continuing with fewer hours overall but more on-trail hours than last year – and those are the fun ones

- Ellen is (a full month) behind on getting reports processed.
- TSC class hours are not included.

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - June 2016

	June 2016	YTD June 2016	YTD June 2015
Volunteer Hours, total	2076	10573	11193
Specialized hours	458	1679	766
Miles Maintained	7	30	194
Feet of Rehab/Recon	3720	13360	5353
Miles Logged out	48	126	n/a
# Trail Work Crews	24	71	71
Trail Maint - on trail hours	1913	5241	4752
Trail Maint - support hours	116	1928	2347
Outreach Event hours	46	73	213
Training hours	0	3331	3881
	2076	10573	11193

- Reports are coming in

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. **June 9 Eagle Creek-7.5 mile camp Scout: Dana, Lamar, Sue B.**
2. **June 9 Timberline Trail, Muddy Fork tread repair and brushing: Pace**
 - Pace: We got the last 3 logs that we couldn't get to before because we couldn't cross the river.
3. **June 10-12: Big Bend TSC/Saw Certs**
 - Tami, David, and the Owens went.
4. **June 11: Get Outdoors Day**
 - Tim thought it went well, good to have PCTA and BCHO connected.
 - Roberta: I was told there would be no logs so not to bring a saw but there were logs so I ran home to get a saw. Nobody cut themselves. We have lost the stamp. Do you (Ron) know where it went?

- Ron: It was in the paper sack. It was used at PCT days last year. We used them to stamp the wood cookie.
 - Liz: Did they get put into the box with all the rubbing stuff?
 - Tammy: I have the crayons and the metal but not the stamps. Maybe they went to Sacramento. Some things have gone but not come back.
5. **June 12: Logout Paradise Park Trail #778: Chris K and Justin**
 - Chris K: It went real well, logged out more than I thought and I set a pretty ambitious goal – 22 logs. All crosscut. Almost 10 miles.
 - Roberta: I feel like we are getting more logs and more miles every work party. We are getting more efficient/experienced.
 6. **June 12: Logout Rd 58 to Little Crater Lake: Steve P**
 - Steve P: Yes I did multiple parties in there. It was 58 down to 5890 really. There was another one in there somewhere, it's all blurring together. I think about 30 logs in that section.
 7. **June 12: Log out Lolo Pass to Top Spur (NSM): Worm, Roberta**
 - Roberta: This is the one where we got Chuck to replace Leif.
 - Leif: Pam replaced me...no, you're right.
 - Roberta: I think we got 4 logs but can't remember
 8. **June 14: NSM at Bald Mtn: Pace**
 - Pace: Did some re-benching. Got some snow coming down on us. Month before it was bright and sunny, a month later and it is snowing on us.
 - Roberta: You know it's bad when we are trying to finish up benching and the snow is swirling and Pace says we are done at 1:30pm.
 9. **June 14: Scout Wahtum Lake: Busdriver John**
 10. **June 17: Brushing Ft Raines: Kelley and Leif**
 - Kelley: We got some good work done. Leif is a big help.
 11. **June 18: Go Beyond Racing at Teakettle Springs: Justin**
 - Roberta: Instead of doing the rigging and cutting, they did the switchbacks.
 12. **June 18: Logout Big Huckleberry: Marty et al**
 - Little Brown: We had 2 crews. One from each end. We left 33 logs. Went back later to finish up. It's all done
 13. **June 18: Logout Little Crater Lake #3: Steve P**
 - Steve P: So that was HWY 26 down to 240. Mostly small ones, it was relatively easy. There was one 2-footer right at the beginning.
 14. **June 18: Logout Twin Lakes: Gentleman Bob and Jane**
 - Bob: It went well. We had 12 people in the rain. We had 3 crosscut crews so we leapfrogged up the trail. There were about 130+ cut-ables. Some relatively small. It was a great crew.
 15. **June 18: Scouting Table Mtn North End: Freefall**
 - Freefall: We got a bunch of trees north of Table. Still have logs near the quarry, near 3 Corner Rock. Same place they all fall down every year. I have to find a sawyer to help me out with that
 16. **June 19: Logout Hwy 26 to Road 240: Steve P**
 - Steve P: See above. They cut down to here.
 17. **June 19: Scout Sandy River PCT: Chris K**
 - Chris K: Had some work for the Wilderness Stewards and double dipped for that one. Ramona falls to the loop. It wasn't too bad. We are supposed to put signs up on the 23rd. It was a very hard day. I also had to pack out 30lbs of trash someone left on the PCT. It wasn't too bad. There were several piles, not sure if they were from the same backpacker.
 18. **June 19: Scout Sedum Ridge North: Tami**
 - Tami: I just heard there were 3 down on the other side, Tyler and I had worked that side so I had to go check it out and its fine.
 19. **June 20: Freefall: with a FS crew, took out pretty big log laying on the trail. I think of note was being able to work/volunteer with crew lead by Dawn, she wants to be more hands on with working with us. We got 16 logs with her crew that day. Fixed some of the slides. Dawn took pics so we can look at what we need to do. There is another area that had collapsed out right near where my section begins. Got a lot in Kelley's section that were laying down and did a bunch of brushing.**
 20. **June 20: Logout Benson Plateau: Roberta**
 - Roberta: Justin said there were 5 logs and it was easy. More had come down before we went out. We didn't finish, 2 stepovers left.
 21. **June 21: PCT Muddy Fork brushing and drainage: Pace**
 - Pace: Got back down on the main PCT section. Spent the next day cleaning up the bushes. Cleaned up the river crossing. It was a good day.
 22. **June 24-26: Lemiti Logout: Underbucker et al. 500 log out**
 - Dave: A lot of logs. We had 3 days. Fortunately, few logs were large or complex and we had 6 sawyers. Walk, cut, walk, and cut.

- Roberta: I heard there were some cut, step over, swampers pull out.
 - Tyler: Marty and I force walked a new couple down to Jude lake. They wanted to turn around but I told them its 8 miles back or 2 miles forward. I'm hoping that couple come back, he seemed excited but she blew out her feet. Good fun day.
 - David: We used 2.25 gallons of fuel.
- 23. June 24: Scouting WA Side Gorge: Dana and Dawn**
- Roberta: They were scouting for the Skyline crew.
 - Tami: Which section?
 - Freefall: They are working in my section.
- 24. June 25: Logout Top Spur North with NSM: Worm, Pace, Roberta**
- Pace: Rolled a bunch of logs off the trail.
 - Roberta: One of the logs had been there for years. It was starting to encroach on the trail and by cutting some stuff we were able to roll it off.
- 25. June 27: NSM at 3 Corner Rock: Kim and Pam**
- Roberta: Heard it went well and they had a good time but it got really hot.
- 26. June 28-29: Steamboat Logout: Tyler**
- Tyler: So over the last 2 years, it has been less than 40 logs in 15 miles. You just take a chainsaw and scout/cut at the same time. We go up to RD 23, and there are 61 logs. It took 5 hours for a mile and a half. On the 2nd day, counted 98 more logs but I ran out of gas. That took another 5 hours. One was a 32" log laying 3 feet off the ground and I didn't know how to cut it. I told Dean about it and he logged out to RD 24.
- 27. June 28: Upper Muddy Fork brushing, tread repair and drainage: Pace**
- Pace: We went from Bald Mt to the river. Cleaned the inside drains and brushing.
- 28. June 29: Logout Timberline South: Ron**
- Ron: You could set the paper on the hood of the car and there was no wind to blow it away. Got some big noble fir down on the lower end. Leif was nice and came up to take care of those. There is a point in the day that even if there are a couple more left, you have to call it a day. It's nice that Leif jumps in to help with those. There were 2 new people and a cross cut team, it took them quite a while, one logs was a real tough one that didn't want to cut
 - Little Brown: It was 16" but burned in a fire and really hard.
 - Ron: They didn't make it to lunch with us. Nice of the power line crew to cut a big tree and leave it on the trail and left their tackle too. The tree is perfectly across the trail
- 29. July 1-2: Logout Indian Heaven South: Roberta, Tyler, Pace, Marty, Little Brown**
- Tami: Did you get eaten alive?
 - Roberta: It was a 3 bar Tyler day.
 - Tyler: It was 4. I had a weird tree. It didn't look too bad. I went to get the 25" from the BOG cache. It had the 20" bar on it. The tree had a little bit of side bind, I thought. I cut it and it moved. I didn't have an axe, had to hike back out to get more bars, and an axe. I thought about leaving but it was almost cut so I thought I should just get it. I made a cut and it moved. Now I have 2 bars stuck in. Bob, the new guy, this was his first crew, explaining that this isn't what we normally do. We wound up hacking the 2 bars out. There were 4 binds in it. It was a good day, went clear up to the Wilderness boundary.
 - Roberta: Pace and Marty were cross cut team from the other end. I was camp tender so I got to hang out in camp
 - Liz: (To Tyler) Do you get a prize for that?
 - Ron: The annual meeting is coming up.
 - Leif: The Golden Bar award.
- 30. July 1-4: Warm Springs Logout: Becky**
- Becky: We got it done. With Tim's help and several other equestrians. It was all done for the race this last week. Dave did more miles than we did but the total log count from Joe Graham horse camp to Breitenbush was 904 logs.
 - Roberta: Remember a couple years ago we were thrilled when we hit 1000 logs in a season.
 - Becky: There were 30 on Tim's section we could add
 - Tim: There were 4 more on your section.
 - Becky: I don't normally go to Triangle so I asked the people that are normally there. They said they were getting more trees in ½ hour than all day. Had a couple people go back out to finish Lodgepole Trail. Need to know who I contact at Clackamas to let them know it is done.
 - Roberta: Tom Triscik and Mark Engler
 - Becky: Tami found a plugged French drain, I got it drained off. I think it needs work but I don't know how to fix. It is draining but not draining through the middle. Dave was thinking the Skyline crew could do it. It is right on the trail. Really beautiful French drain.
 - Dave: Those drains are supposed to be covered with drain cloth.
 - Becky: There was still so much water so I couldn't see down to see if it was blocked. Not too far in.

- Roberta: Dana's preference is open culvert over a French drain.
- David: Do you want to work it out with Dana or do you want me too?
 - Becky: I'll let you do it. If she wants more specifics (it is about a 1 - 2 miles north of Jude Lake).

31. July 1: Olallie Logout: Jerry

- Jerry: 55 logs last weekend with Becky.

32. July 2: Timberline North logout: Ruth

- Ruth: I had a crew, old ladies, we did 2 miles from Timberline with inexperienced people. Had a great time.

33. July 2: Wahtum Lake logout: Busdriver John

- Roberta: Kim and Pam went as well

34. July 4: Chris K: I scouted the 4th and 5th – upper 778 and the whole loop. There is 1 log down on the loop, it's about 15", right near the junction, a few hundred feet from the eastern 757/PCT junction. So it's only 200 feet up that trail. Try to organize a crew for the 30th or 31st. I've got to finish the last part. Nothing on the upper 778. So all I have to do is finish what I scouted last time, 4.25-5 miles up there, and then another half mile to get that 15" too. Kim, Pam, Justin and I did more logs last year. I'm hoping to get 3 people because it will be a hard day. We drove the crew really hard the last crew. I only need one other sawyer, it would be nice if all 3 people were sawyers.

35. July 7: Upper Muddy Fork washout repair: Pace

- Pace: Across river to Yocum Ridge. Wanted to clear 3 spots that covered the trail. It was a small crew so we only worked on 1. There was a big root wad blocking the flow and blocking up the trail. There are 2 more areas to work on in the next month or so

36. July 8: Indian Heaven North logout: Rick

- Rick: I delegated that to Leif.
- Leif: There were 33 logs. I was too tired. Just over a 1.5mile. I worked morning to late afternoon and then freelanced somewhere else. If you move – call dispatch and let them know you are relocating, not signing out.
- Steve P: I had a big 26"
- Ron: Up the trail another 30 feet is another big one. I think it's the biggest one on Mt Hood.
- Leif: I scouted Indian Springs Tr, cleared 2 logs, but I went down to Eagle Creek and back up and scouted 16 on the upper part and 1 in the air that is a little precarious and big that I have pics of. My section from wilderness to Indian Springs is clear. It just needs brushing. Camped there. 33 logs the next day on Buck Peak. Doing that next week.
 - Roberta: I'm a little confused on your reports as to where to allocate everything.
 - Leif: So am I.

37. July 8: Gateway to Mt Adams Logout: Leif and Jane and Bob

38. July 9: Warm Springs logout: Becky

39. July 9-10: Logout Timberline to Ramona Falls: Ruth

40. July 9: Lolo Pass North logout: Leif

- Leif: 4.4 miles covered. I didn't get rained on.

41. July 9-10 Ruth: cleared Zig Zag to Ramona Falls. It was fun. No snow. Wasn't that cold.

- Roberta: We got rained on at night.

42. July 10: Lost Lake to Buck Peak logout: Leif

- Leif: 25 logs. Huckleberry Mt trail is clear 1.5miles. There were a couple of doozies.
- Little Brown: There are a couple of really good ones left. I left 2 in the air for Leif.

43. July 12: NSM near Gillette Lake: Kelley

- Kelley: Was it yesterday? It was fun. Glad for Roberta's help. They had a good time. Got a lot of poison oak out.
 - Roberta: I think I have some on my chin.
- Kelley: There was one log, they were so excited. They all took turns on the one log.

44. July 13: Today's caretaker meeting

- Becky: It was very heartwarming, every single hiker kept saying how appreciative they were about our work. It felt good to say from here north it will be clear. It was a good feeling for us. So many of them can't believe we are volunteers and that we don't get paid. They have no idea who keeps the trails clear. It was amazing.

Future Events

Next Month: See calendar on website. Changes are frequent.

Next meeting: Aug 10, REI

Beyond:

1. Sasquatch in Columbia Gorge (Freefall's section): July 8-14
2. Eagle Creek Celebration: July 15-16

3. Mazama Running Camp: July 31 (Timberline to Ramona): <http://mazamas.org/education-classes/mountain-running/>
4. Skyline Crew at Lemiti Meadow: Aug 5-11
5. Sasquatch, Mt Adams I: Aug 19-25
6. Sasquatch, Mt Adams II, Sept 2-8
7. Bunker to Bonneville 50K run: Sept 3, <http://www.cgrcb2b.com/>
8. Mountain Lakes 100 run: Sept 24-25, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>
9. Dolly Chapman has scheduled her fall crosscut saw sharpening classes:
 - a. November 29 - December 1: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-1129-121-tickets-26086802328>
 - b. December 2 – 4: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-122-124-tickets-26087028003>

Reports

Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy

- You guys are working too hard. I understand people really want to go out in May and June and now I have to pull fingernails out to get them out now. You guys wore them out, I don't know. I'm doing my best. Lots going on. We have Roberta and Dennis doing the thing (100 year anniversary celebration) at Eagle Creek
 - Roberta: It was going to be a tabling event. Now let's show historic artifacts
- Tammy: The next Friday is Trail Dirt Live downtown. I need a photographer and 1 other person to stand at the table and smile and give out nametags and other stuff we do. And Tonaya quit. We broke her. I'm the event coordinator again. PCT days is Aug 19-21.
 - Steve P: No Bridge Walk?
 - Roberta: No Bridge Walk that I know of. There is scheduled a crew that Dana and Jason were going to lead but would someone like to help lead it on the Friday? Usually a very low turnout. I can do it. I've done it in the past but if someone wants to let me know.
 - Leif: The work done on Carole's section is still holding up
 - Roberta: Do we have to set up for a saw demo again?
 - Tammy: I'm not sure
 - Tammy: We will have to do the store thing again. Sometime the end of September will be the BBQ.
 - Roberta: Do we still want to do it again? Oct 9 is the preferred date. Do you (Tammy) want to contact Bacon Bit for the site? Liz at NSM wants to donate food.
 - Tammy: I will.
 - Ron: This year the reservation people are taking care of everything. We can't even work through Bacon Bit. Our group had to pay.
 - Roberta: Last year was a good location and I'd rather stay there.
- Tammy: Aug 2-7 I'll be in Salt Lake City as a PCTA volunteer at an Outdoor show. And I faxed away for a permit to do the Rae Lakes Loop but I have to go out and hike. Its 40 miles. I'll be there August 12-17. Not taking my computer on that. I got my bear canister because Steve Q had it and mailed it home. If anyone talks to Steve Q – Vanessa wants him to eat and she is very worried about him. He was in Sierra City yesterday. He had a nice steep hike out of there.

Partnership Crews: Jayme

Upcoming and New:

1. Urban Youth: Aug 12-13. Dana leads, Kim, Bob and Jane assisting
2. Outward Bound Sep 2-4. Underbucker and Becky. Tread specialists: Kim and Pam and Busdriver John
3. REI: Tyler: September, overnight at Steamboat section
4. Danner Boots: July 20, Roberta with Tyler, Carole, Little Brown, Kelley, and Hilary
 - Roberta: I'll check with them for final numbers.
5. FYS (Forest Youth Success): July 26-27. Tami working directly with Dean
6. Trail Butter, Jeff Boggess: Worm incorporated into NSM Sept 10 crew
7. Lewis and Clark College. Sept 24, drainages on Paradise Park Trail. Kori with L&C leads

Multiple crews for same group:

8. New Seasons Market:
 - a) (done) Tuesday April 19 with Busdriver John, Herman Creek Trail and Herman Bridge Trail
 - b) (done) Tuesday May 10, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work, Bald Mtn area (near Top Spur)
 - c) (done) Saturday June 4 with Worm, Leif, Rick, Marty – logout Lolo Pass South
 - d) (done) Sunday June 12 with Worm, Ruth, Marty, Roberta, logout Lolo Pass South
 - e) (done) Tuesday June 14, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work also Bald Mtn area
 - f) (done) Saturday June 25 with Worm, Roberta – brushing, possible logout Lolo Pass South

- g) (done) Monday June 27 with Kim/Pam Owen, Washington in the Gorge area
 - h) (done) Tuesday July 12 with Kelley Davis - moderate, brushing work on the Washington side of Bridge of the Gods
 - i) (Cancelled) Friday July 15 Kids Day, with Carole and Roberta – Bridge of the Gods Tollgate Park, invasive plant removal on PCT and 400 trail
 - Canceled. Only 2 kids.
 - Carole: Can we combine that with urban youth kids?
 - Roberta: I think It's best to not. He liked the idea of doing another NSM Kids Day during the school year
 - j) Monday July 18 with Chris Sanderson - moderate, Washington in the Gorge area
 - k) Monday Aug 15 with Roberta - easy, invasive plant removal on Oregon side of Bridge of the Gods. April Ann Fong will assist.
 - l) 2nd crew on a Tuesday with Leif - moderate, basic tread work
 - m) Tuesday Sep 6, with Tami Sheets – moderate work in Washington near Sedum Ridge.
 - n) Saturday Sept 10 with Worm and Roberta
 - o) Monday Oct 3 with Roberta and Chris K – drainages along Paradise Park Trail.
9. Mazamas:
- a) (done) Feb: – Nesmith Trail with crew leader Pace.
 - b) (done) March: March 5 crew leader Rick/Pace. Wilderness logout Nick Eaton Ridge and Gorton Creek
 - c) (none) April: none (no work party requested)
 - d) (none/done) May: May 2-3 – no Mazamas
 - turned into a non-Mazama crew clearing a couple tough logs on Nick Eaton Trail
 - e) June, July, Oct cancelled
 - f) Aug 13: Steve P and Roberta on Steve's section
 - g) Sept: 9/4. Crew leader Tami at Sedum Ridge.

Completed Partnership Crews

1. Go Beyond Racing: Justin. June 18. Teakettle Springs section
2. Apple: Done. Tami, June 2 and June 3. Two single-day projects.
 - o Tami got an email from Apple asking if she wanted to do another crew with them
3. Lisa Holmes, Author and hiking group with 6 people wants a crew on April 30. Ruth and Carole
 - o turned into just PCTA volunteers, Lisa and hiking group cancelled
4. Alaska Airlines: Done. Leif on his section, Thursday May 12
5. PGE at Timothy Lake: Done. Roberta and Marty, May 23-25. PGE providing food and materials and PCTA providing volunteers

On Hold/Not scheduled

1. Montbell: Lamar offered to lead. On hold indefinitely.
2. Boeing: group of 5 or a few more- was going to be on Earth Day. postponed indefinitely
3. Girl Scout group: Carole and Ruth
4. Troup 22 Eagle Scout Project: Kim???
5. Ant Farm, Travis Roundy. Will have youth involved.

Dana: Subject: co-leader for PCT Days

Hi Roberta and Jayme (not sure if this is a "partnership" crew request or not). I've told Jason I can be there for the work party on Friday of PCT days (Aug 19). However, I'd much prefer not to do it alone. In fact I'd be quite tickled if another leader wanted to take the lead, and I could be a humble assistant crew leader. Can you please find out if there are any takers?

Bill:

Budget: Kim

Pacific Crest Trail Association
 Program Budget Report
 As of May 31, 2016
 Columbia Cascades Region - MT. HOOD CHAPTER

CMTL Grant (360)	Jan-Dec 2016 Budget	May 2016 Actual	Budget Remaining
Trail Crew Travel	-	-	-
Expendable Trail Supplies	2,755	923	1,261
Tools & Equipment		571	
Crew Programs & Training	551	100	451
TOTAL	3,306	1,594	1,712

Pam and I will be on our way to TSC Truckee to do saw training.

Could you please share this at our July meeting? This report is always a month behind, and I am already aware of about \$600 more expenses that are not shown. Please take that into account.

My advice to the caretakers: Keep spending what we reasonably need to, and let me know ASAP.

- Roberta: We still have money.

Tools: Leif

- Leif: We got them
- Roberta: We're breaking them
- Leif: I've noticed that people are using axes with sheaths on to bang away at stuff. Make sure we take off the sheath.
- Roberta: We have a broken katanaboy. The pin is broken.
 - Leif: Remember to use it in a circular motion.
 - Pace: It's the pin
 - Little Brown: The pin is supposed to be pushed in but it has come loose so it hangs out. The riveted end.
 - Leif: I'll go over tomorrow.
- Roberta: I got word another aux handle/stinger is on the way
 - Leif: We had one at the Portland cache. We need at least 1 at every cache.
 - Roberta: I'd like one for every "D" handle. Portland cache has 2 "D" handles.
- Leif: Sometime, we'll get diesel fuel at each cache. I have 8 squirt bottles. Don't lay it on like mustard, dribble it on. It is biodiesel. Tools love it. I'm trying to keep up on who has fuel and who doesn't. Dave looks after the southern cache. Portland is good. If you're going to Trout Lake or Wind River, I don't know. Jerry brings his own. If someone is needing to do logouts and needs chainsaws we can figure it out. For the most part, we don't need a lot of fuel out there.
- Bob: Tyler said rumor has it Trout Lake cross cuts are being sharpened?
 - Dave: They are in my shop.
- Roberta: BOG and Wind River caches are being used for Skyline crews. I may get some tools from David for Danner, not sure if I have enough.
 - Leif: Let me know, I'll be going down there to pick up tools and can pick up whatever Roberta needs.

Trail Skills College 2017: Tammy

Saw Certification: David

- Leif did a couple certs on the trail
- Leif: No news on the signing, so we don't know when the policy change is

Training and Safety: Open

Discussion Items

Please do not use the excel form for submitting project reports. Contact Pace, Marty or myself and we'll do the work for you.

- Roberta: It slows down the process. I'd rather do the report for you on line than have to use the excel form. It takes me 2 minutes.

- Tim: Do you need a copy of the signature sheet?
 - Roberta: Sacramento needs that, I just need the names.
- Jane: Do you want us to scan and then email them to you?
 - Roberta: If you scan them you can send it to Ellen as well. Or you can hand it to me and I will send it to Ellen.
- Tyler: Is the new report form up and running?
 - Leif: its a couple things that don't apply to us and not worth the training.
 - Roberta: The dates are no longer preset.

Announcements/Reminders

- Vacancies: Mt. Adams-North; Mt. Adams-South (covered by Jerry this year); Indian Heaven South; Upper Eagle Creek; Indian Springs Trail; Sandy River (on the PCT)
- Aaron says:
 - I have been working in my new role as the Regional Sawyer Manager since May 15th and now have very little involvement assisting the recreation program on the Forest. Please remove my email from your various announcement mailings and include Tom and Eleonore on all future announcements in my stead.
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch open 7 days a week, 7 am to 6 pm

Round the Room

- Pace: I have an email from Claire Pinter and the Elliot contract (Timberline Trail) is awarded and the contractor is starting next week – 10 days on 2 days off. Later in the season there will be some volunteer work to be done. Trying to hit it pretty hard. Another meeting to go over everything. Stay tuned. Another month or so we should have a chance to get up there and do a little work.
- David: I sent out email to caretakers for crosscut fans that want to get super involved, Dolly is putting on classes again this fall. Robert is going, I'm going. We've got 3 people from Ian's area in southern Oregon. If you are interested let me know.
 - Pace: There are only 2 spots left in the first session.
 - David: If it fills up, we might be able to talking her into adding 1 or 2 spots.
- Liz: It has been a bit, we're all healthy and things are all good in our household
- Tyler: Maddy had an operation last night. And if I can offer any advice, if you have an animal that you think may get hurt, get pet insurance.
- Tami: Forest Youth Success is the following week, 2 days. I'll probably be out next week to pick up tools. We're moving a creek that jumped. I have a bunch of teenagers to move rocks 5 feet. I'm going to have them cut back the bank and spread out a wash in another area. I'll prep having them fill in the culvert we blasted out and at the bridge were Damien cut out the root wad, he wants them to move the rocks to the north side and piled to reinforce that. I'll go over with their crew leader on Wednesday. I'm spending 2 days with them. Then I'll be gone for a while taking my Aunt on vacation.
- Steve P: July 2 I was out clearing north of warm spring and a high log that horses had to duck under. Leif was cutting it and a chunk of log flew 20 feet and landed at my feet. One of those things to think about.
- Leif: I have a new chain grinder. Have to do some practice sharpening chains.
 - Bob: We need to sharpen chains? We've been using them too much.
 - Leif: Yes, we've been going through a lot of tools that need cleaning and sharpening.
- Rick: Thanks again Leif for handling that mile and a half. Tyler and Bill are going to go with me to take out all the logs from the north half. Roberta asked me to go all the way to Blue Lake. Talk about working them hard. Its 8 miles each way. Nice terrain. We will have to dip ourselves in Deet.
 - Leif: I did find mosquitos don't like chain saws. As soon as you turn the chainsaw off they swarm.
- Rick: Congrats to Kelley for making it up Mt St Helens.
- Kelley: Mt St Helens was great. We got to glissade down. Out on a trail crew yesterday we installed some signs.
- Tim: We packed fish into the wilderness and released the fish at 4500 feet as it was snowing. We also got word about our grant request for Bull of the Woods, we were 8th on the list for points so hopefully we will be able to get up there to get that creek fixed. Scouting next weekend for the Sandy River reroute.
- Bob: Thanks for the aforementioned crew HWY 35 to HWY 26 is clear and reasonably brushed but have to do a tread crew. Maybe into September. The drain dips can use a little work.
- Becky: *I want to make sure Summer gets this into the notes:* This equestrian got off of her horse at the French drain and put on rubber boots and waded in and made sure it drained. I had 2 people with me that sat on their horses and watched me.
- Ruth: As Becky said, we had a good time last weekend and got lots of thank yours. We stopped for lunch and I helped a guy across and he said thank you Sir and then looked at me and looked horrified. I wonder if the boards at the zig zag crossing is from the old bridge.
 - Roberta: I'm sure they are from the old bridge
 - Chris K: It looks like they were cut to fit. I didn't report it

- Roberta: I think that right at the other side, I don't think it is horse accessible.
- Chris K: The problem is that that isn't the trail. The trail is further down. The crossing should be up river.
- Roberta: The other side of the Zig Zag, 2.4 miles, it needs some work.
- Becky: What would it take to fix it?
- Roberta: I think just cutting back again into the hill and restructuring the ramp out of the water. The horses won't ford on those boards.
- Chris: The normal crossing is up stream out of view.
- Becky: Maybe we need to mention that to Dana for when she puts together her Skyline wish list for next year.
- Chris: A day crew could do it. This year, the crossing has been a step across the last couple of years. That trail washes every year.
- Jane: My little tiny Gateway section has a crew on Saturday. Thanks to Ron, we have a sawyer and thanks to Leif who had already worked and was wet, dirty, and tired but he came and did some work with some tricky logs. But there are still about 25 left.
 - Roberta: That's a lot in a mile
- Little Brown: I had a great time in Scotland. People are wonderful, the terrain is great. The beer sucks. I'm confused about specialized hours; if you count both of us who are certified then it will inflate the hours.
 - Roberta: The certified sawyers get specialized hours. Crew leaders get specialized hours for leading. As a certified sawyer who is swamping you are still specialized because you can consult, or pick up the saw. Scouting never counts as specialized. Saw certified out doing tread work not specialized. If you are on a horse you are specialized. You don't get to triple it.
 - Bob: The online report doesn't say that as crew leader you are specialized.
 - Roberta: If you are sawing, everyone who is certified is specialized.
- Pace: Not too much. Taking off next week with time for the family in La Pine.
- Chris K: Probably won't be doing volunteer time in August. I have a bunch of hikes planned.
- Ron: I found out Iceland has the same problem that Multnomah Falls does. They advertise for people to come but it isn't set up for people. That will come later. Had an Iceland t-shirt on Monday and someone from Iceland was there and noticed. I sat in traffic for 25 min coming from the east side to get in. Uber will take people out but will not bring them back into Portland. So I brought a couple back into town. So I tell people to just keep asking if someone is going your way. If you go to the falls come before 9am or after 5pm.
- Carole: Not much. Got back from England before Brexit vote. That was huge. They have a new prime minister. That's huge. My 92 year old father arrives tonight. My mom is here and will be here for the summer. I've been doing a lot of chainsaw work, I stand there with Tyler or Leif in my mind running through where is the compression, where is the bind. I have over 100 trees on 10 acres with pine beetles to take down so I'm logging out my property.
- Freefall: PCT Days weekend is coming up. Heading up taking about 5 or 6 to work on my section for brushing. On Monday, I have a NSM crew in Kelley's section, north of Carpenter Lake section. I'll be in Cascade Locks most of the weekend so Kelley and I can connect about the sign.
- Tammy: I'm going to go back to Italy and not do this anymore (joke). Italy was fantastic, we walked everywhere, which was good as we ate and drank a lot of wine. One section, the Cinque Terre, was beautiful. The sea comes right up to the cliffs and you walk. I have a map that has all these numbers and the trail doesn't have any numbers so the map is a nice souvenir. Nice trail work, there are no switchbacks, the trail goes right up the hill with stairs. Didn't have one bad meal or one bad glass of wine. It was great. I'm going to Scotland but I'm not going to drink beer I'm going to the highlands.
 - Steve P: I'll be there next year in May.
- Roberta: It was interesting, I asked Sheri about the NSM donations, 1 was over \$300 of food, and one was \$75 of food. She said no one else is getting food donations. Anybody going out on a crew that needs pancake mix, noodles or granola? We have extra.