

Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 8, 2015

Location: REI Clackamas

Welcome

- Attended: Ruth, Tammy, Jerry, David, Tami, Justin, Chris K, Kelley, Steve P, Ron, Leif, Tim L, Carole, Lamar, Freefall, Pace, Tyler, Steve Q, Roberta (19 people)
- Thanks to Ruth for taking notes

Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

- 2015 Stats through June: The awesomeness continues!
 - 95 Trail Work Parties
 - 16 events
 - 6 saw certs/TSC
 - Vol Hours (unaudited)
 - Events: 61 hours
 - Trail Maintenance: 5475 hours
 - TSC: 3729 hours
 - Total Vol Hours: 9265
 - Specialized Hours: 487 (includes TSC)
 - Miles of Maintenance: 125.7 (Includes TSC)
 - Feet of Rehab: 4585 (.87 miles, includes TSC)
- In comparison, for 2014 calendar year our accomplishments were:
 - 114 trail work parties
 - 15 events attended
 - 1073 logs removed (218+ xc, 858+ chainsaw)
 - Over 400 volunteers (includes TSC)
 - Over 15,600 volunteer hours (includes TSC)
 - 1120 Specialized hours
 - About 487 miles maintained
 - 3.9 miles of trail reconstructed

Past Events

Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. June 11: NSM #4: Upper Muddy Fork: Pace
 - a. 2 person crew, finished Top Spur brushing plus more work on Pace's trail
2. June 11: Only the Essential: Roberta and Ruth
 - a. Tabling, movie, a little talk afterwards
3. June 13: Get Outdoors Day: Joanne Mikol organizing
4. June 13: Logout Crest Camp north to Indian Heaven Wilderness: Pig Pen
5. June 14: Logout Timberline North: Ruth
 - a. Fun
6. June 14: Logout Gillette Lake: Leif and Kelley
7. June 14: Snag Creek Scout: Tami
 - a. Whole top section clear of logs
8. June 15: Cascade Locks Two-fer: Roberta
 - a. Busted the honda toter once again (Bruce was the driver). More logs in the log jam below the muddy mess than imagined. Tammy got good at rolling logs.
9. June 16: Scouting for Giant Hogweed: Jeff
 - a. No Giant Hogweed found; cow parsnip instead
10. June 17: Timberline South Logout and Treadwork: Ron
 - a. 13 people, Pace was the xc sawyer, 34 logs total
11. June 18: Upper Muddy Fork water crossings: Pace
 - a. Boulders placed and crossing improved
12. June 20: Mt Adams South Logout, Clearing, and Tread: Gentleman Bob and Sidekicks
 - a. Good work done, but now "Fire on the Mountain". Considering renaming his section Charcoal Zone

13. June 20: Birkenfield Scouting: Freefall
 - a. 2 trees down, need a B sawyer to clear. Help! ¼ to ½ mile from road, near rock quarry
 - b. Road scars are worse than the clear cut. "Trail" made with a scoop of a back hoe.
14. June 21: Brushing Gillette Lake: Kelley
15. June 25: Upper Muddy Fork water crossings: Pace
 - a. 1 gully, 5 drainages improved
16. June 25: Logout Teakettle: Tim D and Roberta
 - a. Two trees removed, three new logs found later
17. June 27: Lost Lake Brushing: Leif
 - a. Yes, this one happened.
18. June 27: Little Crater Lake Logout: Steve P
 - a. South of Frog Lake. 21 logs, last one was new since last logout. Pig Pen was the sawyer. Out by 1pm
19. June 28: Snag Creek Rock/Tread: Tami and Roberta
 - a. Multiple activities – culvert clearing, rock slide clearing, and one big log removed with two rock bars as levers
20. June 29: Timberline Cutoff Signage and Logout: Pace
 - a. Signs at both ends of the Cutoff. 3 people carried 2 posts, the signs, a cross cut saw, a tamper bar, and a peavey. Wow. 8 logs cleared on the Timberline Trail from the cutoff to Top Spur (not MHC trail). Some logs had been across the trail a very long time.
21. July 3-4: Snag Creek Brushing and Drainages: Tami
 - a. Overnighter with her son.
22. July 8: PCTA Staff Training at Trout Creek: Bill
23. July 8: Today's Caretaker Meeting

Future Events

Next Month:

1. July 11-12 Paradise Park Loop + PCT: Ruth and Chris K.
2. July 11: Indian Springs Logout: Busdriver John
 - α. Note: also on July 11: Mt Hood 50 per website <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mt-hood-50>
3. July 14: Muddy Fork brushing: Pace
4. July 15: NSM Kids Day at BOG Oregon Side: Roberta
5. July 17-23: Skyline Crwe at Upper Lake/Olallie Lake
6. July 17-19: Potato Hill: Karla
7. July 17-18: Urban Youth at BOG Oregon Side: Dana
8. July 20-21: Adamah Adventures (GA college group) near Pinhead Buttes: Tami
9. July 21: NSM at Timberline North: Ruth
10. July 22: Boy Scout Trail Work: Kim
11. Aug 10: NSM #6 at Top Spur: Jayme and Roberta
12. Aug 12: Next Caretaker meeting

Beyond:

1. September 26-27: Mountain Lakes 100 per website: <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100>

Reports

Volunteer Coordinator. Tammy

Doing fine. Lots of trail work, not as many volunteers available. About 1200 people on the email list. Travelling 8/3 – 8/16; will have computer access but may be a little slower in response time to emails.

Montbell wants PCTA to do something at the store, so a volunteer recruitment day is planned. All day, sometime in the Fall. They donate raffle items to TSC and PCT Days – high end alpine gear.

POTLUCK: Stevenson Park costs \$ and has rules on liquor. People said that if people BYOB it's OK; liquor rules are for when someone is officially serving.

Hopkins Demo Forest has a big free pavilion, don't know availability

Eagle Fern Park was suggested.

Barton Park was suggested

Guy Talbot park was suggested. Roberta had tried that via Bacon Bit, no answer. Ron will try to contact her, if no response in a week, we'll go with Stevenson

Dates are either October 3 or 10.

Note that the fairgrounds is doubling their prices, might be too expensive for TSC. Kelley to talk to Tammy.

Dana:

- At Staff orientation with Bill at Trout Creek (Plan C)

- Need a crew leader for PCT Days work party Friday Aug 28 (still no takers)

Bill: says Hi. He's at the Staff Orientation at Trout Creek.

Budget. Kim

Pacific Crest Trail Association
Program Budget Report
As of May 31, 2015
Columbia Cascades Region - MT. HOOD CHAPTER

CMTL Grant (360)	Jan-Dec 2015 Budget	May 2015 Actual	Budget Remaining
Trail Crew Travel	525	-	525
Expendable Trail Supplies	2,100	291	1,809
Tools & Equipment		-	
Crew Programs & Training	525	47	478
TOTAL	3,150	337	2,813

Tools. Leif

- Some wood handles are drying out with this weather. Check the tools as you check them out.
- There's one brusher not working well, Leif going to give it a talking to
- Dennis Beard found a nice D-handle cross cut at a garage sale, delivering to David for rehab
- 50 hard hats ordered – we'll replace moldy hats so we keep volunteers coming back.
- MS-250 chain saw (belongs at BOG) at DJ's – will stay there until the Owens return
- Please flag broken tools, set them aside, and tell Leif.
- Radios: the ones that haven't been updated to the new frequencies are in Dana's cache and flagged as "OK for GP". May be able to update them in October.

Discussion Items

- CPR training this November – Doodle Poll says Nov 14 is the leader, but it's close.
 - David willing to reserve the Estacada Library once Roberta tells him a couple of dates and times
- Oct 24 and Oct 25: Renee Seker, Todd Janssen, and Trevor Hostetler want volunteer work parties on the PCT. They are organizers of the Mt. Hood 50 and Mountain Lakes 100. Run as two separate work parties so people can come to either one or both. Kelley willing to be crew leader.
- Jackie Arnel with Outdoor Project wants a special work party for their staff and contributors. Working with Freefall, date set for Sunday/Monday after PCT Days

Announcements/Reminders

- Vacancies: Mt. Adams-North; Big Huckleberry; Trout Creek transition for Jim Webb (Tami/Kelley)
- **Columbia Dispatch** is open 0730-1800, 7 days a week.
- Fire closure on Mt Adams, between Williams Mine trailhead to Divide Trail
- All areas at IFPL Level II. Bill Hawley advising against any power tool use.

Round the Room

- Jerry: too hot. Fish packing this weekend. Lots of trail work, just not on PCT
- David: Columbia Dispatch phoned him to ask why he had not checked out. Computer glitch, because he wasn't on the trail and hadn't checked in. Maybe last year's data? Lots of new dispatchers. FS Crews are on newer digital network
- Tami: Too hot. Looking forward to more crews.
- Justin: Hiked PCT near Crater Lake. Tough trail conditions. If you want to feel good about your section of trail, check out some other sections.
- Chris K: Wilderness Stewards are encouraged to do work parties this year. Next one is July 18 somewhere around Ramona. Also, there's graffiti on the rocks in Little Zigzag canyon.
- Kelley: Gorge Maps are done and available (passed some around). Found logs on Roberta's section and Marijke's section. Super busy with career stuff, so can't volunteer as much.

- Steve P: in awe of ex-logger Pig Pen (John Cunningham).
- Leif: 7/9 –Sunday Chinook Pass to White Pass.
- Ron: anyone else having vapor lock problems on their Stihl chainsaw? Underbucker: due to quick change to hot weather and using winter fuel blend. Also, there's been some Stihl recalls, might need to have your saw checked.
- Ron (continued) Plan 20 minutes more to get through construction/blasting on Mt Hood. This will be a good huckleberry year. Parking is impossible in the Gorge.
- Tim L: June 20, packed 1200 trout into Cast Lake. Saturday will pack "keepers" to Shell Rock Lake, only a few fish per bag, only about 100 fish total.
- Steve Q: Geocaching in Nevada recently. Thursday, met with Dana, Mark Larabee and and old guy Dan Lauden, who published Trails for America, conceptualizing the national trail system. Also in awe of John Cunningham.
- Carole: scouted her section this afternoon, met some people who wondered if there was a famous trail nearby and thought maybe she was Cheryl. Leaving for Glacier NP next week.
- Lamar: Trail to the top of Punchbowl is opened by users. Two people have broken backs from jumping. Replanked High Bridge.
- Freefall: went to Colorado, nice hike. Saw rangers doing massive campsite decommissioning. Needs B sawyer for his section.
- Pace: big log maybe next month with XC. 4 miles in, 36-42" diameter on steep side slope, will need to be single bucked. It's a challenge, if you're interested let him know. Others suggested maybe Mckenzie should blast it. Might do an overnigher next month to work on wash out area.
- Tyler: Would like a sign-making weekend some time. Would like to figure out a process with Dana and Bill. Went on a logout with 350 Blades – 51 trees in 6 days along Vista Ridge at Glacier Peak. Each day was a longer hike. Will be in Alaska in August and Maine in September.
- Roberta: I'll be on vacation July 26-Aug 9 then immediately working on NSM crew on Aug 10.