2019 Land Protection Accomplishments

The Trinity Divide in Northern California
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 Land Protection by the Numbers...

31 parcels acquired

17.8 miles of the PCT were acquired

10,336 acres protected

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

5 watersheds

Protected 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

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.

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
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.
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Legend
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
- Newberger Conservation Easement
- National Forest System Land
- Private Lands
- Bureau of Land Management

Newberger Conservation Easement
Township 40 South, Range 01 East, Section 26
Jackson County, OR

Southern Oregon Land Conservancy
Congressional District OR-02
PCT mile 1,711

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