A year of CELEBRATION and looking to the future.

On the cover: the PCT in Washington, just north of Mount Hood. Photo by Dustin Stensland.
To Our Supporters

2018 was a year of celebration. We marked the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act with commemorative gear and events, including an online party co-hosted with our sister trail organization, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Signed into law Oct. 2, 1968, by President Lyndon B. Johnson, the National Trails System Act created the National Trails System and designated the Pacific Crest and Appalachian trails as the first two National Scenic Trails.

We also inaugurated our first Pacific Crest Trail Town, Mount Shasta, in Northern California, with a street fair and local hikes.

It’s always good to pause on big anniversaries and take stock of where you are. The PCT has come a long way in five decades, but we have a lot yet still to accomplish to ensure its full protection.

All of you in the PCT community should be proud of the work you’ve done. The PCT is thriving thanks to our collective effort to maintain and protect it.

Your efforts to care for the trail, in volunteer time and gifts, are evident in our on-the-ground successes.

Your donations help the PCTA’s efforts in land protection and advocacy to thrive. We’ve permanently protected trail miles and properties that preserve pristine views, and will be making big announcements in the coming months on that front. Our advocacy efforts over the last several years, particularly at the end of 2018, contributed to the permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This crucial federal funding protects public lands throughout the country.

In year 51 of the National Trails System, we look ahead to what we will accomplish together over the next half century to maintain, protect and defend the PCT, the vast landscapes it crosses and the wonderful experience it provides.

Many thanks for all you do for the PCT.

Liz Bergeron
Executive Director and CEO

Tom Reveley
Chair, PCTA Board of Directors
In 2018 your donations made a difference.

While your gifts funded our ongoing trail maintenance projects, they also benefited the trail in many other ways—some less visible but no less important.
With your help we were able to... protect land on the trail • meet with elected leaders to ask for trail funding • develop educational materials • train volunteers • work with agency partners to protect the trail experience • provide trail info at events • process permits... and more.
LAND PROTECTION

In cooperation with the Anza-Borrego Foundation, the Pacific Forest Trust, The Nature Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land and the U.S. Forest Service, we permanently protected 3,107 acres along the Pacific Crest Trail. Additionally, we transferred three properties that PCTA purchased with your support to the U.S. Forest Service: Landers Meadow, Donomore Meadows, and Stevens Pass.
Faulty electrical equipment sparked the 2013 Mountain Fire near Idyllwild, California, closing 14.5 miles of the PCT along the southeastern ridge of Mount San Jacinto. Years of effort by the PCTA’s Southern California regional volunteer chapter the Trail Gorillas and crews from the American Conservation Experience reopened this once heavily damaged or destroyed trail section. Many thanks to the U.S. Forest Service, REI and the Coachella Valley Hiking Club for support.
In partnership with Trailkeepers of Oregon, Washington Trails Association, Friends of the Columbia River Gorge and the U.S. Forest Service, six miles of the Historic Columbia River Highway and the PCT reopened following the 2017 Eagle Creek Fire. Several other popular trails also reopened, including Angel’s Rest, Wahkeena and Larch Mountain. We are grateful to the National Forest Foundation and all the generous donors who supported this work.
On Oct. 2, the Pacific Crest Trail Association joined the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to celebrate both trails’ 50th anniversary with an extraordinary four-hour live webcast broadcast from the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California Regional Program Center in Sacramento and ATC headquarters in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. The webcast featured many special guests, including Wild author Cheryl Strayed, and a live auction to benefit both trails.
The California Senate voted unanimously in favor of a resolution commemorating the Pacific Crest Trail and the 50th anniversary of the National Trails System Act. State Senator Robert Hertzberg introduced the resolution with 11 other senators who have the PCT in their districts. In Oregon, Multnomah County (which includes Portland) also passed a resolution in honor of the PCT’s 50th anniversary.
In the fragile ecosystems of Southern California, **trail user impact** has become a serious concern. To address this, the **Terminus Host Program** continued to provide trail users with crucial information about **Leave No Trace** and fire safety and answer questions at the start of their journey.
The spirit of adventure springs ever anew in the hearts of Americans, young and old. In no way is it better satisfied than in the exploration of unfamiliar terrain or in the discovery of the beauties of nature.

Long-distance trails can provide unparalleled opportunities for such adventure and such satisfaction.

—Lyndon Johnson, on the signing of the National Trails System Act on October 2, 1968
The PCTA worked closely with U.S. Forest Service staff from national forests across the PCT to ensure forest management plans adequately protect the trail’s wilderness experience. In Northern California, we engaged the agency on over-snow vehicle planning near the PCT, and in Oregon we influenced plans to limit visitors to wilderness areas in a way that does not excessively restrict access to the PCT.
With the support of donors, we filled an important and long-standing gap in our presence along the PCT by hiring a new representative for the Southern Sierra region. We are now well-positioned to address the effects of increased trail use, climate change and growing development pressure in this magnificent section of the trail.
Along the PCT near Mount Laguna in Southern California.

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## Financials

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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. The 2018 financial statements were audited by Gilbert Associates, Inc. of Sacramento, CA. In the opinion of the auditor, the PCTA’s 2018 financial statements present fairly the financial position of the PCTA in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. For more information or copies of the 2018 audited financials, visit [www.pcta.org/financials](http://www.pcta.org/financials).

*Includes memberships, donations, other revenue, and in-kind donations.
Thank you to all the extraordinary trail enthusiasts who contributed $1,000 or more in 2018. These dedicated individuals, foundations and companies not only set the pace for others who wish to support our work, but play a crucial role in helping to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest Trail.

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2018 in Numbers

- 118,524 volunteer and corps crew hours benefiting the PCT
- 1,713 trail miles maintained
- 1,083 hours contributed by volunteers for outreach events celebrating the PCT's 50th anniversary
- 3,143 acres permanently protected along the PCT
- 7,331 long-distance permits issued on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service
- 3,143 acres permanently protected along the PCT
- 13,500 PCTA members
- $2.7 million in private contributions
- $2.9 million in-kind value of volunteer hours
- 1,083 volunteer training events sponsored
- 39 volunteers attended these events
- 1,713 acres permanently protected along the PCT

Pacific Crest Trail Association
The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as a world-class experience for hikers and equestrians, and for all the values provided by wild and scenic lands.