

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2016

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Summer

## Welcome

- Welcome:
- Absent: Justin (Wallowas); Ron (camping with grandkids); Tami (vacay with aunt); Marty (hiking PCT Washington); Hilary (will start next month); Steve P (out of town guests); Steve Q (hiking, in Oregon now, north of Ashland); Kelley (concert)
- Attended: Summer, Busdriver John, Becky, G'man Bob, Jane, Tammy, Ruth, Chris K, Kim, Pam, Underbucker, Leif, Pace, Worm, Tim, Liz, Tyler, Little Brown, Roberta (19 people)

## Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

Thanks to Pace for generating these stats. Summary: We are now ahead of last year on total hours and number of crews and combined miles logged and maintained. Per the logout status report, we've cleared nearly 3000 logs. 2963 is our current count.

### Mount Hood Chapter Stats - July 2016

|                              | July<br>2016 | YTD<br>July<br>2016 | YTD<br>July<br>2015 |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Volunteer Hours, total       | 2234         | 13088               | 12511               |
| Specialized hours            | 532          | 2228                | 811                 |
| Miles Logged out             | 91           | 222                 | n/a                 |
| Miles Maintained             | 8            | 37                  | 203                 |
| Feet of Rehab/Recon          | 2315         | 15687               | 7003                |
| # Trail Work Crews           | 22           | 93                  | 82                  |
| Trail Maint - on trail hours | 2011         | 7368                | 5897                |
| Trail Maint - support hours  | 214          | 2313                | 2520                |
| Outreach Event hours         | 9            | 86                  | 213                 |
| Training hours               | 0            | 3321                | 3881                |
| Total                        | 2234         | 13088               | 12511               |

- Roberta: Ellen is almost caught up with us. Early Oct, the Forest Service will be asking for their data, the more we can get in earlier the better.

## Past Events

### Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. **July 8-14: Sasquatch Crew, Gorge**
  - Roberta: It was on Freefall's section.
2. **Jul 15: Eagle Creek Celebration: Roberta**
  - Roberta: It was really... weird. We were first told it was a sign up thing like normal then turned into a private celebration for the Forest Service. It was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eagle Creek campground. Friends of the Gorge, Friends of the Historic Highway were also there.
3. **Jul 15: Indian Heaven North Wilderness Logout: Rick**

- Little Brown: Rick camped it. At Tillicum or something like that and hiked into Blue Lake (9.5 miles in) and had a long day. Rick made some lasagna in a Dutch oven that was really good. He will do it the same way next year.
- Tyler: We did 19 miles in 10 hours. 1.9 miles an hour with cutting.
- Roberta: That's an incredible amount of miles
- 4. Jul 16: Gateway to Mt Adams Logout/Tread: Jane**
  - Jane: All logged out. All 38-40 logs. All the maintenance is done, drain dips cleaned and its ready to be on its own for the winter. The bridges were swept. Tammy was the bridge cleaner.
  - Tammy: I had the broken foot and wasn't supposed to do anything.
- 5. Jul 16-17: Birkenfeld Brushing: Freefall**
  - Roberta: They camped out. Ran a couple power brushers and did good work
- 6. Jul 17: Scout Chinidere Mtn Trail, Chinidere Cutoff Trail: Roberta**
  - Roberta: It was all good and thrilled the Chinidere Mountain Trail was clear and no logs to be cleared.
- 7. Jul 17: Sandy River Trail Re-Route: Tim, Pace**
  - Pace: It was more than just flagging
  - Tim: We basically cut the trail but the tread isn't done. Need another crew for that. Both reroutes were flagged. Someone came in and took all the flags out.
    - Dave: I switched over to tree paint after having a couple of problems like that. I'm not going to use flags anymore, I'm missing too many.
  - Roberta: So 1 more work party this fall?
    - Tim: Talking about getting a New Seasons Market Crew.
    - Jayme: Talking about splitting the September 10<sup>th</sup> crew.
    - Pace: I can take a crew down there, I know the route. I have a crew in 2 weeks on Muddy Fork that I can use to do the work I was saving for my New Seasons Market Crew and use the NSM Crew for the tread work on the Sandy River. It should be either Tim or myself leading as we know the route.
    - Tim: I can also walk in with someone.
    - Little Brown: I won't have time to do anything before but if I can just walk in on the 10<sup>th</sup> I can do it.
- 8. Jul 18: NSM Crew at Sacajawea: Freefall**
  - Roberta: It went well except some people got poison oak.
- 9. Jul 20: Danner Boot Supercrew: Roberta, Tyler, Carole, Little Brown, Hilary**
  - Roberta: It was really fun. Calling in to Dispatch Cobb +29. Well, actually 32 with crew leaders. There were 4 groups. Mine pulled weeds. Little Brown's moved rocks.
  - Tammy: I talked to Danner boots in Salt Lake City and 3 people didn't get to go on the trail crew because they had to work and were really mad. They want to go out at least twice a year.
  - Roberta: I should have just been a crew leader of crew leaders instead of trying to lead my crew at the same time. That was a recommendation from Tyler. Everyone worked hard. Carole's lovely loppers wouldn't quit lopping.
- 10. Jul 22: Trail Dirt Live: Tammy**
  - Tammy: It happened it was fun. They gave Tyler the "Above and Beyond" award. They gave out awards. Dana will give it to him next month. It was a lot of fun. Got to talk to board members. The raffle people won raffle things.
- 11. Jul 23: Wahtum to Chinidere Logout: Busdriver John**
  - Busdriver John: We got a couple logs out but had to leave 1 for the Forest Service to do. There is a little cleanup for us.
  - Kim: We had 1 unusual problem a 28-34" log going through the campsite, through a busy trail. It was challenging, it was fun.
- 12. Jul 23: Scout Lolo Pass to Top Spur: Worm**
- 13. Jul 23-24: Indian Springs to Buck Peak Logout and Brushing: Leif**
  - Leif: Yes. We did. It was cutting, cutting, cutting and then moving these odd pieces out. Bill was there cutting. The next day I hiked 13 miles. At 530 or 6pm we ran into board members that were out for a hike. At 7pm the sheriff pulled up and someone had activated their spot at a place we had passed at 615pm. haven't heard what it was about. As I drove out I saw the Hood River Search and Rescue pull up. Good day. Lots of cutting, 16 + more + 9.
  - Little Brown: Nothing was a simple 1 cut. Everything took multiple cuts
    - Leif: Some was like cutting roast turkey and some was like pulled pork. It was just lots of fuel.
- 14. Jul 24: Sandy River: Tim**
  - Tim: Did the river crossing for the horses. We made it in the same spot but the river is much lower. 2.5 feet deep at the crossing. I got to see the rest of my section. It was a good day. 4 of us and a pack horse. We tried to cut trail on the new section but didn't have enough animals.
- 15. Jul 26-28: FYS Crews on Sedum Ridge:** Tami: We worked on 5 different areas that were all impacted by the heavy rains this past spring.
  - Roberta: Tami worked 2 days and Dean gave her 1 more day. They were pretty good, some better than others. One girl was a real pain.

**16. Jul 30: Potato Patch: Karla**

- Roberta: We had fun. Dean had already logged it out. Worked Potato Hill to the Coleman Weed Patch, the section north. Long drive up there took me 5 hours.
- Kim: Dean logged out his section and the rest of us logged out 53 logs

**17. Jul 31: Paradise Park Loop and Trail Logout: Chris K**

- Chris: We got it all finished. Tyler plus a crew of 5. It was great. Everyone was happy and in great shape and I was the logger. We made 2.7 miles /hour for 12 miles. We got the logs cut. We had a crowd of 8 people watching us cut. It was super busy up there.

**18. Jul 31: Mt Adams North Scout: Pace**

- Pace: A lot of drainage work to do. Went the full length and camped. Dean will do the center part next year he has a grant. If anyone wants to take it over, it's a beautiful trail (PCT from Killen Creek trail – north end Mt Adams). It just takes a while to get up there.
- Leif: We did from the Lava Field to Sheep Lake when we did some clean up a few years ago. 3, 4 years ago.
- Chris K: I thought the road was really bad.
- Pace: It is washed out right at Killen Creek.

**19. Aug 5: Eagle Creek, Chinidere Cutoff , Benson and Wahtum PCT logout: Leif and Roberta**

- Leif: It was a good long day.
- Roberta: There was good food, thank you Leif.
- Little Brown: It was a long hike out.
- Leif: It was only 14 miles. Eagle Creek is long.
- Tyler: It beats you up too. We did a car shuttle. Didn't get off trail until 745pm.
- Busdriver John: Thank you Tyler for the new signs. Put them in on Saturday
- Leif: We got about half the logs we needed to get. There are about 17 left. We had 4 hikers watching us.

**20. Aug 6 - Wahtum lake signage & cleaning up the springs – Busdriver**

**21. Aug 5-11: Skyline Crew at Lemiti Meadow: Dana**

- Dave: They are in there still. I was going to go up in the morning to see how far they made it. Working on drains and signage. Tami and I went in to do an elevation survey of the whole meadow.

**22. Aug 6: Williams Mine to Horseshoe Meadows (Mt Adams South) Logout: Kim and Pam**

- Pam: It was lots of fun. We had 32 logs and a lot of things in the burned area that curled down onto the trail. They are really hard.
- Kim: Yeah, they are heat treated.
- Pam: There were 40 or 50.
- Kim: The Forest Service had a crew in that cut the lower logs and we had to cut back a few things to make it equestrian friendly.
- Pam: It seemed a long way up.
- Kim: We went up one day, camped and then came down the next.

**23. Aug 6: Zig Zag Brushing: Ruth**

- Ruth: We brushed. We did some drains. We did some tread work.
- Roberta: You improved the horse crossing?
  - Ruth: I still think it is a structural issue. I think we need a really big rock, a 12 person rock.

**24. Aug 9: Scout Muddy Fork: Pace**

- Pace: It was a little wetter than I thought but you can see the drain issues. I'll have a crew out in a couple weeks to work on that.

**25. Aug 10: Today's caretaker meeting**

## Future Events

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

**Next meeting: Sep 14, REI**

**Beyond:**

1. Skyline Crew at Lemiti Meadow: Aug 5-11
2. Sasquatch, Mt Adams I: Aug 19-25
3. Sasquatch, Mt Adams II, Sept 2-8
4. Bunker to Bonneville 50K run: Sept 3, <http://www.cgrcb2b.com/>
5. Mountain Lakes 100 run: Sept 24-25, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>
6. Dolly Chapman has scheduled her fall crosscut saw sharpening classes:
  - a. November 29 - December 1: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-1129-121-tickets-26086802328>
  - b. December 2 – 4: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-122-124-tickets-26087028003>

# Reports

## Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy

Went to Salt Lake City and spent 4 days talking to people about the PCT and the PCTA. Went to Danner Boot twice for happy hour. Went to Granite Gear. If you go to PCT Days, meet the young men at Can Do Crew and are taking the garbage off the PCT. They are trying to inspire people to go and take trash off trails. They are called the Pack It Out Crew. They have taken over 600lbs of trash off the PCT: toilet paper, food wrappers, and mattresses. They dig cat holes and bury other people's poop. They are very interesting young men.

Talked to Cordura and told them thank you for the shirts. And then I heard from Jen about the challenges about getting the shirts. Went to Bogg's Trail Butter – they are giving us butters for crews. They are a Portland company and they had puppies at their happy hour. Rough wear also brings in dogs that need to be adopted and they work with an airline to fly them home to you. Other than it was 94F and humid. I think we made some connections. The other thing is next weekend is PCT Days and I'm going to send out the request for volunteers today. Lance and Jack will come in Friday to set up tents. They need snack bowls or containers (chips) for the welcome party at our campsite. Hoping to make it fun so would like table top games, corn hole, anything like that so people want to come and hang out there. They want them loaned but will give them back. I need 8 volunteers for a tabling event and a store. I need 3 people to breakdown. There will be a photo-booth and I'm going to see if I can get another photographer. Also looking for retro 70 attire and gear for the photo-booth, a TV monitor they can hook up for the class of 2015 video on a loop. Jack is bringing a Tyvek screen but they are hoping for something sitting on the table top.

Tomorrow I am going to drive to Fresno and go to Roads End and get out of my car and shut off my phone to start hiking on Friday and will be back on Tuesday. Going to Kings Canyon, going counter clockwise. Something I've been trying to do for three years. Bill's got 5 people for the crew so far. If anyone writes to me after Friday morning, sorry. But until then I will forward anyone I get. Pace – I will send yours out. Can I get them to reply to you? (Pace: Yes). We'll still have time and don't read and reply to me I can get them to you when I get back. That's my thing. I come back, get 1.5 days to get ready for PCT days.

- Pace: Does Sacramento have our stamp?
- Roberta: No. They don't. Ron ordered another one but only the small size.
- Tammy: I talked with Bacon Bit and we have Guy Talbot group site on Oct 8 for the picnic.
- Roberta: Liz wants to donate food from NSM. Do you want me to work with her? Leif: I'll talk to Liz.
- Tammy: I'll be back for that but I leave the day after the picnic for Scotland.

## Partnership Crews: Jayme

### Upcoming and New:

- Jayme: Everything is running really efficiently. No new inquiries. But everything is good. Did the NSM donation come?
- Roberta: It was sent to Sacramento and they received 2 cheques but I wasn't told the amount. Sherri is really impressed with NSM. And NSM has moved up to the next donor level. I'll ask if it was earmarked for us.
- Jayme: The Bag it Forward program, after 6 months, PCTA will be eligible for it again.

1. Urban Youth: Aug 12-13. Dana leads, Kim, Bob and Jane assisting
2. Outward Bound Sep 2-4. Underbucker and Becky. Tread specialists: Kim and Pam and Busdriver John
3. REI: Tyler: September, overnight at Steamboat section
4. Lewis and Clark College. Sept 24, drainages on Paradise Park Trail. Kori with L&C leads
5. Apple III Aug 24 with Tami. They contacted Tami directly. Sedum Ridge section.

### Multiple crews for same group:

6. New Seasons Market:
  - 1) (done) Tuesday April 19 with Busdriver John, Herman Creek Trail and Herman Bridge Trail
  - 2) (done) Tuesday May 10, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work, Bald Mtn area (near Top Spur)
  - 3) (done) Saturday June 4 with Worm, Leif, Rick, Marty – logout Lolo Pass South
  - 4) (done) Sunday June 12 with Worm, Ruth, Marty, Roberta, logout Lolo Pass South
  - 5) (done) Tuesday June 14, with Robert Caldwell – moderate, brushing &/or tread work also Bald Mtn area
  - 6) (done) Saturday June 25 with Worm, Roberta – brushing, possible logout Lolo Pass South
  - 7) (done) Monday June 27 with Kim/Pam Owen, Washington in the Gorge area
  - 8) (done) Tuesday July 12 with Kelley Davis - moderate, brushing work on the Washington side of Bridge of the Gods
  - 9) (Cancelled) Friday July 15 Kids Day, with Carole and Roberta – Bridge of the Gods Tollgate Park, invasive plant removal on PCT and 400 trail

- 10) (done) Monday July 18 with Chris Sanderson - moderate, Washington in the Gorge area
  - 11) Monday Aug 15 with Roberta - easy, invasive plant removal on Oregon side of Bridge of the Gods. April Ann Fong will assist.
  - 12) Tuesday Aug 23 with Leif - moderate, basic tread work
  - 13) Tuesday Sep 6, with Tami Sheets – moderate work in Washington near Sedum Ridge.
  - 14) Saturday Sept 10 with Worm and Roberta
  - 15) Monday Oct 3 with Roberta and Chris K – drainages along Paradise Park Trail.
7. Mazamas:
- 1) (done) Feb: – Nesmith Trail with crew leader Pace.
  - 2) (done) March: March 5 crew leader Rick/Pace. Wilderness log out Nick Eaton Ridge and Gorton Creek
  - 3) (none) April: none (no work party requested)
  - 4) (none/done) May: May 2-3 – no Mazamas
    - turned into a non-Mazama crew clearing a couple tough logs on Nick Eaton Trail
  - 5) June, July, Oct cancelled
  - 6) Aug 13: Steve P and Roberta on Steve's section
  - 7) Sept 4. Crew leader Tami at Sedum Ridge.

#### **Completed Partnership Crews**

1. Go Beyond Racing: Justin. June 18. Teakettle Springs section
2. Apple: Done. Tami, June 2 and June 3. Two single-day projects.
3. Lisa Holmes, Author and hiking group with 6 people wants a crew on April 30. Ruth and Carole
  - o turned into just PCTA volunteers, Lisa and hiking group cancelled
4. Alaska Airlines: Done. Leif on his section, Thursday May 12
5. PGE at Timothy Lake: Done. Roberta and Marty, May 23-25. PGE providing food and materials and PCTA providing volunteers
6. Danner Boots: July 20, Roberta with Tyler, Carole, Little Brown, and Hilary. 28 from Danner, did 4 separate projects on PCT between BOG and Dry Creek.
7. FYS (Forest Youth Success): July 26-27. Tami working directly with Dean. Dean set up 3 days on Sedum Ridge
8. Trail Butter, Jeff Boggess: Worm incorporated into NSM Sept 10 crew

#### **On Hold/Not scheduled**

1. Montbell: Lamar offered to lead. On hold indefinitely.
2. Boeing: group of 5 or a few more- was going to be on Earth Day. postponed indefinitely
3. Girl Scout group: Carole and Ruth
4. Troup 22 Eagle Scout Project: Kim???
5. Ant Farm, Travis Roundy. Will have youth involved.

**Dana: 2 items – 1. 2 injuries this summer. Please remember to have and use the injury packets (not Mt hood chapter – 1 in mid-Oregon – broken ankle. The other a packer fell off their horse). 2. Thanks for all the great work.**

- Little Brown: The ankle. It was the end of the day, she was hiking out of Mento Pass, she fell and broke the ankle. She had plates put in and spent 2 days in the hospital.

**Bill:** Mt Adams Crews are underpopulated. One is in jeopardy of being cancelled for lack of volunteers.

- Leif: There was one that just came out again for the 19-25.
- Roberta: One only has 3 people. That isn't enough to cover the cost of bringing in packers.

**Budget:** Kim

Kim: Thank you everyone for being prudent with expenditures. We won't have enough for a new saw. We have some people that donate instead of being reimbursed. We are doing ok.

- Chris K: With Intel, is there any way that I can get their donation funneled to us?
  - o Roberta: I've never really focused on that.
  - o Leif: If we got that money would they reduce our budget?
  - o Kim: I've looked into that but haven't received an answer. We're just going to move forward hoping it works the way we want. I'll be putting together a new budget request in September. If you have requests, tool related send to Leif, send them to me. Get your wish list in early because sometimes they find money to spend.
- Chris K: Are you putting in for radios?
  - o Kim: Probably not.

**Tools:** Leif

Leif: If you have a tool that you think we need, get that to me. Recently I picked up a mini McLeod. I think it's a really good tool to carry long distance. That might be something to pick up.

David: An electric saw...

Someone: Rope Puller

Kim: When this first started, we would get windfall money and no one could think of anything we needed. Radios then: some of the radios have been... Radios don't always give us satisfactory results and it is impossible to tell if it's the radio, the atmospheric conditions. But there is always one person in dispatch that records us being scratchy or low. I think it is their end. If you encounter any issues let me know. Hickman has been broken for at least a year.

Chris K: There is something wrong with Hickman. Everyone has issues.

Kim: What we found, we took a survey, the consensus was, and our radios were good. Yes they are "old technology" but it's the technology that works, the Forest Service is going to keep it around for another 10 years. The complication is that they are no longer making this model. The new one is a little more and has 100+ channels. I've set up a program where I am trying to get the radios so they are programmed to work up and down our trail.

- Roberta: I may have to borrow that for the North Cascades later this month.
  - Kim: I don't have those frequencies.
  - Pam: Do they have a work channel on theirs that would correspond to a work channel on ours?
  - Roberta: I would have to check.

**Trail Skills College 2017:** Tammy

**Saw Certification:** David

Leif: It has passed. It is official. The Forest Service policy will be out on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are having a webinar to tell us what it is and Winston will be hosting it with people. 930am our time.

**Training and Safety:** Open  
Wilderness First Aid this fall?

- Roberta: I sent an email to Marijke to see if she could teach it. Schedule it for November. Do we want to merge our monthly meeting into the training?
- Leif: I don't think we will have time. I think it expires 2017?
- Roberta: I'll look it up. Probably don't need.

## Discussion Items

### Announcements/Reminders

- Vacancies: Mt. Adams-North; Mt. Adams-South; Indian Heaven South; Upper Eagle Creek; Indian Springs Trail; Sandy River (on the PCT)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch open 7 days a week, 7 am to 6 pm
- **We're currently at IFPL I throughout our region**

### Round the Room

- Tami (via email) Apple also requested another crew in August. I had a great time working on Leif's Indian Springs/Buck Peak logout/overnight. It was a lot of fun to work with Leif and Bill. This coming Saturday I'm going out with Underbucker - hopefully he reports on that.
- Justin (via email): I did go on a run on Saturday and was on the PCT from near Chinidere down to the Herman Creek cut off trail where your section starts. Thanks for getting those few trees cut. I noticed evidence of a few horses so I am sure they appreciated it! The trail looks good throughout! I have some signs to put up between Wahtum and Teakettle so I will probably try and gather up one or two people to come with me and put up signs/clean drains out before the next winter. This probably won't happen until mid-September. I don't think the Benson area really needs anything else this year besides drains cleaned.
  - Pace: He's training for a 100mile run in Utah.
- Summer: going to Japan in October, leaving the day after the caretaker meeting, back the day before the next one.
- Busdriver John: Thank you for the new shirt
- Becky: I like my shirt too. Having a great summer going to the fairs, camping

- Gentleman Bob: I've learned something on the Potato Patch Crew. If you are camping and looking for solitude and you are near a reservation. Get into a drum circle and starting pounding.
  - Roberta: Was that after the tone bars? We weren't too loud.
- Jane: On that same trip, we've been doing something at Mt Adams for so many years and on Road 23 it says Randle and it is always washed out. It only took us 4 hours to get to Randle. We finally got to see the other end of the road.
- Tammy: I told Jayme and Roberta. I got an email from a lovely person that they wanted to bring homeschooled kids out on the trail. Took her a couple days to respond. Not sure if it would work out as they are kindergarten and 1st grade. There were 10 of them but they won't be coming out
- Ruth: When I was out on the trail I realized how the best thing is listening to the crew talk about the rest of the crew leaders and how they admire you. Thanks for being awesome
- Chris K: I'm doing pretty good on the no volunteer work in August. Trying to do personal hiking. Doing a WTA fundraiser this year. I've got a friend coming into town that wants to go somewhere remote. So we'll do Washington.
- Pam: In July we went to Donner Summit for TSC. After we went for 5 day backpack in Desolation Wilderness. Apparently they are so busy you have to get a permit and you have to go in and "reserve" an area to camp. It really didn't get busy until we reached the PCT.
- Kim: Pam and I are going to step aside from caretaking from our stretch to spend more time helping out and it gives us more time to move up and down the trail for other areas. If someone wants the area and are willing, I'd like to be a sidekick and still help out.
- Dave: Outward Bound is still providing a crew on Labor Day weekend. Working on the Pinhead. I would like to meet with Becky and John after the meeting to talk about that.
- Leif: Clear sky today. The Perseids are supposed to be peaking tonight. Tonight peaks after midnight, Thursday right before dawn. Chris and I are supposed to tackle a couple logs this weekend.
- Pace: I have a crew on 23<sup>rd</sup> on Muddy Fork. Latter part of September I'm planning a 3 day trip to Mt Adams. Meals are provided. If you want to go: September 22-24.
- Jayme: I don't have that much. Going to Seattle on the 21<sup>st</sup> to see the Timbers vs Sounders. August is a magical time in the grocery business because it is when you can take time off but we have meetings almost every morning this month.
- Tim: Sarah has me tied to the house working on an addition to the barn. In 1.5 weeks have an interesting tree with a root wad in the air, up against a wall. There is another one that is also interesting. Its 7 miles in. No one seems really excited to go in. We'll go take a look at it and if it looks like we can't do anything with it then FS will have to dynamite.
- Liz: Last month our dog was in the hospital. She is doing fantastic, bounced right back. Other than that I am working and counting down the days to vacation in Aruba.
- Tyler: I did a North 350 Blades trip on the 22. And one night they said we need to go claim the campsite so we went at 430 to walk 1.5 mile down to the campsite. At 6pm they wanted to go back out. We worked until 830 that night. The mosquitos were so bad. One of the guys said are you going to go back and sit in your tent. And I said yeah.
  - Roberta: Do they use dispatch?
  - Tyler: No. We got 61 trees in 4 days. Jeff kept saying this is mostly downhill and after 3 days of going uphill I asked when we would go uphill because the "downhill" was killing me
  - Leif: There is a lot of up.
  - Tyler: The first day was fog and rain. We couldn't see a thing. The 2 day morning was almost as bad and then the mosquitos came out and you didn't want to see anything.
- Little Brown: Week from Thursday, there are 5 people signed up. We would like a few more. We need to build up a section of trail that is a 30 feet long. We will start a little later and finish a little earlier. Probably head out at 9am and get back at 3pm. Its 6801 rd. We will also decommission a campsite and hauling out the fire ring. Dean wants the fire ring, we can't roll it because it has nubbins on it. On the 20<sup>th</sup> we are going to Guatemala to build house for Habitat for Humanity for 10 days
- Roberta: I've got a crew, North Cascades Crew, if anyone wants to work way, way, way, way up north. On 27<sup>th</sup> of August and I only have 2 people on the crew so far. Its 2 days of tread work, 1 day going in and 1 day coming out. We are being packed in, food by Karla. While Tammy is gone, I may send it out to see if someone wants to go out. It's the first crew with the Park Service. Hopefully it works out. I won't be able to scout it ahead of time.