

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Sept 13, 2017

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Ruth

## Welcome

- Welcome: Rosemary, Peter, Diane
- Absent: Leif; Dana (on vacation); Summer (working late)
- Attended: Steve P, Pace, Ron, Peter, Diane, Thomas, Jerry, Brooke, Tami, HeyMan, Chris K, Busdriver John, Rick, Freefall, Ruth, Tammy, Hilary, OG, Luna, Kim, Pam, Carole, Rosemary, Kelley, Little Brown, Gentleman Bob, Jane, Underbucker, Tim, Becky, Roberta (31 people!)

## Breaking News:

Peter and Diane will take the Lolo Pass – South section.

Rosemary joining us as new Volunteer Coordinator

Fire discussion: “moving towards Hood River, large flames”; “FS working to scout”, “nighttime dramatic”, “constant smoke”; “on pins and needles”. Heyman did some shifts with ODOT there. Rocks coming down. Lynn Burditt talked to Ron, nobody will be in Eagle Creek for a long time due to how bad it is in there.

## Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

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

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - August 2017							
		YTD		YTD			
	Aug 2017	Aug 2017	Aug 2016	Aug 2016		YTD Diff	
Total Volunteer Hours	2,040	14,367	1,253	15,094		-728	-4.8%
Specialized hours	293	2,186	175	2,599		-412	-15.9%
Number of Trail Crews	8	83	13	113		-30	-26.5%
Miles Logged out	4	163	19	257		-95	-36.8%
Miles Maintained	14	68	3	48		20	41.6%
Feet of Rehab/Recon	5,000	13,594	1,088	16,995		-3,401	-20.0%
Volunteer hours by Category							
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	1,722	8,359	855	8,648		-289	-3.3%
Trail Maint - support	318	2,470	265	2,768		-298	-10.8%
Trail Skills Training		3,381	0	3,459		-78	-2.2%
Outreach Events		156	133	219		-63	-28.8%
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Pace: closer to last year's numbers. 83 crews so far this year and only 1000 hours under last year. Probably won't catch up now. Over 2000 logs cleared.

## Past Events

### Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. **Aug 11-13: White Salmon Spring to Horseshoe Meadow: Gentleman Bob**
  - a. All went well. Oops: bucket left at spring was removed by Wilderness Steward.
2. **Aug 12: Zig Zag Canyon Tread Work: Ruth**
  - a. Filled two big holes left by root wads
3. **Aug 13: Bridge of the Gods North Brushing: Leif**
  - a. Power brushing first mile on Washington side
4. **Aug 15 Logout Lolo Pass South: Pace and Roberta**
  - a. Last 7 logs. Diane and Peter's first time on this section and it's theirs now.
5. **Aug 18-19: PCT Days: Tammy**
  - a. Tammy: Not too hot. Went well. Lots of new names for our list and lots of new memberships.
  - b. Ron: they gave out license plate frames for memberships – nice!
6. **Aug 19-21: Eclipse Crew, Pinhead Buttes: Underbucker et al**
  - a. 29 people. No traffic. Good food. Kudos to Dave for extra work on this. Got a lot of deferred maintenance done.
7. **Aug 25-26: Urban Youth: Dana, Leif, Kim, Chris**
  - a. Kim: most productive ever. Maybe 1000 yards of really good tread work done. They even worked well after noon.
8. **Aug 26: Upper Muddy Fork XC Logout: Pace**
  - a. Another “epic” day. HeyMan there too. 12 ½ hour day. Got 6 logs but still left 2 root wads, one too big to move. Rope puller was a big hit.
9. **Sept 1: Scout BOG Oregon side for NSM Crew: Roberta**
  - a. Well, it was nice trip out a day before the fire started. Will need to find a different spot for the NSM crew.
10. **Sept 4: Timberline Music Festival: Steve P**
  - a. As always, good music, good crowd. Jefferson was in smoke, Mt Hood was in view.
11. **Sept 9: Crux fundraiser in Bend: Tammy**
  - a. Mark Larabee sold lots of books. Over 200 people of drinking age attended; lots of little kids too. Will probably get the beer at Trail Skills College and maybe the band too.
12. **Sept 13: Today's caretaker meeting**

## Future Events

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

**Next meeting: October 11, REI.**

**November meeting will be held at Estacada Library on Saturday, Nov 4**

### Beyond:

1. Sep 15-21: Sasquatch Crew: Riley Creek Project,
2. Sept 23-24: Mountain Lakes 100 Run , <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>
3. Oct 7: Picnic

## Reports

### Budget: Kim

- Low on budget for supplies, excess for training, will move about. Submit reimbursement requests ASAP! Kim can submit for you but you can do it yourself and copy him.
- Kim met a hiker who said “thanks” for the logout in the GP area

### Radios: Kim

- Odell frequency changed mid-season. New radios should be good. Old radios only have room for one work channel and it's GP Work 1. New Radios have ability to scan across groups, or Kim can program so GP Work is on each group.

- Later in meeting: Kim thinks we want old radios re-programmed for north and south areas in our region. Consensus on that idea.

#### **Tools:** Leif

- BOG Tool Cache move Sun Sept 24, led by Justin, vol recruitment by Kim. Steve, Pam, Dana, Kelley(?). New spot in Stevenson owned by Port of Stevenson, by Bobs Beach.
- Leif will get decals on the gas-powered equipment about the fuel geysers.

#### **Training and Safety:** PCTA Staff

- November First Aid/CPR, Nov 4-5 Estacada Library. Thanks David for reserving. There are 23 people needing CPR cert and FA cert. Sheet passed around with names/expiration dates. Marijke and Dana are working on plans. Need a second instructor for that many people.
  - Chris K: would REI be able to teach us?

#### **Volunteer Coordinator:** Rosemary

- 250+ new emails added to our list recently
- Roberta: Plans being formulated next week with TKO, Friends of the Gorge, and Gorge FS. This could be TKO's time to shine. We'll have PLENTY to do, and our leadership will be in demand.

#### **Outreach and Event Coordinator:** Tammy

- Picnic Oct 7, scheduled for Guy Talbot State Park. Underbucker offered his place as an alternate. Other alternates: Estacada Public Library, Hopkins Demonstration Forest, Milo McIver Park
- Tammy: it'll be a Pot.Luck. No assignments for food to bring.
- REI Huddles at Clackamas, Tualatin, PDX, and Hillsboro. Terry Hill, Busdriver, and Tammy

#### **Partnership Crews:**

##### **Upcoming and New:**

1. **Chris Jenson, PCC Wilderness Lit Class** would like a project Saturday, March 3, 2018. Roberta to lead
2. Chris Jenson also working with the **PCC Multicultural Center**, would like one or two crews on one of these dates:
  - a. Saturdays: Oct. 21, Oct. 28, or Nov. 4
  - b. Busdriver stepped up for Oct 21
3. **Eagle project, Evan Johnson.** Little Brown to work with him.
4. **Lewis and Clark?:** Chris K willing to host on Sept 30. Will check with her.
5. **Apple:** Tami. No response from contact.

##### **Completed:**

1. **Wilderness Lit Class (PCC):** Mar 4. Ruth and Roberta, logout on BOG Oregon Side.
2. **PGE at Timothy Lake:** DONE.
3. **Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC):** 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

##### **Cancelled/Declined/Did Not Happen:**

1. **Trevor / Outward Bound** Sept 1, Timothy Lake section, Roberta and Chuck – CANCELLED due to smoke/fires
2. **Wilson High School:** Tami (but meeting no-showed, so dropped)
3. **National Wildlife Federation:** They declined.
4. **Scout Troup 222,** Stan. Kim is working with him. Wants June 24/25, 8-10 people. Cancelled due to heat
5. **Wilderness Stewards,** possibly April/May timeframe after their training. Chris K will lead. Cancelled.
6. **Skout, Amy:** Pace will lead the crew on Bald Mtn July 19. CANCELLED due to lack of enrollment (only 2 people)
7. **Go Beyond Racing:** Renee. Steve Plant was willing to lead, sounds like this needs to be pushed to next year due to no open dates.

##### **New Seasons Crews: Kelley**

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. (DONE)
4. July
  - a. Busdriver for July 10, at Gorton Creek – CANCELLED by Liz
  - b. Leif for July 11, at Lolo Pass
  - c. Roberta, 7/17, invasive plant pull. DONE.
5. August – No projects planned
6. September
  - a. Pace Sept 19 at Bald Mountain, tread work. Still on if smoke levels OK
7. October - Roberta Oct 3, location TBD
8. Jayme's Crews:
  - a. Saturday June 17 DONE
  - b. Saturday June 24 DONE
  - c. Saturday July 15 CANCELLED
  - d. Saturday July 29 DONE

**Dana:**

**Bill:** no news.

**TCPs:** OG. TCPs are on the website. People were encouraged to review with very little response. OG passed out homework. *Review by Next Meeting!* Please respond to OG and pay special attention to hospital, directions, repeaters that work, cell service and radio coverage. We will talk about TCPs and review at the November caretaker meeting. Please start using these new forms, as much as you might have loved your old versions.

**Trail Skills College:** Tammy

- TSC Dates: April 20, 21, 22, 2018
- First TSC meeting Oct 17

**Saw Certification:** Leif

## Discussion Items

- Per Rachel, Columbia Dispatch would like trail work ending by 4pm during this fire season. Although they are staffed later, they want that time focused on fire.
- Dana and I will meet on Sept 21 with TKO (Steve Kruger), Friends of the Gorge (Meagan), and FS (Edan) to start planning for post fire activity.
  - Need for crew leaders. This year we have 21 active crew leaders (those who lead at least one crew). Kim and Pam are only crew leaders without caretaker section currently.
  - Advanced training for initial assessment (not yet agreed to by FS!)
  - Underbucker: Winston offered to help with Danger Trees
- Trails Coalition: Becky. Statewide conference in Bend. 10/27 first summit in Bend. \$65 for one, \$125 for a table of 5. William Sullivan the keynote speaker.
- To email everyone use email address of mthoodcaretakers at pcta.org
- BAER funding request: Jerry. BAER: Burned Area Emergency Response. After a fire, there is funding available but only if applied for quickly. BCHO is writing letters encouraging agencies to apply for the funding. Including congressional people too. Becky has sample letter.
  - Roberta will contact Beth Boyst to see what's being done.

## Announcements/Reminders

- 9 Vacancies: 1) Steamboat; 2) Indian Heaven South (reserved for Thomas); 3) 3-Corner Rock south (fostered by Tami); 4) Gillette Lake; 5) Upper Eagle Creek; 6) Middle Eagle Creek; 7) Lower Eagle Creek; 8) Indian Springs Trail; 9) Pinhead Buttes (fostered by Becky/Underbucker)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch summer hours in effect. 700-1800, (7 am to 6 pm), seven days a week.

## Round the Room

- Kim and Pam: They are grandparents! Just home from visiting Oliver Arturo in Washington DC. 10 pounds of adorable.
- OG: Rockin' a new email address. Squeen at pcta.org
- Luna: Thanks for everyone who helped on my section. More logs are down on Panther Creek.
- Hilary: will miss the potluck. Need to attend The Wedge cheese convention
- Tammy: just busy. Many pets need her.
- Ruth: Cycle Oregon a bust, biked here tonight instead
- Freefall: will be gone next meeting, working for my old boss in Lake Tahoe area, kitchen remodel
- Rick: Europe was great. My daughter was in the Barcelona incident (she's fine). She ducked into a store just in time
- Busdriver John: Wahtum Lake is wet. It slipped that it was his birthday yesterday
- Chris K: Summited Mt St Helens (ran out of water). Patrolled Mt Hood next day (not great idea). Climbed Bear Creek Mt at Goat Rocks. Saw North Cascades, Ranier. Logs on my section: two FS crews went out. Maybe they made the PCT passable, however it isn't cleared.
- HeyMan: first hand experience with the Eagle Creek Fire (via ODOT work). Would like to get some work done on my section
- Tami S: crazy busy with work. Friday before the fire, took co-worker through the Gorge. Photos by Oneonta Tunnel. Met 3 hikers at Timberline next day. Logs left on my section are tiny step-overs.
- Tim: Territorial Riders BCHO completed their RTP grant. Youth crews to finish the work.
- Brooke: was in Indian Heaven when fire broke out. Was hiking south towards the fire; beat feet out of there. Would like to do one more work party on Mt Adams South before end of this month.
- Jerry: no good stories.
- Thomas: Can't hike Indian Heaven South, on fire. Scheduled 5 day trip in North Cascades with WTA, but area was on fire.
- Becky: Ankle fusion surgery Oct 30 and will be out of commission for a while. Don't know if I can participate in the CPR training because of it. working on grants.
- Jane: Thunder storm during their work party (they were OK)
- Gentleman Bob: 7 good trail work days this summer
- Underbucker: Gloves not required when using xc saws. New larger, longer Katanaboy 650. Great for cutting while mounted (if horse will stand for it). Hiker was caught on Angels Rest Trail with drone.
- Diane: Our new section is Top Spur to Lolo Pass. Lots to learn.
- Peter: We hiked the full length after the logout.
- Ron: at the Lodge on Labor Day, no "No Fires" signs. Aaron is out on the fires. I was there in '91 when fires were near Multnomah Falls Lodge. Zig Zag Trails website is out of date.
- Little Brown: August hiked south from Harts Pass to Trout Lake. Was on the Goat Rocks crew, no blasting done. When I hiked through Glacier Peak Wilderness, I noticed that where we just cut the brush, there was heavy new growth already. Where we disturbed the soil, there was little re-growth. Need to take the time to dig the dirt if you want to make an impact while brushing.
- Kelley: Busy! August in Scotland with son – great hiking. Then to Denver for my sister. Fires are scary. Went to coast to get away.
- Rosemary: Summited South Sister, ran Hood to Coast. Just back from Alaska and came home with this cut on my hand.
- Pace: Weeping about the Gorge. New Seasons crew next week, Rachel with USFS to give final OK. One log left on my section that would be good to remove before end of season
- Steve P: Donated projector. My wife picked it up at an estate sale for free. I confirmed it worked. When kayaking on Timothy Lake, watch headwind and wear pants (prevent sunburn).
- Carole: Next month will be in England, will miss picnic. Living and breathing the fire. Can we prioritize trails that have burnt? Limbing with small bar chain saw might be easier, do we have a nice short chain saw?
- Roberta: just so sad about the trail and all these fires.