
PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION

WORK PROJECTS - 2010

REGION 1 NEWSLETTER

“TRAIL GORILLAS” (CAMPO TO KENNEDY MEADOWS)

the FIRST 700 miles



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Hello Everyone.....

Welcome to 2010!!

We start 2010 with the yearly Section “A” project with George Boone and the gang! From there we move on to Section “B” and “C”. The yearly Mormon Rock project is being shortened due to the closure of section “D”. We are going in to “Snow Creek” for the first time in a few years. We anticipate a LARGE turnout for the annual kick-off at Lake Morena. There is a project planned in “Waterfall Canyon” in Section “F” in May. These are just a few of the many projects being planned for the start of 2010!!

We have something for everyone. From “day” projects to “week long” projects to “Rock Workshops”. Check out the project information and come out to join us for some fun and hard work!! Call the project leader for more information.

Section Chiefs: I would like to add a couple of your **PICTURES** to the completed projects. I will insert two “people preferred” pictures if you send them to me from your project.

See you out on a project, John

Here is the first edition of the 2010 Newsletter.....

Trail Projects - What to bring? For all trail projects, unless otherwise indicated, bring car/tent camping gear, heavy gloves, eye protection, sun protection (hat and sunscreen), brush protection (long sleeves & long pants), sturdy boots, daypack, flashlight, and water bottles. Warm clothes and rain gear are in order especially for spring and fall projects. Please let us know if you are coming so we can arrange food, equipment, and supervision, and to receive any last minute instructions. By all means come out even if you can't stay the entire time, and if you are available at times other than those listed let John know. We have lots of ongoing projects or new ones coming up all the time.

Adventure Pass – don't forget to bring one if project is in a So. Cal Nat. Forest. If you don't have one, let me know beforehand and leader will arrange for an admin

What is involved? Moderate to strenuous physical activity cutting brush with saws and loppers, pulling and disposing of cut brush out of sight, grubbing out root balls with a Pulaski, shaping tread with a McLeod, re-building rock walls, or repairing water bars to re-establish drainage control. Certified volunteers will be using chain and brush saws and other equipment. A hike in and out of several miles carrying tools or personal camping gear may be required. Some projects involve working with packhorses and mules. We assume you are experienced in mountain travel, camping out, safety, working on a crew under direction, and wilderness hygiene. If you have questions about these subjects or if you have health concerns be sure to bring them up with the leader prior to the trip. We ask all volunteers to fill out a form answering what we call ‘Twenty Questions’. This gives us an idea of your experience, special aptitude, physical limitations or concerns, and emergency contact person. . *Every volunteer must sign up each day with the Crew Leader to be covered for Workman's Compensation*, and to make sure that no one gets left behind at the end of the day.

What does PCTA provide? Don't worry if you have not been out with us before. We provide food (unless indicated otherwise), water, tools, hard hats, orientation/instruction, supervision and a GREAT time.

To Schedule trail information or ADD your project(s) to this list, contact;

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Definitions —

FALC

= Fast Attack Light Calvary (our packers)

FOOT = The rest of us. Assume FOOT included in ALL projects.

JANUARY 2010

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10-10. Jan. 1 - Dec. 30. ‘Fannypack’ Projects on (SBNF, ANF, CNF, and BLM). Swat teams to inventory trail, clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice. Open to qualified volunteers. Contact Pete Fish 805-658-6540 or e-mail @ pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net or John Hachey 909-605-3219 or e-mail @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

10-11 Jan. 1 - Dec. 30. PCTA Newsletter

10-12. Jan. 2. Sat. Section “B” Catch-up – Snow Creek. (COMPLETED)

10-15. Jan. 8-17. Fri./Sun. Section "A" Catch-up - Penny Pines. Section "A". (CNF. Map A - 8). You are invited to join us for a brushing and spot tread repair project north from Penny Pines. Come for a day or all ten. For the first 3 days the crew will base camp at George's place – *Cozy!* Commute from there to Mt. Laguna. On Monday, Jan 11, we will move to the Roost at Mt. Laguna. Edwina and Al Golightly will be cooking – *Yum!* Need 10-15 people working – *Trail Gorillas*. This will be another opportunity to pay back for using my (George's) trail – *join us for a good cause and meet interesting people*. Think about it! – *some people pay to go the gym!* Leader for the first 3 days is George Boone, Section "A", Pete Fish will lead the rest. Contact George Boone george.boone@dhs.gov or Pete Fish 805-658-6540 or e-mail @ pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net.

Meet Friday January 9 at 0900 at the Roost for a half-day of work, or later that afternoon at George's place. If you are working for the day, we will meet at the Roost each day thereafter at 0800. For the Roost, Exit I-8 just east of Pine Valley, take Road S-1 (Sunrise Highway) about 8 miles north to Mt. Laguna, Red Tailed Roost Volunteer Center which is on the left 0.4 miles beyond milepost 22, and opposite the County fire station on the right.

Directions to George's house....Beginning with I-8 and I-5 in San Diego...go East on I-8 approximately 60 miles...past El Cajon, Lakeside, Alpine, Pine Valley...past the Sunrise Highway and Buckman Springs exit to Kitchen Creek exit. From that off-ramp, turn right...or south...you will immediately meet a "T" intersection with old highway 80...turn left, or east...go approximately 5-6 miles east on old 80 to just past the 19.5 mile marker...just past that marker will be a slight curve to the left...you will see about 12 mailboxes on the right...and there will be a green street sign that says "Miller Valley Road"...you can only turn right, the left will have a high embankment...the dirt road begins there...you will be going south...travel approximately 1/2 mile to another "T"...that will be at Camino Tres Ave...a gray frame house will be straight ahead...turn right onto Camino Tres Ave...or west...about 1/4 mile you will see another green Miller Valley Road sign on the left...turn left there, or south (you can't turn right)...go approximately 1.1 miles...you will find a cluster of oak trees on the right with two red open gates at the road...turn left at the gates...that is George's house.

10-17. Jan. 23. Sat. Section "C" Catch-up. Meet at Mormon Rocks fire station at 7:30 am. Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

10-18. Jan 29 – 31. Fri – Sun. Tool School . Located at Stoke's Ranch near Temecula. We all know the difference between a sharp tool and a dull one, a tight handle and one that is loose or broken, a chainsaw that starts right up and one that doesn't. Tool maintenance can be fun. Come on out and spend a couple of days and you will probably take home a new appreciation and skill for keeping trail equipment functional and safe. Covers safe use and repair of hand tools including Austens, crosscut saws, chain and brush saws, Griphoists, Pionjar hammer drill, and Boulder Buster. Bring machines that need cleaning and tuneup, tools that need sharpening, and replacement handles for your tools that need them. Arrive mid afternoon Friday. Ladd's RV can sleep several, or car/tent camp. Food, snacks, and refreshments provided. First served meal is Fri din (elk stew provided by Bill Carter). Sat b'fast, lunch, and din (Ladd's famous tri-tips), and b'fast and lunch Sun. Workshop starts at 0800 and ends at 1600 hrs both days.

Ladd and Jill Stokes have kindly offered to host this session (again!). Contact Pete Fish 805-658-6540 or e-mail @ pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net. or Ladd Stokes (951) 676-4897, rugermodel1@verizon.net Take the Winchester exit off the 15 just south of the 15 and 215 split in Temecula. From the Highway travel east a mile and a half. Make a right turn on Nicolas and go south 1.8 miles. At this point the paved road turns to the right and becomes Calle Girasol. You need to fork left to stay on Nicolas, (dirt) and go another 1/2 mile to Jessie Circle . Make a left and follow the pavement to the Stoke's home at 39426 Jessie Circle.

FEBRUARY 2010

10-25. Feb. 12 – 15. Fri./Mon. **Section “B” Snow Creek.** Map B-11. First meal served Friday Night. Work Saturday, Sunday and 1/2 day Monday. We will be camping at the Cottonwood Trailhead. Directions: I-10 to the Haugen/Legmen exit. (4 miles east of Cabazon) Go north 0.1 mile and turn left on Tamerack Road. Go west 0.3 mile and turn right on Cottonwood Road. Follow this 1.2 miles till the pavement ends. Continue .6 miles to the trailhead on the right side. Packer support needed. We now have access up the steep paved road to the drinking fountain south of Snow Creek Village. The hike in is between 1/4 mile to 2 miles Contact Don Line @ 619-520-9431 or e-mail @ don@roel.com

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MARCH 2010

10-32. Mar. 3 – March 6. Wed./Sat. **Section “C”. Mormon Rocks.** Because of the recent fires and the station now “open” year round, we are sizing down our project here. We will start this project on Thursday morning March 3rd. Come join us Wednesday evening and have dinner with us. Feel free to work one day or the entire project. We will have limited space indoors. You can also car camp or camp under the stars! The fire station is approx. 1 ½ miles West of Interstate 15 on Highway 138 (South side of the highway). Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

10-36. March 20. Sat. **Section “B” Catch-up.** Will be working at Highway 74 crossing of trail. Meet at Paradise Café (just West of the trail at Highway 74 and Highway 371) at 7:30 am. Contact Don Line @ 619-520-9431 or e-mail @ don@roel.com

10-38. March 27. Sat. **Section “C” Catch-up.** Meet at Mormon Rocks fire station at 7:30 am. Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

APRIL 2010

10-42. April. 10, 11. Sat., Sun. **Section “B” Desert Divide Sweep.** Will be checking trail and clearing trees from Fobes Saddle to Highway 74. Contact Don Line @ 619-520-9431 or e-mail @ don@roel.com

10-45. April 16, 17, 18. Fri. – Sun. **Section “C” Mojave Forks Dam.**

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We will be camping at the base of the dam during this project. We will set up teams to do some tread, brush work and build retaining walls to stop the “sand” slides along the way. Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

10-47. April. 23, 24. Fri., Sat. **Section “A” PCT Kickoff at Lake Morena Park.**

Contact Anitra Kass @ 951-257-4100 or e-mail @ akass@pcta.org

10-48. April. 30 – May 2. Fri - Sun. **Section “B” Chihuahua Valley.** Contact Don Line @ 619-520-9431 or e-mail @ don@roel.com

MAY 2010

10-55. May 15. Sat. **Section “C” Catch-up.** Meet at Mormon Rocks fire station at 7:30 am. Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

10-57. May 21 - 25. Fri. – Tues. **Section “F” Waterfall Canyon.** BLM/ Ridgecrest Map F2. This is the final project in a series of five accessing the trail through Sky River Ranch Wind Farm above Tehachapi. There is 2 miles of brushing to finish. We will remote camp at the south end of the road exiting the wind farm about 5 miles south. All supplies will be jeeped in on a 4X4 road. This is a dry camp so everything must be hauled in. **All slots for volunteers on this project are filled.** As before we will rendezvous at 10:00 AM at the intersection of Sand Canyon Rd. and Tanganda Rd . Have plenty of fuel as it’s a long drive out. There will be a celebration of completion after 3 years of hard work, at the end of the project. Any information needed contact Jerry Stone at 661-273-1059 or e-mail @ trailstone@sbcglobal.net

10-58. May 22. Sat. **Section “B” Catch-up.** Tread and Brush work as we clean up the trail near Highway 74. Meet at the “Paradise” Café at 7:30 am at the corner of Highway 74 and Highway 371. Contact Don Line @ 619-520-9431 or e-mail @ don@roel.com

JUNE 2010

10-54. June 4 - 6. Fri - Sun. **Section “B” Fobes Ranch. National Trails Day.** Contact Don Line @ 619-520-9431 or e-mail @ don@roel.com

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10-55. June 5. Sat. **Section “C” Catch-up. National Trails Day.** Meet at Mormon Rocks fire station at 7:30 am. Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

JULY 2010

AUGUST 2010

SEPTEMBER 2010

OCTOBER 2010

10-101. Oct. 2. Sat. Section "C" Catch-up. Meet at Mormon Rocks fire station at 7:30 am. Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

NOVEMBER 2010

10-115. Nov. 13. Sat. Section "C" Catch-up. Meet at Mormon Rocks fire station at 7:30 am. Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

DECEMBER 2010

On our radar:

Section A.

Section B

Section C Contact John Hachey @ 909-605-3219 or email @ goaliejhachey@msn.com

Crab Flats Rd. to Splinters Cabin (Lake Arrowhead). Brushing, tread work and removing a few large rocks on this stretch of trail

Section D.

Section E. Contact Dave Fleischman @ 310-915-9539 or @ owldave57@gmail.com

Sawmill CG area. Tread repair project.

Atmore Meadow Road North to Bear Camp. Brushing and tread repair.

Section F.

Section G.