

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2017

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Roberta

Welcome

- Absent: Carole (Vail); Jayme; Bob and Jane; Kim and Pam; Little Brown, Tim, Pace (Timothy Lake); Christie (work); Frank (Glacier NP for the season); Summer (stuck in traffic)
- Attended: Underbucker, Becky, Tammy, Tami, Rick, Brooke, Ruth, Kelley, Leif, Steve P, Jerry, Chris K, Freefall, Tyler, Liz, O.G., Roberta (17 people)

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

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

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - May 2017						
			YTD		YTD	
		May	May		May	
		2017	2017		2016	Diff
Total Volunteer Hours (1)		1,460	7,419		8,886	1,467
Specialized hours		255	729		1,320	-591
Number of Trail Crews		14	30		49	-19
Miles Logged out		13	35		90	-55
Miles Maintained		3	27		22	5
Feet of Rehab/Recon		590	2,567		9,640	7,073 (2)
Volunteer hours by Category						
Trail Maint - crews & scouting		1,088	2,476		3,433	-957
Trail Maint - support		215	1,459		1,963	-505
Trail Skills Training		158	3,387		3,459	-72
Outreach Events		0	97		31	66
		1,460	7,419		8,886	
(1)	Includes Trail Skills College		2,752		2668	
(2)	4/30/16 Moody St, Carole				2500	
	5/12/16 Lolo Pass North, Leif				950	
	Trail Skills College		977		2570	
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Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. **May 12: Middle Eagle Creek Logout: Pace**
 - a. This was an extra long day, 12 hours and hiking 14 miles, cleared 34 logs south of the Wilderness Boundary up to near 7-1/2 mile camp.
2. **May 13: Logout Trout – Panther Creeks: Leif**
 - a. They all started blending together. 500 logs
3. **May 13: Thunder Island Weed Pull: Roberta**
4. **May 14: Elowah Falls Slide #2: Little Brown, Christie, Hey Man, Frank**
5. **May 15: Leadership Meeting**
6. **May 17: KEEN at Eagle Creek: Little Brown**
7. **May 19-22: Timothy Lake Logout: Tim and Sara, TRBCHO**
8. **May 19: PCT Muddy Fork Brushing/Tread: Pace**
 - a. Cleared one log with crosscut, brushing near river crossing and started on creating better approach to log crossing for hikers.
9. **May 20: Whistle Punk/Panther Creek Logout: Leif**
10. **May 22-23: Middle Eagle Creek Logout: Roberta, Pace, Little Brown**
11. **May 25: Upper Muddy Fork Scouting: Pace**
 - a. Hiked up road still blocked by snow 2.5 miles before Top Spur TH. Top Spur trail under snow, but Upper Muddy Fork section clear of snow from south side of Bald Mt to river crossing.
12. **May 26: Whistle Punk/Warren Gap logout: Leif**
13. **May 28: Scout Sedum Ridge: Tami and Roberta**
 - a. South end of Sedum and north end of 3 corner rock scouted
14. **May 30: Scouting Ramona Falls: Pace**
 - a. Scouted and flagged Sandy River trail for NSM crew, and swept debris from bridge over Ramona Creek on Muddy Fork section.
15. **May 31: Scout Big Huck: Little Brown**
16. **June 3: BOG Beautification Project: Roberta, Trail Butter**
17. **June 3: Logout Panther Creek: Leif**
18. **June 4: Logout Rd 240 to Little Crater Lake: Steve P**
 - a. Lower 3 miles only 9 logs, upper 5 miles only 33 logs, all small. Low on bugs!
19. **June 4: Scout 3 Corner Rock section: Kim and Pam**
20. **June 4: Scout Lolo Pass South: Worm and Roberta**
21. **June 6: NSM Crew 3, Sandy River Trail: Pace**
 - a. Dug out rocks in tread and carried in a lot of sand to fill in and smooth out the tread on second reroute begun last fall. Also cleared rocks from tread between reroute and river crossing.
22. **June 7: Scout Paradise Park Trail: Roberta**
23. **June 7: Upper Muddy Fork Scouting and Cleanup: Pace**
 - a. Road to Top Spur now melted out. Cleaned out four gully/slide areas so logout crew and hikers would have easier access. Also cleared five logs off upper part of PCT Muddy Fork Section.
24. **June 10: Get Outdoors Day: Little Brown**
25. **June 10: PCT Muddy Fork Section River Crossing: Pace**
 - a. Continued work on approach to Muddy Fork river crossing, busting up a boulder, trimming the root on crossing log and filling in low area around stream crossing.
26. **June 10: Scout Table Mountain: Freefall**
 - a. 4 mile hike on snow to get to the trail; NO LOGS!; big boulder = enjoyable send-off
27. **June 12: Upper Muddy Fork XC Logout: Pace and Little Brown**
 - a. cleared about 20 logs on Top Spur trail and Upper Muddy Fork.
28. **June 14: Today's caretaker meeting**

Future Events

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

Next meeting: July 12, REI

Beyond:

1. July 7-13: Skyline Volunteer Vacation at Table Mountain
2. July 8-9: Mt Hood 50 Run, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mt-hood-50/>
3. Sep 15-21: Sasquatch Crew: Riley Creek Project
4. Sept 23-24: Mountain Lakes 100 Run , <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>
5. July 21-23: Tahoe Trail Skills College

Reports

Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy

1. Met with Jack Haskel, Development Team et al in Sacramento yesterday. New snow maps
 - a. <https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/maps/daily-satellite-images/>
 - b. <https://www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/maps/>
2. Development team reminds us we can say no to corporate crews
 - a. Consensus in the room is that it does not matter if an organization is a donor or not. We won't do any more 30-person crews, and we won't do a whole lot of ask and re-asks for crew leaders. If we can accommodate the request, great. If not, we decline. We're volunteers.
3. PCT Days: volunteer through Jason, not through Tammy. PCTDaysVol@gmail.com
4. Still snowing in the Sierras

Partnership Crews: Jayme

Upcoming and New:

1. **Go Beyond Racing:** Renee and Todd say: Can we pick a date for some trail work somewhere on either the Mt. Hood 50 or Mountain Lakes 100 courses? Even if we don't have specifics about what we'd be doing, I'd like to get a date out there to our followers and racers so they can mark it on their calendars. Can you give me a few that work well for you and I'll let you know which works for us? Weekends preferred but not required. **Steve P** to follow up with them.
2. **Any interest in FYS?** They start work July 10. **Nope.** Roberta will inform Dean.
3. **PGE at Timothy Lake:** Little Brown and Tim are at Timothy Lake tonight for 3 day crew. Also Pace.
4. **Wilderness Stewards:** Chris K will lead. Planning logout early July
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.
 - a. [Mondays July 17 – Little Brown](#)
 - b. [July 24 – Little Brown](#)
 - c. [July 31 – Little Brown](#)
 - d. [Aug 7 – Tyler – Sedum Ridge needs work, mostly shade, no bugs](#)
6. **Scout Troup 222,** Stan. Kim is working with him. Wants June 24/25, 8-10 people
7. **Eagle project, Evan Johnson.** Little Brown to work with him.
8. **Skout, Amy:** Pace will lead the crew on Bald Mtn July 19
9. **Apple:** Tami working with them to set dates

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.

New Seasons Crews: Kelley

Liz would like Mondays or Tuesdays, 7 to 10 crews with these date restrictions. 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.

1. April – Roberta on Monday 4/3 (DONE). Finishing work on the new trail at Dry Creek; cleared trail between PCT and Dry Creek Falls; cleaned drains back to Moody.
2. May - Pace: Tuesdays 5/9 (DONE)
3. June
 - a. Pace 6/6 (DONE).
 - b. David Roe 6/27 logout Barlow Pass southbound.
4. July
 - a. Busdriver for July 10, at Gorton Creek
 - b. Leif for July 11, at Lolo Pass
 - c. Roberta, 7/17, invasive plant pull. April Ann Fong to join us as she did last year. Can go up to 16 employees.
5. August (could run 2 projects) – no projects Tuesday 8/15
6. September (could run 2 projects) – no projects Monday 9/4, Tuesday 9/5, Monday 9/11 & Tuesday 9/12
 - a. Chris K, date TBD, Paradise Park Trail
7. October - no projects Tuesday 10/10
8. Jayme's Crews:
 - a. Saturday June 17
 - b. Saturday June 24
 - c. Saturday July 15
 - d. Saturday July 29

Dana:

Bill: Still need people for Mt Adams Sasquatch crew Sep 15-21. Looking for people for Potato Patch, up to 6, July 28-30.

Budget: Kim.

Radios:

Tools: Leif

Dana's saw needs repair. New fuel bottles, and all should be filled soon.

Trail Skills College: Tammy

Saw Certification: Leif

All done! 4 instructors, 1 assistant instructor. After July 17 no new saw certs unless PCTA submits the required paperwork.

Training and Safety: Open

- Look up!

Discussion Items

Announcements/Reminders

- 8 Vacancies: 1) Indian Heaven South; 2) 3-Corner Rock south (fostered by Tami); 3) Gillette Lake; 4) Upper Eagle Creek; 5) Middle Eagle Creek; 6) Lower Eagle Creek; 7) Indian Springs Trail; 8) Pinhead Buttes (fostered by Becky/Underbucker)
 - Reserved: Benson Plateau - Hilary; Rushing Water - Hey Man; Mt Adams-North - Brooke
- Also looking for a volunteer coordinator
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch summer hours in effect. 700-1800, (7 am to 6 pm), seven days a week.

Round the Room

- Liz: New home! Dream Home! Now licensed realtor in both OR and WA.
- Tyler: Come to visit, bring your tent. Mon, Tues will scout Steamboat
- Freefall: Signs for parking at Shelley Lane are at BOG cache. Will scout this weekend.
- Chris K: new rules for Wilderness Stewards, no overnight camping. Monster storm tomorrow, no mountain climbing

- Jerry: still snow, hoping for 1st July logout
- Steve P: England and Wales was good. Talked to photographer of Mt Hood 50 while we were on the trail. Website says 5600' elevation gain.
- Kelley: back from Chicago, saw son. A little less busy now. Will arrange logout on Teakettle
- Ruth: still planning July 22 logout
- Brooke: married last month. Will be on crew Saturday
- Rick: daughter graduated. Busy summer, not back until Aug 14.
- Steve Q: Thanks everyone for input on the TCP. Daughter graduated. Not here next month: Ireland
- Tami: haven't yet scouted my whole section. Now back in Portland full time
- Tammy: 8K mile trip, glad to be home. Thanks to Bill Canavan for Get Outdoors Day
- Becky: Back from Steens. June is a good time to visit there. Olallie Lake Resort person had to shovel at Red Lake Trailhead 3 weeks ago; 12" snow still
- Underbucker: Haven't scheduled nor scouted Pinheads. Lemiti is 4100', Pinheads over 5000' Probably will clear in July with short notice, 2 or 3 crews single day trips. Dolly is scheduling sharpening clinics, will have a class in southern Washington.
- Roberta: I'll be out Thursday, Friday, and Saturday on crews. Timothy Lake then Lolo Pass.