



Pacific Crest Trail Association's 2010 Year-End Review





Along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCNST), 2010 was an extraordinary year of accomplishments for the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA).

PCTA focused on:

- Including partners, both old and new, as the cornerstone for protecting, preserving and promoting the PCNST.
- Using an “all-lands” approach to work across agency boundaries and private land, and pooling resources for ecological conservation and restoration of the PCNST.
- Reconnecting communities to the outdoors through volunteerism.
- Generating jobs for youth on public lands in natural resource and recreation programs through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding.
- Providing extensive trail skills trainings and safe work environments for volunteers.

Including Partners for Protecting, Preserving & Promoting the PCNST

Partnerships with agencies and other non-profits are the cornerstone of success for this 2,650-mile National Scenic Trail.

Protection and preservation of the PCNST as a significant national treasure for future generations is the goal of the PCTA. This work is not accomplished by the small 15-person PCTA staff; it is accomplished through an extensive network of more than 70 key partners including federal, state, county, and local agencies, conservation and volunteer-minded non-profits, businesses and retailers, and schools and universities.

The PCTA's professional Trail Operations staff, including a Trail Operations Director, a Trail Operations Manager, and five Regional Representatives, oversees the management and protection of the entire length of the PCNST. The Regional Representatives work in the field and serve as the "eyes and ears" of the Trail Partnership at the local level. They work with government partners to effectively manage the PCNST as a protected national resource.

As a result of the USFS and BLM's dedication to expand and support the PCTA's Trail Operations program, effective trail management and collaboration has increased significantly. In 2010, PCTA staff conducted 574 meetings with agency partners, a 42% increase over the previous year. These close, collaborative partnerships produced outstanding on-the-ground results, several deserving special recognition:

OHV Use in Kern Country

For more than two years, a task force – including the USFS PCNST Manager, BLM staff, PCTA staff, the Kern County Sheriff's Department and Supervisors Office, local community members



OHV trails crisscross and threaten user safety on the PCNST as it switchbacks north out of Gamble Spring Canyon in Southern California.



Volunteer packers hauled more than 8,000 pounds of tools and resupplies to a California Conservation Crew working the PCNST on Fuller Ridge. Left: Dennis Harfman crosses Highway 243 near Idyllwild, Calif., returning to camp. Below: Chip Herzig leaves camp on one of more than ten resupply trips.



including OHV users, local equestrian groups and members from an OHV watch group – has worked to eliminate the ever-growing illegal OHV activity in the Tehachapi Mountains. Agency leadership recognized the severity of the situation in 2010 after there appeared to be deliberate vandalism to the Trail as a result of the illegal activity. As a result, law enforcement officers closely monitored OHV activities in the Tehachapi Mountains throughout April and May.

On Easter Sunday, Kern County Sheriff's deputies confronted three motorcycle riders on the PCNST. They fled but officers tracked them using a helicopter. They were arrested and their bikes impounded. That same weekend officers also issued 10 citations, made 76 "educational contacts," three traffic stops, and three "camp checks." Although the illegal activity on the PCNST quieted down significantly in the aftermath of the law enforcement effort, two motorcyclists were encountered on the Trail in June, reinforcing the point that even though illegal OHV use has decreased, it is still a problem. Kern County continues monthly patrols for illegal use.

Fuller Ridge Reconstruction

In California's Mt. San Jacinto State Park, Fuller Ridge is notorious for its challenging navigation and unsafe trail tread for equestrians. Its location in a designated Wilderness Area makes it very difficult for crews to access, so trail improvements have been severely limited there. In 2010, California State Park's Karl Knapp worked for six months with a California Conservation Corps crew to make significant improvements to this section of the PCNST. The PCTA took the lead role coordinating volunteer packers from the Backcountry Horsemen of California. More than 1,200 hours, the pack teams moved more than 8,000 pounds of gear, tools, food, and supplies seven miles to the California Conservation Corps base camp for this project. This project will continue in 2011.

OHV Use in Potato Butte

On the Lassen National Forest's Hat Creek Ranger District, there is a high volume of illegal OHV trespassing in the Potato Butte area. Some of this trespassing is on or adjacent to the PCNST. In June 2010, PCTA staff members were included in a new working group selected to draft a management plan for the area. The development of an appropriate management plan for this area is crucial to protecting the PCNST and the experience it offers. Throughout the summer of 2010, the working group held monthly meetings for stakeholders to advocate for their positions and address concerns. Among other things, PCTA made it clear that illegal OHV use on or near the Trail is unacceptable because it degrades the experience hikers and equestrians have come to expect on this national scenic trail. By September, the working group completed a conceptual plan that addressed the illegal trespassing issues, setting the stage for future management that will prohibit motorized use on the PCNST, reduce user conflict and improve the PCNST experience in this area. This process ultimately resulted in better management and protection of the PCNST.

Warm Springs Trail Crew

In Oregon, a new partnership between the PCTA, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and Oregon Youth Employment Initiative supported and funded a new eight-week trail crew. For the first time, the Tribes took an active, on-the-ground role in protecting and maintaining the PCNST along a 25-mile section on tribal lands between Mounts Jefferson and Hood in the central Cascades. The 10-person, Native American crew of young adults (ages 18-24) contributed 2,500 hours rehabilitating 4,770 feet of trail and performing annual maintenance on an additional 6.25 miles. Crew members were trained in first aid, food handling, Leave No Trace wilderness ethics, and trail skills. For many crew members, it was their first job, through which they learned important life and job skills.

Thanks to new partnerships with the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Oregon Youth Employment Initiative, a new eight-week trail crew worked on the PCNST. This 10-person Native American crew of young adults (ages 18-24) contributed 2,500 hours.



Using an “All-Lands” Approach for Conservation & Restoration

Meandering from Mexico to Canada for 2,650 miles, the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail connects diverse landscapes, offering a gateway to recreational adventure and a connection with nature. Traversing three states, three National Monuments, five State Parks, seven National Parks, 25 National Forests, 34 Congressionally-designated Wilderness Areas, and countless parcels of private land, the PCNST is truly managed with an “all-lands” approach.

The mission of the PCTA is to protect, preserve and promote the Trail across these diverse boundaries. Working closely with agency partners, the PCTA takes an active leadership role in the management and protection of the Trail within agency units, as it crosses intra- and interagency boundaries, and on privately owned land. Wildfires, floods, vegetation encroachment, erosion, resource development, and illegal use are constant threats to the PCNST land. These challenges know no agency or private land boundaries. In 2010, the PCTA was an active leader using this “all-lands” approach to conservation, restoration and management of the PCNST.

California High Speed Train

The proposed California High Speed Train will run from Los Angeles to San Francisco via Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Fresno. As planned, it will cross the PCNST twice either at grade or by viaduct – not in a tunnel – endangering the recreation experiences the Trail offers. Throughout 2010, PCTA staff attended planning meetings to make the planners aware of the Trail and worked with Bob Blount at the Angeles National Forest, bringing him up to speed on this information.

Stehekin Valley Road Relocation

While the PCNST is administered by the USFS, roughly 19 percent of the Trail traverses National Park Service (NPS) lands, making the agency another PCNST player. In late 2009, congressional legislation proposed to alter the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness Area, within the North Cascades National Park, to accommodate the relocation and reconstruction of upper Stehekin Valley Road. The road originally provided access from the

town of Stehekin 3.5 miles into the heart of the Wilderness, but was partially washed out during a major flood in 2003. Unfortunately, the proposed road location overlaps the PCNST for three miles. Thru-hikers and riders, weekend backpackers, and even a few day hikers, actively use this stretch of trail, according to NPS statistics. Usage initially decreased after the road closed, but since 2008,



Chip Jenkins, superintendent of North Cascades National Park, confers with Senator Maria Cantwell (Wash.) on the Stehekin Valley Road relocation on July 8. The proposed relocation threatens to displace the PCNST.

the number of people using the trail has increased dramatically. The PCTA visited this segment of the Trail on several occasions in 2010 to learn more about the proposal and to perform the necessary field work for potential trail relocation. In July, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell (Wash.), met with fourteen people from both sides of the issue, including PCTA staff, to hike the section of the PCNST in question. Senator Cantwell is a member of the Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which is holding the proposed legislation. A month later, the PCTA revisited this section of Trail to perform additional field work. After three days trying to find a potential alignment, PCTA staff determined that there is no appropriate sustainable alternative for a National Scenic Trail in this area. As a result, the PCTA wrote and circulated an opposition statement to those involved in the decision-making process, including Senator Cantwell. Ultimately, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee decided not to move on the bill. In 2011, the bill could go back to the House for re-approval.

Proposed Mount Hood OHV Area

A 2007 proposal by the Mount Hood National Forest for several new OHV areas traversed land management boundaries and posed a threat not only to the PCNST but to elk migration and wildlife on the adjacent Indian Reservation. As a result of research, documentation and involvement in the public commenting process by PCTA staff and volunteers, Oregon Equestrian Trails, and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, these sensitive areas were removed from the 2010 Record of Decision for the Off-Highway Vehicle Management Plan. PCTA volunteers are most frequently associated with the actual labor of maintaining the Trail. However, in the course of trail work, their adopted sections often become as familiar to them as their own back yards. In addition to removing downed trees and cleaning out drainage ditches, volunteers provide useful information when major projects, such as this OHV plan, are under consideration. Volunteers serve as a vital link between a number of governments, agencies and organizations.

Protecting Keene Creek Property

The PCTA completed the "First Mile" campaign in 2010 by purchasing a landmark conservation easement. This is the first-ever PCTA-led land acquisition project to protect the legacy of the PCNST along Keene Creek, in Southern Oregon. A 150-acre property contains 0.94 miles of the PCT within the Cascade Siskiyou National Monument. The PCTA partnered with the Pacific Forest Trust and the BLM to acquire a conservation easement on the property which permanently protects the PCNST. As part of the agreement, the Pacific Forest Trust provided technical expertise and the PCTA raised \$300,000 to cover the cost of purchasing the conservation easement and other expenses.



In 2010, the PCTA celebrated the completion of the "First Mile" campaign by purchasing a conservation easement to protect 0.94 miles of the PCNST.



PCNST user experiences are threatened by fire and resulting salvage sales. Lassen National Forest and PCTA staff worked together along the Hat Creek Rim to reduce the visual impacts and provide users with a more appropriate visual wilderness experience when walking through the timber salvage area.

BLM Medford Timber Thinning

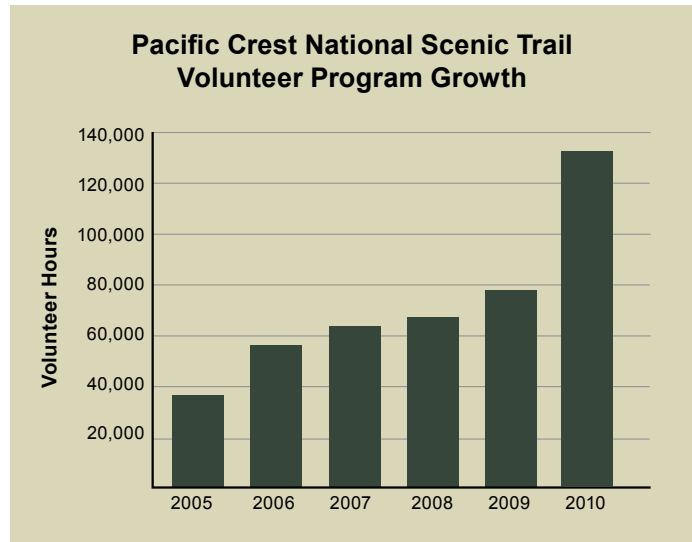
The BLM's Medford District office proposed two separate timber thinning projects that would affect the PCNST in Southern Oregon. Both projects include thinning timber units that come within 200 feet of the Trail or, in some cases, overlay the Trail. PCTA staff is working with the BLM to mitigate negative impacts to the Trail and protect the experience of the Trail user. The Environmental Assessment (EA) process is complete for the Sampson Cove project and PCTA staff continues to work alongside BLM staff as the project is implemented. While still in the early stages of Environmental Assessment, the PCTA has requested several specific mitigating measures be implemented in order to protect the Trail in the vicinity of the Cottonwood project. The PCTA will continue to work with the BLM as the EA process moves forward in order to protect the PCNST, a unit of BLM's own National Landscape Conservation System.

Hat Creek Rim Visual Impact Mitigation

In 2010, the PCTA took an active leadership role in the management and protection of the PCNST in the Lassen National Forest's Hat Creek Ranger District on mitigation of a timber salvage project. The Sugar Loaf Fire severely burned parts of the Lassen National Forest's Hat Creek Ranger District in 2009. The fire burned up and along the well known Hat Creek Rim including approximately 1.5 miles of the PCNST. The result was a scarred landscape laden with hazard trees dangerous to hikers and equestrians passing through on the PCNST. In the interest of public safety, the District cut a quarter mile, 400 ft. wide swath of the dead timber along the PCNST. But that effort created an unappealing visual experience for trail users. PCTA staff worked with the District to reduce the visual impacts and provide trail users with a more appropriate visual wilderness experience when walking through the timber salvage project. As a result of multiple field visits with District staff, as well as the Forest Supervisor, mitigation measures were included in the Rim Reforestation Project. Through this partnering process, both PCTA and the Hat Creek Ranger District have come to observe and agree there is a more optimal location for the PCNST. In 2011, the PCTA and USFS will begin the process of examining whether or not the PCNST should experience a slight realignment to improve the user experience along the Hat Creek Rim.

Reconnecting Communities

The PCTA's network of partners extends well beyond land management agencies and into the communities of America. The annual maintenance and restoration of the PCNST is a major undertaking, one that requires the help of thousands of community volunteers who perform hard, physical labor so that others may enjoy the beauty of the wilderness while traveling on a safe, passable trail. As a result, hikers and equestrians alike will tell you that the PCNST is one of the finest wilderness trail experiences in existence. The PCTA directly addresses society's growing detachment from the outdoors by offering these opportunities for people to connect with nature by volunteering on the PCNST. In 2010, PCNST volunteers contributed 136,155 hours, an in-kind value of more than \$2,839,000.



Notable increases in PCNST's 2010 volunteer hours include:

- An overall 68% increase in volunteer hours from 81,286 in 2009 to 136,155 in 2010.
- The Southern California Region had a 92% increase (19,545 in 2009 to 37,543 in 2010) thanks to expanding regional partnerships.
- The Northern Sierra Region had a 58% increase (8,310 in 2009 to 13,092 in 2010) thanks to PCTA's new Regional Representative developing volunteer programs.
- The new Warm Springs Trail Crew added 2,499 hours in the Columbia Cascades Region.
- ARRA-funded corps crews and volunteers contributed 68,854 hours.



Volunteers from the Sacramento area journeyed to the Tahoe National Forest for several projects in 2010. Above: Fixing the hazardous Bear Lake Outlet. Right: Repairing the Haypress Bridge.





The PCTA's Trail Gorillas volunteer group devoted more than 9,000 hours to trail maintenance and restoration in Southern California.

PCTA offers volunteers a positive opportunity to connect with nature and America's Great Outdoors. In a PCTA volunteer survey:

- 97 percent of volunteers agreed or strongly agreed that their motivations for volunteering were satisfied.
- 95 percent of volunteers agreed or strongly agreed they would volunteer again.
- 95 percent of volunteers agreed or strongly agreed that they would recommend PCNST volunteering to a friend.

Working with PCTA staff, corps crews and non-profit partners, volunteers led restoration efforts on the PCNST in 2010 maintaining 914 miles and reconstructing 106 miles. The PCTA successfully works with adults who are passionate about the PCNST but the PCTA also actively engages youth. In 2010, 60 percent of the PCTA's 136,155 volunteer hours, were accomplished with youth corps and other youth programs. This work has the added benefit of connecting volunteers with nature and developing future citizen stewards.

At the Environmental Charter High School of Lawndale, Calif., each of their 330 students must provide community service every semester. Several times each year, interested students work on special trail maintenance projects in Southern California. In 2010, these culturally diverse students from inner-city Los Angeles volunteered 618 hours on the PCNST. These students, most of whom had never been camping or even seen the stars, worked diligently to clear brush, re-establish washed-out tread, construct rock check steps, and improve drainage.

For the second time, PCTA partnered with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Urban Youth Rites of Passage program of Vancouver, Wash. Three PCTA staff and volunteer leaders, a six-member AmeriCorps crew, and youth mentors who previously

graduated from the program teamed up to instruct and supervise the 20 kids. These volunteers contributed 1,643 service hours on two, three-day projects on the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

The Youth Conservation Corps is a U.S. Forest Service summer employment program for young adults age 15 through 18, from all segments of society, who work, learn, and earn together by doing projects on public land. In 2010 a Youth Conservation Corps six-person crew worked on the PCNST on the Cleveland National Forest for five days. The crew worked in the Southern California heat doing tread repair and putting in drainage dips and check steps.

The Trailblazing Program at the William S. Hart Union High School in Santa Clarita, Calif., provides a unique work opportunity for its underserved student population. The program gives students experience in forestry and trail maintenance, as well as workforce preparation. The crew performed 600 hours of maintenance on the PCNST that included rebuilding switchbacks and installing OHV barriers. The PCTA provides technical assistance, work locations, serves in an advisory role to the program curriculum and offers training opportunities to the group and their instructor.



“I really liked coming out here and helping, it was an awesome experience, the work was tough but it really makes me feel good after nice hard work.”

**– Brandon Estevez,
Environmental Charter
High School Volunteer**

Generating Jobs for Youth Through ARRA

In 2009, the USFS and BLM received approximately \$4 million dollars funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The goal of ARRA was to put Americans back to work; on the PCNST this meant hiring youth corps crews and young professionals for trail resource management and construction. Some of that money was spent in 2010, and funding continues in 2011.

As the primary non-profit partner of both the USFS and the BLM for the management and operation of the PCNST, the PCTA received a significant portion of these funds to support their work. For 2010-2011, the PCTA was awarded:

Bureau of Land Management (CA and OR).....	\$100,000
U.S. Forest Service - Region 5 (CA)	\$525,084
U.S. Forest Service - Region 6 (OR, WA)	\$322,000



PCTA ARRA-funded staff Eric Mason (right) coordinated stock packing of tools for a Northwest Service Academy's AmeriCorps crew working on the Klamath National Forest. Thanks to ARRA funding, the PCTA hired seven full-time and two seasonal employees to coordinate PCNST work.

Through this funding, the PCTA provides technical oversight and staff to assist in the completion of backlogged maintenance utilizing youth corps crews and volunteers. Not only does this work leave the PCNST tread in better shape than it has been in decades, but it also introduces new generations to outdoor-based resource management jobs. The projects associated with this employment opportunity fulfill the intent of the ARRA by creating meaningful jobs for young adults and encouraging long-term community service. Within the federal land-managing agencies, large portions of employees are reaching retirement age. As a result, these agencies have been looking to diversify the age of their staffs for the last several years. The hands-on experience that the PCTA is providing through this program offers corps members insight to agency employment opportunities and will create job skills for crew members to potentially continue working in natural resource management.

In 2010, thanks to ARRA funding, the PCTA hired seven full-time and two seasonal employees to coordinate with agency partners to develop and monitor field season work to maintain the PCNST. These staff members also managed trail-related projects including 12 youth corps crews. The ARRA funding supported the PCTA's Windigo Trail Crew and allowed the PCTA to partner with the following ARRA-funded corps crew programs: EarthCorps, Northwest Service Academy's AmeriCorps, Northwest Youth Corps, and Student Conservation Association. These groups contributed significantly to a 68% increase in the PCTA's volunteer hours from 81,286 in 2009 to 136,155 in 2010.

PCTA ARRA-funded employees coordinated with agency partners to develop and monitor field season work to maintain the PCNST. They attended the following number of meetings:

U.S Forest Service	162
Bureau of Land Management	15
National Park Service	3
State and Local Agencies	20

In 2010 ARRA-funded projects on the PCNST produced:

Volunteer and corps crew hours spent maintaining and reconstructing trail.....	68,854
Miles of trail maintained	303
Miles of trail reconstructed/constructed.....	58
Trail projects completed	117
Major structures constructed:	
Trailhead kiosks.....	1
Square feet of cribbing.....	1,542
Bridges	1
Feet of turnpike/puncheon	470

Since 2005, the PCTA has worked with the Northwest Service Academy's AmeriCorps program utilizing crews to perform PCNST maintenance. In 2010, four six-person crews devoted more than 18,000 hours of work on 63 trail maintenance projects on the PCNST. The program provides work training for AmeriCorps crew members and volunteer vacation opportunities on each project. The crew is instrumental in leading other volunteers, such as the Environmental Charter High School.

EarthCorps is a Seattle-based AmeriCorps affiliate which provides one-year intensive programs for young adults from the U.S. and around the world to learn best practices in conservation techniques and develop skills in leading volunteers of all ages. In 2010 an EarthCorps crew completed four weeks of trail maintenance in Washington on the PCNST.

Northwest Youth Corps is a youth development and outdoor education organization that has provided opportunities to more than 10,000 young people since its establishment in 1984. In 2010, the Northwest Youth Corps contributed more than 45 weeks on the PCNST completing 101.5 miles of maintenance and 10,203 feet of rehabilitation.

The Student Conservation Association is a nonprofit organization that offers conservation internships and trail crew opportunities to high school- and college-age volunteers from diverse backgrounds. In 2010, four six-person trail crews devoted more than 14,000 hours of work to the PCNST.



Four Northwest Service Academy AmeriCorps crews worked on the PCNST. This crew on the Lassen National Forest installed 12 feet of turnpike and 40 feet of log cribbing.



PCTA's ARRA-funded Windigo Trail Crew moved 8,400 pounds of dirt and rock to fill in eroded tread beside Sister Spring in the Willamette National Forest.

Providing Trainings & Safe Work Environments

To make these volunteers successful in their trail restoration efforts, they need to have adequate education, training and oversight in safe trail construction and maintenance. PCTA training programs fill this need. In 2010, the PCTA and its partner organizations sponsored 21 trail-related trainings. At these trainings, volunteers contributed 8,643 hours to learning trail stewardship and restoration skills. PCTA trainings not only offer experienced volunteers an opportunity to improve their restoration skills in more advanced training sessions, but also target new volunteers who are interested in developing basic restoration skills. These volunteers are the future stewards and leaders to maintain not only the PCNST but also other community-based trail systems.

PCTA sponsored trainings included:

- Chain & Crosscut Saw Certification
- Trail Maintenance & Construction Skills
- Crew Leadership & Safety
- Basic & Wilderness First Aid & CPR
- Tool School
- Saw Sharpening & Appreciation

PCTA continues to expand and update courses in its popular Trail Skills College Curriculum for training volunteers. New courses added in 2010 included trail re-construction, advanced crew leadership, drainage crossings, trail decommissioning, and signage. These courses are available for free download online and received positive feedback from trail organizations across the country.



PCTA ARRA-funded staff Sam Commarto (left) oversaw technical rigging work performed by the Student Conservation Corps on the San Bernardino National Forest. ARRA funding supported 88 weeks of Student Conservation Association work on the PCNST in 2010.

In April, May, and June more than 300 volunteers attended three Trail Skills College trainings the PCTA sponsored in Oregon. Many partners took part in the planning and preparation of these trainings including Washington Trails Association, Trailkeepers of Oregon, Greater Oakridge Area Trail Stewards, High Cascades Forest Volunteers, Friends of the Gorge, and Oregon Equestrian Trails. Each event had more than 30 instructors from the USFS and volunteer partner organizations. Classes taught included tool maintenance, tread and drainage, brushing and scouting, waterbars and check dams, and crew leadership.

In July, the first PCTA Trail Skills College was held in the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit with six courses for volunteers to choose from. More than 40 volunteers attended this training event.

The NWSA AmeriCorps program continued to be a strong partner for the PCTA. To start their 2010 season, 12 team leaders from NWSA, which is based out of Trout Lake, Wash., traveled to Southern California for six weeks of trail skills training. During that time, PCTA staff rotated through to teach the new team leaders not only how to recognize and repair trail maintenance issues, but also provided the new team leaders with valuable skills on how to lead their team and volunteers both on the trail and in camp. The training concluded with the team leaders hosting a weekend volunteer project under the supervision of PCTA staff. The team leaders led students from the Environmental Charter High School.

After spring training, four NWSA AmeriCorps teams started their season working on the PCNST. The PCTA's volunteer program leverages corps crews in a unique way – utilizing these technically-trained corps crews to provide training in trail crew leadership and advanced trail construction techniques as well as hands-on guidance for local volunteers. By training volunteers with the valuable skills needed to help protect and maintain recreational trails, they in turn give countless volunteer hours to maintain not only the PCNST but also trails maintained by partnering organizations. These local community-based volunteers form the backbone of the PCTA's volunteer program.



Volunteer Charles Williams (left), received crosscut saw training from PCTA Regional Representative Justin Kooyman on the Plumas National Forest. This was one of 21 trail skills trainings sponsored by the PCTA in 2010.





**The following are the 2010 accomplishments
for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail:**

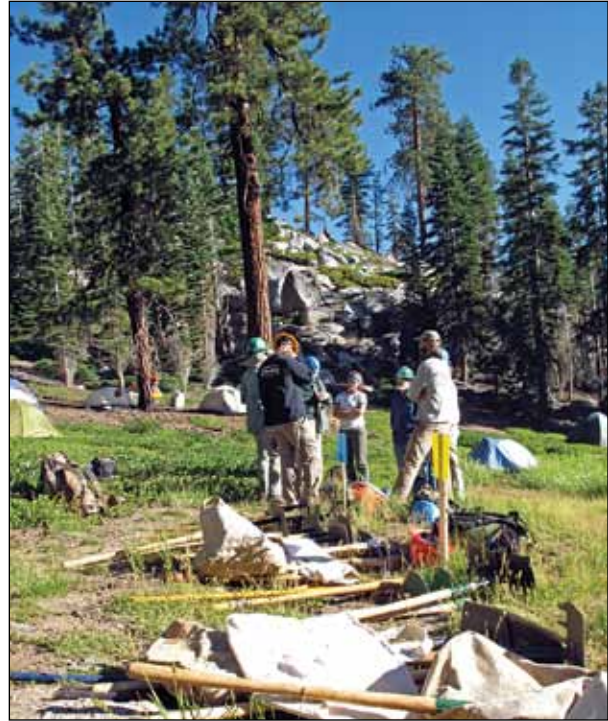
Development and Maintenance

Maintain and/or monitor as necessary existing Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCNST) and associated infrastructure to standard.

Volunteer and corps crew hours	132,447
maintaining, constructing, or reconstructing	132,447
Miles of trail maintained	914
Trail projects completed	384

Coordinate meetings with agency partners to develop upcoming field season program of work to maintain the PCNST:

	Local	Unit	Regional/ Trailwide	Total
USFS	346	103	154	603
BLM	34	8	50	92
NPS	7	6	1	14
Other	49	12	4	65
Total	436	129	209	774



Construct/reconstruct PCNST to standard and install appropriate signage.

Miles reconstructed/constructed.....	106
Major structures constructed:	
Trailhead kiosks.....	2
Square feet of log and stone cribbing.....	2,917
Bridges	6
Feet of turnpike/puncheon	617

Volunteer Recruitment, Training, Safety, & Management

Update, distribute, and keep current the PCNST Volunteer Job Hazard Analysis.

Weeks JHA is posted and accessible on the PCTA website.....	52
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Coordinate volunteer activities trail-wide to support the trail maintenance program to provide consistency and greater access to resources.

Staff hours spent coordinating PCTA volunteer program.....	9,524
Posting of upcoming trainings and volunteer projects on PCTA website	
New trainings posted.....	15
New volunteer projects posted.....	135
Maintain inventory of tools and spike camp equipment	
Tools purchased valued at more than \$250.....	9
Spike camp caches	19
Development of the PCTA Volunteer Program	
New volunteers	922
New members	2,831



Coordinate and offer volunteer training opportunities that incorporate trail skills and worker safety into the training.

Sponsor volunteer training opportunities	
Volunteers attending in Basic and Wilderness First Aid	42
Volunteers trained in crosscut and chain saw use	37
Volunteers attending trail skills training.....	421
Trail skills trainings hosted	21

Utilize Youth Corps Programs as a tool for encouraging youth and diversifying the volunteer base.

Outreach activities to diversify volunteer base	
High school programs contacted	15
University programs contacted	28
PCTA-affiliated youth corps volunteer hours.....	81,342
PCTA-affiliated high school volunteer hours	5,523
Volunteer hours reported reflecting age, gender, and ethnicity:	

	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	123	44	167
18-54	478	287	765
55+	564	160	724
Total	1,165	491	
White (non-Hispanic)	913	397	1,310
Black (non-Hispanic)	10	14	24
Hispanic	59	12	71
Native American/ Alaskan Native	21	20	41
Asian/Pacific Islander	33	13	46
Total	1,036	456	



Customer Service

Support trail users by providing information and answering questions about hiking and equestrian use of the PCNST.

Responses to public requests for information	
E-mails responded to.....	1,282
Written letters responded to	8
Phone calls responded to	1,059
Provide up-to-date information for emergencies and trail conditions	
Updates to the toll-free telephone line.....	22
Calls made to the toll-free telephone line.....	732
Updates to the Trail Conditions page on PCTA website	159
Provide written information that assists with protecting, preserving, and promoting the PCNST	
Issues of the PCNST Communicator distributed.....	52,312
Wilderness permits issued for travel in excess of 500 miles.....	1,061
Mt. Whitney climbing permits issued.....	289
Website visits on the pcta.org site	414,576

Participate in public conference and meetings and initiate forums to educate the public about the PCNST.

PCTA staff hours spent participating on planning and attending National Scenic Trail events	375
Trail-related conferences, outreach events and meetings attended to promote the PCNST	56



Trail Management

Provide advocacy at the local and national levels for the PCNST to ensure protection and enhancement of scenic values and quality trail opportunities.

Ensure PCNST protection by reviewing proposed projects that may impact the PCNST trail corridor	
Meetings PCTA staff attended regarding proposed projects	76

Land Acquisition

Participate in finalization of the Optimal Location Review Format (OLR) and Process.

Participate in determining the Optimal Location for the PCNST

Hours spent by PCTA staff on OLRs	63
Hours volunteers spent on OLRs	0

Initiate or continue protection negotiations for trail segments within high priority acquisition areas as identified in the Optimal Location Review. Continue to assist governmental and non-profit partners to complete protection of the trail lands through personal contact, recognitions, acquisitions proposals, and/or attending applicable meetings and events of public, private, and nonprofit partners.

Participate in trail corridor protection for trail segments within high priority acquisition areas

Meetings attended by PCTA staff regarding high priority acquisitions or easements.....	29
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Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail 2010 Volunteer & Corps Crew Hours

Southern California Region

California Conservation Corps.....	7,496
Environmental Charter High School Club	618
NWSA AmeriCorps	3,825
Student Conservation Association.....	13,029
Trail Gorillas	9,085
William S. Hart High School.....	600
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	2,890

Southern Sierra Region

Can Do Crew	1,365
High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew	1,449
NWSA AmeriCorps	597
Student Conservation Association.....	2,505
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	242

Northern Sierra Region

Carsonora Trail Crew	853
NWSA AmeriCorps	6,092
Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship.....	1,424
Tahoe Rim Trail Association.....	119
Will Work for Krumm's Trail Crew.....	929
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	3,675

Big Bend Region

Ashland Woodlands & Trails Association.....	38
Backcountry Horsemen of Calif. - Top of State....	2,008
Lyon's Pride Trail Crew.....	3,055
NWSA AmeriCorps	6,646
Save Burney Falls	199
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	575

Columbia Cascades Region

Mid-Oregon Volunteers.....	6,856
Mt. Hood Chapter.....	4,629
NWSA AmeriCorps	5,570
Student Conservation Association.....	2,506
Warm Springs Trail Crew	2,499
Windigo/Skyline Crews	2,178
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	4,375

North Cascades Region

Backcountry Horsemen of Wash.	1,951
EarthCorps.....	1,138
Pacific Northwest Corps	1,586
Student Conservation Association.....	731
Washington Trails Association	5,047
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	409

Miscellaneous Trailwide

Northwest Youth Corps	23,658
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Total PCNST Trail Program Hours..... 132,447



In 2010, volunteers contributed more than 3,700 service hours to non-trail maintenance activities including PCTA governance, outreach events, publications, and advocacy work.

Our Partners



- Adventure 16, CA
ALDHA-West, National
Alta LandPeople, CA
American Hiking Society, National
Ashland Woodlands and Trails Association, OR
Backcountry Horsemen of America, National
Backcountry Horsemen of California, CA
Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon, OR
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, WA
Boy Scouts of America, National
California Alpine Club, CA
California Conservation Corps, CA
Can Do Crew PCTA, CA
Carsonora Area PCTA Volunteers, CA
Cascade Locks Youth Crew, OR
Christian Brothers High School, CA
Columbia Gorge Runners Club, OR/WA
Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, OR
Crater Lake Land Trust, OR
EarthCorps, WA
Environmental Charter High School, CA
Equestrian Trails, Inc., CA
High Desert Runners, CA
High Sierra Sport Company, National
High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew, CA
ICF International, National
Jetboil, National
Kern Recreational Landowners Association, CA
Leave No Trace, National
Lyons' Pride PCTA Volunteers, CA
Mid-Oregon PCTA Volunteers, OR
Mt. Hood Chapter, PCTA, OR
Mt. Shasta Trails Association, CA
NAACP Vancouver Branch, WA
Northwest Service Academy/
AmeriCorps, WA/OR/CA
Northwest Youth Corps, OR/WA
Oregon Equestrian Trails, OR
Oregon Youth Employment Initiative, OR
Osprey Packs, Inc., National
Pacific Forest Trust, CA/OR
Partnership for the National Trails System, National
REI, National
Rogue Riders Endurance Club, OR
San Diego Ultra Running Friends, CA
Save Burney Falls, CA
Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, CA
Sierra Health Foundation, CA
Siskiyou Outback, OR
Southern Oregon University, OR
Student Conservation Association, National
Tahoe Rim Trail Association, CA
Tarma Designs, National
Trail Gorillas PCTA, CA
Truckee Trails Foundation, CA
Trust for Public Land, National
W.L. Gore & Associates, National
Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources, WA
Washington Trails Association, WA
Will Work for Krumm's PCTA Trail Crew, CA
William S. Hart Unified School District, CA
Youth Conservation Corps, CA



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