

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA Caretaker Meeting Agenda

Nov 4, 2017

Location: Estacada Library

Notes by Tami Sheets

## Welcome

- Welcome Back: Lamar
- Attended: Pace, Thomas, Little Brown, Roberta, Kelley, Carole, Lamar, Ron, HeyMan, Peter, John H. (Daddy Longlegs), Frank, Chris K, Diane, Tim, Chuck, Steve P, Rosemary, O.G., Underbucker, Freefall, Rick, Tami S., Brooke, Tammy T, Luna, Ruth, Leif (28 people)

## Introductions

(see Round the Room at the end)

## Accomplishment Summary/Statistics

See separate PDF of Fiscal Year End statistics.

Preliminary Oct 2017

Mount Hood Chapter CY Stats - October 2017						
	Oct	YTD Oct	Oct	YTD Oct	YTD	YTD
	2017	2017	2016	2016		Diff
Total Volunteer Hours	667	16,042	696	17,384		1,342
Specialized hours	66	2,328	120	2,951		-623
Number of Trail Crews	8	95	6	128		-33
Miles Logged out	0	158	8	267		-109
Miles Maintained	3	77	11	68		9
Feet of Rehab/Recon	983	15,263	2,745	22,904		7,641
Volunteer hours by Category						
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	298	9,028	468	10,412		1,385
Trail Maint - support	169	3,086	228	3,237		-152
Trail Skills Training	200	3,582	0	3,476		105
Outreach Events		347	0	258		89
	667	16,042	696	17,384		

Missing reports:

10/21 PCC Rock Creek, John V & Bob A

10/28 Sedum Ridge logout, Tami & Bill

10/28 Gorge 101 Intro, Rick, Brooke, Chris K

Oct MHC Admin hours

Note about reporting Admin Hours: Tami will collect starting next month; Trying to keep the process as smooth and easy for all of us, including you, the volunteers in Sacramento, and Pace having to audit. Roberta discussed admin, training and project hours.

## Past Events

### Crews and Events since last caretaker meeting:

1. Oct 14: Sedum Ridge Scouting: Tami S.
2. Oct 15: Trails 101, Kelley and Chris K
3. Oct 16: Muddy Fork Scouting: Pace
4. Oct 17: TSC Planning Meeting: Tammy
5. Oct 18: Orientation, Dana
6. Oct 19: Gorge work party, Pace and Little Brown
7. Oct 21: PCC Rock Creek crew at Hagg Lake: Busdriver John
8. Oct 21: Trails 100 classroom, Rick
9. Oct 23: Crew Leader hands-on training, Dana and Little Brown
10. Oct 25: Sandy River Trail: Pace
11. Oct 25: Whistle Punk Trail Work: Little Brown
12. Oct 28: Sedum Ridge Logout: Tami S and Little Brown
13. Oct 28: Trails 101, Rick, Brooke, Chris K
14. Oct 30: Scouting Twin Lakes section: Underbucker
15. Oct 31: Scouting Muddy Fork Area: Pace
16. Nov 2: Gorge Work Party, Pace and Little Brown
17. Nov 4: First Aid training and today's caretaker meeting

## Future Events

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

**Next meeting:** January 10, REI Clackamas (no meeting in December)

### Beyond:

Columbia Cascades TSC: April 20-22, 2018

## Reports

### Volunteer Coordinator: Rosemary

- (small note: we had to bump our Mail Chimp limit we were closing in on the 2000 subscribers)
- Lots of learning as we use Eventbrite. High no-show rate, but might be typical. Sounds like those showing up are very interested. People can sign up and cancel at any time. Eventbrite sends automated notification 24 hours before. Rosemary's email is [mthood@pcta.org](mailto:mthood@pcta.org). Eventbrite has plusses and minuses. Waitlist is helpful. Using for larger events and GTRT.
- Please copy Rosemary on your emails to the crew

### Event/Outreach Coordinator: Tammy

- Annual Celebration. Saturday, Feb 3 doors open at noon in Vancouver. Working on a Key Note Speaker. Rally Pizza may cater. It will be held at the GP Office in Vancouver.
- Trail Skills College in 2018 will be 4/20, 4/21, 4/22

### Partnership Crews: Kelley

### Upcoming and New:

1. **Chris Jenson, PCC Wilderness Lit Class** would like a project Saturday, March 3, 2018. Roberta to lead.

### Completed:

1. **Wilderness Lit Class (PCC):** Mar 4. Ruth and Roberta, logout on BOG Oregon Side.
2. **PGE at Timothy Lake:** Little Brown and Tim are at Timothy Lake tonight for 3 day crew. Also Pace.
3. **Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC):** 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. **Lewis and Clark:** Sept 30, Chris K
  5. Chris Jenson, **PCC Multicultural Center**, Saturday Oct. 21, Busdriver John

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

1. **Trevor / Outward Bound** Sept 1, Timothy Lake section, Roberta and Chuck – CANCELLED due to smoke/fires
2. **Wilson High School:** Tami (but meeting no-showed, so dropped)
3. **National Wildlife Federation:** They declined.
4. **Scout Troup 222,** Stan. Kim is working with him. Wants June 24/25, 8-10 people. Cancelled due to heat
5. **Wilderness Stewards,** possibly April/May timeframe after their training. Chris K will lead. Cancelled.
6. **Skout, Amy:** Pace will lead the crew on Bald Mtn July 19. CANCELLED due to lack of enrollment (only 2 people)
6. **Go Beyond Racing:** Renee. Steve Plant was willing to lead, sounds like this needs to be pushed to next year due to no open dates.
7. **Eagle project, Evan Johnson.** He found a different project.
8. **Apple:** Tami organizing directly.

**New Seasons Crews: Kelley**

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 - Pace: Tuesdays 5/9 (DONE)
3. June
  - a. Pace 6/6 (DONE).
  - b. David Roe 6/27 logout Barlow Pass southbound. (DONE)
4. July
  - a. Busdriver for July 10, at Gorton Creek – CANCELLED by Liz
  - b. Leif for July 11, at Lolo Pass DONE
  - c. Roberta, 7/17, invasive plant pull. DONE.
5. August – No projects planned
6. September
  - a. Pace Sept 19 at Bald Mountain, tread work DONE
7. October - Roberta Oct 3, 2 crews: Hidden Lake Trail and Little Zigzag Falls Trail DONE
8. Jayme's Crews:
  - a. Saturday June 17 DONE
  - b. Saturday June 24 DONE
  - c. Saturday July 15 CANCELLED
  - d. Saturday July 29 DONE

**Dana:**

- Mt Hood NF annual meeting is Monday Nov 6 1-4pm at Sandy
- Gorge NSA annual meeting is Monday Nov 30 9-12 in Stevenson
- Potential end of USFS Blasting program
- DNR. Ryan Shriner – recreation/trails. Working with new guy on his crew to open Snag Creek and Sedum Ridge. Mt. bike group wants to open Snag Creek and Sedum Ridge trails to Mt. Bikes. Asked what classes the Crew Leaders be interested in taking. Considering teaching advanced level classes to Crew Leaders out of Wind River. This would free up Trail Skills College for medium level. Especially if introductory classes are also being taught outside of TSC.

**Bill:** Michael Hanley hired as the new Regional Representative for the North Cascades. His first day will be November 6. Michael is from Seattle and most recently worked as a trail crew leader for the Mountains to Sound Greenway. He graduated from Whitman College with a BA in Politics in Environmental Studies and thru-hiked the PCT in 2013. He brings strong communication and collaboration skills to PCTA programs in the North Cascades.

- GP annual meeting is Nov 30 at GP headquarters (Fort Vancouver) 8:30-noon.

**TCP:** O.G.

- Live Demo

## Budget: Kim

Pacific Crest Trail Association Program Budget Report As of September 30, 2017 <i>Columbia Cascades Region - MT. HOOD CHAPTER</i>			
CMTL Grant (160)	Jan-Dec 2017 Budget	September 2017 Actual	Budget Remaining
Trail Crew Travel	550	-	550
Expendable Trail Supplies	2,205	1,794	(177)
Tools & Equipment		587	
Crew Programs & Training	551	1,012	(461)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,306</b>	<b>3,393</b>	<b>(87)</b>

## Discussion Items

- Leadership Re-Org. Roberta is stepping down as chair end of Sept 2018. Succession plan. Steve will lead the meetings. Tami Administrative Support. General discussion.

## Announcements/Reminders

- Ellen has a new last name and email. Ginda, email eginda@pcta.org
- If you are logging onto the PCTA website to enter a Project Report for your activities on GTRT projects, select the "Report on or view existing Projects" before you pick "Create a new project". Scroll down the listing by date to find if your project is already listed, then select submit report under Choose Action.
- RTP committee membership request went out. Kim and Leif are applying for Oregon. Bill Hawley will apply as a volunteer for Washington.
- Notes of interest to anyone using the Stevenson cache: - the first aid kits are out right now being replenished. – the address is 218 SW Cascade Avenue, Stevenson, WA. – entry is via garage door to basement. – the combo is the one we used to use at BOG. The light switch is by the other door to the basement
- Access to PCT via Shelley Lane (near former Bonneville Hot Springs Resort) is possible. General public parking is not allowed there – the land owner is granting an exception to our volunteers. All you have to do is write marfas@bhsr.us and notify Marfa the date/time you plan to park there and the make/model of car(s). Then, take a "Volunteer Work Party" sign, which we have in our cache, and put it in your car windshield. (Soon we'll get more/better signs made).
- 9 Vacancies: 1) Steamboat; 2) Indian Heaven South (reserved for Thomas); 3) 3-Corner Rock south (fostered by Tami); 4) Gillette Lake; 5) Upper Eagle Creek; 6) Middle Eagle Creek; 7) Lower Eagle Creek; 8) Indian Springs Trail; 9) Pinhead Buttes (fostered by Becky/Underbucker)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch on winter hours: 0730-1630, Monday - Friday. Closed Sat. & Sun. If working on the weekend: remember to have an alternate dispatch and submit a TCP to your agency partner, your alternate dispatcher, Dana, and Roberta.

## Round the Room (Introductions)

- Jerry/Ollalie Lake – from Tim. Jerry is the President of the Back Country Horsemen of Oregon (BCHO). He is also a saw instructor for the BCHO and PCTA saw programs.
- Becky/South Warm Springs – from Tim. Becky is also a master Leave no Trace instructor.
- Pinhead Buttes – Vacant. Tim, Becky, and Jerry are considering taking it on together within their groups.
- Tim/North Warm Springs. He and his wife have been caretakers since 2013. Tim is president of the Territorial Riders, which became part of BCHO in 2012.
- Steve/Little Crater Lake. He's had the section for over 10 years, and been with the PCTA for 20 years. He says it is an awesome section. If you're at Timberline and you look south and see the clear-cuts then you are looking at his section.
- David/Twin Lakes. The section is in good shape and gets lots of use. The biggest challenge can be getting the lower end open by Memorial Day, because of snow.
- Ron/South Timberline. He says it is the easiest section, as it is 5.25-miles down hill and accessed by paved roads. It also has a huge Noble Fir on the lower end. The section has good views, few people, and lots of wildlife. He's been with the PCTA for 20 years, and has had the section for 17 years. Roger Bell put pin markers on the trees every 500 feet.

- Ruth/North Timberline. She's been with the group for 15 years. She believes she has the best section. However, she gets jealous of everyone in spring when they can get into their sections. The jealousy goes away when she finally gets up there. She loves it because it has many different forest zones and lots of gravity.
- Chris/Paradise Park Trails. He has the Paradise Trail, which starts on Highway 26, and the Paradise Park Loop Trail through the Paradise Meadow. He has about 150 trees to remove, and some are in the 30+-inch range. It is a beautiful section and he's had it for 3 years. Tim suggested he might reach out to Jerry to get help from a BCHO Hotshot Crew.
- Rob/Rushing Waters. This is his first year with the section, and he's done work on both ends. He hasn't been to the middle of the section. There will be interesting access issues in the coming year. He stayed at Timberline with his kids last weekend, and they hiked on Mt. Hood. The wind was extraordinary, and it shook the whole lodge.
- Robert/Muddy Fork PCT + Upper Muddy Fork Timberline Trail. There were lots of slides and he worked on Bald Mt.
- Robert/Sandy River and Ramona Falls. There was a trail washout near the Sandy River that left an 8-foot drop off. He's had Muddy Fork+ for 4 years, Ramona for 3 years, Sandy River for 2 years, and Top Spur for 1 year.
- Peter & Diane/South Lolo Pass. They are new caretakers. They've scouted the trail and it is in good shape. There are some stumps they feel need some work. They were asked why they joined the PCTA. They answered that they love to hike and want to contribute. They have forested land of their own and enjoy saw work.
- Leif/North Lolo Pass Waucoma+. Leif hadn't arrived yet, but we guessed he'd been with the PCTA for approximately 10 years. He is one of our Volunteer Saw Instructors and our Tool Czar. Leif loves saws and maintains many miles of trail for the PCTA.
- John(Bus Driver)/Wahtum Lake. He couldn't make the meeting. He's been around forever.
- Hilary/Benson Plateau. Hilary is in Nepal. She has recently taken on Benson Plateau. She plans to do one big event and scouting each year.
- Kelley/Teakettle Springs. The last time she was up there, before the burn, it looked good. This section is a challenge to get to. It is a long trek from Herman Creek then straight up.
- Roberta/Bridge of the Gods. She last saw her section the day before the fire. The section is relatively flat and outside of the wilderness. It sees a lot of use because it is the last section in the book *Wild*. Two years ago the section had a ton of logs down. The Dry Creek Bridge, which PCTA crews worked on last spring, was saved by fire crews setting up a sprinkler system.
- Carol/400 trail. Her section is not actually exciting, but it sort of is now because it is burnt and gone. It will need to be completely rebuilt.
- BOG. Managed by the Port of Cascade Locks.
- Kelly/Gillette Lake. This is her previous section. It is getting lots of work now that we are training on it. The lower part will keep people busy. She was the caretaker on this section for 3 years.
- Chris/Table Mountain. One of the highlights of the section is Hamilton Creek, but it has seen many recent clear-cuts. There are two trailheads in the area that go to Table Mountain.
- Tami/Three Corner & Sedum Ridge. There were over 300 logs down on the section, and there is one left on the Trout Creek side. The section is in need of lots of drain work.
- Marijke/Panther Creek. Her section runs through the Wind River Experiment Forest. It had a huge amount of trees down this year, and it took many crews to get them all.
- Bill/Big Huck. He has been with the group for 4 years. The trail is in really good shape, except for the middle three miles. It needs brushing on top. The tread is in good shape thanks to Bill and Forest Youth Success crew.
- Thomas/South Indian Heaven. He was able to get out to do some scouting, but then was stopped at about 3-miles because of "lakes" that have recently formed in the trail. There was a lot of water.
- Rick/North Indian Heaven. He's had the section for 3 years. Accessing the mid point is difficult. The side trails are hard to access because of washouts to Forest Service roads. You really have to go in from the top or bottom.
- Steamboat – Vacant. Former Caretaker, Tyler, wants to come back for longer crews (3 days minimum). The section is 20 miles long. Lamar is interested in taking it on.
- Bob and Jane/Mt. Adams South. They are absent because their son is in a bike race and Bob is his crew.
- Brooke/Mt. Adams North. New caretaker of this section. She has had two crews this year and they worked on the north 4-miles. She thru-hiked in 2013.
- Karla Hawley/Potato Hill. Karla lives north of Seattle, married to Bill Hawley, retiring Regional Rep. She does one crew each year. The crew is a little different than the rest. There is music and drum circles, and everyone enjoys it.
- Tammy/Event and Outreach Coordinator & Trail Skills College Chair. She's been with the group for 18 years. They pinned her down in 2008-9 and asked for help with Volunteer Coordinator.
- Steve/Website and Founder and Former President. He thru-hiked this year, again. He is evaluating the current website. It needs to be moved and/or updated to look like the PCTA site.
- Rosemary/Volunteer Coordinator. She is new to the leadership group. She is a day hiker and new to backpacking.

- Vanessa/Social Media. She does our Facebook postings. Feel free to send her anything you'd like to have posted.
- Summer/Note-Taker. She was absent from the meeting. She's been taking our notes for a few years now.
- Lamar. We are glad to have Lamar back. He formerly had Eagle Creek and is considering Steamboat.
- Kim and Pam/Budget, Volunteer Saw Instructor, and Crew Leader(s). They were absent from the meeting. They have been with the group for many years and have helped in many sections and many ways.
- John/Board Member. He's served 7 years with the PCTA, which is structured for a maximum of 3 3-year terms. He complimented the Mt. Hood Chapter and said it was setting standard for volunteer hours and group structure. Our caretaker arrangement will become the standard. He will be involved with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the National Trails System Act as well as the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
- Frank/Crew Leader. He was trying to decide what to do to occupy his time in retirement. He didn't like the idea of physical work, so he wasn't sure about trail work. However, he tried it and fell in love with it. His first crew was in 2015. He would become a Caretaker, but he's found he loves working in Glacier National Park part-time.
- John/Pig Pen. One of our Volunteer Saw Instructors and he helps us out with logouts. He used be the Caretaker of Indian Heaven South.
- Chuck/Crew Leader. He's been on multiple crews and is training to become a Crew Leader. He's worked a lot with Bill and Robert.
- Dana/Regional Representative. She's been with PCTA for a little over 10 years. She oversees from Windigo Pass to the Columbia Gorge, and has 4 Wildernesses in her area. She works with the Mt. Hood and Mid Oregon Chapters. Her duties included trail maintenance, management and protection, as well as helping with land acquisition.
- Bill/Regional Representative. Bill was absent. He joined in 2003 as a volunteer when we extended the Mt. Hood Chapter boundary past Panther Creek. In his first years he did 1000s of volunteer hours. He then took a seasonal position as a Technical Advisor, and led Volunteer Vacations. Up until his upcoming retirement he served as Regional Representative of the North Cascades area.
- Michael/Regional Representative. He has been newly hired to replace Bill as the Regional Representative for the North Cascades. He is currently training with and then will replace Bill.