Overview:

- Safety is our highest priority. We all have to work together to manage the risk of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Shared attention to safety protocols will enable successful volunteer projects.
- Each of us has variable risk to the coronavirus. We must all consider our personal health history and risk factors. There are two CDC self-assessments to help with this; each volunteer should complete these before start of project.
- Review project goals, specifications, length of hike and type of work
- Explain any project-specific hazards
- Do volunteers need parking passes or permits?

Emergency Preparedness Including COVID Risk:

- Review current COVID reengagement level. Discuss mitigations including maintaining physical distance between volunteers and between trail users
- Review Emergency Action Plan (EAP), delegate roles
- Review Trailhead Communications Plan (TCP). Discuss communication tools and coverage.
- Identify who is carrying first aid kits, may be more than one person
- Medical conditions should know about? (e.g. epi-pens, heart meds, inhalers)
- Remind crew of the electronic paperwork on pcta.org/volunteer/2020-trail-maintenance-protocols/

JHA/Risk Assessment Worksheet:

- Review all hazards and abatement actions
- Crew members sign these via electronic paperwork.

PPE:

- Hard hats, sturdy boots, gloves, long pants, face mask, eye protection, sanitizer
- If appropriate: ear protection, long sleeves, chaps

Tool & Safety Talk:

- Explain correct use of each tool
- Carry tools on downhill side, sharp edges down, not over the shoulder
- Stay 10 feet from other volunteers with tools
- Ask permission to pass and get acknowledgement
- Announce “swinging”, “rock”, “cutting”
- Keep track of each other
- Explain best practices for safety around stock
- Discuss fuel geysers when applicable

Saw Operations:

- Explain saw team operations
- Explain hazards and cutting area control (review Go/No Go, OHLEC)
- Identify sawyer and swamper responsibilities

FAQs: (For example - bathroom options and water sources)