



Sasquatch Backcountry Crew at Beusch Lake

Where: Gifford Pinchot National Forest near Packwood, Washington

Dates: Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, September 29, 2012 (with a morning meeting time on September 23). Volunteers may join for fewer than the full 7 days, however, volunteers need to go in the first day with the crew.

Project Description: Join a pack-stock supported volunteer crew led by combined PCTA and USFS staff, doing important work in the lake-filled William O Douglas Wilderness. We will remove the old, failing bridge at the outlet of Beusch Lake, and convert the crossing to an armored ford. The fourth day is a day off-- individual volunteers and staff may choose to lounge about camp or explore the beautiful area on their own. There are lots of great swimming opportunities in this area and autumn is the best time to visit this beautiful Wilderness area mosquito-free! Volunteers will backpack their personal gear 5.5 miles to base camp and hike approximately 1 mile each day to/from the project site. Prior trail maintenance experience is not required; experienced trail crew leaders will be there to help teach you the skills needed. Backcountry experience is needed.

Fee: *PCTA volunteer events are free!* Safety equipment and tools are available for your use throughout the project period.

Camping and Meals: Volunteers will camp in the backcountry. Meals are provided starting with lunch and dinner on Sunday. Volunteers may need to assist in meal preparation, cooking, and clean up.

Elevation: 5000 feet

Fitness Level 3: Difficult. This project is suitable for individuals who are fit and participate in an exercise routine consistently. Project components will include one or more from the following: hiking 3-8 miles each day on a rough, steep, and/or rocky trail, elevation change over 1000 ft over the course of the hike, moderately physical work activities, and/or backpacking. This project will be difficult, participants need to be in great physical conditioning and are aware of their physical abilities and limits before joining this project.

What to Bring: Volunteers need to bring personal camp gear, appropriate outdoor clothing, and boots. A comprehensive list is provided upon registration.

Volunteer Positions Available: 9

To Register: Please contact Merrit Hoeh at 916-285-1838 or at volunteer@pcta.org.