



# Pacific Crest Trail Emergency Closure Notification Protocol

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The following steps are advised to ensure that Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail users are informed of closures and evacuations in a timely manner:

- 1) Notify the following contacts of the trail closure or evacuation: (include any available closure or evacuation orders and maps in your correspondence)
  - a. **Jack Haskel**, PCTA Trail Information Manager: **916-285-1846** or [jhaskel@pcta.org](mailto:jhaskel@pcta.org)
  - b. **Lindsey Steinwachs**, Pacific Crest Trail Administrator: **619-372-1302** or [lindsey.steinwachs@usda.gov](mailto:lindsey.steinwachs@usda.gov)
  - c. **Peter Bonsall**, Pacific Crest Trail Operations Specialist: **458-488-0611** or [peter.bonsall@usda.gov](mailto:peter.bonsall@usda.gov)
  - d. **PCTA Regional Representative** contact as listed below:

Geographic Area		Contact
Southern California	Mexico border to northern boundary of the Angeles NF (Pine Canyon Rd.)	<b>Anitra Kass</b> akass@pcta.org 760-977-8684
Southern Sierra Region	Northern boundary of Angeles NF (Pine Canyon Rd.) to northern boundary of Yosemite NP	<b>Allissa Brush</b> abrush@pcta.org 916-251-6090
Northern Sierra Region	Northern boundary of Yosemite National Park to southern boundary of McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park	<b>Connor Swift</b> cswift@pcta.org 530-570-8276
Northern California & Southern Oregon Region	Southern boundary of McArthur Burney Falls Memorial State Park to Windigo Pass	<b>Ian Nelson</b> inelson@pcta.org 541-778-3252
Central Cascades Region	Windigo Pass to Potato Hill (Road 5603)	<b>Jeanine Russell</b> jrussell@pcta.org 970-317-4000
North Cascades Region	Potato Hill (Road 5603) to Manning Park	<b>Justin Kooyman</b> jkooyman@pcta.org 530-414-3422
<p><b>If you are unable to reach your Regional Representative in a timely manner to address a closure or emergency notification, please call 916-318-0215 for PCTA's Trail Operations Directory.</b></p>		

- 2) Coordinate with **Jack Haskel** to update the [PCT Closures database](#). The Pacific Crest Trail Association, non-profit PCT management partner, maintains the PCT Closures database at [closures.pcta.org](https://closures.pcta.org). A smartphone version is available for offline use in the app stores. When available, provide signed closure orders and maps.
- 3) Publish closure information to local agency unit websites.
- 4) Coordinate with PCTA to help sign closures in the field, determine trail detours, and other tasks.
- 5) Share the above contact list with fire Public Information Officers and local Forest Public Affairs Officers to ensure that updates on trail closures are reaching appropriate PCT contacts.