

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2018, 6:45 pm
Location: Clackamas REI

Welcome

- Absent: Freefall (Tahoe next 2 months), Carole (England), Summer (sick), Kim and Pam, Tami, Tammy, Chuck (back)
- Welcome: Van Miley (friend of Kelley's), Michael Hanley, Doug (via Dana, donated tools)
- Passed around logout status report for self-reported updates from caretakers. We will resume doing that instead of pulling data from reports which is too time-consuming.

Tools Donation

Doug Leckie was referred by Cloudy who worked trail crews with Bill Hawley; Doug invented a tool and she wishes she had one. Doug is 70 years old and had a landscaping business. He invented "Get A Grip", a tool to help move the difficult-to-move objects, and wants to donate some to our chapter. The tool involves a friction clamp that incorporates straps. You can configure the straps in different ways. Hardware bites on webbing; best to knot with a loop to facilitate the bite. Pull on the clamp to hold tension and simply release to release the webbing. Will donate as many as we need. Each package contains 2 clamps and 2 8-foot straps. Dana has Doug's contact information. Received 14 at \$20 each.

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting. Online reports quoted in many cases.

1. Mar 15: GTRT: Gorton Creek Trail: Roberta and Frank

- *Report* – Brushing and tread. We started where the brushing/tread crew from Feb 13 left off, near the "messy log" at about 1.5 miles from Herman Creek Trail junction. Seemingly endless branches and burned limbs cleared. Holes filled. 10 logs need xc logout, all reasonable to clear (not too complex), sizes range from 14" to 44". Snow at ridge about 2000'. Turned around at 2200', about half mile from Ridge Cutoff Trail junction. Cleared 13 logs of 8" or smaller by rolling, moving or with hand saws.

2. Mar 16: Scouting Trout Creek to Sedum: Tami

- *Report* – I scouted 2.5 miles southbound from Trout Creek trailhead. I was turned around by snow, which started to appear after I'd hiked 2-miles. There are 6 logs down in this stretch, and they are all 12-inches or less. There are, however, two issues with this stretch of trail that are impeding travel. The bridge over the first creek, .25-miles south of the trailhead, was blown out in '16, and the ford/pavers put in place afterward have shifted/broken/been washed away. The creek now provides a wet crossing, and I had to switch to sandals to keep my feet dry. I'd like to get in here with trail and saw crews in the next few weeks, but I'm concerned with the water crossing. The crossing is cold, approximately 1-foot deep, and gets deeper in the afternoon because of melting snow on Sedum Ridge. The crossing just after it is slightly easier to cross, but it could also benefit from some attention. The logs/branches visitors continually put across it make the crossing problematic. I feel this will be an issue for the upcoming spring break when visitors are planning to reach the viewpoint over Trout Creek. Additionally, there is a tree and a stump, left over from the '17 winter damage, that is making the trail impassable for equestrians 1-mile south of the trailhead. There is no way for a horse to pass beyond this point, even unloaded. The stump and/or tree will need to be removed to make the trail equestrian friendly again. I also traveled 2.6 miles northbound into the section (Panther Creek) adjacent to mine. There is a log less than .5-mile north of the Trout Creek trailhead. It is approximately 18-inches in diameter. There is a log that is greater than 36-inches .5-mile south of Little Soda Springs Road. This log is new since my scouting in February, reported by David Roe.

3. Mar 16-18: Advanced Skills Training

- Both rigging and leadership classes went well. Venue was great. Sway's food was awesome! (Thank you, Sway!) Weather good. Buildings had a serious lack of heat. Sense of history was palpable with a warm fire in the large fireplace and Gifford Pinchot gazing down in the historic training center.

4. Mar 17: GTRT: Logout Moody Street to Herman Pinnacles: Kim and Pam Owen

- *Report* – 16 logs up to 40" dia. removed for hiker passage. Cut mostly to PCT spec, but left a few cuts less than spec due to time constraints of additional grubbing required to widen for pack animals. Scouted an additional 0.75 mi S., noting one 14" log at appx. 2.6 mi south of Harvey TH. Encountered blue/white flagging tape 50 yds south of reported log. Note: Scouts report this remaining log is easy step over, but potential crew hazard due to contact with burned snag. Recommend scouting trail and remaining log prior to completion of logout. Note: One 22" log

with complex binds and several 30-40" logs required "C" level skills provided by CRG Chapter of BCHO chainsaw instructor.

- Hikers went to Dry Creek Falls ignoring warnings that they were not allowed back there.

5. Mar 20ish: PCTA Staff Burn Area Visit: Dana

- *Report* – A few days after the Mar 17 logout, following the PCTA staff retreat in Eagle Creek, Dana introduced the staff to her region. Showed them her office. They walked across Bridge of the Gods (scary). Walked into the burn area. They were the first non-trail crew given permission to venture into the burn. They wore hardhats the whole time, talked about the forest after the burn and scenery management at the powerlines. Shoes are still in shoe tree.

6. Mar 21: GTRT: Gorton Creek Trail: Frank and Lamar

- *Report* – We did brushing and tread work on the Gorton Creek Trail from 0.5 miles west of the Ridge Cutoff Trail junction to 0.1 miles east of the Ridge Cutoff Trail junction. Removed dozens of branches and downed vine maples from across the trail, filled numerous stump holes (some were quite large), removed rocks from the trail, and removed slough and berm in places. Removed 6 logs of 8" or smaller by rolling, moving, or with hand saws. Encountered three additional logs that will need to be removed by a saw crew - 10", 12.5", and 23" in diameter. Encountered some significant snow patches once we passed the Cutoff Trail junction. Approximately 0.7 miles of the Gorton Creek Trail remain to be cleared before reaching the Deadwood Trail junction. Returned via the Cutoff and Nick Eaton Way trails. Approximately 2/3 of the Cutoff Trail is covered in snow up to 16 inches deep. Lots of rock removal and tread work to be done on the Nick Eaton Way switchbacks. Branches and logs need to be removed lower down.

7. Mar 21: Nesmith Trail Assessment: Pace and Dawn

- *Report* – Initial assessment and scouting of the Nesmith Point Trail in the burn area. Lots of brush across the trail, with significant number of rock slides covering the tread. Turned back after encountering buried tread on exposed section of trail. Dawn Stender USFS was the leader, also attended by USFS crew member, MCSO, SAR and TKO.
- This was the first time anyone had scouted this section of trail. Multnomah County Sheriff, Search and Rescue, and Trailkeepers of Oregon were there. Severe burning in this area. Lot of rock fall. Halfway up the trail is buried in rock. Low priority due to location and severity.

8. Mar 22: GTRT: Multnomah Falls: Roberta and Frank

- *Report* – We removed rocks, garbage, and sticks from the Larch Mountain Trail from Benson Bridge to where it turns away from the creek. The intent was to clear this stretch that is above the plaza before the viewing plaza opened. The plaza was already open so we had someone at the plaza until we knew rocks were not reaching it. Some stretches were 6 inches to over a foot deep of rock and debris. We also cleaned the Benson Bridge deck and re-opened some drainage holes. Dawn and Ashley with USFS worked with us. The work was completed fast. It was raining.
- Worked at Multnomah Falls above the viewing plaza. Scheduled to knock rocks off but they opened plaza 2 days before the work party. Dawn was a spotter for safety. Creek big splash offered impressive sounds for visitors. Short day. Done by 10:00 am. Pouring rain.

9. Mar 24-25: Estacada Crosscut Saw Training and Certification: Underbucker

- Went well. Challenge was a last-minute change of site due to snow level dropping. Acceptable alternative gotten at last minute. Large number of students was challenging and stretched instructors to the max. 25 certifications were issued.

10. Mar 24: GTRT: Herman Creek Trail: Little Brown and Frank

- *Report* – An assist at the request of the FS. Heavy brushing on entire distance. Four logs removed, the largest cut was approx 24". Multiple root burn holes filled, a couple will require future maintenance. A path was dug across a scree slope for about 40 feet. A piece of the trail in this area was damaged and will require some sort of structure to shore it up in the future.
- Snow made them go to Herman Creek Trail instead of Nick Eaton Trail. 2 big root wads will require rigging. Large stump holes that were given stopgap attention but will need more work.

11. Mar 24: REI Portland: Get Ready to Backpack: Tammy

- See Tammy's report.

12. Mar 25: GTRT: Herman Creek and Nick Eaton Trails: Little Brown and Frank

- *Report* – Multiple segments: 1) Brushing and tread work on the Herman Creek Trail from 0.66 miles south of its junction with the Nick Eaton Way Trail to Camp Creek Falls. 0.2 miles of trail maintained. Multiple stump holes filled, rocks removed from the trail, some rebenching, numerous downed vine maples removed from the trail, 4 logs removed from the trail using hand saws. Work remaining on the Herman Creek Trail includes two logs that need to be removed, the shoring up of the piece of trail mentioned by Bill in yesterday's report, and fixing a very poorly drained area skirting two large root wads in the trail. Other than that, the trail had been cleared up to where it enters the Hood River Ranger District. 2) Brushing and tread work on the Nick Eaton Way Trail from approximately 0.3 miles east of its junction with the Herman Creek Trail to 0.76 miles east of its junction with the Herman Creek Trail. 0.5 miles of trail maintained. Removed rocks from the trail, cut vine maples off the trail, did some rebenching, and removed two logs from the trail using hand saws.

- Went Herman Creek Trail due to low lowered snow levels for part of day. Remainder of day went 0.7 mile up Nick Eaton because some of the snow had melted.

13. Mar 25: REI Tualatin: Get Ready to Backpack: Tammy

- See Tammy's report.

14. Mar 27: GTRT: Teakettle: Pace and Frank

- *Report* – Started from where the previous crew finished and went 0.7 mile. Trimmed brush and cleared rocks and debris and about 8 logs from the PCT south of Herman Bridge Trail. We found 12 new logs to clear with crosscut on a future crew.

15. Mar 29: GTRT: Gorton Creek Trail: Frank and Terry

- *Report* – Brushing and tread work on the Gorton Creek Trail from 0.1 miles east of its junction with the Ridge Cutoff Trail to Deadwood Camp. Removed several significant vine maple tangles, filled stump holes, removed rocks from the trail, limbed logs in preparation for a future logout, and removed 5 logs from across the trail using hand saws and brute force. Very little work had to be in the last 0.2 miles before Deadwood Camp. Portions of the trail were covered in snow which means a future crew will need to go in to perform any needed tread work on these sections. Overall, however, the entire Gorton Creek Trail within the boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area has been cleared except for 19 logs across the trail (20 if you count one which is cantilevered over the trail well above head height), 16 below the Ridge Cutoff junction and 4 above. These will need to be taken out during future logouts.
- Found cool salt shaker at Deadwood Camp. Terry met former primary care physician on the trip. First scouting of Gorton Creek Trail. Perfect weather.

16. Mar 30: GTRT: PCT Teakettle Springs: Kelley and Frank

- *Report* – Cleared rocks and debris from approx. 0.7 miles of trail, and readied several big logs down on trail for upcoming logout. Sent 2 crew members ahead to scout and assess further work needed to clear the trail (another 1.5 miles further southbound).
- Up toward the cinder viewpoint there was a spot that looked like a fire break across which it went from burn to green.

17. Mar 31: GTRT: Gorton Creek Log: Roberta and Chris K

- *Report* – Continued work on "Big Griz" a 61" Douglas fir log across the trail. Managed to get a third cut through and dismantled the top part in rotten chunks. Will chunk the rest out using Pulaskis next week. A 40" log above the switchback and an 8" log near it were cleared. 2 logs total cleared. Rigging and cross cut use. Sawyers: Winston, David, Roberta, Ruth, Chris K, Frank No snow, no hikers, just a few Trillium in the area.

18. Apr 3: GTRT: Herman Creek Trail: Frank and Pace

- *Report* – We did brushing and tread work on the Herman Creek Trail from 1 mile south of its junction with the Gorton Creek Trail to 1.77 miles south of its junction with the Gorton Creek Trail. The farther in, the worse the trail got. We removed several dense tangles of branches and small trees from across the trail, filled two immense stump holes, removed 5 logs from across the trail using hand saws or brute force, and removed TONS of rocks from the trail. In two areas we had to dig through rock slides that had inundated the trail, rebenching as we went. There are 14 logs and two huge root wads that need to be removed from the trail up to the 1.77 mile mark. We had one cancellation yesterday, two no-shows this morning, and we had to send one person home because he had inappropriate footwear.

19. Apr 4: Leadership Meeting

- Wind River / Walking Man cache.
- Positions we need to fill (Terry has shown interest in tool czar position).
- Discussed new TCP from PCTA; we will continue to use ours. Scouting requires TCP.
- EAP modifications.
- Go back to doing logout status like we did before with caretakers self-reporting. A spreadsheet will be sent around at each caretaker meeting.
- Steve has a copy of minutes.

20. Apr 5: GTRT: Herman Creek Trail: Frank

- *Report* – We did brushing and tread work on the Herman Creek Trail from 1.77 miles south of its junction with the Gorton Creek Trail to 2.43 miles south of its junction with the Gorton Creek Trail. While we removed a number of branch tangles from across the trail and filled two very large stump holes, most of our work was focused on removing TONS and TONS of rocks from the trail. The rocks seemed never-ending on this section of trail. In one area, a landslide had covered a 45-foot section of trail in 5 feet of rocks and soil. The crew dug the trail back down to its original tread. Eleven more logs were found across the trail in this section.
- Frank posed a math problem to volunteers to determine how much rock was moved. Two answers with the second one being very detailed. 1) 225 cubic feet. 2) 25.67 tons.

21. Apr 7: GTRT: Nick Eaton and Herman Creek Trails: Roberta and Frank

- *Report* – Cross cut work. Cleared 6 logs on Nick Eaton starting at Herman Creek Trail heading uphill. Included is one large log that fell in the trail, we limbed one side and fixed the tread. We turned around at 1900' about .75 miles in due to more exposure and wind at that level. Ate lunch in a calm safe spot, then returned to Herman Creek Trail and worked south 1.1 miles, clearing 7 logs. We left one log low on the Nick Eaton Trail due to a fire compromised snag next to the log, people were just a little nervous and best to leave it for later. We left the first

log on Herman Creek. It's probably Ok to clear but at a steep angle. Both cases, there are plenty of logs and these two can be removed later. Certified Sawyers: Frank, Roberta, Ruth, Jacob.

22. Apr 10: GTRT: Ridge Cutoff and Nick Eaton Trails: Frank and USFS

- *Report* – We did brushing and tread work on the entirety of the Ridge Cutoff Trail and on the Nick Eaton Way Trail from its junction with the Ridge Cutoff Trail to 0.4 miles west of that junction. Except for several large stump holes and areas of trail that were difficult to discern because of excessive needle-cast, the Ridge Cutoff Trail did not need a lot of attention. Two areas on the Nick Eaton Way Trail consumed most of our time: 1) An area where downed limbs and needle-cast made it almost impossible to tell where the trail went; 2) An area where needle-cast covered the trail so completely it was indistinguishable from the land around it. In both places we scraped the needle-cast away, leaving dark brown tread amid the yellowish dead needles. 1.12 miles of the "lower" section of the Nick Eaton Way Trail remain to be cleared. One crew member was physically unable to reach the work site so Robert accompanied him back to the trailhead. Robert then worked on the lower section of the Herman Creek Trail (outside the burn area), rehabilitating 10 drain dips.
- Of all crews this was the nastiest weather; cold, breezy, and wet. Had a person not up to hike and he became slower and slower with trouble breathing. Gotten had gotten over a cold and overestimated ability relative to the difficulty of the hike. Hiked him back out. Recovered going down. Now that we are getting farther in they are getting more strenuous. Leaders need to use it as a learning experience. Evidence that we need two crew leaders in the burn areas. Susan and Noelle were crew leader in training so there was good leadership.

Future Events

Next meeting: May 9, 6:45, Happy Valley New Seasons in the "Cooking School" room

Columbia Cascades TSC: April 20-22, 2018, Cascade Locks

Wind River Saw Certifications: April 27-29

West Cascades Trail Skills College: May 4-6

Allingham Trail Skills College: May 31 - Jun 3

Big Bend Trail Skills College: Jun 8-10

Reports

Columbia Cascades Regional Rep (Dana)

- Something with Jack Haskel. Didn't catch it. As a result of the burn area tour, Jack has posted some tips for hiking through burn area on the PCTA website.
- Working on a sign order for the Olallie and Timothy Lake areas. If people need a sign, draw picture of the sign needed. Ordering by the end of April. Kelley said the sign at where the PCT takes off from Highway 14 near Bridge of the Gods needs to be replaced.
- Submitted grant to the National Forest Foundation for money to help with burn area work. It's to hire a crew leader and should be for a duration of 3.5 months or so. Our goal has been to clear trail at a basic level; openable does not mean done. Crew leader will be doing deferred maintenance including 14 miles of PCT up to Wahtum Lake.
- A couple inReach devices are on order. Some regions use these instead of radios. WTA uses them as their primary form of communication but they still carry radios.
- Staff loved visiting area. Kudos to everyone.
- Plug for Mount Jefferson crews which will be building new trail for relocations of rutted trail in Jefferson Park. Half AmeriCorps and half PCTA. 8 trips and we are having hard time filling them up. They are posted on PCTA project page.

North Cascades Regional Rep (Michael)

- Michael's first caretaker meeting and will try to get to more.
- Working on solution for a new Wind River cache.
- Andrea at Cowlitz RD is on detail to Region 6 in Portland.
- Norse Peak fire closed 16 miles of PCT north of Highway 410. Fire burned across the Baker/Snoqualmie NF and the Okanogan forests in Norse Peak wilderness. It is now reopened to hikers. 350 Blades to work on it but will be asking us for help.
- Ryan Zinke came to Washington state. Obama started a grizzly bear study but Trump removed money for it. Zinke is a big fan of grizzly bears and there may still be grizzly bear reintroduction.
- There will be 2 Sasquatch crews on Mount Adams and 1 in Goat Rocks. 2 week-long crews in Glacier Peak at the end of July and into September. The September brushing will help the USFS to get in to do blasting on some of the trees.

Chair (Roberta)

- Carpooling to trail work encouraged.

- Our TCP is approved by Sacramento. We're updating the back side EAP.
- All radios in Stevenson and PDX have been changed to Gorge Work as the work channel. One radio has been lost.
- Wind River cache to be consolidated into Stevenson cache.
- Climbing helmets as hardhats: OK only if they show an ANSI certification
 - OSHA 1910.135 requires that all helmets comply with ANSI Z89.1 (2009, 2003, or 1997).
- New business cards are in the works. Ellen said we should have them at TSC.
- Ellen has started emailing the crew leader with the sign-in sheet as a link instead of attached. You'll have to click through a few steps to download it.
- TKO is hosting a Tread School May 11-13 in Zig Zag. They are looking for a few more instructors. Contact Steve Kruger if you're interested.

Gorge Trails Recovery Team (Roberta)

- Great progress on trails out of Herman Creek TH, plus we worked on Wahkeena and Larch per FS request. We're closing in on finishing the initial brushing and hole-filling in the Scenic Area on these trails. Logout is in progress.
- Media Requests: If they want to come into the burn area, direct them to Rachel Pawlitz. No need to ask me or Dana. There's legal issues and they need to go through the proper channels. Note they probably already know this, they are just trying any avenue that will give them a break.
- GTRT meeting last Friday April 6. TKO focused on Oregon State trails, trails outside of burn area in Gorge, and Angel's Rest, plus trails outside of the Gorge. WTA focusing on Augsburg, Beacon Rock, planning some trail building at Lyle Cherry Orchard in the Fall and would like some group help. FOG working with invasives and Trailhead Ambassador program (starts late April). Eagle Creek Fire 2017 Facebook Page re-launched as a group page for education and updates.
- From phone call with Dawn today
 - Dawn to chat with IC about them being alerted that we may use them for late check-in at the end of the day. We'd still check in and out with both Dispatch and IC, but want to close out our tracking with Dispatch before they close at 1730. We would just be hiking out if we use this option.
 - We should start telling people to drive directly to Herman Creek TH instead of gathering at the employee parking lot. We can leave those signs at the bottom of the road open, employees will be using that bit anyway.
 - Group size of 12 in Wilderness is still preferred. The rule is for user experience, and since the trails are closed, if we happen to exceed that number it's OK. For best management of the users, we should try to keep to 12 when possible.
 - Dawn's trail workers can be leaders of PCTA crews as long as we assign at least one assistant crew leader who can do the PCTA paperwork. Coordinate dates between you and me
 - We can work into the Hood River RD land using our current processes. Continue coordinating dates and work with you; cc the Hood River folks on reports.
 - Rock cribbing will not be done on the PCT near Moody during Trail Skills College, so I need to schedule that separately
 - Dawn's crews (both Fire and trail folks) are available to help when needed.
 - We may slow down the number of crews per week as we move into May and summer, due to needing to work on the PCT. That said, if your people want to lead crews, and we can find an assistant (easy) we can also get volunteers very easily. (Question post phone call: will you need hard hats and PPE for them? We could probably leave a bag of 12 at your work center.)
 - Still no official word on opening dates, but internal discussions are happening 😊

Partnership Crews (Roberta)

- **New Seasons Market** – One per month, limit of 10 NSM employees. Need a location for Progress Ridge (Busdriver). June and August on Peter's section. All covered.
 - May: Tues May 15 with Frank Jahn, Washington side of the Gorge (Bonneville TH).
 - June: University Park, June 28, with Hilary. Looking at something on the Washington side of the Gorge, not confirmed yet.
 - June: Progress Ridge, June 14, with Busdriver John. Need location out of the burn area
 - July: Tues July 17 with Robert Caldwell, Top Spur or Bald Peak area
 - Aug: Mon Aug 6 with Peter and Roberta, Lolo Pass South, tread work
 - Sep: Sat Sept 15 or Sun Sep 16 with Ruth near Timberline
 - Oct: Mon Oct 1 with Roberta, location needed
- **Duluth Trading Company** – New store in town. Bill Coddington is a longtime volunteer with us, and he's our contact. I gave him 4 slots on a few dates and may lead a crew with just them on the 25.
- **Bureau of Land Management Retirees Association** – Expressed interest. I sent them some info; haven't heard back

- ¿Por Qué No? – Expressed interest. I sent them some info; haven't heard back
- PacifiCorp – Expressed interest. I sent them some info; haven't heard back
- PDX Metro Pack Walks/George Purvis – May 6 with Frank.
- Danner Boots – Wants 2 days. Will likely go into the burn area. Possible dates: May 21 to June 2 but not Memorial Day weekend. Or June 9. Pace can do one.

Volunteer Coordinator (Rosemary)

- Lots of crews. People are signing up FAST! Five crews were full within two hours. Wait lists are full. Everything scheduled through 18th are done. Anything after that she needs info for.
- Roberta asked how to get sawyers. Rosemary prefers to us to get sawyers but she can recruit from her list. Her requests to the caretaker list have not responsive. We will endeavor to improve this process.
- On 17th with Duluth Trading Company, there were 4 people but two decided it would be too strenuous. John Hoffnagle got on based on wait list, so that Eventbrite feature is working.
- Had one person say that they have been frustrated not getting on the list that they may just show up at a trailhead.

Trail Skills College (Tammy)

- April 20 – 22, Trail Skills College at Cascade Locks Marine Park. We are about 10 days out now and we're ready to go. Monday 4/9 was the last day to change (or try to change), classes. Now let's all think good thoughts for good weather!! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to write me or Ellen.

Outreach and Events (Tammy)

- March 16 – 18, Advanced Skills Training at Wind River. I think it went fairly well, except for the no heat issue in the classrooms. Luckily the fireplaces were functional! Which was good as we had dinner and our Saturday night presentation in one of the buildings without heat. I haven't gotten the results of the evals that folks filled out, but everyone I talked to seemed to like it. And Sway did a fantastic job feeding us! Wanna do another one sometime??
- We had two tabling events at REI, March 24th & 25th, they went very well. Got lots of folks signing up trail work. The volunteers said they had a great time and talked to a lot of people about the fire and working on the trail.
- April 24th – We have a tabling event at Vernier Software in Beaverton. They are having a volunteer fair, they reached out to us to have their employees learn more about opportunities with us. Have a couple volunteers set up to do this for us.
- April 26th – Next Adventure is holding a backpacking clinic and fundraiser for PCTA. I have a couple volunteers for this as well. Should be a good time.
- I'm meeting with Marina from Danner boots on 4/11. Not sure exactly what they want to do with us or for us. Hope to have an update to add in here before the meeting.
- I will be out of state from 4/25 until 5/6. I will have internet access but really don't expect to have to do too much MHC.

Training and Safety (Dana)

- Asked who still needed recertification in first aid and CPR. People wrote back indicating that they will take care of it on their own so we won't scramble to get Marijke to do one soon. Might do a Wilderness First Aid in November. 1:10 teacher student ratio. Maybe Ruth can help to get 20 people.

Saw Program (Leif)

- Warren Gap for Wind River training. Intro to logcut will use Girl Scout camp (Kim) since we can't use the burn areas. Good meeting with Jen, Dave, and Kim. More work to polish up the basics of policy and certifying volunteer saw instructors trail-wide.
- Trainings in Ashland and Allingham. 2 in the north with Aaron Peterson in Randal. If people have section that need sawyering we can do training on those.

Tools (Leif)

- Working on moving the Wind River cache into the Walking Man cache. Will discuss it with Dean. Shed could be used for fuel.
- Brooke gave us 2 rolls of 100' of chain. Leif made loops. Better chains for saw area. Lightweight bars for new saws.
- Ordering chin straps for hard hats.
- Start thinking about repopulating fuel in caches.

- Have not and will not do a tool day. Maybe do one-off tool maintenance effort. Lot of tools from the southern cache in the Portland cache.
- Two new pick mattocks in Wind River cache.

Budget (Little Brown)

- Nothing for now. Still needs to talk to Kim.

Crew Leader Development (Pace and Little Brown)

- Will be emailing Ellen about objective measures to formalize the process for making crew leaders.
- Remember to cc: Dawn and Edan on your thank you notes in the burn area.
- New crew leader check list posted to the website:
<https://mthood.pcta.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2018/04/crew-leader-checklist-burn-area.pdf?x77956>
- New JHA for cable hoist and winch use:
<https://mthood.pcta.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2018/04/jha-cable-hoist-and-winch-use.pdf?x77956>

Stats (Pace)

- Very impressive with all the GTRT activity. I added in 4 late reports that Ellen had not included and updated the feet of rehab based on Dana's memo of 4/6.
- We are missing a few reports:
3/9 – 400 Trail logout, David Roe
3/10 – Intro to trail logout, David Roe
3/17 – Advanced Skills Training weekend
3/24 – Estacada Saw certs

	Mar 2018	Mar 2017	Mar 2016	YTD Mar 2018	YTD Mar 2017	YTD Mar 2016
Total Volunteer Hours	2,000	898	1,322	3,941	1,840	2,950
Specialized hours	523	119	219	662	233	531
Number of Trail Crews	17	7	9	29	11	21
Miles Logged out	5	11	9	8	13	29
Miles Maintained	10	11	6	21	15	9
Feet of Rehab/Recon	9,650	850	1,470	14,032	850	2,130
Volunteer hours by Category						
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	1,749	545	749	2,662	879	1,441
Trail Maint - support	149	266	449	743	829	1,217
Trail Skills Training	82	0	107	426	36	266
Outreach Events	22	87	17	110	97	27
	2,000	898	1,322	3,941	1,840	2,950

Announcements/Reminders

- If you are logging onto the PCTA website to enter a Project Report for your activities on GTRT projects, select the "[Report on or view existing Projects](#)" before you pick "Create a new project". Scroll down the listing by date to find if your project is already listed, then select [submit report](#) under [Choose Action](#).
- **6 Vacancies:** 1) Three Corner Rock North (fostered by Tami); 2) Pinhead Buttes; 3) Lower Eagle Creek; 4) Middle Eagle Creek; 5) Upper Eagle Creek; 6) Indian Springs Trail 435
- **3 Reservations:** 1) Steamboat Lake (reserved for Lamar Fontaine); 2) Indian Heaven South (reserved for Thomas Calvary); 2) Lolo Pass South (reserved for Peter Hoffman and Diane Kelso)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch 7 days a week, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Remember to submit a TCP to your agency partner, your alternate dispatcher, Dana, and Roberta.

Round the Room

- *Ron* – Had a meeting with ODOT. Still 1000 trees on Historic Highway; lot of trees came down with the rain. Soaking chaps overnight in Oxyclean will clean them quite well.

- *Becky* – Still not taking pinhead officially. Tim and Jerry in discussions to take it.
- *Underbucker* – Arron was USFS representative in Randall and said we were not in compliance with JHAs. After 2016 all JHAs must be reviewed and approved annually. We will need to have a procedure in Sacramento to support this. Leif said JHAs need to be a bottom-up document.
- *Thomas* – Looking for crew leaders in June to help with Indian Heaven.
- *Bob* – Cache in Trout Lake is in good shape.
- *Frank* – Needs a B crosscut sawyer for the 21st. May 12 need brushers on Gillette Lake project. Has a large portion of tools in his garage that will be returned to Stevenson by TSC, but wants to have them back afterward.
- *Leif* – Claire back at half time (says Roberta).
- *Tim* – Got letter from USFS looking for interesting trail barrier ideas to discourage motorcycles and quads from using the Eagle Creek trail (the other one).
- *Michael* – Snow in Washington is at 160% right now. Less severe in Oregon.