

Mount Hood Chapter Pacific Crest Trail Association

The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve, and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people.

Minutes of Leadership Meeting, June 8, 2011

Steve Queen called meeting to order @ 6:46

Caretakers present were: Ruth Weston, Steve Plant, Leif Hovin, Dave Roe, Bill Hawley, Bob Arkes, Jerry Bentz, Becky Wolf, Kim Owen, Pam Owen, Steve Queen, Erin O'Donnell

Past Events

May 12, PCT presentation, Clackamas REI.

May 13-15, Westfir training.

May 13-15, Crosscut training, Idyllwild, CA, Kim Owen.

May 14, REI outreach.

May 19, Herman Creek PCT, Bill Hawley.

May 21, Road 2070 north, Bill Hawley.

May 21, Klickitat Trail celebration, Lyle, WA.

May 21-22, Spring Meet-n-Deet, Beacon Rock SP, TKO, Jane Garbisch.

May 30, Frog Lake scouting, Roberta Cobb.

June 3-5, Allingham training.

June 4, REI outreach.

June 4-5, Road 2070, Bill Hawley.

Future Events

June 11 or 10, Timothy Lake, Jerry Bentz.

June 11, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Get Outdoors Day!, Water Center, Vancouver, John Vhay.

June 15, Log Out, FS #23 to Williams Mine Trail Head, Bob Arkes.

June 17-19, Nick Eaton/Gorton Creek/Deadwood Camp, Kim Owen.

June 24-26, Greenleaf foot bridge prep, Bill Hawley.

June 25, Log Out, Williams Mine Trail Head to Wilderness Boundary plus Trail 64A, Bob Arkes.

June 27, Barlow Pass logout, Roberta Cobb.

July 7-10, Road 42 to Jude Lake, Becky Wolf.

July 8-10, Crest Camp north, John Cunningham.

July 8-10, Camp Out and Log Out, Wilderness Boundary to Horseshoe Meadow, Bob Arkes.

July 14-21, AmeriCorps Project. Horseshoe Meadow and the Bumper.

July 15-17, Logout Ramona Falls to Paradise Park, Kim Owen.

July 25-27, Road 24 south, Bob Appling.

August 19-21, Camp Out and Tread Work, Williams Mine Trail Head to Horseshoe Meadow, Bob Arkes.

Late September or early October Camp Out and Tread Work, Horseshoe Meadow to Riley Creek if needed, Bob Arkes.

September 3 (2-4), PCT Day, Cascade Locks.

October 1, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Potluck, Hoyt Arboretum.

November 5-6, CPR and Wilderness First Aid, Mason Marsh.

Training and Safety Report

West Fir Training recap

The Cross cut saw training was ok. There was an administrative problem in that some people showed up already with C ratings from the forest service trainer and asked for recertification and we weren't able to do that.

In the chain saw class there were a couple of serious incidents, no serious injuries, but there could have been. The team felt that people were probably cutting beyond their abilities. Bill's recommendation to Jen Tripp was that we divorce ourselves from their program because they are certifying people at a C level that in his opinion aren't C level cutters. The concern is that if anyone gets hurt in that program it will hurt all programs. There was a Willamette Forest ranger sanctioning the event.

Allingham Training recap

There was a low turnout for chain saw certifications, but good attendance overall.

Leif Hovin was there helping as well. 13 recertifications on Friday, 9 initial certifications on Saturday. Kim thinks that we need 2 full days for initial certifications. It's hard to keep track of who has taken the introductory courses. California trip was great because they had plenty of time, including a full classroom session. Bill believes that the curriculum they've been working on is really for 2.5 days. Pam had a great durable drain class at the training.

Idylwild Training recap

This training was for a group of animal packers that are getting trained/certified by the PCTA. It was a good mix of people. There was pressure to get people certified. 1 instructor with 8 students.

Budget Report

Same as last month. Kim did not have a status update from the Sacramento office, but no one noted any major purchases in the last month.

Kim suggested buying some food for the weekend work parties.

Tools Report

Bill just got cross cut saws back from Joe in Seattle. He did a good job and we only need to reimburse him for his costs. Leif suggested that we purchase some long/extra long chaps.

Question was raised as to whether there a safety concern with carrying a wedge in your pocket?

Kim said Steve and Bob were short the extra chain for the chain saw in each of their caches.

Miscellaneous Items

Steve discussed grant for money to get a pedestrian walkway across the Bridge of the Gods. State ranked it as #2 in priority list, moved to Federal level. The possibility of it happening at this point has increased.

Attached to that is a rider to pay for the planning of a pedestrian trail between the bridge and Stevenson. Won't know on that decision until the fall.

Steve P

– Saw a fawn on the power line road near Cascade Lockes and someone had left a water dish for it. Had pictures for the group.

Leif

– Question about progress of TVC training. Bill said the training progress is on hold at the moment. Hoping to get something lined up for the fall with a C level instructor.

Dave R

– Isaac mentioned that he had received about half the money for the warm springs crew. Enough for him to get matching funds that he needs so he should be all set. Becky will send out email about where they will be all summer, as they would like to have people come up and join them throughout the summer.

Bill H

-PCT days project - we don't have a site yet, but there are a couple options he is exploring. He is working around a running club that will be using the area. Welcomes ideas from people, needs to be a 6 hour project, close to Cascade Lockes.

-An SCA crew working on the Sacajawea project this fall that will replace two foot bridges. This June 24-26 they will be doing preparatory work hauling cedar planks in and old planks out and perhaps moving some rock. Looking for people from our group to help any of those three days. With enough people they could even begin building the bridge landings.

-Near Wy'east camp looking for material to cut into planks, might have a crew go up for a day to split cedar planks.

-Dana has asked Bill to expand and recreate something like this at White Pass. A need for volunteer support in that area.

-At the debrief for the TSC committee, it was suggested that the saw certification be a separate event from the TSC.

Bob A

Will be doing some scouting in the next couple of weeks to see if his tentative work crew dates will work.

There was an inquiry about the cards from the Forest Service. Bill said they hired someone to do the clerical work for issuing the cards. Kim will make a call to see if he can offer some help to get the cards issued out faster. Some people are saying they can't participate in work crews because they don't have their cards.

Becky

-Is anyone using the tools from Steve's cache for the weekend of June 7-10th? She needs additional radios. Kim will be using tools from there the weekend afterward.

-Does anyone know anything regarding the PCT relocation (Timberline Lodge). From the lodge up to Silcox – crossing the PCT? The expected implementation is for the fall of 2011. Steve Q is going to inquire further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm