



# Pacific Crest Trail Association's 2013 Year-End Program Review







Along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT), 2013 was another great year of accomplishments for the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) and its partners.

Accomplishments focused on:

- Enhancing strategic partnerships as the cornerstone for sustainable recreation.
- Expanding access to the great outdoors.
- Conserving open space and large landscapes.
- Restoring, sustaining, and enhancing the nation's forests.
- Sustaining and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Engaging Americans as citizen stewards on public lands.

## Enhancing Strategic Partnerships as the Cornerstone for Sustainable Recreation

Each year, the PCTA works with more than 100 individual agency units within the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, and California State Parks. The PCTA's professional Trail Operations Program staff – including a Trail Operations Director, a Trail Operations Manager, a Volunteer Programs Assistant and five Regional Representatives – not only oversees management of the PCT, but spends a significant amount of time to maintain and build partnerships that strengthen resources for the Trail. In 2013, PCTA staff conducted 562 meetings with agency partners to plan work; these collaborative relationships produced outstanding on-the-ground results and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the PCT.

The PCTA's network of partners extends well beyond the land management agencies. More than 75 key partners make up PCTA's extensive collaborative network, including conservation and volunteer-minded non-profits; business and retailers; and schools and universities. This large, diverse group has come together with the same collective view: to protect, preserve, and promote the 2,650-mile PCT as a national treasure.

In 2013, these non-profit partners contributed significant volunteer time to restoring the PCT:

- California Conservation Corps: 5,760 hours
- EarthCorps: 2,023 hours
- Friends of the Inyo: 1,820 hours
- High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew: 1,228 hours
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association: 1,274 hours
- Washington Trails Association: 6,403 hours

**People of all ages and from all walks of life volunteer on the PCT, from youth to college students to retirees. In 2013, PCTA helped connect 1,521 volunteers to public lands in America. This American Conservation Experience crew worked on USFS and BLM lands along the PCT.**





**Equestrian groups, like Back Country Horsemen, provide an invaluable service to the PCT. Not only do they provide packing services to backcountry trail crews but they also conduct and support trail maintenance activities. Equestrian volunteers hauled countless loads of material to construct this 60 foot long turnpike in the Willamette National Forest.**

Some say the West was built by mules. The PCT definitely was. Leveraging strategic partnerships with packers, stock support, and equestrian volunteers is integral to the successful maintenance and restoration of the PCT. Throughout 2013, BLM, PCTA, and USFS continued work with Backcountry Horsemen of California, Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, and Back Country Horsemen of Washington on collaborative partnership development. In an effort to strengthen and improve these affiliations, the meetings focused on the big picture. The team collaborated on how to address our challenges and come up with positive solutions to move toward stronger partnerships to support the PCT. The main collaborative partnership development focused on: roles and responsibilities; information sharing, communication, and conflict resolution; compliance with safety protocols; and reimbursement of packer expenses.

In 2013, 39% of the PCT's 81,000 trail maintenance volunteer hours were accomplished by leveraging partnerships, youth corps' and other youth programs. This work not only restored the PCT but connected youth to nature, developed future citizen stewards and built professional job skills. Besides the actual trail maintenance skills developed on a trail crew, youths also learned about conserving America's great outdoors, leadership, teamwork, and job safety. Two key youth partners included:

- **Environmental Charter Schools:** For more than six years, the PCTA has worked with the Environmental Charter High and Middle Schools in inner-city Los Angeles. These day and overnight trips focus on project-based learning and developing community leadership skills. In 2013, these students contributed 1,297 service hours.
- **American Conservation Experience (ACE):** ACE offers conservation internships and trail crew opportunities to college-age volunteers. PCTA volunteers join these crews for extended projects that usually last five days or longer. In 2013, ACE crews and volunteers worked 13,685 hours on PCT conservation projects.

The PCT offers easy access to America's great outdoors from major metropolitan areas up and down the West Coast, including San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, and Seattle. The PCTA website provides up-to-date information encouraging the safe use, enjoyment, and preservation of the Trail.



## Expanding Access to the Great Outdoors

The PCT spans 2,650 miles from Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon, and Washington. It offers access to the America's outdoors as it connects diverse landscapes, offering a gateway to recreational adventure as it reveals the beauty of the desert, unfolds the glaciated expanses of the Sierra Nevada, travels deep forests, and provides commanding vistas of volcanic peaks in the Cascade Range. The Trail symbolizes everything there is to love—and protect—in the Western United States.

Hikers and equestrians from around the world are offered a unique connection with nature and diverse ecosystems along the PCT as it passes through 48 Congressionally-designated wilderness areas, 25 National Forest units, seven Bureau of Land Management field offices, six National Parks, five California State Park units, three National Monuments, and countless parcels of private property.

In addition to its restoration and protection efforts, PCTA serves as the primary clearing house for PCT information, connecting the world with one of American's great wilderness recreation icons. A full-time Trail Information Specialist acts as the public's resource for PCT information.

### 2013 Communication Services to the Public and Trail Users

Number of emails responded to	2,037
Number of phone calls responded to	1,230
Number of social media requests responded to	246
Number of PCT brochures distributed	23,732
Number of issues of the PCT Communicator distributed	35,000
Number of wilderness permits issued for PCT travel in excess of 500 miles	1,880
Number of visits to PCTA's website	714,351

PCTA oversees a comprehensive website, blog, electronic newsletters and a quarterly magazine to provide up-to-date and historical information encouraging the safe use, enjoyment, protection, and preservation of the PCT. Up-to-date trail information is also available through PCTA's strong social media presence including Facebook, Twitter and Google Plus. PCTA maintains a toll-free telephone line and trail conditions web pages with trail closure and other important information.

The PCTA plays another key role in expanding access to the great outdoors by assisting the U.S. Forest Service in issuing permits to trail users traveling more than 500 miles and coordinates permit information for all trail users. Each summer, PCTA coordinates land use regulations and emergency response information. From fire closures to landslides, the PCTA works hard to rapidly collect and share critical information. PCTA's touch is also seen in numerous map projects, books, and newspaper and magazine articles every year. The organization also organizes and participates in a large number of PCT presentations every year.

## Conserving Open Space and Large Landscapes

The PCT's land acquisition program helps to conserve open space and large landscapes along a patchwork of land ownership spanning the PCT's entire 2,650 miles.



Much of the work to manage and maintain the PCT is accomplished utilizing partnerships and the PCT land acquisition program is just one example of these partnerships in action. While the federal agencies take the lead role in acquiring lands to permanently protect the PCT, they often look to PCTA and local land trusts to support and aid in the transactions.

**Thanks to Land and Water Conservation Funding, more than 1,000 acres were acquired to permanently protect the PCT corridor on the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forests including Pyramid Peak, a prominent mountain that can be seen from miles away. A short spur trail off the PCT leads to the top offering breathtaking views of the surrounding area. This 480 acre parcel was purchased for \$870,000.**



**Mixed coniferous forests along the PCT, as well as views such as these, were permanently protected thanks to land acquisitions by the USFS and BLM in 2013, thereby offering a quality recreational experience to hikers and equestrians alike.**

Land and Water Conservation Funding (LWCF) enabled land acquisition with \$3.2 million allocated to the PCT in the LWCF budget for FY13. The USFS and BLM purchased six tracts of more than 1,460 acres to protect the PCT and its viewshed.

In Washington, more than 1,000 acres were acquired to permanently protect the PCT corridor on the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Okanagan-Wenatchee National Forests. Three large parcels were acquired in the public/private checkerboard region that is about 35 miles south of Snoqualmie Pass. These additional tracts acquired from Plum Creek Timber Company make the project total more than 20 Plum Creek checkerboard tracts purchased in the last 10 to 12 years. This ongoing effort to consolidate public ownership has helped to connect a fragmented forest, provide safe continuous passage for wildlife, as well as permanently protecting sections of the PCT. The area was heavily logged in the early 1980s, but is beginning to show signs of recovery and will eventually be restored to a healthy forest.

In Southern Oregon, PCTA continued to work with both the BLM's Medford District and Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest on several land acquisition projects. The BLM acquired parcels within and near the boundaries of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument that contained sections of the PCT. In addition, the USFS acquired a parcel at the PCT's crossing of the Dead Indian Memorial Highway that not only protects the viewshed but also permanently secures a very popular PCT trailhead and the open space of a local sno-park.





**In Oregon, Mount Jefferson's fragile subalpine meadows are prone to erosion and braiding. PCTA's restoration projects foster restoration of healthy ecosystems.**



**Skyline Crew volunteers carefully transplanted subalpine vegetation in order to close unauthorized user trails.**

## **Restoring, Sustaining, and Enhancing the Nation's Forests**

PCTA's work fosters healthy ecosystems and their restoration in many ways. Because the PCT corridor is 2,650 miles long, the restoration activities necessarily embody an all-lands approach, working across jurisdictions, and treating forested landscapes as an integrated whole. Trail maintenance is itself ecosystem restoration, protecting watersheds large and small by heading off trail erosion. But beyond that, the PCTA branches out to restore the landscapes through which the Trail travels.

The purpose of trails, such as the PCT, is to take users into landscapes so they can appreciate them in their natural state. But if trails are interrupting the landscape's hydrological patterns, then the vegetation and wildlife communities below the trail are affected by changing the amount of water they receive. Therefore, it's up to the land managing agencies and the PCTA to ensure trails are designed to lie lightly on the land and to drain properly. The ecological impacts of eroding roads are now well recognized on public lands. Trails, too, need regular care—vigilant trail maintenance is a Leave No Trace practice. PCT trail crews maintained 1,454 miles of trail in 2013, and reconstructed 45 miles of tread.

The PCT traverses a geologically dynamic landscape. Unstable volcanic soils and voluminous annual precipitation mean constant erosion on the PCT. Where erosion has gone too far to respond to regular maintenance, PCTA coordinates and conducts extended backcountry crew projects, often highly technical in nature. PCT reconstruction projects are critical in re-establishing the ecological patterns



**Preserving the landscape of the PCT through the Tehachapi area of Southern California is a priority for the PCTA. Working with the USFS, the PCTA has partnered with the BLM, county government, and local community groups to combat the illegal OHV use.**



and processes necessary to facilitate terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems sustainability, resilience, and health. In Oregon's Jefferson Park on the Willamette National Forest, fragile subalpine meadows are prone to impacts from trail braiding and erosion. In its degraded state, the PCT catches water from spring snow melt and sediment makes its way to nearby alpine lakes. The PCTA's volunteer Skyline Crew camped out for seven days in 2013, and will continue each summer in the near future, to armor the tread with rocks and logs, to divert water and decrease siltation in nearby lakes and streams. They reconstructed waterbars and turnpikes, revegetated braided trail, and re-benched rutted tread.

On the Naches Ranger District of the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, the Goodwin Meadows bridge replacement project is helping to restore and enhance the fragile stream banks along the headwaters of the Bumping River. Heavy snow caused the bridge to fail causing it to partially block the natural flow of the stream. Hikers were able to carefully balance across the broken bridge but equestrians were forced to ford the stream. Wide, muddy areas formed next to the bridge and were quickly stripped of all vegetation as the stock trampled down the banks and into the stream. In 2013, PCTA, Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Washington Trails Association, and EarthCorps partnered with the agency on construction of a new bridge to allow all trail users, including stock, a safe way to cross the stream while preventing further erosion. The stream banks were restored and enhanced as stones were used to create a more durable surface for stock choosing to ford the stream.

Another way in which PCTA helps restore the Trail's landscapes using an all-lands management approach is by assisting agencies to address unmanaged recreation issues such as user created

trails and illegal motorized use. For more than five years, a task force – including the USFS PCT Manager, BLM staff, PCTA staff, the Kern County Sheriff’s Department and Supervisors Office, local community members 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. In 2013, reports of PCT trespass continued to occur, PCTA continued to ensure that the appropriate reporting documents were filed with the USFS and the Kern County Sheriff’s Department. As part of the overall plan to help reduce OHV trespassing in the area, the PCTA and USFS developed and began implementing a plan to place signs at more frequent intervals from the top of Oak Creek Canyon trail south through Gamble Spring Canyon. PCTA and the BLM continued developing a five-year restoration plan that encompasses the all lands management approach by closing trail and rehabilitating areas on BLM and private lands that have been impacted by illegal OHV use.

## **Sustaining and Enhancing Outdoor Recreation Opportunities**

A prominent theme throughout PCTA’s work is ensuring a quality recreational experience for PCT users. Each year thousands of people experience the PCT. Users include the casual day hiker/riders to weekend backpacker/riders to thru-hikers and riders. In addition to the impacts from hikers and equestrians, the Trail is subjected to floods, fire, deep snow pack, and torrential rain events that cause erosion, make the Trail unsafe and impassable, and cause ecological damage. Every year the PCTA coordinates thousands of volunteer hours dedicated to the maintenance and restoration of the PCT to meet national quality standards. The goal of these efforts is to create a superlative wilderness recreation experience that allows Americans to connect with the outdoors. As a result of PCTA’s efforts, the PCT is one of the finest wilderness trails found anywhere.

PCTA maintenance projects improve the trail experience for hikers and equestrians while, at the same time, reducing the Trail’s impact on the surrounding environment. Projects that clean, improve or install new drainage structures on the PCT work to maintain the integrity of the trail tread and provide a quality recreation experience while also reducing erosion and sedimentation in fragile environments. Volunteer crews who install check steps in a deeply rutted out section of trail not only make the PCT safer and easier to navigate but also reduce the speed of water on the Trail which reduces the Trail’s impact on the watershed.

In some cases, the main goal of a project is to enhance the recreation experience for PCT users by restoring the surrounding environment to a more pristine state. On the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit in Northern California, an American Conservation Experience crew, along with local PCTA volunteers, worked to restore and improve the PCT where it crosses near the headwaters of the Truckee River, which flows into Lake Tahoe. The crossing had become badly damaged because of hikers and equestrians fanning out across the banks looking for an easier crossing. The crew installed stepping stones for hikers, and cleared a passage in the river channel for equestrians to cross while staying on the Trail. A key element to the project was the restoration of the river bank near the crossing. The crew spent a considerable amount of time constructing a rock wall to restore the banks of the river. Behind the wall, the crew imported soil and transplanted native vegetation to encourage the restoration of the surrounding riparian area.

As a leader in volunteer training programs, the PCTA has developed one of the first volunteer crosscut and chain saw training and certification programs approved by the USFS, BLM and NPS. The goal of building these skill sets is to have a cadre of volunteers who can safely and effectively clear the PCT of blow down every spring and early summer. By clearing the PCT of blow down early, volunteers not only open the Trail for safe passage for hikers and equestrians, but also negate and mitigate the impacts of user created trails around the downed trees. These user created trails create a negative visual impact and also contribute to unnecessary erosion and the trampling of sensitive vegetation.

In partnership with the Tahoe National Forest, PCTA replaced the popular Interstate 80 trailhead kiosk and installed nearly 20 signs thanks to a grant from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation. The new kiosk, constructed and installed by a local business, contains updated informational panels and area maps designed by PCTA and USFS. The new kiosk and updated signage in the area enhance the outdoor recreation opportunity and the prominence of the PCT in the Donner Summit area. Tahoe National Forest, District Ranger Joanne Roubique wrote, “This project is a small but important example of one that would not have happened if we did not have such a strong partnership with PCTA.”



**PCTA's trail maintenance projects enhance the recreation experience for users by restoring the surrounding environment to a more natural state. On the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, an American Conservation Experience crew and PCTA volunteers worked to restore the PCT where it crosses the Truckee River.**



**Enhancing the recreation experience for users also includes providing information at trailheads. Thanks to a grant from the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, the Tahoe National Forest and PCTA replaced the popular Interstate 80 trailhead kiosk.**

## Engaging Americans as Citizen Stewards on Public Lands

The PCTA and its agency partners — USFS, BLM, NPS, and California State Parks — understand that taking care of a 2,650-mile trail requires a diverse, strong, and engaged network of volunteers. In a world with a constantly growing disconnect to nature, it is important, now more than ever, to foster the relationship between our environment and people through citizen stewardship. The PCTA's missions to protect, preserve, and promote the PCT will hold no importance if people no longer value their relationship with public lands. Likewise, there is an incredible amount of self discovery and knowledge to be extracted through our personal interactions with the environment. Every year the PCTA serves as a liaison between people and the great outdoors. In 2013 alone, PCTA and its partners enabled 1,541 volunteers to connect to public lands in California, Oregon, and Washington. They dedicated a total of 85,000 volunteer hours to the Trail, which reflects the steadfast dedication, commitment, and contributions of PCTA volunteers. The in-kind value of this volunteer contribution is \$1.9 million. (This value is derived from the 2012 value of volunteer time provided by Independent Sector.) Their work included cutting back overgrown vegetation, building trailhead kiosks, constructing retaining rock walls and reconstructing trail tread.

The bedrock of the PCTA's volunteer program includes eleven community-based volunteer groups dispersed throughout the Trail. Major metropolitan areas source these groups with a solid foundation of committed volunteers, as well as trail maintenance novices. Coming from all walks of life, PCTA volunteers range in all age groups and come from a diverse collection of backgrounds. As a result, they contribute to the cultural transformation of these communities by bridging the gap between



**Volunteers do it all on the PCT from cleaning drains to repairing tread to removing large trees. One of the founding chapters of PCTA's community-based volunteer groups, the Mount Hood Chapter, organizes trail projects from Northern Oregon through Southern Washington, mainly drawing volunteers from the greater Portland area. In 2013, this chapter organized more than 100 trail projects and contributed 6,633 hours.**

the great outdoors and those that are disconnected. Among the outstanding work accomplished by PCTA community-based volunteer groups, the following stood out from 2013:

- North 350 Blades: This Seattle-based program is one of the PCTA's newer, growing volunteers groups covering the northernmost 350 miles of the PCT. In just four year this group has grown to contribute more than 2,600 volunteer hours in 2013.
- Pounder's Promise: This sawyer-lead volunteer group is based out of Northern California. Among many noteworthy logout projects, their most impressive was a four day stint in the Plumas National Forest, where volunteers logged out 90 trees over eight miles.



**The PCTA Trail Gorillas volunteer group, based in Southern California, feeds off of the diverse San Diego and Los Angeles population base. In 2013, Trail Gorilla volunteers contributed 8,784 hours.**

As land managing agencies dwindle in their capacity to get crews on the ground, the PCTA is working to cultivate new volunteer section adopter programs where none yet exist. In 2013, the PCTA started conducting volunteer trainings on the PCT in the sparsely populated area of southern Washington, by importing experienced, talented volunteers from the larger community of Portland, Ore., to act as mentors and leaders. With a couple more seasons of mentorship, local volunteers in the smaller communities will be able to adopt and maintain the PCT through the famous and fragile Goat Rocks Wilderness.

As a means to foster the growth of our volunteers and promote citizen stewardship, PCTA provides training and certification opportunities to new and seasoned trail maintainers alike. PCTA's Trail Skills College program, which started as a single event in Cascade Locks, Ore., has now evolved into a multi-regional series of events, covering a comprehensive collection of trail maintenance courses. Using the Trail as the classroom, courses cover topics ranging from brushing and scouting to tread re-construction and crew leadership. In addition to these courses, PCTA offers First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogen and CPR certifications, as well as chain and crosscut saw certifications. This is an integral part of keeping volunteers educated and safe during their time on the PCT and any other trail they may use in the future. Knowledge is not the only component of these training events, however. PCTA Trail Skills College events help to cultivate a strong sense of community among volunteers, staff members, and non-profit partners. The bonds that are formed throughout these facets are the driving force behind PCTA's vision to permanently protect, maintain, and manage the Trail. The time invested in volunteers is a direct stride toward reaching our targeted goals of cultural transformation in the communities along the Trail.

# 2013 Accomplishments

## Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

### Volunteer Stewardship Programs & Training

#### **Provide volunteer support to organize and execute projects**

Number of PCTA staff hours spent on volunteer programs .....	10,500
Number of new trainings posted online.....	12
Number of new volunteer projects posted online.....	89
Number of volunteer project email announcements sent .....	32
Number of new volunteers .....	830
Number of returning volunteers.....	691
Number of tools caches .....	31
Inventory of tools and equipment .....	Separate report submitted
Number of weeks JHA is posted online .....	52
Number of high school programs contacted .....	12
Number of university programs contacted.....	7

#### **Report on all volunteer and corps crew service hours and accomplishments**

Number of volunteers hours for financial match.....	45,214
Number of volunteers hours for trail maintenance activities .....	81,235
Number of volunteers hours for trail protection activities.....	49
Number of volunteers hours for administrative activities .....	696
Number of volunteers hours for governance and committee activities.....	1,761
Number of volunteers hours for communications and publications .....	291
Number of volunteers reflecting age, gender, and ethnicity:	

	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
Under 18	101	64	<b>165</b>
18-54	460	318	<b>778</b>
55+	588	182	<b>770</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>1,713</b>
White (non-Hispanic)	996	456	<b>1,452</b>
Black (non-Hispanic)	26	12	<b>38</b>
Hispanic	61	43	<b>104</b>
Native American/ Alaskan Native	2	1	<b>3</b>
Asian/Pacific Islander	13	9	<b>22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>1,619</b>

Number of PCTA-affiliated youth corps volunteer hours.....	24,320
Number of PCTA-affiliated youth volunteer volunteer hours .....	31,884
Number of miles of trail maintained .....	1,454
Number of miles reconstructed/constructed .....	45
Number of trailhead kiosks constructed .....	1
Number of square feet of log cribbing constructed .....	121
Number of square feet of stone cribbing constructed.....	7,770
Number of bridges constructed (greater than 20' long, 5' off the deck) .....	0
Number of feet of turnpike/puncheon constructed .....	487



**Sponsor volunteer training opportunities**

Number of PCTA staff hours spent on trainings.....1,621  
 Number volunteers attending Basic or Wilderness First Aid .....66  
 Number of Basic or Wilderness First Aid trainings hosted .....4  
 Number of volunteers attending crosscut and/or chain saw training .....126  
 Number of crosscut and/or chain saw trainings hosted .....11  
 Number volunteers attending other trail skills training .....447  
 Number of other trail skills trainings hosted .....11

**Coordinate with the PCT Program Manager and agency units**

Number of agency partner meetings to coordinate field program of work:

	Local	Unit	Regional/ Trailwide	Total
U.S. Forest Service	251	81	113	<b>445</b>
Bureau of Land Management	19	12	27	<b>58</b>
National Park Service	3	7	3	<b>13</b>
Other	25	6	15	<b>46</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>562</b>

**Trail and Land Management Support**

Number of PCTA staff hours spent on trail planning and protection .....1,745  
 Number of PCTA staff hours spent providing technical assistance .....1,985



## **Communication Services to the Public & Trail Users**

### **Respond to inquiries from the public and trail users regarding the PCT**

Number of emails responded to.....	2,037
Number of phone calls responded to.....	1,230
Number of social media requests responded to.....	246
Number of media requests responded to.....	94

### **Maintain a toll-free PCT telephone line**

Number of updates to the toll-free telephone line.....	14
Number of calls made to the toll-free telephone line.....	582

### **Publish a periodic magazine**

Number of copies of the PCT Communicator distributed .....	35,000
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### **Maintain a website**

Number of website visits .....	714,351
Number of updates to the Trail Conditions pages.....	84

### **Promote PCT at events**

Number of conferences and outreach events attended .....	56
Number of PCTA staff hours spent planning or participating in events.....	865
Number of PCTA volunteer hours spent planning or participating in events.....	783

### **Issue long distance permits**

Number of wilderness permits issued for travel in excess of 500 miles .....	1,880
Number of Mt. Whitney climbing permits issued .....	422

### **Distribute PCT brochures**

Number of map brochures distributed.....	23,732
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# Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail 2013 Volunteer & Corps Crew Hours

## Southern California Region

American Conservation Experience .....	6,253
Environmental Charter Schools .....	1,297
PCTA Trail Gorillas.....	8,784
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	1,511

## Southern Sierra Region

American Conservation Experience .....	1,271
Friends of the Inyo.....	1,820
High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew .....	1,228
PCTA Can Do Crew.....	2,020
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	123

## Northern Sierra Region

American Conservation Experience .....	2,439
PCTA Carsonora Trail Crew.....	1,164
PCTA Pounder's Promise.....	714
PCTA Tahoe Area Volunteers .....	29
PCTA Will Work for Krumm's Trail Crew .....	1,026
Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship.....	540
Student Conservation Association.....	583
Tahoe Rim Trail Association.....	419
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	1,330

## Big Bend Region

American Conservation Experience .....	1,899
Ashland Woodlands & Trails Association.....	132
Backcountry Horsemen of Calif. - Top of State.....	1,194
California Conservation Corps.....	5,760
PCTA Lyon's Pride Trail Crew .....	2,500
PCTA NorCal Trail Crew .....	357
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	1,099

## Columbia Cascades Region

American Conservation Experience .....	1,823
PCTA Mid-Oregon Volunteers .....	4,828
PCTA Mt. Hood Chapter .....	6,633
PCTA Skyline/Sasquatch Crews .....	3,395
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	6,704

## North Cascades Region

Back Country Horsemen of Washington.....	231
Pacific Northwest Corps .....	1,274
PCTA North 350 Blades.....	2,352
Washington Trails Association .....	6,403
Miscellaneous Trailwide .....	77
<b>Total PCT Trail Program Hours.....</b>	<b>81,235</b>



**In 2013, volunteers contributed more than 4,244 service hours to non-trail maintenance activities including PCTA governance, outreach events, publications and advocacy work.**



# Our Partners



Adventure 16, Calif.  
ALDHA-West, National  
Alta Land People, Calif.  
American Conservation Experience, National  
American Hiking Society, National  
Antelope Valley College Fire Academy, Calif.  
Ashland Woodlands and Trails Association, Ore.  
Backcountry Horsemen of America, National  
Backcountry Horsemen of California, Calif.  
Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon, Ore.  
Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Wash.  
Backpacker Magazine, National  
Boy Scouts of America, National  
California Alpine Club, Calif.  
California Conservation Corps, Calif.  
Christian Brothers High School, Calif.  
Coyote Camp Fireline Chow, National  
Environmental Charter Schools, Calif.  
Equestrian Trails, Inc, Calif.  
Esbit, National  
EarthCorps, Wash.  
Friends of the Inyo, Calif.  
Gregory, National  
High Cascade Forest Volunteers, Ore.  
High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew, Calif.  
ICF International, National  
Inviting Light Photography, Calif.  
Juniper Ridge, National  
KEEN, National  
Kern Recreational Landowners Association, Calif.  
Keys, Fox, & Weidman LLP, Calif.  
Klamath Trails Alliance, Ore.  
Leave No Trace, National  
Leki, National  
Mom's Pie House, Calif.  
Mountain Khakis, National  
Mt. Adams Institute, Wash.  
Mt. Shasta Trails Association, Calif.  
NAACP Vancouver Branch, Wash.  
Oregon Equestrian Trails, Ore.  
Osprey Packs, Inc., National  
Pacific Forest Trust, Calif./Ore.  
Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Wash.  
Partnership for the National Trails System, National  
REI, National  
Royal Robbins, National  
Salazon Chocolate, National  
San Diego Ultra Running Friends, Calif.  
Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, Calif.  
Sierra Health Foundation, Calif.  
Student Conservation Association, National  
Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Calif.  
Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, Calif.  
Tarma Designs, National  
The North Face, National  
Therm-a-Rest, National  
Trailkeepers of Oregon, Ore.  
Truckee Trails Foundation, Calif.  
Trust for Public Land, National  
University of Florida, Fla.  
Ursack, National  
Washington Conservation Corps, WA  
Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources, Wash.  
Washington Trails Association, Wash.  
White Pass Ski Area, Wash.  
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