

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA

## Caretaker Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2017

Location: REI Clackamas

Notes by Summer

### Welcome

- Welcome new crew leaders and caretakers
  - Brooke: Interested in Mt Adams north.
  - Frank: Not taking a section, will be a Crew Leader. Taking saw certification in May at Wind River.
  - Josh: Interested in being a Crew Leader.
  - Chuck: Crew Leader. Not sure if he will take a section.
- Absent: Tami, Ruth, Ron (out of town), Carole (mom is sick)
- Attended: Liz, Tyler, Kelley, Pace, Hey Man, Leif, Underbucker, Brooke, Summer, Hilary, Worm, Frank, Steve P, Tim, Josh, Tammy, Luna, Little Brown, Rick, Freefall, OG, Becky, Chris K, Jim, Chuck, Roberta, Dana (27 people)
- New password for database passed around. Don't use the excel form anymore. It takes a long time to get into the system.

### Breaking News

Brooke to take Mt Adams North

Next month's meeting must move. Kelley to contact New Seasons.

### Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

As always, thank you to Pace for doing this analysis.

Mount Hood Chapter Stats - Mar 2017					
	Mar	YTD	Mar	YTD	
	2017	2017		2016	Diff
Total Volunteer Hours	816	1,761		2,950	-1,189
Specialized hours	119	233		531	-297
Number of Trail Crews	7	11		21	-10
Miles Logged out	11	13		29	-16
Miles Maintained	11	15		9	6
Feet of Rehab/Recon	850	850		2,130	-1,280
Volunteer hours by Category					
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	545	879		1,441	-563
Trail Maint - support	185	748		1,217	-469
Trail Skills Training	0	39		266	-227
Outreach Events	86	97		27	70
	816	1,761		2,950	

- Roberta: Down from last year due to the snow.
- Tim L: Overall, how is the log load on the trail?
  - Roberta: It's messier.
  - Little Brown: A lot of tree tops down.
  - Roberta: I only had 58 logs down but there was a lot of limbs and little stuff down.
  - Leif: Up high on the ski trails it's been less stuff coming down. Let's hope it's just low.
  - Roberta: It really has been messy.

## Past Events

### Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

#### 1. March 12: Scout Herman Creek Trail: Rick

- Rick: We had the work party already. The following weekend, March 25. Kelley and I took 5 Mazamas up. It was a pretty good turnout for them. They worked their behinds off on the Herman Creek Loop. Bill and David, Pace and Kelley were involved. Last year it took 4 weekends, we did the whole thing in 1 day this year. Every vine maple had sagged into the trail. It took a lot of time, it was a long day. It snowed and rained on us. I got another guy recruited, Seth, he looks like a guy from ZZ Top. He signed up for all 3 days of TSC. It was a great day. Thank you Kelley for helping out.

#### 2. March 12: Scout Herman Bridge Trail/PCT North: Roberta

- Roberta: Looking to see what was down. The washout needs work and I think we'll do a work party on there. I think on the North side it is coming down.

#### 3. March 14: Eagle Creek Trail Tread Cleanup: Pace & Little Brown

- Pace: On the 14<sup>th</sup> we had lower ¼ mile with 6" layer of muck on it. The following Thursday, 2 big logs. 1 at the entrance and one a mile up. It was a long day. And then on the 18<sup>th</sup> we cleared out up to Tish Creek, up to the slide. Tomorrow is our next log out to clean the slide out. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we worked at Tish Creek. On the 28<sup>th</sup> we scouted Teakettle. On the 4<sup>th</sup> we logged out 23 logs. Most of the stuff is on the lower end. Herman Creek and Teakettle are cleaned. There were 2 wilderness signs on Teakettle, leftover from 2009. We removed them and the signs are at Pace's house.
- Frank: Never volunteer to carry a trail sign until you've tested how heavy it is.
- Pace: I was scouting the last log out on Eagle Creek, walking back from Fern Creek. There looked like an odd rock on the trail and it was a trail post. Only top 4" sticking out. I took a pic and sent to Edan who forwarded to an archeologist.

#### 4. March 16: Eagle Creek Trail Logout #1: Pace and Little Brown

- See above. March 14

#### 5. March 21: Logout BOG Oregon Side, Herman Bridge Trail, Herman Creek near TH: Little Brown and Tyler

- Tyler: There was a new tree that came down 1.5 mile in. It took 7 cuts. You cut it and it would slide down and pinch. We just fought it all day. Bill went on and came out the other side and we went around to pick him up.
- Roberta: Tyler got one and Bill got 14. I loved that tree by Herman Bridge.
- Tyler: That's something we should think about doing, there is an ugly splinter about 6 feet high. It's going to come off at some point. It should come down. The piece it is hanging from is 10 or 12 feet up. I could bring my spikes and climb the tree.
  - Roberta: I don't think that's in our JHAs

#### 6. March 23: Eagle Creek Logout #2: Pace and Little Brown

- See above. March 14

#### 7. March 25: Herman Creek Trail/Nick Eaton/Gorton Creek Trail Clearing: Rick and Mazamas

- See above. March 12

#### 8. March 25: OSU Tree School: Steve Plant, David

- Steve P: It was Tree School. It was pretty slow, 4 signups. Not worth going next year. Those people aren't really there for our kind of work. Everyone has sons, daughters, someone that's hiked the trail. It's not really our type of crowd. Although, Clarks Lawn and Garden the OHSU Master Garden tables will wonder where I am. I am always between them.

#### 9. March 25: Get Ready to Backpack events at REI: Tammy

- Tammy: We had Terry Hill at this REI, I went to Tualatin. They took away my table before I got there, they thought I would be there at 11 but it was 12. I got 6 or 8 sign ups. Terry filled 4 pages. He loved it. He really enjoyed talking to all the people. He has not done one by himself. He did do ALDHA-West, that was pretty contained and pretty easy. Here he had to engage people that didn't know what the PCTA was. He really enjoyed it a lot. Right after that I did 5 nights at the Ultra-light Fest at the Mountain Shop. I personally didn't do it. David did one and a whole bunch of other volunteers. It was every night 630 to 9. The Monday night one, no one came. On Tuesday, David had 5 people. Wednesday and Thursday they had a lot more people. The last night was at Basecamp Brew Pub and a bunch of people came out. I had Nicole and another young lady went and signed up a whole bunch of people.
- Roberta: We need a bunch of crews to get these people out.

#### 10. March 26-29: Ultralight Fest at Mountain shop, Base Camp Brewing: Tammy

- Tammy, Underbucker, Nicole attended

#### 11. March 28: Scout Teakettle: Pace and Frank

- See above. March 14

#### 12. April 1: Dry Creek Bridge/Ford: Roberta and Pace

- Pace: It was pretty good. Set a new route to cross. Frank was there, Hillary was there, Kelley was there. Tyler was there. Roberta's crew had fun getting the animals in.

- Roberta: We got the heavy stuff in. Heyman was there, he was the master blaster with the sledgehammer on an exposed pipe. Some metal straps have always been exposed and he smashed them in.
- Tyler: I had an interesting thing come up. This one older lady and 2 young girls and standing on the edge of the bridge and I told them they could join us and get paid the big bucks. They walked off.
- Roberta: It's a beautiful horse ford, we need horse people to get out and try it. People are getting lost at the trail head. It says PCT but not Dry Creek Falls.
- Dana: Obvious it is being published as Dry Creek Trail somewhere.

**13. April 3: NSM Crew #1 Dry Creek area: Roberta and Frank**

- Roberta: We finished off the work at Dry Creek. Put more dirt on. Filled it in more. NSM were fantastic as they always are. We cleared the brush to the falls. We cleared drains coming out. First NSM crew of the season.

**14. April 4: Logout Teakettle: Pace**

- See above.

**15. April 6-7, 8-9: Estacada Saw Certifications: Underbucker**

- Dave: The Forest Service rewriting their training manual and we have a volunteer photographer, they requested he take as many pics as he could for their training manual. He did a good job. It was 4 days long. It is mixed, PCTA and Forest Service. Same amount of each. The weather was iffy. The first day was hard rain off and on, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day we had to close up due to the rain. It was too dangerous being on the road going up the hill. The first class of a certs had to double up on Saturday. On Saturday we had snow coming down. For those that held out, we had beautiful sunny weather on Sunday. We got it all in, but just barely. It was a very successful training. It was also the first pilot at qualifying fellers in our program, Pace Leif, David did that. Our intention is to very slowly expand that program.
- Leif: The first time with the new forest policy too.

**16. April 7: Trail 400 Logout: Carole and Tyler**

- Tyler: That was pretty simple. The trail is trashed. Lots of limbs. Few trees but nothing big. It was pretty simple. If you go down I-84 the trees are stripped.

**17. April 11: Scout Sandy River Trail, PCT south of there: Pace**

- Pace: I finally got on my trail. Planned on hiking in from gate but the Forest Service opened the gate. There were a couple of snow fields that would hang up a low car. I was first person this year in the parking lot. The Sandy River Trail is pretty much bare. The second half is patchy snow. The first reroute needs some more tread work, the second one had a patch of snow so people followed the old so I blocked off the old route. Hopefully this weekend people will get in and follow the new route. Got to the river crossing and the river hasn't changed from last year. That's not saying the spring melt won't change it. No problem walking across. I got to the PCT and there was about 1-2 feet of snow at the junction. No big logs down, just a few small ones on the reroute.

**18. April 12: Today's caretaker meeting**

## Future Events

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

**Next meeting: May 10**

- Roberta: We can't be here. Last year we moved over to the New Seasons Market in Happy Valley. It wasn't ideal because of the sound. But is it acceptable? Kelley will contact Liz and ask if she can get us in.

**Beyond:**

1. Dolly Chapman has scheduled her fall and winter crosscut saw sharpening classes:
  - a. March 21-March 23, 2017: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-32117-32317-tickets-28056967144>
  - b. March 24-March 26: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dolly-chapmans-crosscut-saw-sharpening-course-324-32617-tickets-28057506758>
2. March 25: OSU Tree School
3. April 9: Gorge Waterfalls Run, <http://www.rainshadowrunning.com/gorge-waterfalls-50k.html>
4. June 11: Get Outdoors Day
5. July 8-9: Mt Hood 50 Run, <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mt-hood-50/>
6. Sep 15-21: Sasquatch Crew: Riley Creek Project,
7. Sept 23-24: Mountain Lakes 100 Run , <https://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100/>
8. April 6-9: Estacada Crosscut Saw Training and Certification
9. April 28-30: Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College
10. May 4-7: West Cascades Trail Skills College (formerly Westfir)
11. May 5-7: Wind River Saw Training
12. May 19-21: North Cascades Trail Skills College
13. June 1-4: Allingham Trail Skills College

14. June 9-11: Big Bend Trail Skills College
15. July 21-23: Tahoe Trail Skills College

## Reports

### Volunteer Coordinator: Tammy

- Tammy: You guys have been busy. I have a couple of emails because people saw you out in Dry Creek and it hadn't been published and they asked how come I didn't send out the email and they wanted to go out and work on the trail. So people are noticing that you are out there. I was going to, when I come back, I was going to do a couple of volunteer recruitments at REI. So I'll do it in June when I get back. There's a few things going on, they are not certain. People are doing PCT presentations and REI wants us there.

### Partnership Crews: Jayme

#### Upcoming and New:

1. **PGE at Timothy Lake:** New Parks Department liaison is Bacon Bit. Little Brown and Tim to lead.
  - a. Tim L: Bill and I have been in contact with Bacon Bit regarding the PGE crew. We'll wait until the snow melts. Still 4 feet of snow at the end of March.
    - Roberta: When I did it, I had a camp host so there is extra logistics. This is a campsite that other people can reserve so you have to pick a date to reserve the campsite.
2. **Wilderness Stewards**, possibly April/May timeframe after their training. Chris K will lead.
  - a. Chris K: We haven't formally talked about it. We normally do steward training the beginning May but she's pushed it back until June.
3. **Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC):** They have 4 week-long trips planned where adults can vacation and go on hikes, raft trips, etc. Dates are July 15 through August 12. They want one work party each trip, preferably Mondays. In 2015 they were in central Oregon section and worked with Dana and Bill Carpenter. Dana says the work parties were successful. This year they will be camped near Bunker Hill.
  - a. Mondays July 17 – Little Brown
  - b. July 24 – Little Brown
  - c. July 31 – Little Brown
  - d. Aug 7 – Tyler
4. **Scout Troup 222**, Stan. Kim is working with him for now. Wants June 24/25, 8-10 people
  - a. There is a possibility that Kim will need someone to take it.
5. **Eagle project, Evan Johnson.** Came through on PCTA.org: Hello, My name is Evan Johnson, I am currently working towards Eagle in the Boy Scouts of America and would like to organize an eagle project involving some sort of work on the Pacific Crest Trail. If there is a part of trail needing maintenance near the Mt. Hood portion, I have a party of about 12 that would be willing to volunteer as the troop I am part of is located in Portland, Oregon. Hoping for early May or June. There will be roughly an even mix of adults and youth with the majority between 15 and 21.
  - a. **Looking for a crew leader willing to work with him to plan it and help him get his badge.** Mix of kids and adults, mostly 15-21. Hoping for early May or early June. Anyone interested?
    - **Little Brown** – if I can have it before the middle of June.
    - **Worm:** I will do an introduction email.
6. **Skout, Amy:** need date from her, told her we can handle 10-12 people
7. Jayme's NSM Crews:
  - a. Saturday June 17: Need crosscut help
    - Pace can help.
  - b. Saturday June 24: Need crosscut help. Looking for 2 extra crosscut people.
    - Chris K and Kelley can help.
  - c. Saturday July 15: Don't think I will need a crosscut crew. Will do tread work
  - d. Saturday July 29: Assuming most of the work will be done. Anyone wants to be the crew lead I can assist and have them work on your trail.
    - Little Brown: Will have to look into it and get back to you.
    - Chris K: The lower part of Paradise might be ready by then.
8. I need a bread count for TSC.
  - Becky: I'll solicit Tammy's help to figure that out.
  - Worm: This time it will be NSM sliced bread. They are short loaves.
9. Dana: I have 1 more partnership crew, the Urban Youth. It's August 25-26. I would love to have 4 or 5 come out to help. We want to try a different location. They want to camp at a lake. If you guys have 2 days of work for teenagers let me know. There will be 15-ish kids plus 2 or 3 of their own adults and then us.
  - Leif: Lost Lake, it has a camp and needs a lot of work. Has erosion problems on the trail.
  - Dana: Can you be there August 25-26?
  - Leif: Should I start talking to Ken?
  - Dana: I could use 3 or 4 more people.
  - Freefall: I will probably do it.

**Completed:**

1. **Wilderness Lit Class (PCC):** Mar 4. Ruth and Roberta, logout on BOG Oregon Side.

**Cancelled/Declined/Did Not Happen:**

1. **Wilson High School:** Tami (but meeting no-showed, so dropped)
2. **National Wildlife Federation:** They declined.

**New Seasons Crews: Kelley**

Liz would like Mondays or Tuesdays, 7 to 10 crews with these date restrictions. Remember for NSM the trailhead has to be within ~90 minutes of Hawthorne NSM. Liz will want to know difficulty of work, hiking to work site, type of work, and whether the crew is limited to 10 employees or can take more.

1. April – Roberta on Monday 4/3 (DONE). Finishing work on the new trail at Dry Creek; cleared trail between PCT and Dry Creek Falls; cleaned drains back to Moody.
2. May
  - a. Pace: Tuesdays 5/16 and 6/6.
    - i. difficulty of work - Moderate to Strenuous
    - ii. hiking to work site - 0.5-1.0 mile, mostly level
    - iii. type of work - Continuing work on reroute of trail started last year and improving existing trail. Building up trail tread and creating and improving drainage, digging and hauling dirt, some brushing. Decommissioning old trail.
    - iv. crew is limited to 10 (Wilderness Area)
  - b. Busdriver John offered: Please advise Liz I'll take Tuesday May 30 and get scouting done by May 13 and get her details. (I told him that Pace had already selected dates, but would leave it up to you and Liz as to which were preferred.)
3. June – no projects Mon 6/19 , Tues 6/20
  - a. Pace 6/6 see notes above.
4. July (could run 2 projects) - no projects Monday 7/3, Tuesday 7/4 & Tuesday July 18
  - a. Roberta, 7/17, invasive plant pull. April Ann Fong to join us as she did last year. Easy hike, easy work. From Bridge of the Gods trailhead on Oregon side. Can go up to 16 employees.
5. August (could run 2 projects) – no projects Tuesday 8/15
6. September (could run 2 projects) – no projects Monday 9/4, Tuesday 9/5, Monday 9/11 & Tuesday 9/12
7. October - no projects Tuesday 10/10
8. Jayme's Crews: see above
  - a. Saturday June 17
  - b. Saturday June 24
  - c. Saturday July 15
  - d. Saturday July 29

**Dana:**

- Dana: Just a few updates on stuff I've been working on. I went on 3 different trips in March. Believe or not there is a week-long training in Visual Resources Management. It's about how to preserve the scenery around trails by disguising developments. We had a Professional Trail Builders Association I went to and a staff retreat. Mike Dawson is retiring in one year. He has been looking toward retirement for a while now and now we have a date but he is going to stay on - he's the director of Trail Ops - he will come back as a 20% part time consultant to finish up some projects. So we are excited for him and in discussion for succession planning for Mike. We don't know if we will replace with another "Mike" or restructure the position. We'll see. We also had a New Marketing and Communications Director, Scott Wilkinson, he is working for us out of Eugene. He has been a marketer for a lot of organizations and he is an avid backpacker. He is coming up with a new updated look for PCTA, including a new logo and promo materials. We are looking forward to how that rolls out. I think he will unite a lot. I've also been working on, we did get funded to complete an EPA study for Mt Jefferson relocations and I'm really happy because there are a couple of spots that the trail had eroded severely and needs rerouting. It's easier to get grants for construction but for the environmental is harder. This summer we have 4 weeks' worth of corp crew. We are adding PCTA volunteers to this. There is still room on those crews building new routes on Jefferson. Hoping to complete in 2018. Roberta and I looked at a BPA power line on Dry Creek Trial. They are upgrading the gravel road to replace the poles, the upgrade will have a pretty visual impact on the trail. We negotiated with them and maybe moving the trail, they are giving us \$5k to study moving the trail down so you don't see the power corridor. North Bonneville, you can't access Table Mountain by the Bonneville Hot Springs anymore. Shelley Lane is a private road and the owners have been unhappy with the public abusers using their private road and leaving trash. Spread the word. There is no public parking. The city is trying to go through the legal channels to create a legal access from downtown. That will be several years in the making, they need a bridge. Shelley Lane residence agreed that we can park there if we make special signage, official PCTA maintainer or PCTA work party, for our vehicles so the public knows we are different and special.
  - Kelley: I had a long talk with Linda, there is a parking area by the slough and went up through the gate and you can access through there. Only 4 cars will fit.
  - Leif: It's kind of in between the hot springs and the power lines and you go through the gate and up the hill and bee-line through the woods.

- Dana: That was goes through private property and we don't have permission.
- Leif: We can park everyone somewhere and then carpool up with PCTA cars and then we limit cars.
- Dave: I have talked with Roberta about magnetic signs for our vehicles. Sounds like something like that would work with a PCTA logo and Trail Crew.
  - Dana: I was thinking of putting it in the window so it doesn't get stolen. And another sign to put up while we are parking there that says no parking except...
  - Roberta: We did the magnetic signs for another org, and they don't last long.
- Dana: We've talked about the Timber Trail, the mountain bike trail, getting some traction. I did meet with the main organizer, it's still just a theory. A few places they were too close or on top of the PCTA and I met with the guy and he's really interested in making sure they have the right messaging to make sure his users understand the no bikes on PCT. He's in touch with our marketing people. I think it is great there is a mountain bike opportunity so they don't have to use the PCT. There is a board walk section by Timothy Lake that is shared. I pointed it out, the Forest Service asked me if I had any issues with the Timber Trail and that's the only exception on the whole PCT. We'd like to see some solution there.

**Bill:** We have our Sasquatch Crews in Goat Rocks full but still need 6 volunteers for the Riley Creek Project 9/15/2017 - 9/21/2017. Camping at Sheep Lake where we did about 6 years ago

- Roberta: It is close to Brooke's section. Riley Creek Trail is the border between north and south Mt Adams sections.
- Dana: It is drop dead gorgeous spot.

#### **Budget:** Kim.

Here is the 2017 budget for the Mt Hood Chapter:

Trail Crew Travel	\$550
Trail Supplies	\$2,205
Training	\$551

#### **Radios:**

#### **Tools:** Leif

- Leif: We got them. Will need all the saw equip for TSC. So anything needing sharpening, we'll be doing that.
- Roberta: We couldn't find the little tote labeled Wind River.
  - Little Brown: Not sure if I brought it back last fall.
- Marijke: If you need anything at Trout Lake, I can check.

#### **Trail Skills College Apr 28-30 2017:** Tammy

- Tammy: Registration closed 2 days ago. Not completely full. We have a bunch of agency people that are waitlist we are going to move around that will make it full. The camping and cooking class didn't get full so I can go to it now. It's like 97% full. Nothing earth shattering is happening.
- Leif: Keep me posted about your trail, we may want to use it for training. Wind River is in May, the first weekend.

#### **Saw Certification:** David

- David: We already covered Estacada. I spent March 27 in Sierra National Forest. I went to the National Saw Conference. We normally send 2, it was supposed to be Jennifer and me. She got ill. So I ended up representing the PCTA. They talked a lot, 5 full days, most of it had to do with implementing the new national policy. You will start to see the stuff immediately in training and in our JHAs and possibly in other places. The Forest Service is implementing a mandatory 5-step process for buckers and fellers. If you take our classes you will be introduced to that process. We updated the PCTA JHAs to include that process to remind you to use the 5-step process. We also issued trail wide JHAs. You can use the same in Southern California or in Northern Washington. We can use them in training so they become familiar. We reviewed their new complexity. It's what we've been doing. They will provide all kinds of printed material to help us assess the complexity. They are doing a whole new training manual. That will probably be available for our saw classes next year. The database for the national sawyer certificate is not yet online. Not yet being developed. Someone at the Forest Service forgot to put in the request for the funds. They are just getting funding now. For the remainder of 2017 there will be no database. We will continue to use our spreadsheet. Starting next year, we won't keep track of it at PCTA, it will be on the database and can get printouts. Potential impact: all the agents were asked consider the budget and impact if the Forest Service discontinues usage of the Stihl brand chainsaws. We are seeing more and more fuel geysering that result in injuries, 17 at last count in the last 3 years. The lawyers are starting to say it will probably be better replace all of the chainsaws rather than continue to use them. If the Forest Service makes that call, we will most likely have to follow suit. In the meantime, we are required to add a fuel geysering section to our training. They will also be printing shortly, safety labels for the chainsaws and fuel bottle that will be required. Also looking at a 3rd party refueling system. It is the same people that make the fuel caps for race cars. The bottle will have a nozzle that fits into the new fuel cap. It takes 2 seconds to fill the chainsaw and there is not one drop of fuel leakage. Spent 1 full day in training on human factors in accidents. Discovering that it has a much bigger impact than we originally thought. On bucking, we have always used the same term as felling: "escape

route" in bucking is "safe quadrants or zone". Escape route implies moving, but you general stay in one safe spot. Starting to much more particular in their training and words.

### Training and Safety: Open

## Discussion Items

- Project Reports:
  - Online submission only! I'll do it if you don't want to.
  - Password change
  - New way to attach JHA, Sign-in, and pictures to a project report. These do not go to your agency contact. You need to email them (the photos, not the JHA, Sign-in) to your agency partners separately.
    - Chris K: Are we being encouraged to attach pictures?
    - Roberta: Yes. Not required and no more than 5. It's on the project report. Once you submit the report it will ask if you want to add attachments.
      - Chris K: For scouting?
      - Roberta: Not for scouting.
      - Chris K: More for PR type stuff?
      - Dana: Yes.
- For Hood River RD, please update your contact info for Claire. Same person, new last name. Now Claire Fernandes: [clairefernandes@fs.fed.us](mailto:clairefernandes@fs.fed.us)
- Travel Oregon is declaring/facilitating a broad-scale Outdoor Recreation Initiative. This reaches beyond trails, but, the trails advocacy group idea, and the idea to establish an outdoor rec policy arm of ORPD, seem to be part of it.
  - If you want to do this or enjoy doing this, let Roberta know and she can pass it on.
    - Becky: If you would like to refer those to me I can do it. The initiative will be managed by State Parks if it happens and there is a place in it for funding. House bill 3150. State Parks aren't really thrilled about it. I'm hoping to find out more next week.
    - Dana: Travel Oregon funded a study to advocate for a state wide trail. Washington has WTA. Oregon doesn't have that. It would be a non-profit I assume. There is someone that did a study, Stephanie Knoll, to see if would be a good opportunity.
    - Becky: ORTEC which is kind of the counter part to the Washington one. I'll find out more.
- Claire Fernandes: I was thinking about requesting funding for NYC (northwest youth corp) to do work on the Timberline Trail. I think we could probably do about 8-10 weeks of work on the trail with a youth crew (or possibly less, need to look into it more). This would be really costly, but would help us address some issues that have been problems for years. In addition to requesting funding to do this work, we have to have a 20% match. This 20% match could come from Forest Service staff time, as well as volunteer work from partner groups. If you guys are interested, I think we could all sponsor the proposal and match. In addition to being FS admin time lining the crews out etc., there could be partner time working on feeder trails to the Timberline Trail. If funds were approved, work would most likely occur in 2018.

## Announcements/Reminders

- 8 Vacancies: 1) Indian Heaven South; 2) 3-Corner Rock south; 3) Teakettle Springs (PCT); 4) Upper Eagle Creek; 5) Middle Eagle Creek; 6) Lower Eagle Creek; 7) Indian Springs Trail; 8) Pinhead Buttes (fostered by Becky/Underbucker)
  - Reserved: Benson Plateau (Hilary); Rushing Water (Hey Man); Mt Adams-North: (Brooke)
- Also looking for a volunteer coordinator
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch winter hours: 7:30a to 4:30p, M-F. Outside of these hours you still need to create a TCP, and must have an alternate dispatcher.

## Round the Room

- Marijke: Going to check our section this weekend. If anybody knows anyone interested in working as a backcountry ranger or trail crew, we have 5 openings. Let her know. Starts in 3 weeks.
- Liz: I'm going to defer to Tyler.
- Tyler: So, we kind of stumbled into a log cabin in Washington. Probably our last caretakers meeting. We will maintain Steamboat. I thinks it is closer to come in from the north than from Gresham. So anyhow. The way upside is it comes with a shop with a corner for the CNC machine. 5 acres. Log home. 2500 sqft.
- Dana: Still keeping a list of signs.
- Pace: Have a crew tomorrow. Already full. There is a lost hiker on Eagle Creek. Tyler, Bill, Frank, and Chuck going. 2 chainsaws. Brushing and a long hike, 10 miles round trip
- Leif: Scouting for TSC and Wind River training.
  - Kelley: Want me to scout Wind River?

- Leif: You can. I'll go up to Panther. Planning on the Gorge this weekend and then further up next.
  - Kelley: Panther Creek road you can't get up.
- Dave: When you drop a sugar pine that is 20 feet tall, it feels like an earthquake. It was dead and in a campground. A lot of the big giants are standing dead. They are in campgrounds and need to come down. It was sad to see those trees that were here before Christopher Columbus came down.
- Freefall: Working. Haven't gotten on my section.
- Steve Q: told us his story about how he's not the typical medical patient.
  - Rick: Feeling good?
  - Steve Q: I got cleared to start driving yesterday. Car was dead. If anyone wants to see my scar...
- Becky: I've talked enough.
- Chris K: Got a little cabin fever, decided to go up to Paradise to see what the trail looked like. They plowed the entrance to for Hidden Lake and Paradise but not Little Zig Zag. The gate for Paradise is open but the bridge is covered in ice. Hidden Lake, the first 1/2 mile is spotted snow. I found the drainage issues. I was navigating by GPS in deep, deep snow. The first time in a long time I've done a hike with just GPS. It was good. I didn't see a lot of trees down but the snow was so deep I couldn't tell.
- Hillary: I'm going to be away for TSC, going to TSC at Big Bend instead. I haven't seen confirmation but I'll check in soon.
  - Roberta: I thought I received a confirmation that they received my registration.
  - Hillary: I signed up for one every day, just the 100 level.
  - Dana: I think West Cascade is still open. We do need instructors at Allingham for sure.
- Jim: I regretted not being here but something or another came up last fall and most of the summer... I'm hoping I'll be able to get out and do a little trail work this year.
- Chuck: Looking forward to getting out with Pace. A couple of weeks ago went to Meadows to snowboarding. Stopped at Barlow Pass - the snow was much higher than my truck.
- Worm: Thought about the way to mark cars. We could use the window visors that unfold and has the PCTA info on it.
  - Leif: And we could sell it on the website...
- Frank: Great to be onboard. Unfortunately I will be taking off this summer to do my second year at Glacier National Park. Looking for as many trail crews between now and May 20 when I leave. Let me know. And then regarding tomorrow's work crew, there is a search there, everything is managed out of the fish hatchery parking lot. If anyone has been up that trail since the 4<sup>th</sup> of April, since she went missing, search and rescue would be interested to know if she has been seen. She took off on her own without telling anyone. Just 1 or 2 days ago they found her car at the Eagle Creek Trailhead. Not sure if they are looking for a lost hiker or body now.
- Steve P: Will be in England for most of the month of May. Won't get on my trail until June. Tim may do some of my lower section if he has time. As long as we get done by the Mt Hood 50.
  - Frank: There are places where the trail is almost completely melted out. So it varies.
  - Chris K: I kept seeing bare spots and then huge piles of snow.
- Josh: Looking forward to a lot training this month. Crew Leader class and TSC. Just did first crew for the log out for the run. First time with you guys, it was a lot of fun.
- Tammy: I'm going on a road trip. Gone about a month. Taking my dog. Going east. As long as nothing happens. We'll be back. I have a lot of family business to take care of and it's all on the other side of the Appalachians.
- Dana: I'm taking the week off. I'm looking for a cheap or free used kayak.
- Little Brown: On May 17 I'm leading a Keen work crew, I will need help, Pace will help, and Roberta. We need 3 additional crew leaders. It is a Wednesday. Their plan is to work on Eagle Creek. Half day project 12-4pm, trying to schedule another 30 people 8am-12. It's all tread work. If you can avoid having a work party on May 17, we will need all the tools from Roberta's cache and BOG. The plan is about 2 hours of work and then let them hike up to Punchbowl.
- Roberta: Glacier Peak crew, I could still use 1 more person. If anyone wants to spend 8 days on Glacier Peak. I might need 2 people. July 1-8. 1 day to hike in, log out, 1 full day to hike out. Trailhead is Suiattle, I think. There are 3 crews in a row. We are the middle crew unless the first crew is postponed, then we will be the first.