# PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION

# **WORK PROJECTS - 2010**

**REGION 1 NEWSLETTER** 

#### "TRAIL GORILLAS" (CAMPO TO KENNEDY MEADOWS)

the FIRST 700 miles





**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

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

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.

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 reestablish 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.

#### **FEBRUARY 2010**

10-25. Feb. 12 – 15. Fri.//Mon. Section "B" Snow Creek. Map B11. 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

#### **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 @ <a href="mailto:don@roel.com">don@roel.com</a>

**10-45. April 16, 17, 18.** Fri. – Sun. **Section "C" Mojave Forks Dam.**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 @ <a href="mailto:goaliejhachey@msn.com">goaliejhachey@msn.com</a>
- **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