Above: Oregon’s cathedral-like forest. Photo by Csaba Winter.
Because of you, 2019 was an incredible year for the Pacific Crest Trail and our association.

More people are seeking the trail’s incredible beauty and life-changing experiences. Together we permanently protected 17 miles of the PCT and more than 10,000 acres while witnessing amazing acts of volunteerism.

This annual report touches upon a few of our accomplishments and highlights experiences of those touched by the trail — but doesn’t begin to capture our community’s spirit. How could it? The Pacific Crest Trail is seemingly limitless. Each year we work together to keep the trail open for countless others to enjoy. We protect lands around the trail, foster new and existing relationships to get the job done and speak as one voice when it matters.

Without your support, we simply would not be successful. Because of you, we continue to stay on the path to accomplish our vision for the trail. Many thanks for all you do.
Far more than a trail, the PCT is a place, an experience, and a passion worth protecting.

The Pacific Crest Trail means so much to so many:

It contributes to the physical and mental health of countless people.

It contributes to the economic health of communities along the trail in three states.

It offers opportunities to heal and rejuvenate.

It links protected habitats that ensure the long-term health of animals and plants.

It provides opportunities for people of all ages to connect with the natural world and develop an ethic of service to conservation.

It lives in our hearts as a sweeping span of wildness and beauty across the great mountain ranges of the American West.
In 2019, your support for our work helped protect the PCT in many ways...

Thanks to you, we protected your trail experience against natural damage including wildfires and erosion, and human encroachment like development, motorized vehicles, and resource extraction.

With your help, we acquired new private properties, getting closer to our goal of permanently protecting 100 percent of the PCT.

Your support helped us advocate for trail funding and protection with elected officials at the local, state and federal level.

You helped us influence management of the trail by our federal agency partners.

And you helped us provide a range of support services to increase your enjoyment of the PCT, like managing permits, Leave No Trace education, and trail user research.
Protecting the PCT

2019 Land Protection Accomplishments

10,336 acres protected
17.8 miles of the PCT protected
$14,890,000 invested in land acquisitions
31 parcels acquired
10 alpine lakes protected

An alpine lake in the Trinity Divide, California. Photo by PCTA.
Hank Magnuski
Palo Alto, California

“Preserving a small piece of wilderness and the wilderness experience is very valuable to me.”

Hank is a donor who partnered with the PCTA to purchase a key property near the trail at Picayune Lake in Northern California’s Trinity Divide. His purchase protects 690 acres and 1.2 miles of the PCT.

People like Hank with a passion for the PCT play an important role in fully protecting the last remaining private lands along the trail.
The Trinity Divide: A Landmark Achievement

In summer 2019, a 5-year effort to protect 17 miles of the PCT along the Trinity Divide in Northern California became a reality.

The project, a partnership between the PCTA, The Trust for Public Land, the Michigan-California Timber Co., the Wyss Foundation and the U.S Forest Service, protected 10,300 acres of alpine landscape along the trail.

Approximately 10 percent of the trail remains on private land.

The PCTA’s land protection 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 crucial watersheds.
Inyo National Forest: The First Dedicated PCT Management Area

California’s Inyo National Forest set an important precedent when its final forest plan included the first PCT Management Area, a mile-wide corridor along the trail with specific direction to protect the PCT’s wild, scenic, remote and non-motorized character.

PCTA staff worked closely with the Forest Service on plan language that would adequately provide for the nature and purposes of the PCT as directed by the 1968 National Trails System Act.

The PCT Management Area sets a positive precedent for subsequent Forests to follow, ensuring the PCT receives consistent and proper management from forest to forest and meets the intent of the PCT’s designation as a National Scenic Trail.
Improving the PCT Experience

2019 Volunteer Accomplishments

106,444 volunteer service hours
1,605 miles of the PCT maintained
$2.7 million in-kind value of volunteer hours
33 Trail Skills College trainings for volunteers
Michelle Nacouzi
New York City, New York

“As more hikers visit the remote, breathtaking and fragile miles of the PCT every year, the need for us to keep it accessible and maintained increases as well. I cannot think of a single hiker friend who would not have loved the volunteer vacation experience I had. It was the best vacation I have ever taken!”

Michelle, a dedicated PCT section hiker, flew from New York to Seattle to join a PCTA “Sasquatch Volunteer Vacation”—a week of backcountry trail work. People like Michelle are the backbone of the PCT, giving their time every year to the trail.
In Summer 2019, two big earthquakes near Ridgecrest damaged 2 miles of the PCT. The PCTA partnered with the Bureau of Land Management and American Conservation Experience crews to clear debris and reestablish the trail between Morris and Owens peaks.

In 2018, the northernmost stretch of the PCT was significantly damaged by the Holman Fire. In 2019, the PCTA partnered with the U.S. Forest Service, the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, the Pacific Northwest Trail Association and the Washington Trails Association to clear the trail in one of its most rugged, inaccessible areas.
A New Era for PCT Maps

For more than a decade, hikers have loved Lon “Halfmile” Cooper’s free, printable maps of the PCT.

In 2019, the PCTA partnered with National Geographic Maps and Lon on a new series of detailed hiking maps of the PCT. The National Geographic team worked closely with the PCTA and federal agency partners to ensure the greatest possible accuracy of the new maps.

The maps incorporate updated information about campsites that for the first time encourages people to camp in places that minimize their impact to the environment and other PCT users. The PCTA welcomed National Geographic as a new corporate partner providing financial support for the trail.
Deb Davis
Lead Forestry Technician
Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, Washington

“The PCT is a national treasure, and that’s how we should think of it. And not just the trail but the land it passes through. While I sometimes wring my hands over the enormous task of taking care of a remote trail that was designed to maximize scenery instead of longevity, it has been a privilege to spend decades as a steward and devotee of the trail.”

Agency partners like Deb are invaluable to the PCTA’s mission, not only for their decades of knowledge but as important liaisons in the successful public/private partnerships that benefit the Pacific Crest Trail.
“It’s exciting to see the hikers leave. Each time someone takes off, we think he or she takes a little piece of us as we wish we, too, could be on the trail. But hosting at the Southern Terminus gives us a great opportunity to be part of so many people’s incredible experiences. They are engaging in a challenge they once could only dream about.”

People like Lynn and Patti, who have been steadily section hiking the PCT for years, are a vital part of our community when they give back to the trail and pass on their knowledge to future PCT supporters.
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Wildflowers on Mount Hood, Oregon.
Photo by Jason Bosinoff.
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The 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 2019 financial statements were audited by Gilbert Associates, Inc. of Sacramento, CA. In the opinion of the auditor, the PCTA's 2019 financial statements fairly present the financial position of the PCTA in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. For more information or copies of the 2019 audited financials, visit [www.pcta.org/financials](http://www.pcta.org/financials).

*Private Sources include memberships, donations, other revenue, and in-kind donations.*
Thank you to Our Supporters

Thank you to all the extraordinary trail enthusiasts who contributed $1,000 or more in 2019. 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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PCTA Mid-Oregon volunteer in the Three Sisters Wilderness.

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14,300 PCTA members

$3.4 million in private contributions

A PCTA Mid-Oregon volunteer in the Three Sisters Wilderness.

Photo by Bri Leahy.
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.

Mule packers supporting trail work on the PCT in Southern California. Photo by Mara Beach.