2019 Exercised Land Protection Accomplishments

The Trinity Divide in Northern California







Conserving Open Space and Recreational Access On the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail



The Pacific Crest Trail above Picayune Lake in Northern California's Trinity Alps

For most of the 2,650 miles of the PCT from Mexico to Canada, you can experience some of the most sublime outdoor scenery in the world. But in far too many spots along the way, this experience is being threatened by development, resource extraction, inappropriate barriers, and unsafe road walks.

Over fifty years after the 1968 Congressional designation of the PCT as one of the first National Scenic Trails, it is still not completely protected. **Approximately 10 percent of the trail remains on private land** with little in place to help protect the trail experience for future generations.

The PCTA's land acquisition program works with willing sellers to conserve land along the entire 2,650 miles of the trail to protect the trail experience, enhance recreational access to our public lands, protect habitat for sensitive species, and secure critical watersheds. While federal agencies take the lead role in acquiring lands to permanently protect the PCT, they also rely heavily on the valued assistance of private, non-profit partners.

Our 2019 land acquisitions are a prime example of this public-private partnership in action. The properties highlighted in this report were accomplished through the combined work of the **Michigan-California Timber Company, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, The Trust for Public Land, U.S. Forest Service, and the Wyss Foundation.**





2019 Pacific Crest Trail by the Numbers...



17.8 miles of the PCT were acquired

10,300 acres to federal ownership 36 acres to nonprofit ownership

\$14,890,000 invested in land acquisitions

\$9,905,000 federal funding \$4,985,000 private funding

5watersheds Protected headwaters

brotected headwaters that provide drinking water for local communities and habitat for salmon

Habitat for

threatened and rare species including:

- California pitcher plant
- California wolverine
- Mount Eddy Sky Pilot
- Sierra Nevada red fox
- Siskiyou fireweed

10 alpine lakes protected





The Trinity Divide U.S. Forest Service



Total Acreage: 10,300 acres

Miles of PCT: 17

Final Purchase Price: \$14, 890,000

Funding Sources: FY17 and 18 LWCF; private donations and the Wyss Foundation

Acquisition Entity: U.S. Forest Service

Third Party Facilitator: Pacific Crest Trail Association and The Trust for Public Land

Acquisition Date: June 28, 2019

Location: Accessible by three popular trailheads for the PCT in Northern California's Siskiyou and Trinity Counties, a 30-minute drive from Interstate 5 on the Trinity Heritage Scenic Byway near the communities of Dunsmuir, Mt. Shasta City and Weed. PCT miles 1,529- 1,557.



The rare California Pitcher Plant



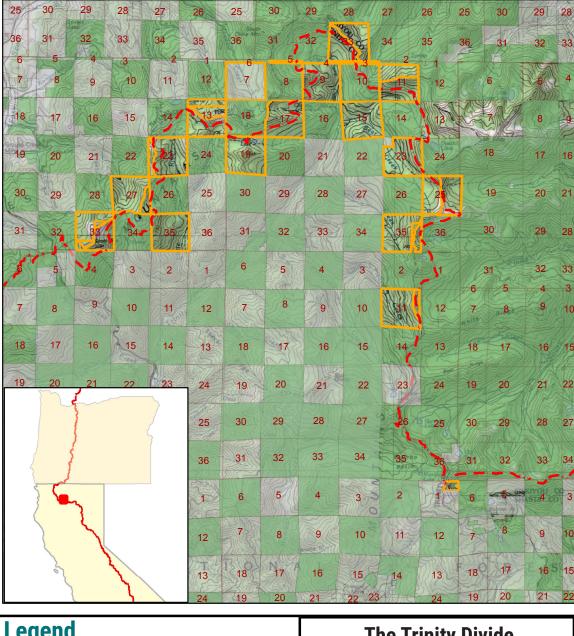
Special Benefits: This monumental acquisition protects seventeen miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, providing permanent protection to a full day's hike or pack stock ride across one of the most stunning high-elevation landscapes in the country: the Klamath Mountains in Northern California.

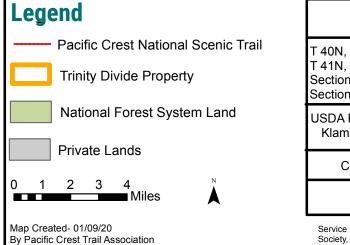
The acquisition protects rare and endemic plant species along with critical habitat for fishers and spotted owls. It preserves the headwaters of four watersheds, including the Trinity and Sacramento rivers, providing fresh cold water for downstream salmon fisheries.

And last but not least, the project creates public access to 10,300 acres and ten alpine lakes for hiking, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, camping, and exploring.









Pacific Crest Trail

Association

The Trinity Divide

T 40N, R 07W, Sections 13,23,27,33, 35; T 41N, R 06W, Section 33; T 40N, R 06W, Sections 9,11,15,17,19,23,25,35;T 39N, R 06W, Sections 1, 11 Siskiyou and Trinity Counties, CA.

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region Klamath and Shasta-Trinity National Forests

Congressional District CA- 01 & 02

PCT miles 1,529- 1,557

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Newberger Conservation Easement Southern Oregon Land Conservancy



Total Acreage: 36 acres

Miles of PCT: 0.8 miles

Final Purchase Price: \$0

Funding Source: Landowner donation and Pacific Crest Trail Association grant

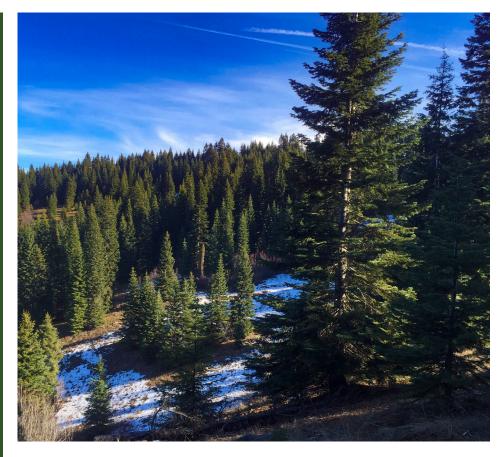
Acquisition Entity: Southern Oregon Land Conservancy

Third Party Facilitator: N/A

Acquisition Date: July 17, 2019

Location: 2 miles southeast of Mt. Ashland on Mt. Ashland Ski Road in Jackson County, OR. PCT mile 1,711



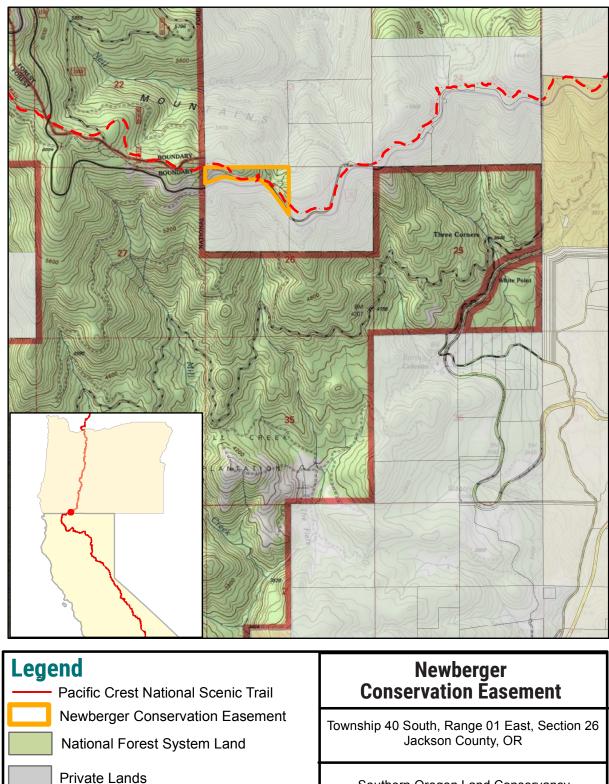


Special Benefits: The Newberger property sits at the crossroads of the Klamath, Siskiyou, and Cascade mountain ranges at the heart of one of the most biodiverse spots on the planet. Conservation of this property ensures protection of 0.8 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail, old growth forest, and the headwaters of Neil Creek within the Rogue River drainage and Cottonwood Creek in the Klamath River drainage.









Bureau of Land Management

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

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PCT mile 1,711

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