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Subject: FY13 Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Call for Project Awards

To: R5 Forest Supervisors: Angeles, Cleveland, Eldorado, Inyo, Klamath, Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Lassen, Plumas, San Bernardino, Shasta-Trinity, Sequoia, Sierra, Stanislaus, and Tahoe. R6 Forest Supervisors: Deschutes, Fremont-Winema, Gifford Pinchot, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie, Mt. Hood, Okanogan-Wenatchee, Rogue River-Siskiyou, Umpqua, and Willamette. R4 Forest Supervisor: Humboldt-Toiyabe.

It's my pleasure to announce that selections have been made for a variety of Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail projects on National Forest System lands in California, Oregon, and Washington. These projects will support critical trail maintenance and reconstruction work, and resource protection along the length of the trail. The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) program continues to support a variety of volunteer and hosted programs including the Pacific Crest Trail Association, Washington Trails Association, High Sierra Trail Crew Volunteers, Friends of the Inyo, Earth Corps, and ACE. Providing opportunities for volunteers and youth to assist with trail maintenance achieves the goals of trail maintenance, ecological restoration, partnerships, and connecting citizens to public lands.

The requests for funding exceeded the amount of funds available by threefold. Priority funding was given to addressing maintenance needs on the PCT corridor – especially where wildland fire and wind events continued need to require additional maintenance. Resolving safety issues and continuing our existing youth corps programs were also high priorities. Finally, the team reviewed the past several years of awards for projects, as well as American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded crews in an effort to spread the funds over the widest geographic distribution.

Project managers should closely review the following instructions:

1. a. There are three tabs in the award worksheet. The first tab outlines the awards by projects, the second is a summary of the partner awards and indicates whether the award will be applied to a regional or forest agreement, and finally the third applies only to Region 5 and outlines the Call for Project Awards plus the Operations and Maintenance Funding (CMTLPC05x) which is distributed by mile of trail. Regions 4 and 6 will separately award operations and maintenance funding.
- b. **Region 6 PCT Forests** receiving awards should submit a FS 6520-20 to Gail Throop (gthroop@fs.fed.us) when they are prepared to receive their project award funds.



2. If project managers are unable to complete the project or need to change the proposed project, please contact Beth Boyst, Pacific Crest Trail Program Manager, to discuss options available. Randy Moore, Regional Forester has instructed R5 Forest Supervisors to expedite obligating and awarding funds by June 2013.
3. The Angeles and Plumas National Forests have actions required before funding will be distributed.
4. The Program Direction for National Scenic and Historic Trails instructed units to establish a specific job code "CMTLPCxx" for expenses related to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.
5. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Regional Youth Corps weeks remain to be distributed based on collaboration between forest managers and the Pacific Crest Trail Association Regional Representatives. Please be sure to coordinate your requests through the staff below:

Region Name	PCTA Regional Reps.	National Forests
Southern California	Anitra Kass, akass@pcta.org, 951-257-4100	Angeles Cleveland San Bernardino Sequoia (South of Kennedy Meadows)
Southern Sierra Region	Vacant, Mike Dawson Trail Operations Director mdawson@pcta.org, 206-463-9087	Inyo Sequoia (North of Kennedy Meadows) Sierra
Northern Sierra Region	Justin Kooyman, jkooyman@pcta.org, 530-414-3422	Eldorado Humboldt-Toiyabe Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit Lassen Plumas Stanislaus Tahoe
Big Bend Region	Ian Nelson, inelson@pcta.org, 541-778-3252	Fremont-Winema Klamath Rogue River-Siskiyou Shasta-Trinity Umpqua
Columbia Cascades Region	Dana Berthold, dberthold@pcta.org, 541-844-9133	Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Deschutes Gifford Pinchot Mt. Hood Willamette National Forest
North Cascades Region	Bob Woods, bwoods@pcta.org, 206-999-0710	Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Okanogan- Wenatchee

Special thanks to Sean Harwood, Region 4 Trails Program Manager; Gail Throop, Region 6 Trails Program Manager; and Mike Dawson, Pacific Crest Trail Association Trail Operations Director for reviewing the proposed projects and providing information for project selection.

If you have questions regarding the selections or funding, please contact Beth Boyst at (707) 562-8881 or bboyst@fs.fed.us. We look forward to another productive and safe year on the PCT.

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Enclosure

cc: Gail E Throop
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Beth Boyst