

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Summer

Welcome

- Absent: Carole (England), OG, Tami, Dana, Tyler, Liz, Kelley, Steve Q
- Guest: Kevin, a licensed landscape architect and avid hiker. Would like to volunteer. Saw the post on the Portland Hikers site, everyone saw the work being done on the Eagle Creek Trail.
- Attended: Gentleman Bob, Jane, Rick, Chris K, Pace, HeyMan, Ruth, Pam, Little Brown, Worm, Leif, Becky, Jerry, Tim, Kim, Steve P, Ron, Summer, Tammy, Freefall, Underbucker, Roberta, Kevin (23 people)

Breaking News

OG had a heart attack last Sunday. He had a quadruple bypass.

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

As always, thank you to Pace for doing this analysis.

Snow is hampering our activities.

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - Feb 2017					
		YTD		YTD	
	Feb	Feb		Feb	
	2017	2017		2016	Diff
Total Volunteer Hours	613	904		1,629	-725
Specialized hours	85	139		312	-172
Number of Trail Crews	4	4		12	-8
Miles Logged out	2	2		21	-19
Miles Maintained	4	4		3	1
Feet of Rehab/Recon	0	0		660	-660
Volunteer hours by Category					
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	330	333		692	-359
Trail Maint - support	253	522		768	-246
Trail Skills Training	19	39		159	-120
Outreach Events	11	11		10	1
	613	904		1,629	

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Feb 16: Scouting, light trail work on Eagle Creek Trail: Pace

- Pace: Eagle Creek altogether: Thursday the 16th, Eden and Terry were there. There was supposed to be more Forest Service folks. We hiked up about mile to a mile and a half, we were trying to clear as we went along. Eden took a look at it and thought we weren't going to be able to do anything for the bridge. But we did clear the trail at the beginning. Roberta got into an email conversation about sending out our crews. Bill and I were out for all 4 days. We had 18 folks, 300+ hours. Bill cut through 18 logs. We spent the whole time cutting through snow and ice and we got it clear. The contractor got in. They flew the bridge in on Tuesday. March 1st was the deadline for using a helicopter or they had to wait until October. We have been getting all sorts of kudos for getting it cleared. The head engineer was convinced that they couldn't have done it without us clearing the trail.
- Roberta: It was a work party to be remembered.
- Gentleman Bob: The Big O, or the not so Big O. They referred to your group as a group of volunteers. But the news mentioned it was PCTA volunteers

- Chris K: There were some neat pictures of the helicopter coming down.
 - Ron: On Thursday, Nick, the new Forest Service replacing Rachel, he had 2 weeks to get up here. He had never chopped ice or snow off a trail and I said, neither had we. Seems like a nice young fellow. Will have to work hard to keep up with Rachel.
- Feb 21-24: Eagle Creek Trail Cleanup: Pace, Roberta, Little Brown**
 - Feb 25: ALDHA-West Ruck**
 - Tammy: Terry Hill went as our volunteer. Said it was really good. They got 4 or 5 pages of names. So like 20, he did very well. He enjoyed it. Steve Q did a presentation. They said it was really good.
 - Freefall: I wasn't as connected with it this time around. It was fun.
 - Feb 26: PDX Tool Day**
 - Roberta: We got everything cleaned up.
 - Mar 1: REI Volunteer Information Talk**
 - Roberta: It went really well. We got a handful, a couple new people, some interested in being crew leaders or caretakers. Like 6.
 - Mar 4: PCT & Tanamous Trail Work & Logout: Kelley**
 - Little Brown: The trail is pretty much cleared off. Kelley went north and my crew went south. Cleared 12 trees. There was so much stuff down you couldn't see the trail. Talked to a guy that lives beside the trail and he said there was an ice storm bringing down all the limbs. No snow anywhere, except underneath piles of limbs. Kelley said the power crew will clear under the lines.
 - Roberta: She said she went 2 miles north and 1 mile south.
 - Mar 4: Wilderness Lit crew: Ruth and Roberta**
 - Ruth: It was good. We went a mile and a ¼, and got 18 logs. Lots of bushy stuff down. We left one tree down. They were a young, strong, intelligent crew.
 - Roberta: They were the most eager group. 2 of the boys had a race cutting limbs and broke the blade of the Big Boy. Yeah, a bunch of eager beavers. There was so much brush interlocked and over hanging that needed to be cut. The worse was right at Moody, when I scouted it got better towards the creek.
 - Mar 8: Today's caretaker meeting.**
 - Leif and Kim need to leave early.

Future Events

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

Next meeting: April 12

Beyond:

- Dolly Chapman has scheduled her fall and winter crosscut saw sharpening classes:
 - March 21-March 23, 2017: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-32117-32317-tickets-28056967144>
 - March 24-March 26: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-324-32617-tickets-28057506758>
- March 25: OSU Tree School
- April 9: Gorge Waterfalls Run, <http://www.rainshadowrunning.com/gorge-waterfalls-50k.html>
- June 11: Get Outdoors Day
- July 8-9: Mt Hood 50 Run, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mt-hood-50/>
- Sep 15-21: Sasquatch Crew: Riley Creek Project,
- Sept 23-24: Mountain Lakes 100 Run , <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>
- April 6-9: Estacada Crosscut Saw Training and Certification
- April 28-30: Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College
- May 4-7: West Cascades Trail Skills College (formerly Westfir)
- May 5-7: Wind River Saw Training
- May 19-21: North Cascades Trail Skills College
- June 1-4: Allingham Trail Skills College
- June 9-11: Big Bend Trail Skills College
- July 21-23: Tahoe Trail Skills College

Reports

Tools: Leif

Big Boy Broke at PCC trail work party – boys were racing.

Tool day:

- Leif: It was good. We didn't get to paint. We might have a couple McLeods that got moved around,
 - Underbucker: I'll count them and let you know.
 - Leif: I have one that I pulled from the PDX Cache.

- Pam: I think there are 5 or 6 at the BOG Cache.
 - Leif: Any out of BOG that are orange are from the PDX Cache.
 - Pam: I didn't look at the colors.
- Underbucker: I don't know any projects that would mix the tools.
- Roberta: We have to be mindful that BOG tools aren't ours. They are Dana's. She lets us use them. They are all PCTA but...
- Leif: There should be 2 shovels coming.
- Kim: Pam and I have been grabbing a dozen tools at a time and taking them home to sharpen. The BOG Cache's grinder is broken but I'll try to fix it.
- David: Do we have any more mini McLeods on order?
 - Leif: No. They are kind of nice. The 4 tine McLeod instead of 6 tine.

Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy

- Tammy: First, Steve P, are you available to do the tree school?
 - Steve P: Yes.
- Tammy: Roberta and I were asked if we wanted to go to REI's "Get Ready for Backpack". We can do it here and/or Tualatin. And I don't remember what poor soul I put at the last one. It is an all-day thing. I've had a couple of volunteers say they prefer things not downtown. So if I can get the volunteers we can do both. Sacramento is supposed to send me more stuff. I'm not asking you guys to do it but this is my plan.
- I sent out an email quite a while ago about the old picture boards and they are still at my house and I would like them to go away. I'm going to take them apart and donate the boards and bring the pictures in unless someone wants to take ownership of them. If anyone has a desire to keep them intact, I will deliver them, except Kim or Pam – I'm not going that far.
- Tammy: TSC is happening. In April. Again. Roberta and I got an email from Ryan, he is searching for good sites for brushing and tread maintenance. Can you have people keep an eye out, skip over them so we will have something for 3 Basic 101 classes? Each class has 12-15 people. That's a lot of work to find for the newbies, so don't brush until after TSC unless you have to.
 - Roberta: We have the 400 Trail
- Tammy: So please just keep in mind that we have a bunch of classes at the end of April that we have to find things for them to do.
 - Leif: I would think 400 Trail.
 - Roberta: There is probably plenty but the closer to Cascade Locks the better.
 - Little Brown: What about the Eagle Creek Trail?
 - Roberta: We wouldn't be able to do work on Eagle Creek. It is way too busy.
- Tammy: TSC is 28-30 of April. I believe the email is going out tomorrow to tell you that you can pre-register. Everyone, but Kevin, will get a pre-registration email and that starts the 10th, Friday. If you do not get an email by Saturday please let me know.
 - Chris K: What is the criteria for getting the early email?
 - Tammy: 24 hours in the calendar year of 2016. So at least 3 days.
 - Chris K: I was going to encourage the stewards to come out.
 - Tammy: If they've done the 24 hours, they will get it. Open registration is the 27th.
 - Roberta: We don't registration for a class we are teaching. Correct?
 - Tammy: I'm not sure. Ryan will know.
 - Becky: Last year you had to but there was a box to check to say you were a volunteer or instructor
 - Tammy: I'll check with them tonight. You'll get your emails. Let me know if you don't. If you have a favorite volunteer that says they didn't get it, let me know and I can check and send it out.

Partnership Crews: Jayme

Upcoming and New:

1. **PGE at Timothy Lake:** New Parks Department liaison is Bacon Bit. They want a crew. Anyone interested in leading? Bacon Bit has left State Parks and works for PGE.
 - **Worm:** No timeline in the email.
 - **Roberta:** Last year we did a 3 day 2 night and they supported us with food and we got a donation from New Seasons Market. Last year it was in May. We wanted it done before Memorial Day.
 - **Tim L:** It was the week days before Memorial Day.
 - **Roberta:** It is Tim L's section.
 - **Tim L:** We will be doing our work party, if the snow is gone, the weekend before.
 - **Worm:** It is not super pressing. If anyone is interested, email me and I can work with Bacon Bit.
2. **Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO):** We got a blurb and link in their newsletter to sign up for invasive plants. We will just merge them in with our other crews. Now have a way to target people willing to pull weeds.

- **Roberta:** I'll take this up. Dana forwarded an email from Brenda, we chatted and she is more interested in how we manage use on the trail. I said I could use help pull invasive plants and help the native plants grow back. She said great, I wrote up a quick blurb for their newsletter and added a noxious plant management on our mail chimp. If we have an invasive party, we'll send to that group. I'll take that on. At the time, it was maybe we would have a group of just NPSO but I don't think so.
3. **Keen:** looking for a big crew near Skamania on May 17
- Worm: They are taking 150 people out. The Forest Service is helping to partner and Mt Hood Chapter committed to a 30 person crew with multiple crew leaders. Looking for a commitment but not super gelled on what they need. They are at Skamania, working on the PCT or on something close. Thinking 3 crew leaders and a helper. And I need 1 point person to introduce and hand off to.
 - Little Brown: I'll take it on.
 - Worm: I think we can break it up. But we need to get a commitment of crew leaders.
 - Pace: I was thinking we could take a crew over to Eagle Creek.
 - Roberta: It is a Wednesday.
 - Pace: It is an option if you want.
 - Little Brown: If it melts out enough.
 - Worm: I'll put you (Little Brown) in charge
4. **Wilderness Stewards**, possibly April/May timeframe after their training. Chris K will lead.
5. **Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC):** They have 4 week-long trips planned where adults can vacation and go on hikes, raft trips, etc. Dates are July 15 through August 12. They want one work party each trip, preferably Mondays. In 2015 they were in central Oregon section and worked with Dana and Bill Carpenter. Dana says the work parties were successful. This year they will be camped near Bunker Hill.
- Mondays July 17 – Little Brown
 - July 24 – Little Brown
 - July 31 – Little Brown
 - Aug 7 – Tyler
6. **New Seasons Crews:** Liz would like Mondays or Tuesdays, 7 to 10 crews with these date restrictions. Anybody willing to take one? Remember for NSM the trailhead has to be within ~90 minutes of Hawthorne NSM. Liz will want to know difficulty of work, hiking to work site, type of work, and whether the crew is limited to 10 employees or can take more. Just note, Jayme (Worm) will be arranging weekend NSM crews separately.
- Worm: Leif is still the point person for that; need to change to someone else. It entails keeping track of the crews and working with Liz for introductions. I only work my NSM and Liz recruits for all the stores.
 - Little Brown: It is not leading a crew?
 - Worm: Liz gives a bunch of dates and you find a crew leader and then you send an email to introduce Liz to the crew leader.
 - Leif: Let me take the list and clean it up a little bit. It is limited by access.
 - Worm: It looks like 1 a month.
 - Pace: We can work on the reroute across the river.
 - Worm: I can also help get it set up. Between Leif and I you would get all the dates and stuff.
 - April – no projects Tuesday 4/26
 - Roberta committed to Monday 4/3, moderate level of work. Firm limit to 10 employees unless we turn it into an invasive pull.
 - May: no projects Tuesday 5/23, Monday 5/29 & Tuesday 5/30
 - i. Pace offered: Tuesdays 5/16 and 6/6.
 - 1. difficulty of work - Moderate to Strenuous
 - 2. hiking to work site - 0.5-1.0 mile, mostly level
 - 3. Type of work - Continuing work on reroute of trail started last year and improving existing trail. Building up trail tread and creating and improving drainage, digging and hauling dirt, some brushing. Decommissioning old trail.
 - 4. crew is limited to 10 (Wilderness Area)
 - ii. Busdriver John offered: Please advise Liz I'll take Tuesday May 30 and get scouting done by May 13 and get her details. (I told him that Pace had already selected dates, but would leave it up to you and Liz as to which were preferred.
 - June – no projects Mon 6/19 , Tues 6/20
 - i. Pace offered 6/6 see notes above.
 - July (could run 2 projects) - no projects Monday 7/3, Tuesday 7/4 & Tuesday July 18
 - i. Roberta, 7/17, invasive plant pull. Easy hike, easy work. From Bridge of the Gods trailhead on Oregon side. Can go up to 16 employees. I haven't asked April Ann yet (who worked with us last year)
 - August (could run 2 projects) – no projects Tuesday 8/15
 - September (could run 2 projects) – no projects Monday 9/4, Tuesday 9/5, Monday 9/11 & Tuesday 9/12
 - October - no projects Tuesday 10/10

Completed:

1. **Wilderness Lit Class (PCC):** Mar 4. Ruth and Roberta, logout on BOG Oregon Side.

Cancelled/Declined/Did Not Happen:

1. **Wilson High School:** Tami (but meeting no-showed, so dropped)
2. **National Wildlife Federation:** They declined.

Dana: at staff retreat

Bill: at staff retreat

Budget: Kim.

Here is the 2017 budget for the Mt Hood Chapter:

Trail Crew Travel	\$550
Trail Supplies	\$2,205
Training	\$551

- Kim: Not a lot of money for tools and stuff. So if you think you have a crew going out and you have to feed them, send me an email. That's pretty much it for budget.
 - Leif: Did the tent get billed to last year?
 - Kim: Yes, last year. At the very end of the year, Jen looks to see what hasn't been spent and offers a last minute purchase. So it was great we had it on our list.

Radios:

If you're in the Gorge, use Gorge repeaters (esp Defiance). If you're in GP, use GP repeater (esp GP Defiance). Dispatch gets cranky if you cross borders.

One PDX Cache radio will have programming for North Side (adds South Point, removes Clear Lake)

- Kim: Some of the group got new radios. Roberta reported a bum radio. I reprogrammed it, I'll test it outside. If you are in the Gorge be on Gorge repeater but use whatever repeater you can get.
 - Roberta: We were chastised for using GP Defiance while in the Gorge when we should have used Gorge Defiance. Try where you are first.
- Kim: Yes, but if you can't it's better to check in then not.
 - Roberta: If you have cell phone reception that is first choice for all of us.
- Gentleman Bob: Do we have a radio count? There was one, pcta#3 I haven't been able to find it anywhere. It seemed like on tool day that there weren't as many in the PDX Cache as in previous days.
 - Chris K: We figured it out at the time.
- Gentleman Bob: I got one saw back but I have great confidence that when the snow melts I'll have all the tools back.
 - Kim: It would be on the tool count.

Trail Skills College Apr 28-30 2017: Tammy**Pre-Registration - March 10****Open Registration - March 27**

From Ryan: I'm searching for good sites for our Intro classes to do brushing and basic tread maintenance. I know there is a push to get stuff opened up following these storms. In the process can you tell folks to keep an eye out for places that need basic annual maintenance.

If they could note those areas and skip over them I will have something to send our three groups to go out and do come Trail Skills College. - thanks, Ryan

Saw Certification: David

- Underbucker: Estacada is still going on as planned. The 1st weekend in April. It is crosscut only unless you are dual certified. We're about 70% full.
- Leif: Wind River is on schedule.
- Tim L: If I have to send someone to Wind River how do I do that?
 - Leif: They would have to be a PCTA member or volunteer. It's our cards meaning you have to be a PCTA member or volunteer. That's the way the rules are
 - Tim L: It's Clyde Drapp.
 - Becky: He worked on Triangle, not last year but the year before.
 - Leif: It doesn't have to be current. But not too far back
 - Kim: Have Ellen check it. He could always do a work party.
 - Leif: He would need his CPR and First Aid. He can come out and do the safety class and we can catch him up on the evaluation.

Training and Safety: Open

Discussion Items

March 1 list of interested new caretakers/crew leaders

Christie Moore signed up for Crew Leader Assistant, Camp Tender, Volunteer Coordinator.

Frank Jahn is willing to be crew leader and future caretaker.

Josh Durham signed up for Camp Tender, Crew Leader, Caretaker.

Pete Hazen signed up for Crew Leader and Caretaker.

Chuck Meservy possible caretaker or Crew leader.

Brooke Stevinson Wants Mt Adams North

Some orphan projects discussed in the November meeting

- Roberta: We can't even talk about until the snow melts.
 - Stairs at Wahtum Express (Busdriver John declined to lead)
 - Kim: Why are we doing them since there are switchbacks?
 - Roberta: To fix them. People are going to use them.
 - Kim: Rip them out.
 - Leif: The people using them are paying to camp there. So it should come out of that.
 - 7 ½ mile camp decommissioning project (Little Brown started but got rained out)
 - Roberta: Dana really wants this done.
 - Little Brown: Susan B said don't even think about it until this fall, like September or October.
 - Tread at Tunnel Falls
 - Roberta: Dana really wants this. This is going to be really difficult work.
 - Pace: Can we put a gabion in there? Or log structure?
 - Leif: With spikes on it so people don't go over it.
 - On the PCT, Roaring River section, about 1 mile northbound from Paradise Park Loop and 2 ½ miles uphill (southbound) from Sandy River crossing, there's a cliffy overlook and people are getting lost. Think that a good brushing would fix the getting lost issue. Chris K. willing to work with the Wilderness Stewards,
 - Roberta: I should take it off because it is adopted. (HeyMan)
 - Top Spur feeder trail: we got the go-ahead to adjust the trail around the tree roots causing water issues and also can plan to fill near the trailhead with gravel (they are planning to add gravel to the road, and they also have access to "free" gravel): Pace took on the tree root remediation. Can do the gravel with a partnership crew.
 - Roberta: Pace picked this up.
- Mt Hood NF requests help outside our usual turf. Anyone interested?
 - Hidden Lake Trail, serious drainage issues near top where it joins PCT (Ruth, Chris)
 - Old Salmon River Trail, general maintenance and stair reconstruction (Roberta)
 - Hunchback Mtn Trail, logout, but about 5 mile strenuous hike to get to the logs; difficult logs (Little Brown scouted). Newer news is that Rachel really wants help hauling water for a crew
 - Roberta: Not confirmed from Rachel.
 - Little Brown: She asked me to survey it so I did it and she wants her crew to log it out and us to haul water up to the ridge for her crew.
 - Cool Creek Trail, drainages

Announcements/Reminders

- 9 Vacancies: 1) Mt. Adams-North; 2) Indian Heaven South; 3) 3-Corner Rock south; 4) Teakettle Springs (PCT); 5) Upper Eagle Creek; 6) Middle Eagle Creek; 7) Lower Eagle Creek; 8) Indian Springs Trail; 9) Pinhead Buttes (fostered by Becky/Underbucker)
 - Reserved: Benson Plateau (Hilary); Rushing Water (Hey Man);
 - Interested: Mt Adams-North: Brooke Stevenson
- Also looking for an volunteer coordinator
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch changed on Oct 15: 7:30a to 4:30p, M-F. Outside of these hours you still need to create a TCP, and must have an alternate dispatcher.

Round the Room

- Roberta: Glacier Peak Crew: We're filling one of three crews working to clear a 12-year backlog on logout. July 1-8. We will use a spike camp that can shelter 6. Kelley, Tyler, Shannon and I are confirmed, Pace tentative. We need one more. Pace said it was good when he went through in 2012.
 - Pam: That seems pretty optimistic
 - Roberta: Barry said it is SE facing and said the snow-tel is smaller than last year so hopefully it may work. There is a crew going the week before and we are thinking that they may get pushed back so we would

be the first crew. It is a spike camp, 6 hammocks, stove and they will provide us with Mountain House food but no cook. If anyone is interested let me know.

▪ Tammy: I'm interested.

- Bob: Going back north again. I try to judge what the snow level is going to be by Government Camp and Timberline. I had a 5-foot pole and it looked like about 55 inches of snow. I don't want to get too optimistic about getting into my area.
- Jane: On tool day I worked up in the attic kitchen. Everything is in good order. We have white gas stoves, clean linens and hot mitts. So it should be ready for people. If you can, make sure everything is clean and goes back into the correct bin. If there is only a tiny bit of Joy or gas, take it home. No one is going to kick you out of the club.
- Rick: I got an email from Adam B at the Mazamas. They want to work with us again. They want to do Herman Creek. I'm going to try to get up this weekend to see. They want to focus on the first 3 miles, which is chainsaw work. Once June hits, the Mazamas are useless for trail work.
 - Roberta: We'll let you manage that.
 - Rick: They showed up well in March and April.
 - Chris K: Would they be up for late season?
 - Rick: Possibly. They are normally burned out of peaks by then. Adam has a lot on his plate, becoming their government liaison. Interesting, I'm on the board, Lee Davis really wants to take on roles like WTA in Oregon. So I said, let us take care of it just provide the labor. But he's an ambitious guy that wants to spread his empire.
- Chris K: Not trail related. I got a permit to climb St Helens. Last time was 4 years ago.
 - Rick: I'm climbing it July 1.
- Pace: Really getting tired of the snow. On tool day I noticed a lot of the Ibuki saws are starting to have pitting on them. When you bring them back make sure they are dry and don't put the Katana Boy back in the case. There was one saw sitting in the case and it was all wet.
 - Roberta: Kudos to Pace, he took them home and pumiced all the rust he could off of them.
 - Roberta: Underbucker recommends putting a spray of wd40 on them. So I did that to all the ones that are there. Also, thank you to Pace for getting the spuds made and making a little leather cover for them.
- Hyman: Will be seeking out advice from some people so be ready to hear from me.
 - Roberta: Pace is going to set up a plan to train everyone. We'll get you roped into that. Are you taking any classes at TSC?
 - Hyman: Yes.
- Ruth: I won't be here next month, I'll be in New York. Going to the Big City.
 - Roberta: Thanks for taking care of all the first aid kits.
- Little Brown: Tish Creek, cleaning off the bridge was one of the more interesting projects. Probably because it was the only project I've been on in a while.
- Worm: Thank everyone for all that they do. When I was talking to Keen, I made a point of mentioning our volunteer crew leaders. You guys are great!
- Becky: Don't know how many people are following the bills that are transferring the land to the state. I was on a webinar today that was very informative. One thing I hadn't thought about, if this should happen, the PCT would be one of the things that would be very affected. I guess I didn't really think about it in the big picture. Couple things: state lands now, in the west, are currently managed just for profit, nothing to do with recreation. And also I guess the Utah thing, where it started, those lands should go back to their rightful owners, the states. The webinar said when each state joined the Union, they signed an enabling act that they have no rights to any of those federal lands and that they could never have control over them and they had to sign that in order to join the Union. The webinar mentioned how much outdoor recreation boosts the economy: \$646 billion in direct sales. That doesn't include everything else. The Federal Government doesn't want to lose that.
 - Chris K: Do you have something to send out?
 - Becky: It is all federal land. I took notes on the webinar if you go onto the PNTS website, they have this PowerPoint on it. It is available for everyone.
 - Chris K: The BLM is kind of sketchy but all the land?
 - Becky: When Nevada was brought in, there was 2.7 million acres of federal land there is now only 3000 left. Utah has sent 50% of their federal land – that there were given for joining the union.
 - Jerry: We have been fighting this thing for a few years. It's suddenly becoming very immanent. You should do a little research. The more people that write letters. Oregon delegations has not come out in favor.
- Tim L: Had a pack clinic on Saturday. We might be able to come up with 4 sets of panniers for gravel. So we might get some help for dropping sand.
 - Roberta: Jim is going to help on my dry bridge too, to fix the dry creek ford, and the tread on the other side. Did you hear his barn collapsed? Too much snow.
 - Becky: Barn raising on Saturday.
- Tim L: Didn't know if you knew when they would open the gate?
 - Pace: As soon as it melts out.

- Roberta: I thought we would use equestrians to move the sand and NSM to build the water bars and tread work.
- Tim L: It might do well with TSC packing class but it may be too far out. We need to get it done before then.
- Steve P: I'll be at Tree School on March 25. That and the Timberline Music Fest are my 2 table events. Tree School booked up quick.
- Ron: Talking to Marty at Hoyt Arboretum, the trail crew has 560 trees down, many on the trail and uprooted. They've got a lot of work. People at the falls have told me that Lake Erie didn't freeze over this year. People in Delaware are saying the cherry blossoms are blooming and the daffodils are up. They like coming out here because it is nice and green and even though it was raining they still liked it.
- Summer: learned to knit socks.
- Kevin: Apparently I'm at the wrong meeting. I think I should do some trail work. I am a member of a Facebook group, Portland hikers, someone put out a link for PCTA. I saw this meeting and I live up the road and thought I could show up and volunteer. The next step is who I talk to about going someplace that is poison oak free. I am self-employed and have my own tools. I'm mostly landscape construction. I have backpacking gear, camp a lot and did Defiance last fall. It almost broke me.
 - Tammy: You'll have to wait until after July but give me your email.
- Tammy: I'm going to go on a road trip with my dog and RV. Leaving May 15 I think. Going east for a ways to visit siblings on the east coast. I'll be back in time for Get Outdoors Day. There's a lot of McDonalds between here and there that has internet. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator because I have to not do it for a little while. I'm hoping to do more of out on the trail instead of sitting at home typing emails.
- Freefall: 1. We had a meeting about 2 weeks ago at Bonneville. The hot springs resort is no longer and now becoming a health care facility. That access trail is now closed. It was a very "oh shit" moment when I heard about it. They are planning on building up a trail from N Bonneville up to the PCT. The way it stands, if I want access to the lower part of my trail, I have to hike 6 miles. Dana and I are going to the former owners of the resort, they own a lot of land up there on Shelly Lane that we have used. Dana is going to contact them and say look, until this new access trail is constructed can we request some access in the Shelly Lane area. I haven't heard back but we'll see if we can get that. Kelley was also there. 2. Last meeting I was in DC. I went with the NW team: Mark Larabe, Mike Dawson, and myself. We went to 18 offices. 14 Congressional. Did not get Greg from here in Oregon. We had very good meetings with everyone, we talked to all the congressional people about the Dear Colleague letter. I think we had some very good conversations with both Republicans and Democrats. I come away very hopeful. I would say all the offices we went to, they told us these are uncertain times. So we will see what happens and keep our fingers crossed and hope. We talked about fire and Forest Service budgets and how they are plundered, and what happened in the Smokies and wake up the East Coast Congressmen. It's like our hurricane out here when we have fires. HR502, we really hammered that. A lot of agreement and support. Jaime Herrera Beutler, got to talk to her about the land purchased by the Forest Service, her office got back to Dana and our meeting was very fruitful. Very honored to go out there and represent, every time we went into the office I introduced myself as a PCTA volunteer. My buddy shared a thing about the public lands thing, the history if you go to Facebook – keep it public – they have a video history about public lands. It is very interesting.
- Underbucker: Going to Southern Oregon the last week of this month to start preparing for Hyatt Lake saw certification, from there going to Fresno for the Forest Service annual saw meeting. All the regions send their reps and we get a couple of reps there. This year it will be exclusively focused on the new National Saw Policy implementation. It is important because we start training in April and we don't have an approved saw policy. Kind of behind the 8 ball. We'll talk about how we implement. There's some good things in the new policy, like 3 year cards and we're also going to start using our own JHAs instead of the Forest Service JHAs. There is a lot of good things in the policy that we have been looking forward to.
- Kim: May 21, a Sunday, we're going to have a cook out at our place for caretakers and our people. We'll plan a wildflower hike out in our area. I'll call it an open house
 - Jerry: I'm going to call it a party.