

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2019, 6:45 pm

Location: Clackamas REI

Attended: Thomas Calvery, Bill Canavan, Roberta Cobb, Dan Dahlke, Ron Goodwin, Rob Heyman, Terry Hill, Peter Hoffman, Chris Keil, Diane Kelso, Tim Lagasse, Sue Melone, Steve Plant, Rosemary Prescott, Steve Queen, Omar Sankari, Rick Schmidt, Brooke Stevinson, Susan Tracy, Ruth Weston, Becky Wolf, Kayla Ondracek, Tom Weimann

Notes: Sue Melone

## Welcome

- **Absent:** Pace (trailwork in Steens with ONDA), Michele (nephew newborn in Minnesota), Tami, Leif (Indiana for work), Hilary, Susan (anniversary)
- **Welcome:** Kayla Ondracek (new ACL)
- **Announcements**
  - Brice Hammack Memorial Plaque at Hoyt Arboretum
  - No Trail Status Report tonight (Steve couldn't get through reports in time)

## Round the Room

- Steve Queen
  - Just got back from a 2-week geocaching cross-country road trip.
  - Link to the trail status report will be included with the minutes email.
  - Vanessa is looking for content to post on Facebook. Please email her at [vmohler@comcast.net](mailto:vmohler@comcast.net).
- Robert Caldwell (via email)
  - I am traveling to Steens Mtn. to hike and work on a trail crew with ONDA (Oregon Natural Desert Association).
  - Since the last meeting I had 4 crews: One on the Muddy Fork section doing treadwork and drainage and three on the Timberline Trail, Upper Muddy Fork section. Two doing mostly treadwork and one three day overnight crew doing brushing and tread.
  - I also helped Susan with carrying in tools for her Upper Eagle Creek crew.
- Tami Keller-Sheets (via email)
  - Sedum Ridge, thanks to Little Brown, is now logged out.
- Hilary Renshaw (via email)
  - Omar helped me log out all 2 logs on the Benson Plateau section.
  - Cancelling next week's overnight; I was lax in getting the info to Rosemary which meant the posting didn't go up until pretty late and I don't have enough volunteers to do this. I'm working on rescheduling for August.
- Susan McDonnell (via email)
  - Report on the Middle Eagle trail: Work is in progress. On June 30, Susan Tracy and I led a hike down into the Eagle Creek canyon to drop off tools. On July 1-3, Omar and I led a 2-night self-supported overnighter, working in parallel with a couple of folks from the USFS. They were a lot of fun! We were able to clear the big cliff collapse and unbury the trail between Tunnel Falls and the cliff collapse area, as well as brushing out some of the trail. There is still a LOT of brushing to do. With no boots on the trail, it has become a "lost trail" in some places due to the amount of vegetation, but Omar is awesome at finding it. He has a "6th sense" from all his time as a Wilderness Ranger in that area. We'll be out again Sunday thru Wednesday, and plan to do more brushing as well as moving forward onto the trail beyond the cliff collapse, where no work has been done since the fire. I hope to be out again for a 4-day work party mid-to-late August and again in September, but I need an assistant leader. Any volunteers? If so, email me with your possible dates!
- Sue Melone
  - 450' of brushing done on Three Corner Rock section on June 15.
  - Log out with David Roe on June 22.
  - Recon of damaged section of Three Corner Rock with Dana on June 24.
  - Scouted Indian Heaven south for Thomas on June 29.

- Scouted N. Adams with Bill C. on June 30.
- Thomas Calvery
  - Scouted Twin Buttes and Steamboat on June 23; 2 culverts need help.
  - Logout Twin/Steamboat on July 6; cleared 6 logs.
  - Logout Indian Heaven South on July 6; cleared 10 logs; 4 more logs on his section.
- Tom Wiemann
  - Trail work w/ Susan and Omar on Eagle Creek over three days July 1-3.
  - Trout Lake tool cache work on July 4.
  - Worked Ron's logout on July 10.
- Ruth Weston
  - Scouted her section; 6 logs
- Becky Wolf
  - Completed logout on her section last weekend.
  - 8 miles of Lodgepole Trail also logged out; cleared 122 logs; had 19 volunteers.
- Ron Goodwin
  - Worked his section on July 10; last log was tricky but done.
  - More huckleberry cutting and brushing required.
  - Larry from Bend joined him.
- Susan Tracy
  - Worked with Susan McDonnell on Eagle Creek work party.
  - Getting married next week!
- Dan Dahike
  - Timothy Lake... possibly new trees down.
  - Supported Becky on her work parties.
  - Riley Horse Camp Trail cleared.
  - Next: Horseshoe Trail.
- Tim Lagasse
  - His section logout was completed in May.
  - These trails are done: S. Laker, N. Lake, Miller Trail, bike trail.
  - July 5 worked with Leif on N. Warm Springs; 2.6 miles brushed.
  - 6 logs (2 large) on N. Warm Springs (new falls).
- Rick Schmidt
  - His trail is logged out.
  - Worked with Thomas on his section (Twin Lakes).
- Roberta Cobb
  - Scouted Lower Eagle Creek to Punchbowl.
  - 2 work parties at Lower Eagle creek to prep for bridge building.
  - Lower Eagle Creek trail done until bridges go in.
  - Need five volunteers for First Bridge in early August.
  - So far: 35 work parties in burn area, 12 in Lower Eagle Creek.
  - To-do: Herman Creek (Chris will lead in future) and Gorge trail.
- Diane Kelso
  - June 26, 2 person logout on their section. Complete. Some brushing needed.
- Terry Hill
  - July 2 tool cache work in PDX.
  - July 4 Trout Lake tool cache work with Tom.
  - Both caches looking good.
- Brooke Stevenson
  - Upcoming work party (logs and brushing) in N Adams.
- Rob Heyman
  - Heading out on the upcoming weekend to work on his trail.
- Steve Plant
  - Cleared 32 logs with Bill on his section; 8 miles complete.
  - Heads up: Mt Hood 50 race is next weekend.
- Kayla
  - Worked on 2 work parties: 1) Lower Eagle Creek with Roberta and Chris 2) Lolo Pass.
- Bill Canavan
  - Worked 11 project days this month!

- Scouting and brushing his section on July 13.
- Additional projects ahead such as cleaning the spring area.
- Omar Sankari
  - June 29 crew leader with Hilary; 2 logs cleared.
  - No substantial logs on his section; feeder trails clear.
  - Scouted with Roberta and Chris on Lower Eagle Creek.
  - Worked July 1-3 on Middle Eagle Creek project; rock slide cleared.
  - Next: Susan's work party Middle Eagle Creek; trail is not at all stock ready.
- Chris Keil
  - Worked 3 Eagle Creek work parties.
- Ron Goodwin
  - New signs and posts on his section near Timberline.
  - Rachel has a machine to make signs.

## Reports

### Columbia Cascades Regional Rep (Dana via email)

- Sue invited me out on her section and it was fun! I hope more caretakers will invite me out to take a look at anything you might be scratching your head about.
- Becky took a great inventory of missing reassurance markers and came and got them from the cache. Thanks Becky for paying attention to signage maintenance. It really helps especially in areas of potential bike trespass.
- Skyline is off and running, having been rained on at Timothy lake the last couple days and working on drainage rehab near Summit Butte. Tim and Leif came out and helped knock down the big brush with power brushers. Thanks guys.

### North Cascades Regional Rep (Michael via email)

- Not much new to report from the North Cascades region. There are lots of projects underway and I appreciate everyone's hard work. Stay safe out there and please reach out if there is anything I can do to help.

### Chair (Leif)

- None.

### Partnership Crews (Leif)

- None.

### Gorge Trails Recovery Team (Roberta)

- See Round the Room report.

### Volunteer Coordinator (Rosemary)

- Thanks for the info sent early before she was out on vacation.
- Looks like crews are filling up a bit slower.

### Trail Skills College (Tammy; report from Becky)

- Conducted debrief of TSC with Dana.
- April 17, 18, & 19, 2020 is the next TSC.
- Week following TSC will be Saw School at Wind River.
- Meetings for 2020 TSC begin in October (Tammy may lead)

### Outreach and Events (Michele, Tammy)

- PCT Days – August 16-17: Earlier in June, I sent an email to volunteers who have helped in the past to make a personal appeal. I did receive several responses to that and have slotted these individuals into the calendar of our needs and sent them all an email today (July 7) to confirm where I placed them. I also sent a personal email to all our sawyers asking to fill the slots for the Saturday saw demo. Then I sent a MailChimp email to all of our

members with the full schedule of needs. I'm hoping to get some good responses this week and be able to fill in more of our schedule. Over the 2 days of the event, we need volunteers to sell memberships, raffle tickets, provide trail info, run a kids activity and the saw demo/activity. If one unique individual filled each slot that we have scheduled (not multiple shifts per person), we'd need 56 people so you can see that we have a BIG need on this one.

- We had a late request for help from the Friends of the Columbia Gorge. They were leading a guided hike on the PCT from the Bonneville Trailhead to the PCT and to Gillette Lake on Friday, June 21 and reached out to ask if one of our volunteers could attend as well to provide information on the PCT. This event was a Hike and Stitch where they partnered with a local artist who does embroidery. Each participant was provided with a kit and once they reached the lake, everyone took about a 2 hour break to eat lunch and embroider, with help from the artist. Because of the rather late notice and need for only 1 person, I just went ahead and did this myself. It was a beautiful day for a hike, no logs to negotiate although there was a fair amount of poison oak along the way and many sections that needed some general brushing out. All of the ladies (funny, no guys wanted to go hike and stitch?) seemed to enjoy themselves and I talked a lot about the PCTA, our role protecting and maintaining the PCT, and had a lovely hike. My stitching, not so good. ☹️
- I picked up the projector from Terry last week so that is now with me and the other tabling materials.
- We do need to look into options for the tabling materials' permanent home. Once Tammy returns, I know she doesn't have room for these materials at her house. I'm happy to keep them here until the end of the year but would like them to find another home by then.
- This Wednesday, July 10 Roger Carpenter is doing a tabling event at the Oregon State Lottery's annual Employee Well-Being Fair and BBQ Potluck. This event is from 11am-2pm and Roger approached us, as a lottery employee, to set up a table. I've provided him with the materials he needs and he'll get me more information about how it went after the event.
- Nothing else on the schedule at this time, just working to fill the PCT Days shifts. I'll be back in town by Thursday, July 18.

#### **Tools (Terry)**

- Radios: if working in GP note all radios are checked out.
- We have 6 red band radios in PDX.
- May need a few more radios in Stevenson (yellow band).
- Note: check with tool team first if you need radios from Stevenson to ensure they are there.
- Kim Owen has discounts for radio purchases.

#### **Training and Safety (Dana)**

- None.

#### **Saw Program (Leif)**

- Steve: we are working on getting the Sawyer roster up-to-date. Still having problems with accuracy. Need update from the Wind River training.

#### **Budget (Little Brown)**

- Budget: \$1800 remains.
- If you are planning on a big expenditure, let Bill know.

#### **Crew Leader Development (Little Brown)**

- Omar is now a crew leader.
- Kayla is now an assistant crew leader.

#### **Stats (Pace via email)**

- As expected we are behind 2018. Compared to 2017 we are close to even with crews & scouting hours and number of crews.

Several reports have not been turned in, which could put us ahead of 2017.

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - June 2019						
	June 2019	June 2018	June 2017	YTD June 2019	YTD June 2018	YTD June 2017
Total Volunteer Hours	1,525	3185	1,707	8,571	16,659	9,469
Specialized hours	329	539	240	1,754	2,808	1,216
Number of Trail Crews	15	26	17	47	94	49
Miles Logged out	25	74	31	78	129	72
Logs cleared, crosscut	53			117		
Logs cleared, chainsaw	16			103		
Miles Maintained	5	20	5	29	70	32
Feet of Rehab/Recon	1,705	10750	530	9,297	39,804	3,097
Volunteer hours by Category						
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	1,314	2720	1,388	4,125	9,261	4,110
Trail Maint - support	152	388	260	1,332	2,036	1,822
Trail Skills Training	0	42		3,003	5,171	3,381
Outreach Events	59	36	59	111	191	156
	<u>1,525</u>	<u>3,185</u>	<u>1,707</u>	<u>8,571</u>	<u>16,659</u>	<u>9,469</u>

## Final Comments and Discussion Items

- Thomas Calvery
  - Late Sept/ early Oct 3 day Birkenfeld work party

## Past Events

This is a brief accounting of projects that occurred since the previous caretaker meeting. For a full(er) accounting of projects, visit <http://mthood.longtrails.com/projectreports/project-reports-2019.pdf>.

### Trail Work and Scouting

1. **June 11:** Upper Muddy Fork brushing: Robert Caldwell  
*Timberline Trail 600, 2.4 miles south of jct. with PCT near Top Spur to Timberline Trail, 2.5 miles south of jct.*
2. **June 14:** Upper Muddy Fork treadwork: Robert Caldwell  
*Timberline Trail 600 at Muddy Fork river crossing, 2.5 miles south of jct. with PCT near Top Spur to Timberline Trail, 2.6 miles south of jct.*
3. **June 16:** Wahtum Lake to Herman Creek TH Scout: Hilary Renshaw  
*Wahtum Lake TH to Herman Creek TH via Chinidere cutoff and PCT*
4. **June 19:** Scouting Timberline South: Ron Goodwin  
*PCT Timberline Lodge south to Barlow Pass (Hwy 35)*
5. **June 20:** Lower Eagle Creek Trail Scouting: Roberta Cobb  
*Eagle Creek Trail #440 trailhead at Gorge end to Punchbowl Falls*
6. **June 21-23:** Upper Muddy Fork brushing & treadwork: Robert Caldwell  
*Timberline Trail 600, 3.4 miles south of jct. with PCT near Top Spur to Timberline Trail 4.2 miles south*
7. **June 22:** Twin Lakes Crosscut Logout & Drainage Maintenance: David Roe  
*PCT: Frog Lake TH to Barlow Pass TH*  
*Twin Lakes Trail #495 (PCT alternate): Upper Twin Lake to upper junction with PCT*  
*Palmateer Trail #482 (PCT alternate): junction of cutoff trail to Twin Lakes Trail to junction with PCT*  
*Palmateer Point Trail: junction with Palmateer Trail to Palmateer Point*
8. **June 23:** Twin Buttes and Steamboat Lake - Scouting: Thomas Calvery  
*Road 24 to Road 88*

9. **June 23:** Lolo Pass Logout Lite: Leif Hovin  
*Crosscut Logout on the PCT (TR2000) from Lolo Pass North (FS18) to Huckleberry Mtn Trail (TR617) to 4.4 miles to Huckleberry Mtn Trail (TR617)*
10. **June 26:** Logout of Lolo Pass South: Peter Hoffman  
*Lolo Pass South section of trail, from intersection with Top Spur trail, going North to Lolo Pass Road at North End*
11. **June 26:** Muddy Fork tread & drainage: Robert Caldwell  
*PCT Muddy Fork section 0.1 miles north of Muddy Fork River to PCT 0.3 miles south of junction with Sandy River Trail 770*
12. **June 27:** Lower Eagle Creek Tread Work: Roberta Cobb  
*Eagle Creek Trailhead, Gorge end to 500 feet south of Eagle Creek Trailhead, Gorge end*
13. **June 29:** Lower Eagle Creek Tread Work #2: Roberta Cobb, Chris Keil  
*Lower Eagle Creek from Gorge TH to .1 mile from TH*
14. **June 29:** Wahtum Lake section and south end of Benson Plateau section logout: Omar Sankari and Hilary Renshaw  
*South end of Wahtum Lake section on PCT at Hatfield Wilderness boundary to One mile north of Wahtum Lake/Benson Plateau section boundary on PCT (one mile north of PCT/Tr. #445 junction).*
15. **June 29:** Sedum Ridge South 2019 Chainsaw: Tamara Sheets  
*CG 2000 North, CG 2070 South, and CG 2070 North to Sedum Creek and 1.5-miles North of CG 2070*
16. **June 30:** Upper Eagle Creek: Hiking in Tools: Susan McDonnell & Susan Tracy  
*Wahtum Lake CG to 1.25 miles beyond Indian Springs trail junction*
17. **July 1 to July 3:** Middle Eagle Creek Brushing, Treadwork, and Rockfall Removal: Susan McDonnell & Omar Sankari  
*Eagle Creek trail at Tanner-Eagle junction to Cliff area approx. .15 mile north of Tunnel Falls*
18. **July 2:** Upper Muddy Fork treadwork: Robert Caldwell  
*Timberline Trail, Upper Muddy Fork section, 1.1 mile south of the jct with PCT near Top Spur to Timberline Trail 2.1 miles south of jct.*
19. **July 5:** Twin Buttes and Steamboat Lake - Logout: Thomas Calvery  
*PCT at Road 24 to PCT at Road 88*
20. **July 6:** Scouting: Ruth Weston  
*PCT at Timberline Lodge headed trail north 6.5 miles to the intersection of the PCT and the western most end of the Paradise Park Loop trail.*
21. **July 6:** Twin Lakes Crosscut Logout: David Roe  
*Palmateer Trail (PCT alternate) at Upper Twin Lake to Junction of Palmateer Trail and Twin Lakes Trail cutoff*
22. **July 6 to July 7:** Indian Heaven Wilderness South - Logout: Thomas Calvery  
*PCT at Road 60 to PCT junction with Trail 48 (East Crater Trail)*
23. **July 8:** Mt Adams Logout: Kim Owen  
*Williams Mine trailhead to Horseshoe Meadows*
24. **July 10:** Timberline South (to Barlow Pass): Ron Goodwin  
*Timberline Lodge to Barlow Pass*

## Future Events

1. **July 19-25:** Skyline Volunteer Vacation – Mt Washington
2. **August 2-8:** Skyline Volunteer Vacation – Jeff Park 1
3. **August 14:** Caretaker Meeting at REI
4. **August 8-15:** Skyline Volunteer Vacation – Jeff Park 1.5
5. **August 16-22:** Skyline Volunteer Vacation – Jeff Park 2
6. **August 30-September 4:** Sasquatch Volunteer Vacation – Hidden Spring in Goat Rocks Wilderness
7. **September 13-19:** Sasquatch Volunteer Vacation – Goat Rocks Fire Restoration

## Notes

- **10 Vacancies:** 1) Potato Hill; 2) Grand Meadows; 3) Steamboat Lake; 4) Twin Buttes; 5) Birkenfeld Mountain; 6) Table Mountain; 7) Lower Eagle Creek; 8) Upper Eagle Creek; 9) Indian Springs Trail 435; 10) Gorge Trail 400
- **2 Reservations:** 1) Three Corner Rock North (Sue Malone); 2) Middle Eagle Creek (Susan McDonnell)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, seven days a week, beginning May 25, 2019, [waccc@firenet.gov](mailto:waccc@firenet.gov), 360-891-5140. Remember to submit a TCP to your agency partner, your dispatcher or alternate dispatcher, Dana, and Leif.