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Adapting Programs Across Multiple Units

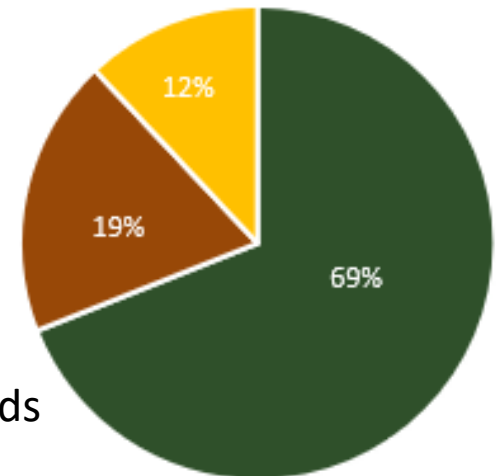
During COVID-19





- 25 National Forests
- 6 National Parks
- 7 BLM Field Offices
- 5 CA State Parks
- 5 National Monuments
- 48 Designated Wilderness Areas
- 3 States
- 45 Counties

PCT on Federal lands





Basic Prevention and Reengagement Plan

- Electronic paperwork and video tutorials
 - ▶ Sign-in, JHA, TSS, risk assessment, release of liability
- General goal of reducing time in physical proximity
- All volunteer activities will follow enhanced COVID-19 safety protocols
- PCTA providing enhanced PPE
- Closely following CDC Guidance

2020 Trail Maintenance Protocols

We know there are a lot of volunteers who are eager to get back out on the trail and enjoy the camaraderie and pride in a hard day's worth of trail work. This page is where you'll find all our resources, including the current status in our plan, for safely reengaging with trail maintenance activities.

As of June 22, 2020, some of our partner land management agency units are ready to

Volunteer

2020 Trail Maintenance Protocols

Project schedule

Volunteer Application

For new volunteers



[Read the full PCTA Reengagement Plan and Enhanced Safety Protocols](#)

Pacific Crest Trail Association Reengagement Levels

| | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | Level A | Level B | Level C | Peak Reengagement |
|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| Activities Allowed | No volunteer activities. Staff may take part in essential work as approved by agency staff. | Scouting, project planning, tool maintenance. (No tool use in field.) | Day projects that can be completed by small groups while maintaining physical distance from other participants who are not from the same household. Examples include brushing and tread work as well as logout. | All trail maintenance or construction activities, not requiring closer than 6 feet spacing. | All trail maintenance and construction activities. |
| Timeframe | | As individual land management agency units reinstate sponsored volunteer agreements. As allowed by individual States as they reduce stay-at-home orders. When PCTA can provide required PPE and sanitizing equipment. | As soon as three weeks after Level A is implemented, if consistent with State and local guidance, and if no reported COVID-19 incidents trailwide on volunteer projects. Dispatch and Search and Rescue must be operational. | As soon as three weeks after Level B is implemented, if consistent with State and local guidance and if no reported COVID-19 incidents trailwide on volunteer projects. Dispatch and Search and Rescue must be operational. | PCTA will resume normal operations when California, Oregon, and Washington lift all restrictions. This may happen on a state by state basis. |
| Participants | None | PCTA volunteer leaders, existing section adopters, caretakers, stewards, scouts with members of volunteer's household. | Experienced volunteers with working knowledge of a wide variety of basic trail maintenance tools and techniques and at least 100 volunteer hours of previous service with PCTA | Same as Level B. | Participants of all ages and skills levels. |
| Overnight Projects | No | No | No | Yes – No campfires. | Yes |
| Group Size | 0 | Solo or based on shared households | 6 | 10 | |
| Travel* | 0 miles | Within 100 driving miles of residence. No air travel permitted. | Within 250 driving miles of residence. No air travel permitted. | Same as Level B. | Air travel permitted. |
| Carpooling ** | No | No | No | No | Yes |
| Food & Beverage | | Each volunteer must provide their own. | Each volunteer must provide their own. | Each volunteer must provide their own.*** | PCTA resumes offering snacks, meals, beverages. |

Spectrum of engagement levels across many units

Association | Discover the Trail | Our Work | About Us | Community | Blog | Volunteer | Donate

Select agency units are in:

- **Reengagement Level A:** Scouting, project planning, tool maintenance.
- **Reengagement Level B:** Day projects that can be completed by small groups.
- **Reengagement Level C:** All trail maintenance or construction activities, not requiring closer than 6 feet spacing, including overnight projects
- **Read more about each reengagement level.**
- **Check the status of individual agency units here.** Please note: the agency unit spreadsheet reflects reengagement related to COVID-19 and the public health situation. It doesn't reflect changes in PCTA's volunteer programs due to trail closures, such as those related to wildfire. Contact your local [Regional Representative](#) or visit the [Pacific Crest Trail Closures](#) page for more information.

Additional Reengagement Resources

New COVID-19 related documents are compiled below. These supplement the forms on our [Crew Leader Center](#).

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| Electronic Paperwork for Level A | Volunteers must complete their Sign-in Sheet, Trail Survey JHA, Risk Assessment Worksheet, COVID-19 Release of Liability Form and electronic signature before each outing. Updated July 2020. | Online |
| Electronic Paperwork for Level B & C | Volunteers must complete their Sign-in Sheet, Trail Maintenance JHA, Risk Assessment Worksheet, COVID-19 Release of Liability Form and electronic signature before | Online |



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Agency COVID Vol Pro Status - Shared

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| PCTA Region | | Land Management Agency Unit | Current PCTA Reengagement Level | Date Entered Level | ETA for Volunteer Programs Re-engagement | Other |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| Please note: this spreadsheet reflects reengagement related to COVID-19 and the public health situation. It doesn't reflect all changes in volunteer programs, including trail and forest closures due to wildfire. Visit www.pcta.org/discover-the-trail/closures or contact your Regional Representative for more information. | | | | | | |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Eldorado National Forest | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | October | Currently reviewing |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest: Bridgeport RD | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | TBD | |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest: Carson RD | Level C | September 16, 2020 | | Vol. Agreement sign |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit | Level B | May 26, 2020 | | Tahoe Rim Trail Ass |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Lassen National Forest: Almanor RD | Level C | September 14, 2020 | | Vol. Agreement sign |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Lassen National Forest: Hat Creek RD | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | October | |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Lassen Volcanic National Park | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | TBD | No projects planned |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Plumas National Forest: Beckwourth RD | Level C | September 9, 2020 | | Vol. Agreement sign |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Plumas National Forest: Feather River RD | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | TBD | Currently reviewing |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Plumas National Forest: Mt. Hough RD | Level C | August 20, 2020 | | Vol. Agreement sign |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Stanislaus National Forest | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | TBD | No projects planned |
| 3 - Northern Sierra | | Tahoe National Forest | Level C | Septmeber 25, 2020 | | Agreement approve |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | BLM - Medford | Level B | August 10, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | California State Parks: Castle Crags | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | California State Parks: McArthur Burney Falls | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Crater Lake National Park | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Fremont-Winema National Forest | Level A | July 8, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Klamath National Forest: Happy Camp RD | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Klamath National Forest: Salmon River & Scott River RD | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Klamath National Forest | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Rogue River-Siskiyou NF: High Cascades RD | Level B | August 10, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Rogue River-Siskiyou NF: Siskiyou Mountains RD | Level B | August 10, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Shasta-Trinity National Forest: Trinity River Mgmt | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Shasta-Trinity NF: Shasta McCloud Management Unit | Level B | August 10, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Umpqua National Forest: Diamond Lake RD | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 4 - Northern California/Southern Oregon | | Umpqua National Forest | Stay Home, Stay Healthy | May 26, 2020 | | |
| 5 - Columbia Cascades | | Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (FS) | Level C | August 7, 2020 | | |
| 5 - Columbia Cascades | | Deschutes National Forest | Level C | August 28, 2020 | | |
| 5 - Columbia Cascades | | Mt. Hood National Forest | Level C | August 7, 2020 | | |

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Recent Updates:

- 14-day wait between air travel and volunteering
- Registration limits for new volunteers
- Equipment sharing allowed if distancing is maintained
- Travel distances for projects removed
- Cloth face coverings changed to 'masks'
- Eliminated specific protocols for sanitizing tools
- Carpooling guidance currently being drafted





All Documents Generated

- **Reengagement Plan**
- COVID JHA's
- COVID Tailgate Session
- Risk Assessment Sheets
- Release of liability
- Infographic
- FAQ's
- Seasonal employee guidelines
- Electronic paperwork instructions
- Video Orientation Checklist
- Crew Leader Q&A
- Online trainings





Takeaways:

- Best to meet the Agency where they are
- Be flexible
- Act in good faith and be thorough
- Be creative



<https://www.pcta.org/volunteer/2020-trail-maintenance-protocols/>

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