

# Mount Hood Chapter, PCTA

## Caretaker Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018, 6:45

Location: Clackamas REI

### Welcome

- Absent: Terry (family), Dana (out of town), Michael Hoch (family), Noelle, Ron (LA).
- Welcome: Max Martin, Susan McDonnell

### Past Events

Crews and events since last caretaker meeting:

#### 1. May 10: GTRT – Wahclella Falls Tread Work and Herman Creek Root Wad Removal: Frank and Terry

*Report:* Segment 1: Did tread work and rock removal on approximately 0.4 miles of the Wahclella Falls Trail. Completed reconstruction of the trail at the site of a landslide just north of where the loop section of the trail begins. Also reconstructed the trail at the site of a landslide just north of the second bridge across Tanner Creek. Also removed rocks from other portions of the trail, did some brushing, and rebenched the trail where needed. Segment 2: For the second half of the day we moved to the Herman Creek Trail where we used rigging to remove a very large root wad from the trail and then rebenched where the root wad had been. Made two attempts to remove a second root wad from the trail but were defeated both times due to embedded roots. When this root wad is finally removed, it appears it may take a good portion of the surrounding trail with it.

#### 2. May 10: Let's Celebrate! Frank Fever

*Report:* Celebration of Frank's amazing work. It was at Thunder Island and they gave out prizes. There were lots of people, there was a cake with his face on it, and it was really fun.

#### 3. May 12: Power Brushing PCT – BOG to Ft. Rains: Leif

*Report:* Power Brushed the PCT (TR2000) from Ft Rains to Bridge of the Gods trail head, along SR14. The tread was also repaired in many places, to remove grass in the tread and to improve areas where there were multiple treads. The trail is in good shape. The brushing was done to keep the black berries at bay for a few more months, as well as all the other vegetation. There was a surprising number of hikers out there, as this has historically been a relatively lightly used trail head. We encountered 25 hikers.

- *Leif* – Frank didn't go. It has been repaired and looks good but will probably need to be done again when it grows back.

#### 4. May 12: Danner Boot 3 stores tabling event: Tammy, Terry, HeyMan

*Report:* We had a table at all three Danner Boot stores in the Portland area. There were 2 volunteers at each store. Danner gave everyone that signed up for volunteer work, a free pair of socks and 20% off any boot they bought that day too.

- *Tammy* – Mike D and a young lady were there. We had a lot of fun. People came and they gave away socks if you signed up for trail work and a discount on footwear. We got there at 10am, they forgot to tell us they didn't open until 11am.

#### 5. May 12: Scouting Little Crater to Road 58: SteveP

*Report:* Pending.

- *SteveP* – Had only 10 logs but when we added a half mile and it doubled the log count. It was 21 logs for the 3 mile stretch, which is still lower than usual.

#### 6. May 13: Logout Sedum Ridge North: Tami and Underbucker

*Report:* We logged out 2-miles of the trail from FS 43 southbound. We did basic maintenance in several spots along the trail, especially in areas where we removed logs. We cleared the drainage at the 2-mile mark where we removed our last log. This drainage was completely choked with maples and cut logs from a logout that was done many years ago. We also did extensive rehab at two locations near the .75-mile mark. These areas contain extensive debris from the 2017 blow down and logout. We removed a total of 46 logs that were all less than 20-inches, six new logs for 2018 and 40 cleaned up from last year. We completed everything I'd hoped to accomplish and a little more. We did all the clean up we possibly could from the 2017 logouts. Wonderful group of volunteers. They did such good work! The Sedum Ridge Section (11-miles) is now completely logged out for the 2018 season.

- *Tami* – 6 logs on the trail. we cut 45 that day that were from last year. We did some treadwork and cleaned up a switchback that was full of logs. We cleared up a lot of little dams that were made from cutting last year. It was a good day. I'm going back up in a couple of weeks.

**7. May 15: Tamanous Trail Turnpike: Susan**

*Report:* Completed a turnpike project begun during Trail Skills College in April. Dug out and removed an old culvert, installed a new culvert, and constructed a 10 foot section of turnpike which spans the culvert.

- *Susan* – We had a very small New Seasons Market crew of two. A half culvert was dug out and replaced by a full culvert.

**8. May 15: Twin Lakes Survey & Logout: Underbucker**

*Report:* Surveyed northern and southern halves of Twin Lakes Section on 5/15 and 5/19. Crosscut logout of entire Twin Lakes Section on 5/19. (5.5 miles) Crosscut logout of Twin Lakes Trail (#495) (PCT alternate) (3.1 miles) Minor tread repairs on PCT. No snowpack below 4500'. 1-2 feet above that elevation.

**9. May 16: PCT Muddy Fork tread & logout: Pace & Susan**

*Report:* Sandy River Trail 770 – improved the north side approach to river crossing by trimming brush and cutting down the bank and clearing rocks. PCT Muddy Fork section (770 trail south to 600 trail) – cleared one log, trimmed brush and replaced a sign at PCT/600 junction that had been taken down to repair. 600 Trail (north from PCT junction) – rebuilt the horse barrier south of Ramona Falls – part of the barrier had fallen down during the winter and was no longer functioning as a barrier to horses. We replaced two cross poles and cut notches on the posts and cross poles and added new lag screws to strengthen the connections. At the Falls we added more rope to the area marked off for rehabilitation, north of the Falls cleared large boulders that had fallen down and were blocking drains and dug out debris in the drains, and cleared two logs. Ramona Falls Trail – cleared one log. Ramona Falls trail is now clear of logs, and the PCT Muddy Fork section is clear of logs from junction with 600 trail north to the Muddy Fork river crossing.

**10. May 16: Scouting Lolo Pass South: Peter and Diane**

*Report:* First Scouting trip of this season, in preparation for New Seasons crew on June 14th lead by John Vhay. Scouted first mile of trail south from Lolo Pass trailhead. No logs on trail encountered. Following scouting notes on observations are for approximate distances in feet south from the trailhead. Estimated times in man hours (MHR) are for an experienced trail worker, so we'll allow twice that on this crew. Task 1 @ 500 ft: Extend Rock waterbar rest of the way across trail, and clear out drain of brush growth (roddy plant). Est 1 MH (man hour). Task 2 @ 1000 ft: Heavy brushing needed on both sides of trail across flats. Est 200 plus feet of this. Needs both clipping and root dig out for 1 to 2 feet each side of trail. Est 5 to 10 MHR. We will probably leave this to be our last task, for full crew on the way out, so we can adjust quantity to amount of remaining time. Task 3 @ 1800 ft: At start of climb to switchbacks, need slough removal and occasional berm removal of cupped trail leading up to first switchback. Est 2 MHR. Task 4 @ 1850 ft: Add inside trench and in-slope on first switchback. Est 1 MHR. Task 5 @ 2000 ft: 3rd Switchback - Add rocks to divider extension, and cleanup slough etc. Est 1 MHR. Task 6 @ 2100 ft: 5th Switchback - Add water bar below switchback. Est 1 MHR. Task 7 @ 2300 ft: 6th Switchback - Add rocks to divider extension, and flatten and drain. Est 1 MHR. Task 8 @ 2400 ft: 7th Switchback - Block shortcut with branches and logs. Est 1/2 MHR. Task 9 @ 2500 ft: Brushing of Roddys on uphill side. Distributed on next couple switchbacks. Est 1-2 MHR. Task 10 @ 2800 ft - top of switchbacks. This section was mostly snow covered, but we expect similar light tread work and brushing on it. Est 5 MHR. Task 11 @ various: Light slough and berm removal at multiple places along the way. Est 5 MHR.

- *Peter* – Halfway up the switchbacks we hit snow. I'm going tomorrow and will finish going up the switchbacks. The crew for tomorrow is smaller but I'm still going to try to start from both ends. The most severe work will be some brushwork.

**11. May 18-23: Logout Timothy Lake and Clackamas Lake, Oak Fork: Tim, Territorial Riders**

*Report:* 5-18-18 - PCT south of Rd 42 (Tim & Sara's section) 3 logs, 5 hours 5-19-18 - Group A, Headwaters trail 4 logs, PCT north of Rd 42 (TRBCHO section) 3 logs, 8 hours 5-19-18 - Group B - PCT north of Rd 42 (TRBCHO section) 16 logs, rode South Lake trail and Miller trails with no logs. 8 hours 5-20-18 - Group A - North Lake Trail from dam to PCT 6 logs, 1 log on PCT near Little Crater Lake. 8.5 hours 5-20-18 - Group B - North Lake Trail from Miller trail to dam - 2 logs - 7 hours 5-21-18 - south out of Clackamas Lake on PCT - 42 logs (Tim & Sara's section) 8 hours 5-22-18 - Group A - road 4245 to 2 miles south of road 4240 - 38 logs, 8.5 hours 5-22-18 - Group B - Road 4245 north to powerlines - 21 logs - 8 hours 5-23-18 - Road 4240 south to North Pinhead Butte - 22 logs, 6 hours

- *Tim* – We were up there 6 days. We logged out from Little Crater Lake to North Pinhead. We also did the trails around Timothy Lake. There were 9 volunteers and it was a good trip.

**12. May 18: PCT Muddy Fork River Crossing: Pace**

*Report:* On north side of the Muddy Fork river crossing we dug out a new ditch for a seasonal water crossing that had been flowing down the trail, then improved the split of tread for the separate paths for approaching the hiker log crossing and horse ford. Added two check steps. Trimmed brush to clear a path for hikers to get around a washout from last fall that destroyed 50 ft. of the trail. This is a temporary path that can be used by hikers, but is not suitable for equestrians due to gaps in the tread around large tree roots. A more permanent route needs to be built. Installed a PCT reassurance marker on a tree just north of the river crossing. On the south side approach to the river crossing we re-benched the tread, cut down berm, built a new drain dip, and trimmed back brush. We had planned to repair part of the horse barrier at the lower end of Ramona Falls Trail near the river crossing, but after inspecting it, determined that

it should be completely rebuilt. We found several logs to use for repairs and stockpiled them nearby. Will discuss with Equestrian group about rebuilding. On the way back we cleaned several drains along the PCT.

- *Pace* – Worked on the drainage coming from the north side, dug out a new drain, and rebuilt the ford for the horse and hiker crossing.

**13. May 19: Lower Twin Lakes Logout: Underbucker**

*Report:* Pending.

**14. May 19: Tool Morning PDX Cache**

*Report:* Sharpened tools and oiled handles

**15. May 21-23: Timothy Lake PGE Crew: Tim, Roberta, Little Brown**

*Report:* ~2 miles of trail worked from Joe Graham Horse Camp/Road 42 to Timothy Lake Trail (plus a little on Timothy Lake Trail) 1 horse ford brushed out (Timothy Lake Trail near PCT) 1 bridge (next to the ford) cleaned up and brushed out 1 very long, 300' turnpike fixed. This included 4 culverts cleaned and 1 culvert replaced. Impressive to get water flow on two of those culverts just by cleaning them. 1 puncheon thoroughly cleaned and the center support shimmed 1 10 ft "muddy spot" fixed by breaking boulders, filling with up to a foot of rock and fill, including 50 buckets of dirt, and reducing the side impacts with log gargoyles. Impressive! 10 drains thoroughly cleaned and rehabbed 400 feet trail brushed hard to clear vine maple with good tread rehab done 220 feet trail additionally brushed lightly Camped at Oak Fork Campground courtesy of PGE. Food donations from PGE and New Seasons Market. Mamiko was our camp tender. A few people from Territorial Riders shared dinner with us since they were working in the area. We cut the last day of work short due to thunder and rain. Stopped at noon on Wednesday. There is still significant cupping in the trail. The drains we cleaned were old-school and due to the dry weather (thunderstorm not enough), we didn't bury the exposed logs. We removed one of the water bar logs because it was ineffective and rotten. Some additional tread work in this area could be done in the fall before snow. The puncheon at about .63 miles from Road 42: the wooden supports at the center of the puncheon have sunk, the puncheon structure was suspended over it by a good inch. We shored it up with leftover parts that were hidden nearby.

- *Little Brown* – It was a fun crew. We fixed a few places on the trail with old style drain dip. Fixed a hole where Tim's horse fell down last year. It took one of Robert's rock bars and chipped down a rock. On the last day it started to sprinkle and by the time we got back to the car it was a downpour.
- *Roberta* – We had heard thunder and I heard the radio chatter that it was getting closer.

**16. May 25: Muddy Fork & Sandy River Trail drainage: Pace**

*Report:* Sandy River Trail 770: created two new drain dips. cleaned two drains, filled in three gullied sections of trail and blocked off braided section of trail to keep hikers on the main tread. PCT Muddy Fork section, south from 770 Trail: cleaned and rebuilt 11 drain dips.

**17. May 25: Sedum Ridge Logout: Underbucker**

*Report:* Removed one leaner from trail that was impeding equestrian travel. Not enough clearance between rootwad of another fallen tree and this standing tree. Removal of rootwad was determined to be impractical. Standing tree was already leaning after being struck when first tree fell. If allowed to remain, it would gone over also leaving another rootwad in trail corridor. Remaining work: tread crew to install crib log on downslope side and fill with dirt and small rock to reestablish tread grade. Removed two logs (24", 32") between Trout Creek and Wind River Highway.

- *Underbucker* – We drafted Winston to go up with us.
- *Roberta* – Winston is volunteering us now.

**18. May 26: Upper Eagle Creek Burn Trail Assessment: Underbucker, Roberta, Pace, Leif**

*Report:* Performed trails assessment for PCT and alternate routes on upper end of Eagle Creek Burn area one week after snowmelt. Four crews were used to cover as much of the trail system as possible. (1) Indian Springs to Wahtum Lake including Eagle Creek Trail and Indian Springs Trail alternative route (Crew Leader: Leif Hovin) (2) Wahtum Lake to Herman Creek Trailhead via PCT (Crew Leader: Robert Caldwell) (3) Wahtum Lake to Herman Creek Trailhead via Herman Creek Trail alternative route (Crew Leader: Roberta Cobb) (4) Wahtum Lake to Chinidere Mountain via PCT and returning via Chinidere Cutoff Trail alternative route (Crew Leader: David Roe) These were the first crews into this area since it was closed by the fire. Individual assessment reports will be forwarded to Agency reps by each crew leader.

- *Leif* – We had fun.
- *Roberta* – Underbucker did all the work to organize this.
- *Underbucker* – It was a lot of fun getting to the trailhead for 6am. We broke into 4 groups. Herman Creek and the PCT all the way back to Cascade Locks was surveyed. Hilary and I surveyed the area just south of Wahtum Lake. Leif took a crew up Eagle Creek to Indian Springs to the PCT and back.
- *Roberta* – Leif's crew had the most exciting route.
- *Underbucker* – We got in 7 days after they opened the road and the day after they opened the trail.

**19. May 26: Logout Rd 58 to Little Crater Lake: Steve P**

Report: Pending.

**20. May 26: Scouting Lolo Pass North: Leif**

*Report:* Scouted the PCT (TR2000) for Logout and future tread projects. Only 5 logs over 4.4 miles. Will use future logout planned for 5/16 for on-trail recert. Pretty light logout load this season. Reviewed areas to focus on for tread work and improved drainages for future projects.

- *Leif* – It was a light year with five logs; the last time it was 60 logs in the same section.

**21. May 27: Brushing and Tread Sedum Ridge North: Tami**

*Report:* A crew of nine plus myself brushed the first .75-mile of the trail from the JCT for FS 43 and the PCT southbound. We then moved to the 2-mile mark southbound from this same junction. We then worked on approximately 600 feet of trail doing basic tread maintenance. We also cleaned the surface of the Trout Creek Bridge.

- *Tami* – I have a little more to finish. I had a big crew with a lot of people that want to keep coming back.

**22. May 29: GTRT: Danner Boots Tread Work 1: Kelley and Little Brown**

*Report:* Repaired a switchback that was damaged from rockslides, including removal of a big root wad. Removed a large log that had been cut but was suspended precariously over the trail. Removed lots of rocks and widened tread on dangerously narrow sections of the trail. Removed lots of fallen vine maples and small tree limbs along the Herman Creek trail on the way up.

- *Kelley* – We had 5 people sign up and we got a lot done.
- *Little Brown* – We thought the project would take a lot longer than it did. We stopped at 2pm because it got too windy.

**23. May 29: GTRT: Gorton Creek Logout: Roberta and Pace**

*Report:* One 32" log cleared with one cut and peaveys and brute strength. One log that was suspended over the trail and drainage was brought down with rigging but we ran out of time to make the cut to fully clear the log. It can be walked around for now. Dawn and Ashley with USFS were on the team. Sawyers: Robert, Roberta, Dawn, Ashley. Riggers: Robert, Dawn 2 logs remain on Gorton Creek Trail: both are past the Ridge Cut-off Trail. One is broken and you can pass by, the other is a duck-under. 2 people no-showed.

- *Pace* – We hauled up the rigging and attempted to pull out the log again. We're going to leave it there, it is too big to move but it is cuttable now.

**24. May 31: Upper Muddy Fork brushing & treadwork: Pace**

*Report:* Timberline Trail, Upper Muddy Fork section between Bald Mtn and the Cut Off trail. We cleared two areas of trail that in the past have had brush growing out into the trail and needed trimming each year. We dug out the roots, widened the tread and re-benched the trail for a more long term solution. Also cut back tree limbs that were overhanging and sticking into the trail.

- *Pace* – We had a good crew; we dug out a bunch of roots and hopefully they won't grow back for a couple of years.

**25. May 31-Jun3: Allingham Trail Skills College**

- *Tim* – They had pretty good food. Seven or so people every day for breakfast and dinner. Dana was there.

**26. Jun 1: Scouting Lost Lake/Huckleberry Mtn: Leif**

*Report:* Scouted trail for future logout. Planned to get to Buck Peak, but snow level on trail below and after Preacher's Peak thwarted the effort. Minimal downed logs, but will require a second scouting effort. The work completed by Urban Youth looked very good after the winter.

- *Leif* – I got out to Preachers Creek. The snow started about 4000 feet.

**27. Jun 2-3: North Bend Saw Certification**

- *Leif* – It went well. I helped on Saturday with recerts.

**28. Jun 3: Scout Indian Heaven Wilderness South: Thomas**

*Report:* Five logs between Crest Camp and the wilderness boundary. Approximately 12 logs between the wilderness boundary and Junction Lake. Snow field 3-4 ft deep and covering one mile of trail around the PCT and trail 171A junction. Snow field 5-6 feet deep from the north side of Berry Mountain to Junction Lake. Open trail around Blue Lake. Snow made staying on trail and getting an accurate log count difficult. The largest log seen was 14" diameter.

- *Thomas* – There was snow. I made it to the junction, mostly on the PCT. North of Perry Mt. there was 5-6 feet. There is plenty of work to do on the switchbacks.

**29. Jun 4: GTRT Multnomah Falls Rocking the Switchbacks: Susan**

*Report:* Rock Clearing on the switchbacks. Also in attendance: Max Martin (first day with PCTA) and 3FS personnel: Justin (crew leader), Ashley, and Ryan.

- *Susan* – Lots of dust. We started at the top and there were five of us and three Forest Service people. It was hard work.

- *Roberta* – The rocks were deep.

### 30. Jun 5: Muddy Fork: Pace and Susan

*Report:* Cleared 4 logs with crosscut. Timberline Trail, Upper Muddy Fork section: cleared 2 logs, dugout slough and re-benched the trail thru several slides and gullies that had accumulated rocks and dirt over the winter. Cleaned several inside drains and water crossings.

- *Pace* – We cleared 4 logs. We switched to Upper Muddy and took out 2 more logs. We also cleaned out the slide are debris.

### 31. Jun 6: Leadership Meeting: SteveQ

- Great discussion about MailChimp. Details boring/confusing. Contact me if you want to know about the details.
- Improving format of pre-filled crew documents from Ellen. Will export in DOCX and PDF.
- PCTA Strategic Plan high level discussion.
- Added dog section to FAQ on the website and a link to the PCTA's main FAQ section for new volunteers.
- Rigging gear. Getting some stronger stuff.
- Remove +guest on Eventbrite for project recruitment (Rosemary).
- Looking for a database of trail-wide radio frequencies.
  - *Steve* – It is surprisingly difficult to get this information accurately and on demand. We are not in the loop when frequencies are changed. Fire crews tend to have that information.
  - *Michael* – I just talked to my USFS contacts and they have the same problem.

### 32. Jun 7: Eagle Creek Scout: Max, Dana, Kelley

*Report:* Pending?

- *Max* – It was good. A lot of rock fall, there are sections that are really narrow and a section of rock fall that looked sketchy for safely doing work.

### 33. Jun 7: Muddy Fork: Pace

*Report:* We raked limbs and debris off the tread and upslope side of the trail and trimmed brush in preparation for re-benching the trail by later crews. Also cleared an old snag stuck into the edge of the trail one small log that had fallen recently. Small crew, but worked hard. We had two no-shows.

- *Pace* – Upper part of Muddy Fork has needed some re-benching. We raked the whole trail so it is ready to go back and rebench it.

### 34. Jun 7: Panther Creek Logout: Luna and Little Brown

*Report:* Pending.

- *Little Brown* – We hiked down from Road 68 and cleared Luna's section. We probably only cleared a half-dozen trees. We cut a lot of downed logs that were encroaching on the trail.

### 35. Jun 8: Big Bend Trail Skills College

- *Underbucker* – Kim went to that. They only offered crosscut. It was cold and wet all weekend. Their water supply that failed last year was still not fixed.

### 36. Jun 8: Tool Day, Trout Lake Cache: Leif

*Report:* Sharpened tools, and returned chainsaw to get ready for the season. Joined Bob and Jane Arkes (filed on separate project report).

### 37. Jun 9: Get Outdoors Day at Fort Vancouver: Bill

*Report:* Table event at Fort Vancouver, with crosscut saw activities

- *Little Brown* – I'm glad we had 2 canopies. We had a hail storm that dumped on us. We had a good crowd.

### 38. Jun 9: Wahtum Lake North Brush/Tread: Busdriver

*Report:* Tread crew improved drainage on 4 of 8 spring locations and brushed 300 feet of main trail. Roe completed log out around lake on Sunday. The remaining springs will require 1/2 day with 8 people and brushing at least a full day. 100 feet of the horse trail from the trail head require major work to bring up to PCT standards.

- *Underbucker* – We split the crew in half. Busdriver did a lot of brushing and drainage work on the east side where the water comes down so bad. I took the other half of the crew and removed the large logs, some noble firs that were 38" in diameter.

### 39. Jun 10: South Benson Plateau Logout: Hilary

*Report:* Logged out about 30-40 logs of varying sizes. Most were under 12" diameter and a handful were over 18".

- *Hilary* – Underbucker stayed at Wahtum Lake overnight. We split into two groups. Underbucker took the big logs and my group took smaller logs. The crew was so excited to get into the burn area and do some work. The weather was miserable. It snowed for part of the day. We got up to the worst part of the burn section and it is logged out. We made it three miles from Wahtum Lake trailhead.

### 40. Jun 11: Tool Day, Stevenson Cache: Max and Leif

*Report:* Joined Max Martin to sharpen tools and return tools in move from the Wind River Cache.

- *Max* – It was mostly thanks to Leif. All the tools are sharpened and cleaned. Leif brought some tools from Wind River. It was a good day and wouldn't have been possible without the grinders.

#### **41. Jun 11: GTRT: Multnomah Falls Rocking the Switchbacks: Terry**

*Report:* It was a hard, but productive day on the world-famous Multnomah Falls Trail. We had an unusually experienced team and it showed in everything we touched. There were no injuries and everyone made one quality decision after another. We cleared approximately 795 linear feet of tread, and moved many of tons of rock and forest debris. We even hauled some burned fencing closer to the trailhead. Justin Olen from USFS was in attendance and was our main crew leader.

- *Roberta* – We only got 1.5 switchbacks cleared. Switchback 6 was thigh deep in rock. We did 22 feet of tread work.
- *Ron* – We found 3 scorpions on the trail.

#### **42. Jun 12: GTRT: Multnomah Falls Rocking the Switchbacks: Pace**

*Report:* Cleared rocks and debris from the trail and trimmed brush, continuing work by two earlier crews. This completed clearing the switchbacks above Benson Bridge. Also included Ashley (crew leader) and Ryan from the USFS.

- *Pace* – We hiked up to switchback five and made it back down to Benson Bridge. Closed the road to mitigate the falling rock hazard. From Benson Bridge to the top of the switchbacks is cleared.

#### **43. Jun 13: GTRT: ~~Multnomah Falls Rocking the Switchbacks~~ Horsetail Falls: Noelle**

*Report:* Multnomah Falls work was completed the previous day so the decision was made to clear rocks on the Horsetail Falls trail. We went in as far as one switchback past Ponytail Falls. The majority of our work was removal of rock and dirt from the trail, piled deeply in several locations. Some brushing, tread work and re-benching helped to rehab the trail in these sections. More work is still needed beyond Ponytail Falls; large rocks still obscure the trail there. But removal of rocks from that area too easily landed on the railroad tracks just below the trail across the old highway, so we stopped at that point.

- *Roberta* – They were doing the same rock work but over at Horsetail.
- *Ron* – We cleared a slide.

## **Future Events**

**Next meeting:** July 11, 6:45, Clackamas REI

## **Reports**

### **Columbia Cascades Regional Rep (Dana)**

- No report.

### **North Cascades Regional Rep (Michael)**

- The Gifford Pinchot NF has evaluated their budget and concluded that they have \$1.7 million of rec site needs. They have \$10 million deferred maintenance backlog. They predict that the budgets aren't coming back up soon. They are starting with trailheads and campgrounds, then move on to roads and trails, to see what are most sustainable and can be maintained. The maps are on the website. They've asked the public to give feedback via a public survey, this month. This will help them frame future conversations. Please copy and paste what you send them to me so I know what sort of information is coming from the PCTA. When you look at the maps, a lot of southern areas are rated as most sustainable but as you go north, there are a lot of areas that we use that are rated lower.
- In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Trail System Act, the PCTA has been leading the charge of replacing the northern terminus monument. There will be volunteers working on the installation, if you want to be involved, talk to me. It will be July 22-24, you must have a passport and a background check pre-approved.

### **Chair (Roberta)**

- Formalization of Assistant Crew Leader position
- Thank you to those using the new cross cut and chain saw emails. Keep it up

### **Gorge Trails Recovery Team (Roberta)**

- Max on board

- *Roberta* – Yay Max! We've done so much amazing work. I can't tell you when the trails will be open but look for a notice very soon. They are going to keep the area closed but open the trails, Herman Creek, PCT, Gorton Creek will open. The area will be open 25 feet from the centerline of the trail; outside of that the forest will still be closed. The trails should be open before the end of the month.
- We have been given permission to work on Eagle Creek Trail
  - We are waiting for the Forest Service to announce this before we start posting work parties.
- For the NPP grant, we need 50 work parties since Max's hiring on the trails assigned to us (trails out of Herman Creek TH and Wahtum Lake TH, Eagle Creek Trail, Carole's section of 400 Trail)

### **Partnership Crews (Roberta)**

- Changes are in italics
- New Seasons Markets – Liz Potter
  - May: Tues May 15 – DONE with Frank Jahn and Susan and Roberta, Washington side of the Gorge (Bonneville TH). Turnpike completion.
  - June: University Park, June 28, with Hilary and Noelle. 3 Corner Rock area
  - June: Progress Ridge, June 14, with Busdriver John and Peter Hoffman. Location at Lolo Pass working southbound. Moderate hike, estimate ~ 6 miles round trip hiking. May be cross cut logcut or tread work depending on what they find when scouting.
  - July: Tues July 17 with Robert Caldwell with assistant, Top Spur or Bald Mountain area. Tread work. Moderate hike, probably up to 7 miles round trip, spectacular views but with steep drop-offs.
  - Aug: Mon Aug 6 with Peter Hoffman and Roberta Cobb, Lolo Pass South, tread work. Moderate hike, perhaps up to 4 miles round trip. May start at Top Spur or Lolo Pass depending on what work needs to be done.
  - Sep: *Sat Sept 15* with Ruth Weston and assistant TBD near Timberline. Tread work, moderate hiking, probably up to 6 miles. Good views. More details once we can see the ground.
  - Oct: Mon Oct 1 with Roberta and assistant TBD, location to be the Gillette Lake area where we were going to work but did the turnpike instead.
- PDX Metro Pack Walks - George Purvis [george@georgenpurvis.com](mailto:george@georgenpurvis.com)
  - May 6 with Frank – they cancelled and want to reschedule for easier work day
- Danner Boots –Marina Baker <mbaker@lacrossefootwear.com>
  - Tues May 29 – DONE with Kelley Davis and Bill Canavan
  - Sat June 9 - CANCELLED with Robert Caldwell and Chris Keil. Only one person signed up. Redirected to the Wahtum Lake work party scheduled same day.
- Duluth Trading Company, Bill Coddingham
  - 4/17/18 – sent two people along with regular GTRT crew, Frank led
  - 4/25/18 – they cancelled. We converted it to a regular volunteer crew
- Chris K: Maybe add Lewis & Clark College

### **Volunteer Coordinator (Rosemary)**

- The cadence of recruitment emails continues to be the 1st and 15th. Request submissions should be timed to leave enough lead time given that cadence. Speak up if there are questions or concerns.

### **Trail Skills College (Tammy)**

- Nothing new about TSC.

### **Outreach and Events (Tammy)**

- PCTA will be having a booth again this year, we will need volunteers to help out with that. This is not working for PCT Days, if you want to do that you need to talk to Jason Waicunas ([pctdays@gmail.com](mailto:pctdays@gmail.com)). I will need help on Friday to set up and all day Saturday, plus some help Sunday morning to tear down. Saw demo is most likely happening too, so a couple sawyers as well.

## Training and Safety (Dana)

### Saw Program (Leif)

#### Tools (Leif)

- *Leif* – The saws at Stevenson are in rotation for everyone so there is a big and a smaller saw in Stevenson and another set at the Portland cache.
- *Roberta* – We've been asked to use a brush/tool to clean the bottom of our boots before going into the burn area to stop the spread of invasive species. I have some in my cache. I brought a bag to pass around. Please take one if you are leading a crew in the burn area.

### Budget (Little Brown)

- I'm taking over the budget from Kim. If you have a reimbursement request send it my way. We've spent about 20% of our budget so far. Our general budget is \$2500, plus a little bit for training and a little bit for travel.

### Crew Leader Development (Pace and Little Brown)

- *Pace* – Class next Monday evening to go over paperwork.
- *Little Brown* – If you work with someone that would be a good crew leader, send me their name so we can push them in the right direction.

### Stats (Pace)

	May 2018	May 2017	May 2016	YTD May 2018	YTD May 2017	YTD May 2016
Total Volunteer Hours	2,335	1,785	1,595	12,533	7,762	8,886
Specialized hours	598	501	316	2,165	979	1,320
Number of Trail Crews	22	16	14	64	32	49
Miles Logged out	39	20	30	50	14	90
Miles Maintained	23	3	6	56	27	22
Feet of Rehab/Recon	3,702	590	2,170	29,054	2,567	9,640
Volunteer hours by Category						
Trail Maint - crews & scouting	2,011	1,310	1,240	6,348	2,722	3,433
Trail Maint - support	277	318	326	1,602	1,562	1,963
Trail Skills Training	17	158	25	4,428	3,381	3,459
Outreach Events	29	0	4	155	97	31
	2,335	1,785	1,595	12,533	7,762	8,886

- We are continuing to out-perform 2016 and 2017.
- Total hours are up 3,492 & 139% over 2016, which was more than 2017.
- On-trail hour are up 2,760 & 180%

## Discussion Items

- Pinhead Buttes section to Tim, Jerry, and Becky?
  - Tim – Yes.
  - Jerry – We'll take it.
  - Steve – I'll update the website. Will you be individuals or representatives of your horse groups?
  - Tim – Put us as individuals.



## Announcements/Reminders

- 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](#).
- **7 Vacancies:** 1) Three Corner Rock North (fostered by Tami); 2) Table Mountain (will be vacant end of field season); 3) Pinhead Buttes; 4) Lower Eagle Creek; 5) Middle Eagle Creek; 6) Upper Eagle Creek; 7) Indian Springs Trail 435
- **2 Reservations:** 1) Steamboat Lake (reserved for Lamar Fontaine); 2) Indian Heaven South (reserved for Thomas Calvary)
- **Columbia Dispatch:** Dispatch 7 days a week, 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. Remember to submit a TCP to your agency partner, your dispatcher or alternate dispatcher, Dana, and Roberta.

## Round the Room

- *Hillary* – The cheese I brought tonight is called Sleeping Beauty by Cascadia Creamery in Trout Lake. They hiked the PCT. I've been working with them on some promotions and I thought it would be fun to do a fundraiser with the cheese. NSM will donate 20% (10% from NSM and 10% from the Creamery) of the proceeds to the Mount Hood chapter PCTA. It will be fun and runs the first 2 weeks in August.
- *Michael* – Always great to be here. 12000 hours is incredible
- *Little Brown* – Paris is an awesome place.
- *Pace* – I'm going to try to run an overnight in August.
- *Lamar* – I'm going to Steamboat next week. I was in Texas 2 weeks ago and it was 105F.
- *Heyman* – Yesterday during the switchbacks day I found an old rusty 2-bit axe head. I'm going to see if I can get it cleaned up.
- *Kelley* – I've been busy with so much stuff. I wish I could do more.
- *Carole* – My husband took a month off and we went to the Himalayas for a month. Those mountains are really big. We spent 17 days above 12,000 feet and went to 17,600. It is hard to hike above 15,000. Moving is methodical and very steady. It was very different and we had all kinds of weather. I have never hiked with my down jacket on so consistently. There were 6 days I never took it off. The scenery was amazing, it was great hiking. The yaks were wonderful.
- *Ron* – OSU baseball is going to Omaha. One nice thing about these work parties is having these new people; the fire has gotten people out that have never thought about doing trail work before. I'm scouting my section, there is 1 inch of snow at Mt Hood snotel.
- *Peter* – I have a NSM crew tomorrow at Lolo Pass and we will do a mile and a half at the north section of ours. We went to Arizona and did a short hike up Granite Mt.
- *Diane* – We saw a good report on the news about GP.
- *Thomas* – I'm looking forward to doing my log out.
- *Brooke* – I climbed Mt Adams a couple of weeks ago. I'm feeling optimistic and will scout my section the June 24 weekend.
- *Tami* – I have another crew to finish Sedum Ridge on the 24th. I negotiated 2 weeks' vacation and I would like to hike Breitenbush Lake to Cascade Lakes. Thank you, Leif and Dave for getting my saw back into condition again.
- *Leif* – I went up to North Bend.
- *Underbucker* – I'm getting tired of 30-degree weather with snow mixed in in June.
- *Tim* – There is still snow at 4,500 feet. The forest service gets quite concerned if you don't call in on time.
- *Chris* – I pretty much took May off from volunteer stuff. I'm looking forward to getting back into it. If anyone wants to practice sawing, I have a couple hundred.
- *Ruth* – We picked the last week in July to tackle some logs with Chris K, Paradise Park. Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- *Steve P* – The upper section doesn't have many logs but they are a couple feet. There were a number of hikers going back and forth. Everything on the lower section was fairly small.
- *Tammy* – I still have 15 loaves of bread in my freezer. Please take them.
- *Becky* – I'm looking forward to our work party, June 22-24, we moved it up a couple of weeks. I will be submitting a budget for food.
- *Max* – I'm looking forward to ramping up for the summer months and utilizing the work you guys have done. It's incredible being here and seeing the dedication you have. I submitted something today for an overnight.
- *Roberta* – I want to reiterate from the episode of not checking out. They called me. So please continue to send out your TCPs. They are super important. They called me because I knew who Tim was.
- *Steve Q* – TCPs, any that are in Multnomah County now have a fire and rescue phone number that goes to Corbett.
- *Summer* – We're losing the roller derby rink.