

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2016

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Summer

Welcome

- Welcome: Hilary Renshaw - Works with Jayme at New Seasons Market, in training as crew leader.
- Absent: Ron (Pendleton Roundup); Steve Q (close to Hwy 2/Leavenworth); Marty (hiking WA PCT + elsewhere)
- Attended: Summer, Tammy (with Bella and Jobin), Kelley, Dana, Chris K, Ruth, Worm, Hilary, Underbucker, Steve P, Pam, Tim, Little Brown, Kim, Pace, Liz, Tyler, Leif, Luna (with Fern), Becky, Tami, Freefall, Roberta (23 people)

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

Thanks to Pace for generating these stats.

Summary: 112 Crews! Over 14K Hours! Over 3 miles rehab/reconstruction! Almost 300 miles logged and maintained! Fewer admin hours.

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - Aug 2016					
	YTD		YTD		
	Aug	Aug	Aug		
	2016	2016	2015	YTD change	
Volunteer Hours, total	1164	14602	13747	855	6%
Specialized hours	167	2527	835	1692	203%
Miles Logged out	18	257	n/a		
Miles Maintained	3	42	213		
Total miles logged & maint.	22	299	213	86	41%
Feet of Rehab/Recon	1038	16745	7478	9267	124%
# Trail Work Crews	13	112	90	22	24%
Trail Maint - on trail hours	855	8500	6853	1647	24%
Trail Maint - support hours	176	2562	2649	(88)	-3%
Outreach Event hours	133	219	364	(145)	-40%
Training hours	0	3321	3881	(560)	-14%

- Tim L: Just curious, is our log outs a record?
- Roberta: Yes. Almost doubled from last year. And we have fewer admin hours.
- Kim: There is no time to do admin.
- Robert: The increase in number of crews is 24% over last year.

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Aug 5-11: Skyline crew at Lemiti Meadow

- Dana: I said "did you do everything Dave was concerned about" and they said yes. I haven't seen it but they said it went well.

2. Aug 12-13: Urban Youth: Dana

- Dana: That went great. Especially because it was 100F+. Great help from volunteer leaders. We had a great group of kids. There was only one that was downright grumpy. We worked in Fort Rains but didn't finish. Worked off the 2000 Rd and did tread and brushing and replaced a culvert with a step across deal.

3. **Aug13: Mazamas AYM, south of Frog Lake: Steve P and Roberta**
 - Steve P: Originally there was going to be 9, then 7 then 4 volunteers. It was a very good crew and they did some awesome water bar work and drain dips. Moved rocks and filled in with smaller rocks and dirt. There was one log down on my section that wasn't there the week before. But it will be there until next spring. They weren't young, they were 20s and 30s.
 - Roberta: They weren't Mazamas. They advertised it on Meetup. It was a hot day. It is somewhere that we can continue to work on. To continue working on tread
4. **Aug 14: 3 Corner Rock logout: Leif and Freefall**
 - Leif: It was a nice day, long drive. Scenic. There were 9 logs in ¾ mile and 1 big rock.
5. **Aug 15: NSM invasives pull, Oregon side BOG: Roberta, April Ann Fong**
 - Roberta: It was an easy crew where we pulled invasives. We went up to the big log, ¼ mile in. I lost 2 people. They literally got lost. They walked out to use the bathroom and missed the turn and walked into town. We tried calling them but they didn't have their cellphones. At least they were together. Other than that, they did great work
6. **Aug 16: Scouting Upper Muddy Fork section: Pace**
 - Pace: Scouted Ramona Falls to check on the slides and cleaned out some debris. Trying to make sure they are still passable. Trimmed some brush. I have a small little bridge that needs repair so I was scouting for native material. It will be a good learning project if people want to make a bridge.
7. **Aug 18: Big Huckleberry Tread Work: Little Brown**
 - Little Brown: We took out a campsite and fixed a piece where a spring was across the trail about 20 feet long. Robert was digging a ditch and we found there was a culvert at the bottom and we built the trail up about a foot, foot and a half on the hill. The ditch is deep enough that if it fills, the trail should stay dry. There were a lot of yellow jackets but we didn't see a nest. We didn't get stung so we just kept working. There is a piece of paper from the FS where if you discontinue the campground, I sent it to Guthook and they said any caretakers that want a copy of WA and OR maps (in their app), let me know, I have to send in the list tomorrow.
 - Roberta: Dean was bugging us to take it out.
 - Little Brown: We cleaned up the spring so it comes out of the pipe now.
8. **Aug 19-25: Sasquatch Crew, Mt Adams I**
9. **Aug 19: PCT Days Work Party: Dana and Roberta**
 - Roberta: It was a fantastic work party. It was fun. We had 1 person.
 - Dana: I got to spend quality time with Roberta. We made all kinds of discoveries. So, we went up on Tamanous and in the first clear cut, land belongs to Bill Hilands. He wants to allow people to camp there for \$60/night. He teamed up with landapart.com. It's like Airbnb but for camping. They came out and helped him bushwhack a trail. This is their flagship and it has been booked up all summer. They bushwhacked to the PCT. They put up a sign on the PCT that says private campsite, sign up at the website. The sign shouldn't be there, within the Forest Service easement . A couple days later, I went back to their website and the property is not listed.
10. **Aug 20: PCT Days: Tammy et al**
 - Tammy: It was 100F.
 - Roberta: There were logs and crosscut demo.
 - Tammy: On the PCT website, the hammock place got credit for cutting the logs. So I wrote Jason and said that isn't right. We got, I don't know how many names I put in, 25 names, and sent some to 350 Blades and Bill Carpenter. Our volunteers were really busy. The PCTA store people came so we didn't have to run that. Thank you Kelley, I couldn't do all of that.
 - Dana: Dan Ogden talked a few minutes about the National Trail Systems Act
 - Leif: It was big this year.
 - Tammy: Leif came and helped pick up. Angie Williamson and Jack Haskel were there talking to people about PCT stuff. Lance was there helped Kelley and I with the volunteers. It was hot.
11. **Aug 23: Timberline Trail Meeting: Pace**
 - Pace: It was the last meeting on the Eliot Crossing. There is a crew on October 1, joint with TKO and so far we have a full crew: 7 PCT people and 5 wilderness stewards. We are going to work on the west side of crossing in the wilderness. TKO and the Mazamas will work on the east side. I'm going out with Claire and Ken on Monday for scouting. Planning was getting confusing so I proposed that we would work on the west side and they work the east to keep it separate. It was getting too complicated trying to work together. Roberta and Leif, Kim, Kelley, Chris, and Bob are going. We should have a good time.
 - Chris K: They want to put the major drain in before the winter.
 - Pace: We are doing the finish work.
 - Chris K: From what I heard, there will be more crews next year.
 - Pace: There will be more finish work next spring after the snow melts. This will be to finish up what the contractors didn't do in prep for the winter. There were some drainage put in but it needs more work. We will do the finish work and prep for winter.
 - Kim: How far to the worksite?

- Pace: ¼ mile up to the trail, then drops down. It is ¾ mile total. 400-500 feet drop. For the crossing, they moved 8 big boulders in place for stepping stones. When I was there, they were dry in the morning and when I came back, one of them had water flowing over it.

12. Aug 23: PCT Muddy Fork Drainage and Tread work: Pace

- Pace: Earlier I did this. Some brushing, south from Top Spur towards Muddy Fork. Cleaned out old drains, cut some brush. We got done early.

13. Aug 23: NSM at Lolo Pass: Leif

- Leif: 10 folks came out. NSM Hawthorne. Some spouses and significant others I think. We filled in a perennial wet spot from rocks around the corner. That's the 2nd NSM crew to do the work so it should be done for a long time. The other half of the crew worked on drainages.

14. Aug 24: Apple Crew III: Tami

- Tami: It was amazing considering they were dealing with an epidemic at the apple store. They had a sickness going through the store. I only had 4 people. Didn't do the drainage we were going to do but we did go up to the big viewpoint. They did great work and I explained slough and berm and they worked all the way down. I went into the Apple store with my kids and they are ready to go out again.

15. Aug 27-29: North Cascades NP crew: Roberta

- Roberta: This was outside our district. We packed in. 3 people the first day, 1 other person the 2 day. We put in signs that Tyler made, thank you Tyler. A little different way they run crews in the national park. Very strict rules for radios: you say "PCTA" and they acknowledge and you say "checking in". Nothing else. Same when you check out. We had a hard time hanging coolers on the bear line.

16. Aug 30: Timberline Trail Logout: Leif and Pace

- Leif: Started out with 4, ended up with 2 of us. 10 mile hike in and out. Climbed 1600 feet. 26 logs with 2 Forest Service people. They came out of Parkdale. Driving from Parkdale and then hiking in and out so 5 hours at a time is spent commuting. That's why they aren't making a lot of progress. They started at Parkdale at 530 and had to leave at 2. We worked, did another couple of logs and scouted a little bit up on Vista Ridge. It is a paved road to the last 3 miles.
 - Chris K: It's hard to navigate because it isn't marked.

17. Sep 2-4: Outward Bound Crew: Underbucker et al

- Underbucker: Worked out pretty well for us. They were supposed to supply 8 students (18-28 year olds) and 2 instructors. We only got 7. One took a nap without a shirt and ended up with 2nd degree sunburns. With 2 instructors we could break them into 2 crews which worked really well for us. In order to support them, Kim and Pam helped me reopen Pinhead's Saddle Rd which hasn't been opened in 3 years. It is a pretty nasty road. It had 53 trees across it. There was 1 point where there was only 4" clearance on either side of the truck. We were there less than an hour and 2 motorcycles came up. Tim provided a horizontal water tank because we had to provide water for 14 days. It worked out really well. It fits in the truck horizontally so it doesn't raise the center of gravity.
 - Dana: Did every one camp in the saddle?
 - Dave: Yes.
- Dave: We rehabbed 2 miles of trail. I had surveyed 4 miles. We started at the top where the most problems were. We replaced 20 water bars and they packed out the steel pins from the old water bars. In addition they installed 29 drain dips. A few of the water bar locations were converted to drain dips. There was a lot of yellow jacket activity but they were not aggressive. We had no stings. The only nest we sprayed was right in the middle of the campsite. Just as a precaution. I think they were impressed enough with the PCTA and the Diamond Lake Project and the Pinhead Project that they would do it again.
 - Kim: Did they approach us?
 - Dana: Trevor thru hiked in 2013 and called me during his thru hike and said he was an Outward Bound instructor and that they are big on service. He called the next year and said they wanted to do some service projects with us. They did 15 days of service in Mid-Oregon this year. Great resource. They are pretty automatic that there will be 12 people and they are already out in the wilderness, you just have to get the tools out. I talked to their instructor today and they loved it.
- Dave: Normally the students aren't allowed to be out of sight of the instructors but after working with us they made an exception that their students could be in sight of one of our crew leaders. There were some new logs across the trail. There was a large log beside Warm Springs River that I won't get to. There is a lot of slough, about a mile and a half, so there is more tread work

18. Sep 2-8: Sasquatch Crew, Mt Adams II

- Little Brown: We put in water bars. Rocks and logs just half mile short of horseshoe meadow. Probably 8 rock steps and half dozen other. The logs we used to make check steps were all burnt wood/logs.

19. Sep 4: Mazamas No Crew at Sedum Ridge

- Tami: That work is the biggest project and really needs to get done. I went up with friends and the trail is only 6 inches wide. It needs work.
- Little Brown: That's the 2nd or 3rd time Mazamas has done this.

20. Sep 5: Timberline Mountain Music Festival: Steve P, Roberta

- Steve P: It was a beautiful day. We were outside, the music inside. Talked to a few thru hikers. There were another 12 thru hikers in the area heading to Paradise Park. The music was on the other side of the window from where we were and without the speakers outside, we couldn't hear the music. It was cool in the shade.
- Roberta: They put us beside the face painters so we had a ton of little girls stamping the wood cookies.
 - Steve P: It was hugely popular. There was the Friends of Timberline, the face painters and us. So not a lot of vendors

21. Sep 6: NSM crew at Sedum Ridge: Tami

- Tami: That crew happened. It was great. It was raining. It was very wet. I picked up tools at the Wind River cache. The gloves are at my house, I washed them. The 2 mile section where you couldn't see the trail because the bush was too thick, you can now see the trail. It was a great day. I met people from Raleigh Hills and Hawthorne. A couple have friended me on Facebook and I directed them to Tammy because they want to do more work.

22. Sep 10: NSM Sandy River Trail re-route, tread work, and Lolo Pass South logout: Worm, Pace, Roberta, Ruth, Little Brown

- Jayme: We went up and logged out the last logs at Lolo Pass. Met some thru hikers. They nerded out over Roberta's saw.
 - Roberta: We put our hardhats and gloves on them and they got to cut a bit.
- Pace: I worked on an area with Tim and we brushed out and pulled a lot of moss and pulled some stumps. Put some pretty good trail in and decommissioned the old trail. Some people were hiking the new trail by the time we were going out.
- Jayme: The reroutes are awesome. They are beautiful.
- Roberta: One hiker said they didn't even notice where they left the old trail and started on the new.

23. Sep 10 Steamboat Drain Dip Derby: Tyler

- Tyler: Turned out pretty good. 10 signed up, 1 bailed out. I talked with a couple they were confused – she put it on the calendar for the 9th and I told her if they already had it scheduled I had a couple signs to put up and could meet them. The morning of the 9th, she called to say her husband had the flu but they were planning on coming up the next day. I have really nice dirt! It is decomposed granite. So I take spray paint and paint all the drain dips and when you are done, you don't see the paint. So I painted them going in and counted coming out. And the ones that were flipping obvious, I didn't paint so 12 I didn't paint and 40 I did. We get started on Saturday and I have 6 people on the trail 855am. I sent a couple to find the other person 2 miles in and said to erase the paint on the way back. At 1145 we met them. We put in 52 drain dips in 3 hours. Since we finished early, I told them there was more to be done but it was up to them so we went up on a fire line in – slough and berm. 170yards. At 2pm we took off. The most amazing crew I've ever worked with. I've talked about fire line to crews before and they don't get it but this crew did. I was super impressed. I didn't get my signs put in.

24. Sep 14: Today's caretaker meeting

Future Events

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

Next meeting: October 12, REI

Beyond:

1. Mountain Lakes 100 run: Sept 24-25, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>
2. 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

- Tammy: Thank you for doing the Timberline (Roberta), thank you (Kelley) for doing PCT days.
- Tammy: The picnic. Bacon Bit (Dorothy) got us Guy Talbot. Typically it is noon to 3 and we show up at 11. So it's a BBQ that we do for the volunteers. NSM has offered to donate food so we need to work with them.
 - Dana: NSM has come to most of the crews so they should come.
 - Tami: Can I forward it to the Apple people?
 - Tammy: Please do.
 - Jayme: Leif, can you ask Liz to forward to all the stores that have participated?
 - Tammy: We get to bring all the rest of the stuff.
 - Roberta: We need to find out what NSM will provide so we know what we need to bring.

- Tammy: We will send out and email to let everyone know what to bring. Are we interested in a hike?
 - Kim: Last year we did a hike and promoted it and only 1 person showed up.
 - Tammy: The thought was we could do food and then do a hike after?
 - Roberta: If the hike happens, it happens. Don't advertise it, don't plan it.
- Jayme: Is there a covered area? We could bring games like cribbage or board games.
 - Marijke: It can handle lawn games too.
- Leif: Let's hope for no road construction.
- Tammy: On October 10th, at 10am I get on a plane and go to Scotland for 2 weeks and will not be taking my computer. It is my 25th anniversary with my partner and we are going away. My dog, Junior, is now a SUP champion. That's it

Partnership Crews: Jayme

- Everything is great.

Upcoming and New:

1. Lewis and Clark College. Sept 24, drainages on Paradise Park Trail. Kori with L&C leads
2. REI: postponed to October and moved
3. Hi-Tek: want to do a half day later in the day. REI will start the day and Hi-Tek will finish the day.

Multiple crews for same group:

1. New Seasons Market:
 - 1) (done) Tuesday April 19 with Busdriver John, Herman Creek Trail and Herman Bridge Trail
 - 2) (done) Tuesday May 10, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work, Bald Mtn area (near Top Spur)
 - 3) (done) Saturday June 4 with Worm, Leif, Rick, Marty – logout Lolo Pass South
 - 4) (done) Sunday June 12 with Worm, Ruth, Marty, Roberta, logout Lolo Pass South
 - 5) (done) Tuesday June 14, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work also Bald Mtn area
 - 6) (done) Saturday June 25 with Worm, Roberta – brushing, possible logout Lolo Pass South
 - 7) (done) Monday June 27 with Kim/Pam Owen, Washington in the Gorge area
 - 8) (done) Tuesday July 12 with Kelley Davis - moderate, brushing work on the Washington side of Bridge of the Gods
 - 9) (Cancelled) Friday July 15 Kids Day, with Carole and Roberta – Bridge of the Gods Tollgate Park, invasive plant removal on PCT and 400 trail
 - 10) (done) Monday July 18 with Chris Sanderson - moderate, Washington in the Gorge area
 - 11) (done) Monday Aug 15 with Roberta - easy, invasive plant removal on Oregon side of Bridge of the Gods. April Ann Fong will assist.
 - 12) (done) Tuesday Aug 23 with Leif - moderate, basic tread work
 - 13) (done) Tuesday Sep 6, with Tami Sheets – moderate work in Washington near Sedum Ridge.
 - 14) (done) Saturday Sept 10 with Worm and Roberta
 - 15) Monday Oct 3 with Roberta and Chris K – drainages along Paradise Park Trail.
4. Mazamas:
 - 1) (done) Feb: – Nesmith Trail with crew leader Pace.
 - 2) (done) March: March 5 crew leader Rick/Pace. Wilderness logout Nick Eaton Ridge and Gorton Creek
 - 3) (none) April: none (no work party requested)
 - 4) (none/done) May: May 2-3 – no Mazamas
 - turned into a non-Mazama crew clearing a couple tough logs on Nick Eaton Trail
 - 5) June, July, Oct cancelled
 - 6) (done, AYM) Aug 13: Steve P and Roberta on Steve's section
 - 7) (cancelled, no participants) Sept 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.
 - Additional work crew done Aug 24 with Tami on Sedum Ridge section.
3. Lisa Holmes, Author and hiking group with 6 people wants a crew on April 30. Ruth and Carole
 - 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
6. Danner Boots: July 20, Roberta with Tyler, Carole, Little Brown, and Hilary. 28 from Danner, did 4 separate projects on PCT between BOG and Dry Creek.
7. FYS (Forest Youth Success): July 26-27. Tami working directly with Dean. Dean set up 3 days on Sedum Ridge
8. Urban Youth: Aug 12-13. Dana leads, Kim, Bob and Jane assisting
9. Outward Bound Sep 2-4. Underbucker and Becky. Tread specialists: Kim and Pam and Busdriver John

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.
6. Trail Butter, Jeff Boggess: Worm incorporated into NSM Sept 10 crew, but then he had to back out. He sent Trail Butter for the crew.

Dana: I think we should honor our awardee that wasn't present at Trail Dirt Live. So Tyler. Tyler is being awarded the extra mile award for 2015. He has worked on crews all along the PCT. Hundreds of hours on the trail signs. One of the nominators called the signs "works of art".

- Dana: I've got a request that Roberta posted on Facebook. We were working with Trevor on a data collection project with leave no trace principles for campsites. We have noticed the use patterns are following the apps. They didn't complete the survey, so I'm looking for a volunteer that is currently hiking through Oregon that has a smart phone and is willing to collect information about campsites. It has been posted on Facebook and other social media. Trevor and his group hiked 300 miles. But only collected a handful of data points.
 - Tyler: Are you wanting where people are camping?
 - Dana: We are starting with the apps. How far from water? How far from trail? Trevor is ready to do it with next year's Outward Bound Course.
- Dana: In other projects that need some initiative. Lamar has stepped aside from the Eagle Creek Trail. We had gone out with Sue and looked at 7 ½ mile camp and had some projects laid out with campsite decommissioning and then possibly building a trail down to the bottom of Tunnel Falls. There are a couple of projects that don't have anyone to love them. If you would like to love those projects, let me know.
- Dana: Gillette Lake update. There is another parcel that has caused Skamania County to be in an uproar. Jaime Herrera Beutler has official stopped being an obstruction to this sale. The county and the Forest Service have agreed to talk to each other. So, there was remaining issue with easement where Weyerhaeuser used to own; Bonneville Hot Springs (Kidney Lake), there is a road easement there. The sale might close, becoming Forest Service land, by the end of this month. It looks good again.
- Dana: Signs. Any. Our donor who was supplying money for the wood has designated his money to other things this year but I am still making a list if you have sign needs and we are hoping something else comes along for that. We also had a volunteer contact us about making signs. He did say he might be willing to donate material and it sounds like he has his own shop.
 - Jayme: Can you write me a proposal for what we would need for signs for the "Bag it Forward" program at NSM? It is normally \$200-\$500.
 - Dana: Also, the no bike signs. I wanted to find out where we are with that. If you have non-wilderness section do you have no bike signs?
 - Tim: Have they been put up in above Timothy Lake?
 - Roberta: We put up some of them.
 - Steve P: I don't have any.
 - Dana: They are the tree hugger ones.
 - Tami: Something Becky found out that if you put a flag on them, they are less likely to be shot.
 - Roberta: We didn't get them all up by Timothy Lake. Marty was doing it.
 - Steve P: I have 3 places, so 6 signs, that I can put them up.
 - Tim: Roberta, do you have an estimate of what I would need?
 - Roberta: No. I think we put in 4. PGE wanted them, where user trails are going out to the road. And we didn't get to the middle
 - Tim: I could use 4 more. 4-6
 - Roberta: I don't have any more at my house.
 - Dana: I'll try to bring them out to the next meeting.
- Dana: So Paul is going out on Sasquatch Crew tomorrow for 7 days and I have Gus by myself. We are going to Bobby Lake for 2 days, his first work party. He'll be occupied for 30 seconds.

Bill:

Budget: Kim

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

CMTL Grant (360)	Jan-Dec 2016 Budget	July 2016 Actual	Budget Remaining
Trail Crew Travel	-	-	-
Expendable Trail Supplies	2,755	1,669	515
Tools & Equipment		571	
Crew Programs & Training	551	100	451
TOTAL	3,306	2,340	966

- Kim: We're about out of money. We've had an extremely productive year. If I don't have to return money, it will make me really happy. Please get any expenses you have to me as soon as possible. We also have folks with wish lists so if we have any leftover we can put it to those.
- Kim: Radios - so just in the last 3 days it has become clear, we used to have Mt Hood South radios and Mt Hood Chapter North radios and I think we will have to go back to that. So we will have to put a sticker on them so you know what repeaters. We'll take care of that in the off season. We don't have an offseason anymore. During down time.

Tools: Leif

- Leif: If you find a tool that needs repair or you find tools that you would like let me know. During the down time we will get some handles redone. We will have to start thinking about getting tools back to Wind River and Trout Lake.
- Dana: Most of my saws have been out.
 - Leif: The BOG cache chainsaws we don't use as much.
 - Dana: I have no attachment to those chainsaws.
 - Leif: We should keep the BOG chainsaws moving so we are using them.
- Dana: BOG cache sharpening day? There are a lot of dull loppers.
 - Leif: Your seasonal crew doesn't have it on their agenda?
 - Dana: I ask them but it falls to the bottom of their list every time.
 - Leif: We can set that up and bring sanders and get everything sharpened fast.

Trail Skills College 2017: Tammy

- Tammy: The first meeting is Tuesday the 20th at the Mazamas building at 630pm. We have 2 new people but I lost Dennis. He needs to take time for his health.

Saw Certification: David

- Kim: I'll send an email out for the Wind River event. I'll also send an email trolling for a lead and an assistant. Will be the same time as last year.
- Leif: We can also do a 1 night classroom here at REI to help reduce time. And all certifications next year will be for 3 years.

Training and Safety: Open

Discussion Items

1. Need more caretakers and crew leaders. 42 sections, 9 vacancies
 - Roberta: If you know of anybody who seems to come out a lot and seems to have good potential to be a caretaker or crew leader, let me know.

Announcements/Reminders

- Rachel Drake is back as Zig Zag Wilderness/Trails, now permanent. Please email her now and not Aaron, and not Mark. Mark's still there; is her boss and Rachel wants to handle issues first. Tom's still your contact for Clackamas until he's furloughed at the end of September, so please include Rachel.
- Vacancies: Mt. Adams-North; Mt. Adams-South; Indian Heaven South; 3 Corner Rock south; Benson Plateau (PCT); Upper Eagle Creek; Lower Eagle Creek; Indian Springs Trail; Sandy River (PCT)
- Also looking for an event coordinator

- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch open 7 days a week, 730 am to 6 pm
 - They usually switch to winter Oct 1.
- **We're currently at IFPL I throughout our region**

Round the Room

- Summer: preparing for our trip to Japan
- Marijke: We're still hanging out in baby world. Getting out a little more which is awesome. I've been back to work, that's winding down. If anyone knows anyone who is a Vet, no age limit, and interested in natural resource management in Oregon and Washington. There is a spot with Jeff in PNW trail. It is a 10.5 month internship.
- Tammy: We need an event coordinator. If you know someone that really wants to plan events with me. If you know someone who wants to work retail, Montbell really needs sales associates. Tommy is a great person to work for and it is downtown Portland.
- Kelley: Sadly, I will not be at the October meeting. I will be at my nieces wedding. Looking forward to the crew next week.
- Dana: Just be aware I'm going to be on the trail this weekend. So is Bill H. So we are both out of cell service. So if you go out and need someone call Jen.
- Chris K: About to end my selfish month of no volunteer work. Going to do some stuff with the Forest Service this weekend
- Freefall: ALDHA-West Gathering is at the end of the month. Heading down for that.
- Becky: Just having a great summer riding my horse, Plum.
- Ruth: I may get kicked out of Portland but I have a bunch of plastic silverware can we use it in the cache?
 - Roberta: Bring it to the picnic.
- Jayme: I will not be at the October meeting, I have friends coming in from out of town. I will be at the picnic.
- Hillary: Thanks for the first meeting. It was fun. Had a great time at the Ramona Falls crew last week. It was fun to see the first hikers on the new trail, they were excited.
- Tami: It is nice to be back. I'll miss next month's meeting but will be at picnic. Getting out next weekend for some serious hiking. Can we have radios at Wind River?
 - Kim: There used to be.
 - Leif: Have you checked the red toolbox?
 - Little Brown: I'd like that too.
 - Tami: There is electricity. There is a fridge. I'm going to talk to Dean, if it's ok, about getting a week at Panther Creek next fall. We could really use some help. I would like to do some major stuff on Sedum Ridge.
- Underbucker: There was a 15 minute feature on Oregon public radio on a proposed Oregon triple crown. It is 1700 miles. Maybe the next big thing in Oregon. I did meet 1 southbound Canadian hiker. He was advised by Washington hikers to skip the Oregon section because it was so boring. He said the trails were immaculate and the scenery was beautiful. The Forest Service put up a video on YouTube that resurrected a CCC era trail plow that was mule driven and used to move slough. The mule walks at 2 miles an hour at a steady pace and the plow just rips the slough. We need to get one of those in our arsenal.
 - Kim: Where's our mule guy? If we just hook up 5 NSM people...
- Steve P: After talking to William Sullivan at the state fair. If you hike any of his trails and report any changes he will give you a free book.
- Pam: I'm going on a bike ride tomorrow, along the Willamette bikeway
- Tim L: Our horses have a roof. They have cover. Went on a work party Aug 21. 7 miles in on the 501 trail and there was an upside down log with rootwad on top. So we didn't bother to dig any dirt around it. I think it will be an explosives thing. I had two people with me and one horse got spooked and took off down the trail. The horse did run back to the trailer. So some people do get to experience hiking even with a horse. Did get his 2nd black belt.
 - We're glad Tim's on our side
- Little Brown: I was up at Horseshoe Meadows last week and it was mid-20s for nights. It's that time of year where it is getting cold. 2 weeks ago I did a trip to Guatemala with Habitat for Humanity, you come back with an appreciation for our living conditions.
- Pace: Have Mt. Adams crew next week, Eliot crew on the Timberline Trail the following weekend. Both are full.
- Liz: Counting down to Aruba, single digits. I am so ready for a vacation. We get a 4 day layover in Atlanta
- Tyler: We get back from Aruba on the 4th, on the 6th I head up to Long Beach to harvest cranberries. We have friends that have bogs up there.
- Leif: I'm working a little bit with Ian for Sky Lakes Wilderness area logging out next year.
 - Becky: Keep me in the loop, the Back Country Horsemen are very interested in that area
 - Kim: Big Bend saw training good time to hit there?
 - Leif: Not sure.
- Roberta: Doing Timberline Tr on Friday with Pace and Leif and a brand new guy named Mike. I checked, Steve Q should be really close to Leavenworth today.