



Pacific Crest Trail Association's 2014 Year-End Program Review





Along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT), 2014 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.

Aside from trail maintenance skills, youths volunteering on the PCT learned about conserving America's great outdoors, leadership, teamwork and job safety. PCTA's ongoing partnership with Urban Youth pairs teens from Vancouver, Wash., with Portland-area volunteers for a weekend of work on the PCT.



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 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 2014, PCTA staff conducted 528 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; businesses 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 2014, these non-profit partners contributed significant volunteer time to restoring the PCT:

- High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew: 1,496 hours
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association: 1,189 hours
- Washington Trails Association: 5,351 hours

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 2014, 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 teams continued to collaborate 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 focuses on: roles and responsibilities; information sharing, communication and conflict resolution; compliance with safety protocols; and reimbursement of packer expenses.

In 2014, 21% of the PCT's 77,607 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. Four key youth partners included:

- **American Conservation Experience (ACE):** ACE is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing rewarding environmental service opportunities that harness the idealism and energy of a volunteer labor force to help restore America's public lands. ACE offers conservation internships and trail crew opportunities to college-age volunteers plus conservation volunteer vacations. PCTA volunteers join these crews for extended projects that usually last five days or longer. In 2014, ACE crews and volunteers worked 7,778 hours on PCT conservation projects.
- **AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps):** New to the PCT in 2014, NCCC strengthens communities and develops leaders in youth ages 18 to 24 through team-based service. Drawn from the successful models of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s and the U.S. military, AmeriCorps NCCC is built on the belief that civic responsibility is an inherent duty of all citizens. Last year, NCCC spent eight weeks on the PCT contributing 3,496 service hours work on BLM lands, the San Bernardino National Forest and California's Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.
- **Environmental Charter Schools:** The high School and middle schools are award-winning, free public schools in southern Los Angeles that educate and prepare students for four-year colleges using the environment as a lens for real-life learning. On the PCT, their students participate in weekend long projects where they perform trail maintenance. They develop real world skills that they can transition from the trail to the classroom and future internships. They also engage in both formal and informal programming that teaches the history

"I just wanted to extend my thanks and appreciation for having myself and my crew work up and down the PCT this season. The experience has been one of the best of my life, and it has given me a new perspective on the way I see trails.

I will be talking about this experience for the rest of my life. I am going to strongly encourage the people I know to join a trail crew, or volunteer in one way or another because of the impact it can have on one's life."

With many thanks, Evan Courtright
(2014 ACE Corps Member)

of the trail, the history of wilderness and Leave No Trace Ethics. In 2014 the impact and importance of wilderness was the focus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Students from the schools contributed more than 875 hours on three projects in the Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness on the Angeles National Forest and in the San Geronio Wilderness in the BLM-Palms Springs Field Office.

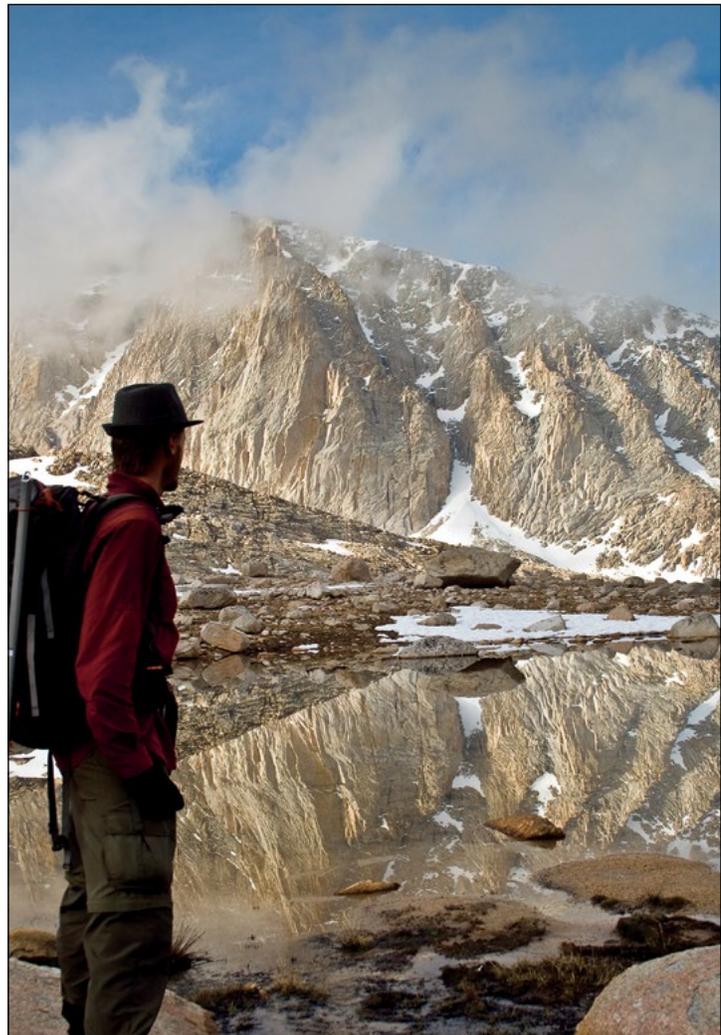
- **Urban Youth Program:** This program focuses on an annual trail maintenance weekend camp-out with teens from Vancouver, Wash. Six Mount Hood Chapter leaders volunteered to help guide the project. The group removed invasive weeds from the PCT near Cascade Locks, Ore. They also took on brushing and rehabilitation of drainage features. The youth enjoyed lessons on natural and cultural history of the area and a hike to a beautiful waterfall, many of them trying hiking for the first time.

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, four National Monuments and more than 1,500 private properties.

In addition to its restoration and protection efforts, PCTA serves as the primary clearing house for PCT



The PCT offers easy access to America's great outdoors from major West Coast metropolitan areas, 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.

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.

2014 Communication Services to the Public and Trail Users

Number of emails responded to	3,801
Number of phone calls responded to	1,995
Number of social media requests responded to	536
Number of PCT brochures distributed	13,484
Number of issues of the PCT Communicator distributed	50,000
Number of wilderness permits issued for PCT travel in excess of 500 miles	2,627
Number of visits to PCTA's website	1,366,385

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 and Twitter. 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 association also organizes and participates in a large number of PCT presentations every year.

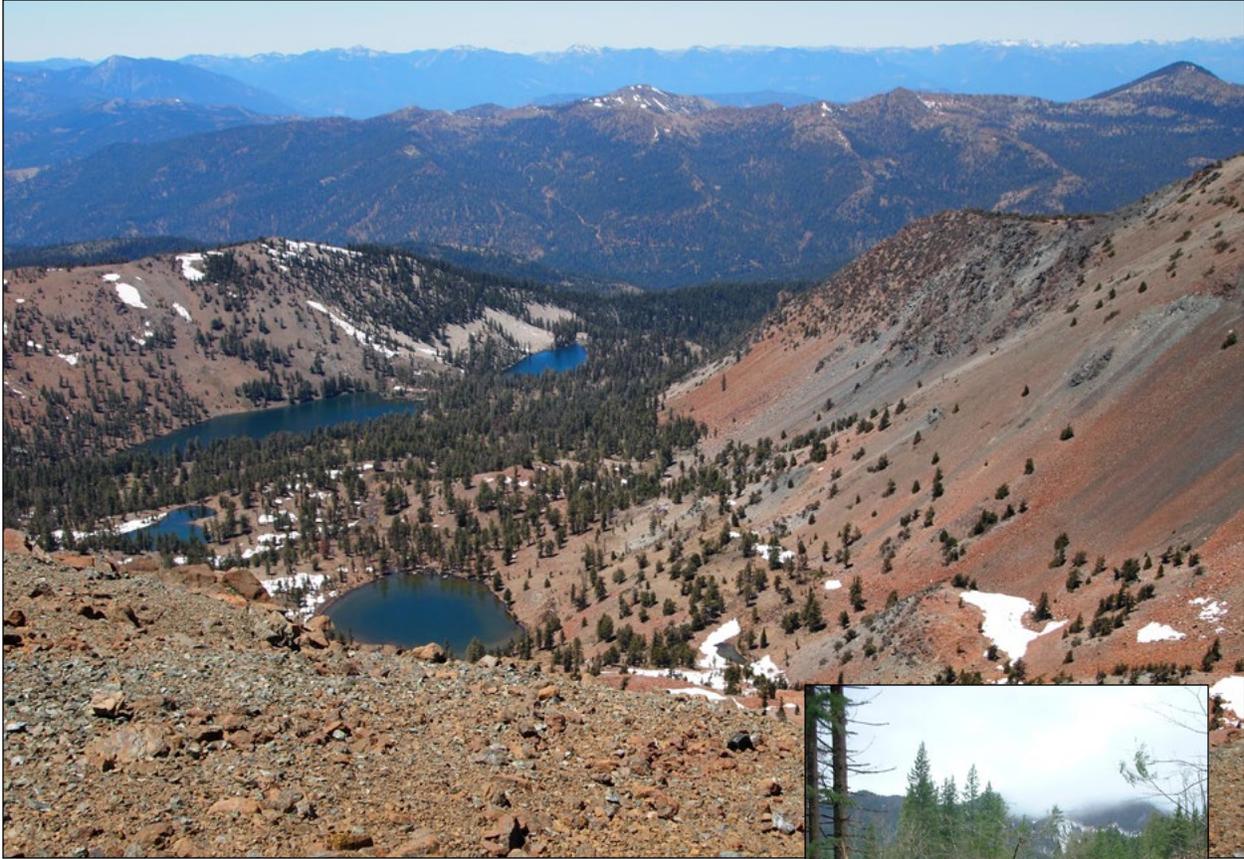
Conserving Open Space and Large Landscapes

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.

Land and Water Conservation Funding (LWCF) enabled land acquisition with funds allocated to the PCT in the LWCF budget for FY14. The USFS and BLM purchased four tracts totaling 787 acres to protect the PCT and its viewshed.

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.

In late 2014, the Nature Conservancy announced the acquisition and preservation of nearly 48,000 acres near the Pacific Crest Trail east of Seattle. Many of the parcels sold by the Plum Creek Timber Company along Interstate 90 in the Yakima River headwaters had been identified by PCTA as necessary for preserving and protecting the experience of people along the PCT in this area. The lands are part of the western checkerboard granted by Congress in 1862 to the Great Northern and



Land acquisition along the PCT is vitally important to conserving large landscapes and sustaining the pristine recreation experience on the Trail. Above: More than 1,000 acres of land in Northern California near Mount Eddy were permanently protected in 2014 thanks to work by the Trust for Public Land and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Right: A recently logged parcel along the PCT in Southern Washington now has a willing seller but awaits acquisition.



Northern Pacific Railroads. The land buys were included in a \$134 million deal that will preserve not only wild sections of the PCT but recreational access and help conserve the ecological integrity of 165,073 acres – 257 square miles – of forests, rivers and wildlife habitat in the Cascade Mountain Range of Washington and in the Blackfoot River Valley in Montana.

After crossing the Columbia River and heading north into Washington, a highly accessible stretch of the PCT follows a narrow right-of-way across private lands with active logging and mining. Trail easements across such lands are difficult for landowners when they are planning extraction operations because arrangements need to be made to keep the trail open. Fallen trees have blocked trails, heavy equipment has damaged portions of the trail and downed logs and heavy equipment also pose safety hazards to trail users. In 2014, four private owners whose land includes nearly three miles of the PCT, offered to sell their properties to support trail enhancements. The parcels comprise about 1,000 acres. Although many of these acres have been recently logged, public ownership would allow the PCT to be re-routed into more optimal areas and the type of experience trail users expect from the

PCT would be restored on a highly visible trail section. PCTA is diligently working to bring together a diverse array of land trusts, agency land managers, local elected officials and other stakeholders to purchase these parcels.

In Northern California, the Trust for Public Land and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest celebrated the acquisition of more than 1,000 acres near Mount Eddy, west of Mount Shasta. The alpine landscape now permanently protects rare plants, a high lakes basin and nearly a mile of the PCT identified as priority acquisitions by the USFS and PCTA. The project is a prime example of opportunities for public/private partnerships in the realm of land acquisition to protect National Scenic Trails and the spectacular landscapes that surround them.

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 works 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 when trails interrupt the landscape's hydrological patterns, 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 1,712 miles of trail in 2014, and reconstructed 46 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 projects, often highly technical in nature. PCT reconstruction projects are critical in re-establishing the ecological patterns and processes that facilitate terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems sustainability, resilience, and health.

In Washington's Goat Rocks Wilderness, beautiful 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 streams and lakes. PCTA's volunteer crews have returned to this area every year for the past seven years, to chip away at the problem. The remoteness of the area means that these dedicated volunteers need to be packed in by stock and work out of a subalpine basecamp for extended periods of time. By re-benching rutted tread, armoring with rocks and logs, and diverting water off the trail, PCTA volunteers decrease siltation in nearby lakes and streams and allow vegetation to return to impacted areas. In 2014, PCTA volunteers contributed 635 hours to trail reconstruction in Goat Rocks. Slowly but surely the PCT through the Goat Rocks Wilderness is showing long-term resilience.

In 2012, a lightning strike in Northern California's Lassen Volcanic National Park ignited a fire near Reading Peak. Because of dry conditions and high winds, the fire spread quickly and crossed into the Lassen National Forest, Hat Creek Ranger District. The fire burned 28,000 acres, 11,000 of which were on the Forest. In the southern part of the Hat Creek Ranger District the fire burned extremely hot across the Pacific Crest Trail, killing virtually all of the vegetation and scorching the surrounding landscape.

Without the vegetative root systems intact, the soils became unstable on the hillside where the PCT is located. During the wet winters of 2012 and 2013, an enormous amount of erosion on the PCT trail tread caused trenching up to 16 inches deep for more than a quarter of a mile. In 2014, PCTA organized a volunteer maintenance project to repair and reconstruct trail tread with the goal of providing a safer trail tread for PCT users to walk on and to reduce the sediment washing in to the watershed. PCTA volunteers contributed 393 hours using chain saws and hand tools and importing native materials to check and fill trail tread and install effective drainages on 1,056 feet of trail.

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 six 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 2014, 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, BLM, and USFS completed development 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 hikers and horseback riders to weekend backpackers and riders to thru-hikers and riders. In addition to the impacts from hikers and equestrians, the Trail is subjected to floods, fire, deep snowpack and torrential rains that 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 premier recreation experience that allows Americans to connect with the outdoors. The following are two examples of PCTA's work to sustain and enhance recreation opportunities along the PCT.

In the Pacific Northwest's Columbia River Gorge, the Bridge of the Gods sits at the convergence of world-class bicycle, hiking, and historic trails: the Columbia River Historic Highway, three National Historic Trails and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. The iconic bridge offers incredible views and is one of the most exhilarating parts of the PCT. And yet, the Bridge of the Gods has been



In Northern California's Tahoe National Forest, work began in 2014 to relocate a six-mile section of the PCT to a more optimal location. The Trail is being moved to avoid conflicts with motorized and mechanized users and to provide users with more opportunities to access vistas and lakes, thereby enhancing user experience.

referred to by many long-distance hikers and equestrians as the most treacherous part of the PCT. Despite the fact that pedestrians, horses, bicyclists, and even tourists are permitted on the bridge, there's no shoulder—the narrow lanes must be shared with constant two-way traffic along its entire 1/3-mile length.

To enhance recreation opportunities, PCTA has formed an area coalition to raise funding for an engineering cost analysis to add a new pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle path onto the Bridge of the Gods. The addition of a non-motorized lane would open the bridge up as a recreation destination in itself, and allow for safe sightseeing areas and pedestrian refuges. Upholding this vision of major enhancement to access to recreation in the great outdoors, PCTA will continue to advocate for this major transportation improvement in the coming years.

Since 2008, PCTA has collaborated with Northern California's Tahoe National Forest staff to evaluate the PCT's alignment north of the Sierra Buttes on the Yuba River Ranger District. The

Forest and PCTA began an Optimal Location Review to evaluate a 16-mile stretch of the PCT in 2009. PCTA and the Forest Service conduct Optimal Location Reviews to determine whether the PCT is in the best location or whether another alignment would offer a superior experience for hikers and horseback riders. The current trail alignment offered a degraded trail experience as a section of the PCT followed a dirt road, stayed on a paved road for half a mile and was significantly impacted by the proximity of motorized trails. The Optimal Location Review determined there was a better trail alignment for the PCT and after the Environmental Assessment was completed in 2013, PCTA and the Forest began planning the six mile re-route to move the PCT to its new location. In 2014 an American Conservation Experience (ACE) corps crew and PCTA volunteers began working on the PCT Sierra Buttes realignment project. The crew was supported by a PCTA's Technical Advisor who provided the technical expertise and support needed to complete this work at the highest quality level possible. While the corps crew and volunteers contributed 2,455 service hours to constructing three-quarters of a mile of new trail, the project will be ongoing for multiple seasons, and once complete, the new alignment will offer a more remote and scenic trail experience for PCT hikers and equestrians.

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.

Volunteers provide dedication, energy and assistance, allowing organizations to function and even thrive in a way that would not be possible without them. Each year the United States' Corporation for National and Community Service sets a dollar value on volunteer time. This number is based on the average hourly earnings of non-supervisory, production workers. According to this value, in 2013 the PCT volunteer community, including non-trail maintenance activities, contributed 82,000 service hours, an in-kind value of \$1.8 million.

In 2014, 1,591 citizen stewards and corps crew members performed the hard, physical labor of annual maintenance and restoration of the PCT, giving others the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the wilderness while traveling on a safe, passable trail. Their work included cutting back overgrown vegetation, building trailhead kiosks, constructing retaining rock walls and reconstructing trail tread.

By working with PCTA staff, crew leaders, and non-profit partners, PCT volunteers accomplished:

- 1,712 miles of trail maintained
- 46 miles of trail restored/reconstructed
- 2 trail head kiosks constructed
- 3,384 square feet of cribbing constructed
- 183 feet of turnpike/puncheon constructed



From the deserts of Southern California (above) to the glaciers of Washington (left), PCTA engages citizen stewards on a wide array of trail maintenance and reconstruction of projects. In 2014, volunteers and corps members contributed 77,607 service hours to work on the PCT.

The bedrock of the PCTA's volunteer program includes 11 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 the great outdoors and those that are disconnected. Among the outstanding work accomplished by PCTA community-based volunteer groups, the following stood out from 2014:

- **Mount Hood Chapter:** For the first time, this Portland-based volunteer group contributed more than 11,000 volunteer hours to the PCT in one season.
- **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 five years, this group has grown to contribute more than 3,800 volunteer hours in 2014.
- **Pounder's Promise:** Based out of rural Northern California, this PCTA volunteer group nearly double their annual volunteer hours contributing 1,386 hours in 2014.

To help volunteers build their skills and be successful in their trail work, PCTA provides education, training, and oversight in safe trail construction and restoration. PCTA's signature training program is the Trail Skills College. The Trail Skills College program was started in 2009 with a grant from REI in collaboration with non-profit and agency partners. Using modular courses taught at multiple events held along the Trail, volunteers, PCTA staff, nonprofit partners and agency staff serve as instructors to new and returning volunteers eager to increase their trail-maintenance knowledge and skills. The Trail Skills College also offers saw training and certification courses conducted completely by volunteer saw instructors. This unique program is one of the first in the country authorized by the Forest Service and has served as a model for other trail organizations.

“I just wanted to say thank you again for the awesome trail skills college this past weekend. I learned so much about the PCT and loved being able to talk with experienced hikers and trail guys. I can’t wait to get out there in the dirt again.”

*~ Delaney Wessel
(2014 Trail Skills College Attendee)*

2014 PCTA Sponsored Trail Skills College Trainings

Number of chain and crosscut saw training events hosted	23
Number of volunteers attending chain or crosscut saw training	193
Number of basic or wilderness first aid trainings hosted	6
Number of volunteers attending basic or wilderness first aid	52
Number of other trail skills training hosted	11
Number of volunteers attending other trail skills training	431

By training volunteers with the valuable skills needed to help protect and maintain recreation trails, they become the stewards and leaders, in turn giving countless hours to maintain the PCT and other trails across America's public lands.

Trail Skills College is PCTA's premier volunteer training program. Each year more than 500 volunteers attend events to learn and improve trail maintenance and reconstruction, and crew leadership skills, plus have the opportunity to receive crosscut and chain saw, and first aid/CPR training and certification. In courses on drainage, volunteers are taught to “think like water” and use an orange from their lunch to visualize where water will flow.



2014 Accomplishments

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Volunteer Stewardship Programs & Training

Provide volunteer support to organize and execute projects

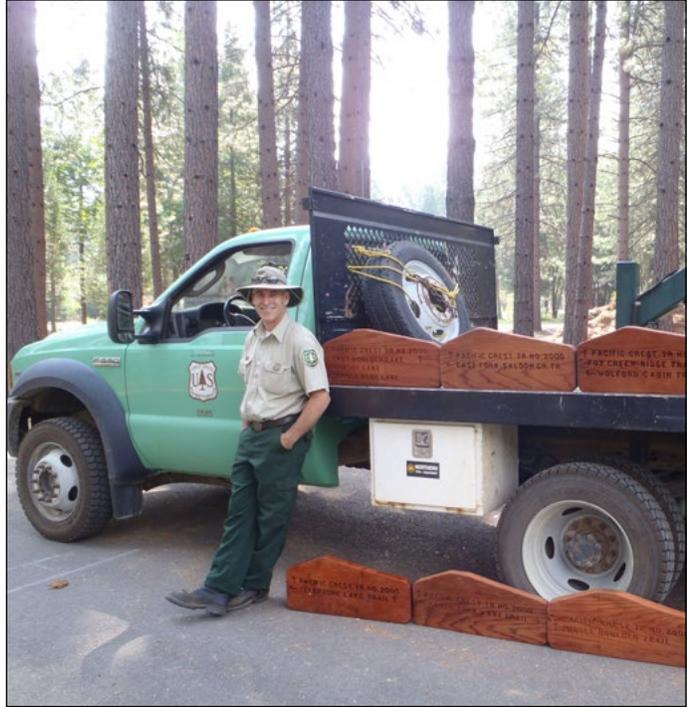
Number of PCTA staff hours spent on volunteer programs	9,340
Number of new trainings posted online.....	10
Number of new volunteer projects posted online.....	86
Number of volunteer project email announcements sent	39
Number of new volunteers	569
Number of returning volunteers.....	1,022
Number of tools caches	31
Inventory of tools and equipment	Separate report submitted
Number of weeks JHA is posted online	52
Number of high school programs contacted	14
Number of university programs contacted.....	8

Report on all volunteer and corps crew service hours and accomplishments

Number of volunteers hours for financial match.....	56,024
Number of volunteers hours for trail maintenance activities	77,607
Number of volunteers hours for administrative activities	730
Number of volunteers hours for governance and committee activities.....	1,798
Number of volunteers hours for communications and publications	342
Number of volunteers reflecting age, gender, and ethnicity:	

	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	62	31	93
18-54	586	363	949
55+	843	235	1,078
Total	1,491	629	2,120
White (non-Hispanic)	1,415	573	1,988
Black (non-Hispanic)	6	2	8
Hispanic	27	23	50
Native American/ Alaskan Native	2	2	4
Asian/Pacific Islander	19	66	85
Total	1,469	666	2,135

Number of PCTA-affiliated youth corps volunteer hours.....	11,284
Number of PCTA-affiliated youth volunteer volunteer hours	15,923
Number of miles of trail maintained	1,712
Number of miles reconstructed/constructed	46
Number of trailhead kiosks constructed	2
Number of square feet of log cribbing constructed	190
Number of square feet of stone cribbing constructed.....	3,194
Number of bridges constructed (greater than 20' long, 5' off the deck)	1
Number of feet of turnpike/puncheon constructed	183



Sponsor volunteer training opportunities

- Number of PCTA staff hours spent on trainings.....1,451
- Number volunteers attending Basic or Wilderness First Aid52
- Number of Basic or Wilderness First Aid trainings hosted6
- Number of volunteers attending crosscut and/or chain saw training193
- Number of crosscut and/or chain saw trainings hosted23
- Number volunteers attending other trail skills training.....431
- 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	238	96	83	417
Bureau of Land Management	20	11	27	58
National Park Service	9	3	5	17
Other	18	12	6	36
Total	285	122	121	528

Trail and Land Management Support

- Number of PCTA staff hours spent on trail planning and protection1,495
- Number of PCTA staff hours spent providing technical assistance1,227

Communication Services to the Public & Trail Users

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

Number of emails responded to.....	3,801
Number of phone calls responded to.....	1,995
Number of social media requests responded to.....	536
Number of media requests responded to.....	83

Maintain a toll-free PCT telephone line

Number of updates to the toll-free telephone line.....	35
Number of calls made to the toll-free telephone line.....	999

Publish a periodic magazine

Number of copies of the PCT Communicator distributed	50,000
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Maintain a website

Number of website visits	1,366,385
Number of updates to the Trail Conditions pages.....	88

Promote PCT at events

Number of conferences and outreach events attended	112
Number of PCTA staff hours spent planning or participating in events.....	1,298
Number of PCTA volunteer hours spent planning or participating in events.....	532

Issue long distance permits

Number of wilderness permits issued for travel in excess of 500 miles	2,627
Number of Mt. Whitney climbing permits issued	571

Distribute PCT brochures

Number of map brochures distributed.....	13,484
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Southern California Region

American Conservation Experience	3,137
AmeriCorps NCCC.....	3,496
Environmental Charter Schools	875
PCTA Trail Gorillas.....	10,523
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	2,262

Southern Sierra Region

High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew	1,496
PCTA Can Do Crew.....	1,960
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	3,708

Northern Sierra Region

American Conservation Experience	3,069
PCTA Carsonora Trail Crew	1,424
PCTA Pounder's Promise.....	1,386
PCTA Tahoe Area Volunteers	774
PCTA Will Work for Krumm's Trail Crew	730
Tahoe Rim Trail Association.....	426
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	1,464

Big Bend Region

American Conservation Experience	1,582
Ashland Woodlands & Trails Association.....	239
Backcountry Horsemen of Calif. - Top of State.....	1,126
PCTA Lyon's Pride Trail Crew	2,320
PCTA NorCal Trail Crew	790
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	1,236

Columbia Cascades Region

PCTA Mid-Oregon Volunteers	4,519
PCTA Mt. Hood Chapter	11,106
PCTA Skyline/Sasquatch Crews.....	2,245
PCTA White Pass Chapter	1,651
Miscellaneous Region Projects.....	3,539

North Cascades Region

Back Country Horsemen of Washington.....	64
Pacific Northwest Trail Association	1,189
PCTA North 350 Blades.....	3,817
Washington Trails Association	5,351
Miscellaneous Trailwide	102
Total PCT Trail Program Hours	77,607

In 2014, volunteers contributed more than 4,096 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
Appalachian Mountain Club, National
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
Bellevue College, Wash.
Boreas, National
Boy Scouts of America, National
California Alpine Club, Calif.
California Conservation Corps, Calif.
Cedar House Sport Hotel, Calif.
Coyote Camp Fireline Chow, National
Environmental Charter Schools, Calif.
Equestrian Trails, Inc, Calif.
Esbit, National
EarthCorps, Wash.
Friends of the Inyo, Calif.
Granite Gear, National
Gregory, National
High Cascade Forest Volunteers, Ore.
High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew, Calif.
ICF International, National
Inviting Light Photography, Calif.
Juniper Ridge, National
Kern Recreational Landowners Association, Calif.
Keyes, Fox, & Weidman LLP, Calif.
Leave No Trace, National
LED Lenser, National
- Leki, National
Mom's Pie House, Calif.
Mountain Khakis, National
Mt. Adams Institute, Wash.
National Civilian Community Corps AmeriCorps,
National
National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, National
New Currents, Outdoors, Ore.
New Seasons Market , Ore.
Oregon Equestrian Trails, Ore.
Osprey Packs, Inc., National
Outdoor Viewfinder, National
Pacific Forest Trust, Calif./Ore.
Pacific Northwest Trail Association, Wash.
Partnership for the National Trails System, National
Platypus, National
REI, National
Royal Robbins, National
Salazon Chocolate, National
San Diego Ultra Running Friends, Calif.
Sierra Health Foundation, Calif.
Siskiyou Mountain Club, Ore.
Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Calif.
Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, Calif.
The North Face, National
Trailkeepers of Oregon, Ore.
Trust for Public Land, National
Ultralight Adventure Equipment, National
University of Florida, Fla.
Ursack, National
Washington State Dept. of Natural Resources, Wash.
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