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Volunteer Opportunities on the Pacific Crest Trail

Sacramento, CA –July 30th, 2008 – Summer is coming to a close and it's time to get outside and experience the natural beauty of the West through helping preserve the Pacific Crest Trail while the sun's still shining. Northwest Service Academy (NWSA), in cooperation with The Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is actively recruiting community volunteers for this summer's trail work projects throughout California, Oregon and Washington. And the best part is: no experience is necessary and all meals, tools and training are provided free of charge. If you haven't had a chance to go on that essential camping trip yet here's your opportunity to do so while helping to preserve a national treasure.

NWSA/AmeriCorps trail teams will be leading a wide variety of projects including brush cutting, drainage control and building trail structures. Volunteers should be physically able to hike, do trail work and camp. Volunteers provide their own tent, sleeping bag, personal gear and transportation to the project site. The AmeriCorps trail team will provide the rest. Volunteers may choose to join a team for a couple of days, extended weekend or for one of the longer 8 – 11 day trips. . Here is a preliminary schedule:

Northern Oregon/Southern Washington AmeriCorps Project Schedule:

Aug 8 – 9: Sawtooth Mountain, GPNF

Aug 14 – 19: Knife Edge, GPNF

Aug 22 – 29: Jefferson Park, GPNF

Sept 3 – 10: Berry Mountain, GPNF

Sept 29 – Oct 3: McKenzie Pass, Deschutes National Forest

Oct 6 – 10: Clackamas, Mount Hood National Forest

For more details, interested individuals, couples, groups and clubs can go online at <http://www.trailprojects.com/projectsdatabase.html> or contact Emily Beck, PCTA Volunteer Programs Assistant, at ebeck@pcta.org or call (916) 349-2109 ext 22). Contact us now to get your choice of dates and locations.

*** The mission of the Pacific Crest Trail Association is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail as an internationally significant resource for the enjoyment of hikers and equestrians, and for the value that wild and scenic lands provide to all people. The Northwest Service Academy is an AmeriCorps program that partners with community-based organizations, government agencies and schools to address significant environmental and educational needs in the states of WA and OR.***