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Letter from the Executive Director and Board Chair



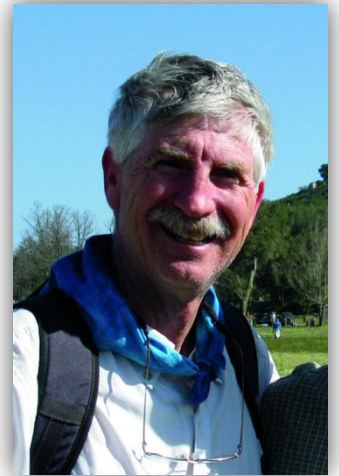
If we were forced to name the single most important thread that runs through all our work taking care of the Pacific Crest Trail, the choice would be easy. It wouldn't be the sweat of moving rock and earth to build trail. It wouldn't be in the countless planning meetings or the efforts to raise money. All that is surely important. But we would have to say, people are the most important element.

Sure the work is about the trail, protecting the environment, preserving the hiking and horseback riding experience and broadening our support. But looking back on 2013, we recalled the smiles you shared along with your stories of time on the trail.

Without you, this trail would not exist. PCTA members, supporters and staff, federal land managers, hikers, horseback riders and volunteers – we all are part of a community that holds the trail in our hearts. It's that love and dedication that brings this dirt path to life. You make it special. We hear regularly the stories of self-discovery and how the PCT changed

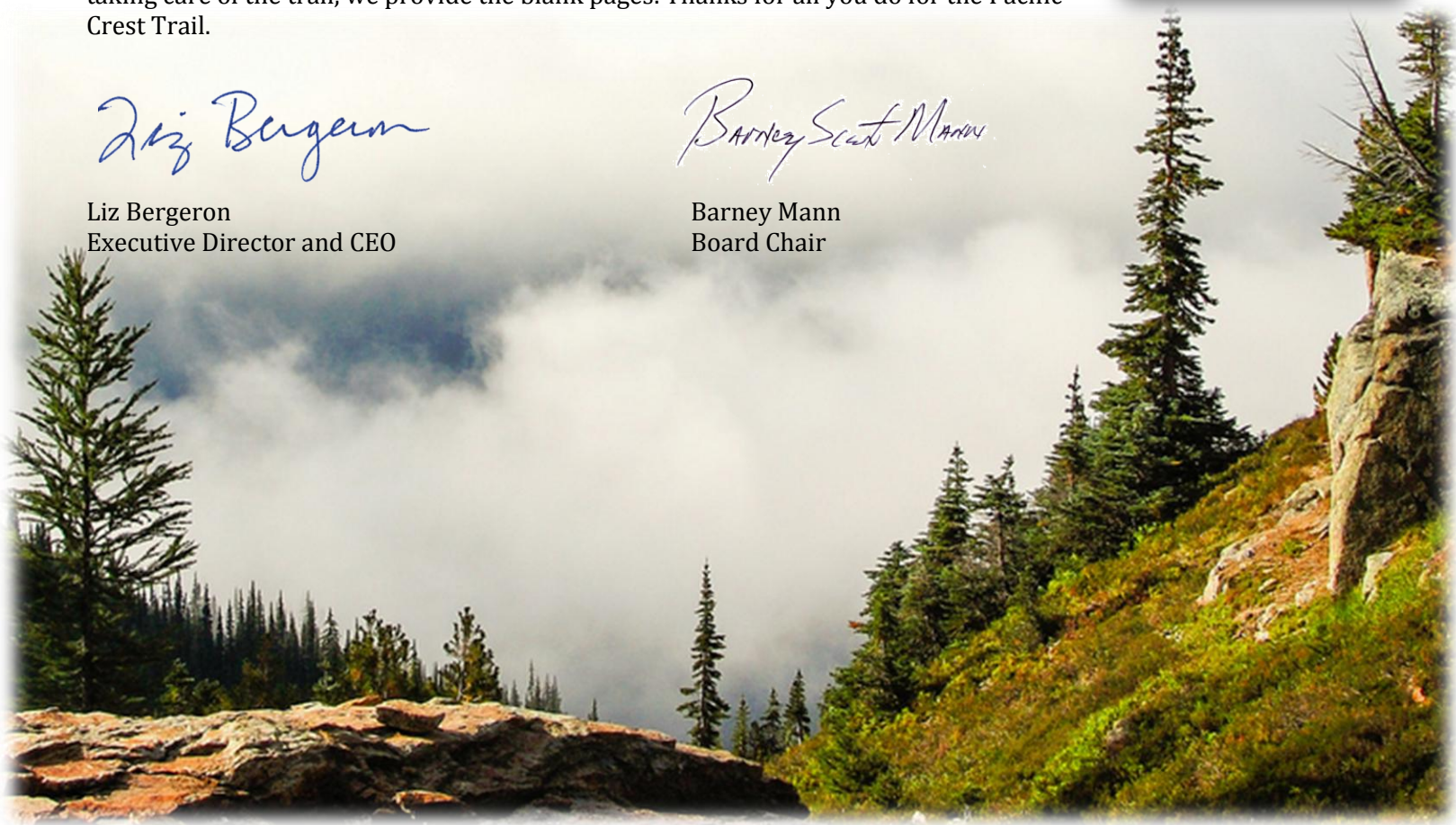
people's lives. We all are touched by this trail in some way, and while those stories may all be similar in nature, they are as unique as they are magical.

We all have taken up a special cause, to preserve this long trail so generations of people who come after us can make their own journeys. They'll be a group of friends out to see the wildflowers bloom on a Saturday. They will be thru-hikers and weekend backpackers. They will be horseback riders enjoying the quiet respite of a slow ride to a secluded vista. They will be young parents with small children taking their first walk together in the wild. Those stories and many more remain to be written. Together, taking care of the trail, we provide the blank pages. Thanks for all you do for the Pacific Crest Trail.



Liz Bergeron
Executive Director and CEO

Barney Mann
Board Chair



We are the PCTA

The nonprofit, member-supported Pacific Crest Trail Association is the primary steward of the 2,650-mile Pacific Crest Trail. From Mexico to Canada through California, Oregon and Washington, the PCT crosses 48 federal wilderness areas, where hikers and horseback riders can experience some of the most beautiful natural wonders of the American West while escaping the everyday trappings of civilization.

PCTA members, volunteers, supporters and partners protect, preserve and promote this valuable public resource. Our staff and volunteer crews maintain the trail while working with federal land managers to protect the landscapes and viewsheds that make this trail experience so special and so rare. There is much more to be accomplished to permanently protect this magnificent backcountry experience for future generations.

A year to remember

Pacific Crest Trail Association members and supporters are givers. You give your time, your money, your ideas and your sweat to take care of this trail, which touches thousands of lives in ways we can only imagine.

We typically measure the year in numbers. In 2013, our volunteers gave **85,450 hours** to the trail, an in-kind value of just over \$1.8 million. We raised another **\$1.4 million in private funds** to supplement nearly **\$1 million in government grants**. We held **26 volunteer training events** and **maintained 1,454 miles of the trail**. All that and other aspects of our work certainly put us on solid operational and financial footing. And that's important.

But taking care of this one-of-a-kind trail is about so much more than balancing numbers and dollars and counting hours and miles. Today, with this report, we celebrate not only our fiscal well being, but the many stories of personal fulfillment, the joy of the experiences we've all had out there and the potential for touching lives yet imagined.

You make all this possible

Janette Storer and Charles Williams are volunteers who certainly have heart and have made a difference. Jeanette started the NorCal Crew and Charles started Pounders Promise, two of the 12 regional groups that make up the core of our volunteer trail maintainers. These two diehards have been named 2013 Trail Maintainers of the Year for their dedication and spirit.





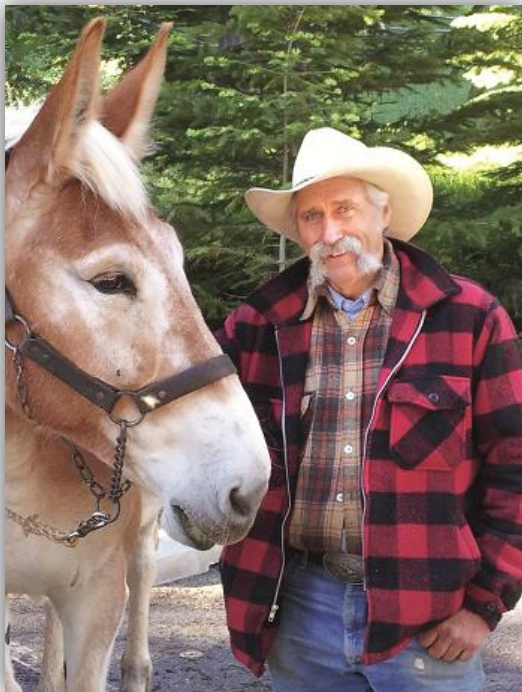
"I want to make sure this National Scenic Trail is protected and maintained for others to enjoy and to be able to share with others who might not be familiar with the PCT, what an amazing opportunity it is to explore the very best in wilderness areas throughout California, Oregon and Washington," Janette said.

Ken Linville and Burt Falk of Southern California describe themselves as "reasonable, comfort-loving hikers." They are both in their 70s and are leaders of the Sun City Hiking Club. They set out to walk the entire Southern California section of the PCT in single-day outings. They found the trips "highly satisfying," Ken said.

"It made me realize that you don't have to be a thru-hiker – or even young and strong – to enjoy the experience that is the Pacific Crest Trail," Ken said.

Josh Garrett and Heather Anderson finished the PCT faster than anyone ever had before them in 2013. Their stories are of purpose and motivation, of self-determination, empowerment and perseverance.

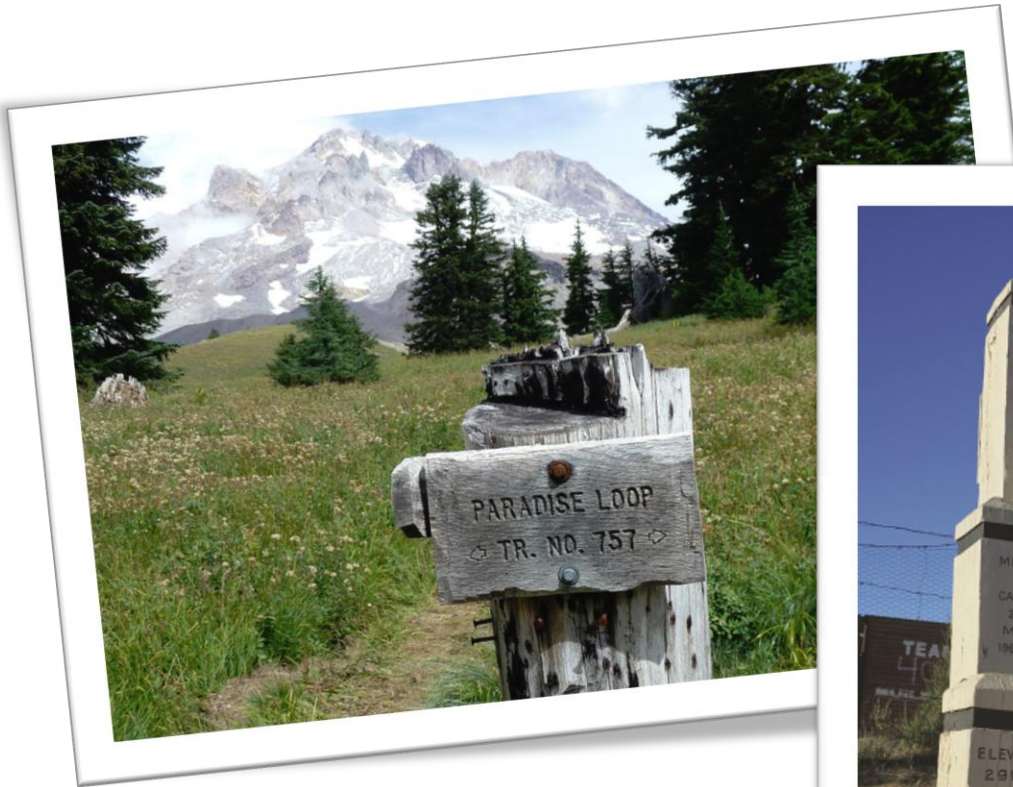
"As with any thru-hike, and life, it is the journey – the process of living in passionate pursuit of a dream that matters," Heather said.



Bill Roberts is a familiar figure in the Klamath National Forest. A Forest Service packer and cowboy poet, Bill has been around since the early 1970s days of building the PCT from scratch. For more than four decades, he and his pack trains have hauled in countless loads of tools and supplies for dedicated trail crews.

*The mules of the Klamath pack in the crews
That work out on the trail
They have the will that comes from the soul
And a spirit that won't fail*

-- From "The Klamath Mules" by Bill Roberts.



Mark Votapek thru-hiked the trail in 2008. For his second hike in 2013, he decided to bring his cello along, giving a series of concerts along the way.

"I was left with a feeling that the trail was undone," he said of his 2008 hike. "I hadn't really experienced it the way I wanted to. I wanted more time. I wanted my music to be part of the summer."



Nima Ghods is a PCT enthusiast who came to the U.S. from Persia when he was 9 years old. He lives in San Diego and has walked about 500 miles of the trail in sections. A PCTA Crest Circle member, he aspires a thru-hike someday. He volunteers on maintenance projects and transports thru-hikers in the spring. He once was the recipient of trail magic, spending the night with **Bill and Margaret Price** at the Red Moose Inn in Sierra City.

"They opened their home to us," he recalled. "We were total strangers and they immediately welcomed and trusted us."

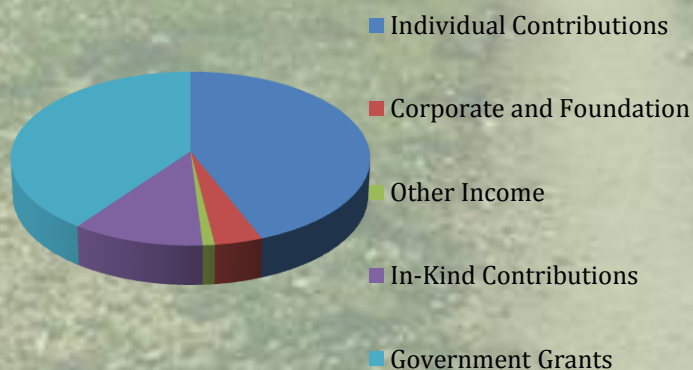


Financial Highlights

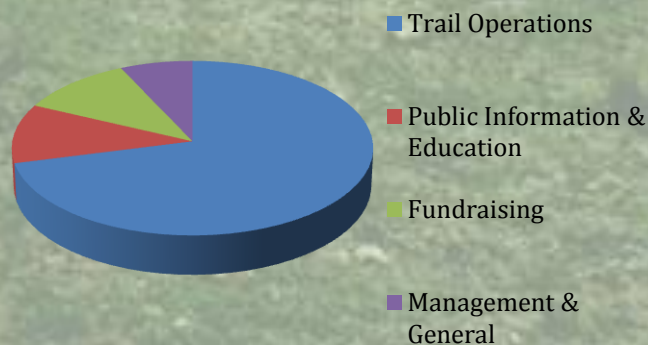
	Actual	Actual (with Volunteer hours)
Revenue and Support		
Private Sources	\$1,427,982	\$3,256,533
Government Grants	974,598	974,598
Total Revenue and Support	\$2,402,580	\$4,231,131
Expenses		
Trail Maintenance and Operations	\$1,151,294	\$2,907,398
Public Information and Education	431,535	438,309
Fundraising	429,040	429,040
General and Administrative	232,175	297,848
Total Expenses	\$2,244,044	\$4,072,595
Increase in Net Assets	\$158,536	\$158,536

PCTA goes through a financial audit every year. We are subject to a more in-depth audit because of the level of federal funding we receive. As part of the audit process, auditors test to make sure we comply with government standards. We are happy to report there were no audit finds or questioned costs with respect to our management of federal funds.

Revenue Sources



Expenses (with Volunteer Hours)



Thank You!

Trail Blazers - \$10,000 +

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“In every walk with nature, one receives
far more than he seeks.” John Muir