

High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew

2015 Annual Newsletter



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2015 Accomplishments

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Thank you for supporting the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew! If you are a volunteer that comes out on the trail or supports our organization in other ways we appreciate the support. Users of our public lands and our partners benefit from our work. People who volunteer by working out on the trails gain from the satisfaction that stewardship brings them. Most volunteers enjoy a once in a lifetime experience. Great work was completed by volunteers in 2015. We had 6 Back Packing Trips, 7 Base Camp Trips, 13 Day events and 1 ERT event. These events involved 355 trail work volun-

teers, 38 other event volunteers, 5 operations volunteers and 6 ERT volunteers, totaling 404 volunteers. Volunteer hours per group equaled 8,558 trail work hours, 527 other event hours, 104 ERT hours, and 1,913 operations hours. Total volunteer hours equaled 11,102. Using the U.S. Forest Service value for volunteers of \$22.55/hour that equals a total volunteer value of \$250,350. Thanks to all of our leaders and the hard working core group that keeps this operation running.



The Trail Crew is seeing a lot of new faces on trips, new volunteers are supporting our organization and people are enthusiastic about stewardship. We would not be here without your support and help.

Partners we worked with in 2015

In 2015 the Vital Trail Maintenance or trail side of HSVTC worked with eleven partners to complete our stewardship work. We worked with the BLM San Joaquin River Gorge SRMA, State of California State Parks at Millerton Lake, Sierra National Forest, Sequoia National Forest, Mendocino National Forest, Tree Fresno,

Sierra Foothill Conservancy, United Trail Maintainers of California, San Joaquin River Trail Council, AmeriCorps, California Conservation Corps, Boy Scouts of America and Wilderness Outreach.

The volunteer Environmental Reclamation Team that concentrated on cleaning up illegal

marijuana grows worked with four partners; the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Army National Guard, Forest Service law enforcement officers and the Northern California Reclamation Coalition. We thank all of our partners for their support and look forward to their future support.

2015 Summary Stats

- 27 Events
- 404 Volunteers
- 11,102 Volunteer Hours
- \$250,350 of Value to Our Partners
- 16 Organizations Partnered With

Base Camps in 2015

Points of Interest

- 7 Base Camps in 2015
- \$82,578 of Value to Our Partners
- 6 Organizations Partnered With on Projects.



Courtright Crew with REI Stewards Shirts

We had seven base camps in 2015 including 130 volunteers putting in 3,662 hours with a value of \$82,578. Here are some highlights and statistics from each trip.

The San Joaquin River Trail Minarets Trip was a partnership with the San Joaquin River Trail Council. Using the Minarets work center as a base camp was wonderful and we hope to continue with this practice in the future. We look forward to future collaboration with the SJRTC.

Stats: 22 people attended resulting in 544 hours of work resulting in more than one mile of new trail being created or reestablished.

The Florence Lake Trip The crew concentrated on two trails, the Florence Lake trail and the Dutch Lake trail. The High Sierra Pack Station called the Trail Crew and commented on the great work, stating that they are now willing to use the trail since the creek crossings have been improved.

Stats: 496 hours of work, 5 miles of rocks on the trail were removed, 1,550' of brushing, 12 rock steps were built, 4 creek crossings were improved and 63 cu ft. of crush was created to improve trail.

The Big Meadows Trip was popular as usual with the crews working further away from camp. The crew concentrated on four trails: Rowell Meadow, Fox Meadows, Marvin Pass and Jennie Lake. Sequoia National Forest also supplied one Wilderness Ranger and two interns that assisted on this trip.

Stats: 6 trees were removed from the trail. 3.75 miles of rocks on the trail were removed, 73 water bars were cleaned, and 6 built. 18 drains were built. 11 rock steps were created.

The Courtright Trip was much better than last year, we did not get snowed out! REI showed up to give out T-shirts and to present a \$15,000 donation to the HSVTC. The crew concentrated on three trails: the Cliff Bridge Trail, Cliff Lake Trail, and Krogen Trail to the Lake. (Named after Trail Crew's Founder Shane Krogen)

Stats: 43 people attended resulting in 1,177 hours of work. 39 water bars were cleaned, 6 were built. 1.5 miles of trail was reestablished and 247' of reroute covered.

The Cannel Meadow Trip was a collaboration with the United Trail Maintainers of California in the Sequoia National Forest. The crew operated out of the

historic Cannell Cabin. The crew concentrated on the Little Cannell Meadow Trail. Crews worked with horses and on foot using cross cut saws, chainsaws and loppers. This was a great collaboration and we look forward to more of the same. Stats: 58 trees were removed from the trail, 1.5 mile of brushing was finished. 765 feet of trail was reestablished and 585 feet of trail reroutes were covered.

The Camp Nelson Trip This trip is a continuation of work on the Camp Nelson Trail. The crew concentrated on two trails, the Quaking Aspen trail and the Summit trail. This was a great trip and all in attendance had a great time.

Stats: 1523' of brushing was completed. Rock was removed from 50' of trail and 25 trees were removed. 18 water bars were cleaned, 7 were built. 50 feet of check damming was created and 35' of trail was reestablished.

The Mendocino Travelers Home Trip was the furthest trip from our home base. The trip was a collaboration with a Mendocino Forest Fire crew that used chain saws to clear fallen trees from the trail. The crew concentrated on restoring damage to the Travelers Home Trail, impacted by a recent fire.

Stats: 50 trees were removed, 8 switchbacks were created totaling 250 feet. 8 rock steps were created, 3 miles of trail was reestablished and 100 feet of reroute were covered.

All of the trips were a great success this year and we thank all that attended, their stewardship is an inspiration to us all. The public has safer and more accessible trails due to these efforts.



Camp Nelson Crew

Volunteer Spotlight

Points of Interest

- Volunteer of the Year
Dave Brown
- Matching Campaign
until March 31st
- Workplace matching
bringing in big money

Crew Leaders who helped on trips this year were Tom Williams, Rick Chappell, Tony

Cortez, Phillip Edwards and Jim Wall. They did a great job and we really appreciate their efforts. We definitely could not have had successful trips without the leadership and effort of these people. Brian Fagundes our Programs Manager was instrumental in helping out this year. He went on numerous trips, loaded an unknown amount of trucks and equipment and all around helped with everything that needed to be done. The Cooking Crew included Dave Brown, Marlane Fleming, Brian Fagundes and

Eme Haas. Bob Geerts has been around all year, helping with the everyday operations at the Willow Lodge. Our Volunteer of the Year is Dave Brown. He cooked for four back Packing Trips last year, two Base Camp events and one event at Willow Lodge. He logged 364 hours of volunteer time and countless more valuable hours in trip preparations. Dave has been with the Trail Crew for at least ten years and is tireless in his help for the organization. He plans on coming back in 2016 to cook



Dave Brown

for more trips. Dave is a huge part of the success of the operation. Without people like him we would not make it. Thanks for all of the hard work Dave.

Fundraising Update

Donate Today, you can Double Your Money due to a matching grant from Eric Hanson up to \$6,000 until March 31st and get a tax write off. We are a 501c3 nonprofit, ID # 57-114790. You can donate on-line at www.trailcrew.org or mail a check to HSVTC at 2020 E. Birkhead, Fresno, CA 93730



REI Representative Lindsey Hubert Roberts

Fundraising is something that all non profits have to do in order to continue operations. We are no different and encourage everyone to donate, including our volunteers. There is a lot of overhead costs that come before and after the trips

such as logistics planning, grant maintenance and acquisition, equipment costs, vehicle costs and all other costs you would think of for a business. We require staff to run the organization with 25 plus trips. We are going to have two fundrais-

ing campaigns this year. One matching campaign from January through March and one from October through December. We were able to raise \$8,000 including matching funds in 2015. In 2016 we hope to raise \$10,000 through the two campaigns. The Save Mart Shares Program raised \$120 in 2015. If we are able to hand out more cards and people use them we should be able to get at least \$180 in 2016. The employer matching programs that are available are a great way to go. We earned about \$10,500 in 2015 and would like to increase this

number to \$13,000 in 2016. This is a great program. Get your employer to support Trail Crew. Fundraising can also be in-kind items, if you know someone who has a truck they want to donate, equipment, food or other useful things. If they are donated that means we do not need to buy them. We hope to have our web based shop up and running in 2016 to sell items to the general public that should generate some income as well. All of your donations make a big difference, they add up quickly. Thank you for all of your donations in 2015 and we hope to see more in 2016.

2015 Back Packing Trips

Points of Interest

- 6 Back Packing Trips in 2015
- \$76,986 of Value to Our Partners
- 3 Trips Canceled Due to Water and Fire Concerns

We had six Back Packing trips in 2015 including 58 volunteers putting in 3,414 hours with a value of \$76,986. We would have had even more trips but 3 trips were canceled due to lack of water or fire danger. We have included some of the stats from the trips equaling a huge amount of work.

The Manter Trip was located in the Sequoia National Forest. This trip was a Wilderness Outreach private trip that is a continuation of the work on the Manter Fire area. The trails are being lost due to downed trees and brush encroachment. The crew camped at Trout Creek. HSVTC was helped on this project by the United Trail Maintainers of California who organized nine people to volunteer their horses and mules to get the crew's food and tools in and out from the trail head. We would like to thank the volunteers for their animals and efforts in support of this trip, their efforts represent a huge savings to the Trail Crew. Stats: 17 people volunteered 796 hours. 450 feet of major brushing was cut 29 12"-24" Diameter trees and 30 24" - 48" diameter trees were removed from the trail.

The Ansel Adams Trip was located in the Sierra National Forest. This trip is a continua-

tion of the work being done in the Hemlock crossing area. The crew concentrated on the trail heading south.

Stats: 8 people volunteered 336 hours. 120' of minor brushing, 1 mile of rocks on the trail were removed, 15 water bars were cleaned, 7 created, 6 check dams were built, and 4 rock steps were built. 12 dips were cleaned and 3 were built. 45' of trail burm was removed, 40' of two foot high rock wall was built and 20' of trail was reestablished and the reroute covered.

The California Riding and Hiking Trail Trip # 1 was located in the Sierra National Forest. This was a Wilderness Outreach private trip that was a continuation of a project to fix safety issues with the Fernandez Trail. The crew concentrated on the trail heading up to Fernandez Pass. This project consisted of heavy rock work, moving large slabs and building steps. Everyone who travels this section of the trail will be impressed by the technical rock work. Stats: 8 people volunteered 712 hours. 11 steps were built, 130' of 18" or larger rocks were removed from the trail, 1 large boulder was demolished in place to create a step and 1 rock wall was created. 70' of badly eroded trail was filled with crush equaling at least 1 cubic yard of crush.

The Long Meadow Trip was located in the Sequoia National Forest. The crew operated out of the Shake Camp trail head. The crew concentrated on the Long Meadow trail. Stats: 4 people



Cora Lakes Crew

volunteered 252 hours. 755 feet of minor brushing and 60' of major brushing were finished. 25 trees were removed from the trail. 4 miles of rocks on the trail were removed. 9 water bars were cleaned, and 1 was built. 46 dips were built. 1 rock step was created. 265' of trail berm and 20 feet of trail sluffing were removed. 185' of trail was reestablished and 100' of reroute covered.

The Cora Lakes Trip was located in the Sierra National Forest. The crew camped at Cora Lake and concentrated on two trails, the Isberg and the Chetwood. This was a great trip with people coming from all over the US to attend. A mother and son had car trouble on their way to the trip and were picked up in Bakersfield by another volunteer heading for another trip. They were able to make the trip. This type of flexibility and support for each other make working with vol-

unteers great. Stats: 10 people volunteered 478 hours. 14 trees were removed. 26 water bars cleaned, 6 rock and 2 wood water bars were created. 1 drain, 5 steps and 3 dips built and 1 dip cleaned. 30' of trail berm removed. 45' of rock walls built. 320' of trail reestablished and 450' of trail reroutes were covered.

California Riding and Hiking Trip # 2 was located in the Sierra National Forest. This was another Wilderness Outreach private trip that was a continuation of California Riding and Hiking #1 trip. The crew continued to concentrate on the trail heading up to Fernandez pass. Stats: 11 people volunteered 840 hours. 5 water bars and 2 dips were built. 23 rock steps were created. Approximately 225 cubic feet of fill material was used. 108' of rock wall was constructed along with a new switchback.



California Riding and Hiking #1 Wilderness Outreach Crew

2015 Day Events

Points of Interest

- 13 Day Events
- \$45,303 of Value to Our Partners
- Partnered with 9 Organizations

There were 13 Day events in 2015 involving 205 volunteers that volunteered 2,009 hours. We worked with three volunteer groups for six partners. The work had a value of \$45,303 to our partners.

State of California Millerton lake wall project. Rock was collected from an area below the high water mark on the lake and moved a half mile by boat to a pickup that moved the rock to a staging area below the high water mark. The rock will be moved to the wall construction area after the water rises by boat. The crew kept stacking rocks on the pontoon boat until it become submerged. Great time had by all riding on the submarine. Stats:10 volunteers volunteered 256 hours to move 27 cubic feet of 6" to 24" diameter rock.

Sierra Foothill Conservancy March. The HSVTC provided tools, supplies and leaders for the Sierra Foothill Conservancy project. Students from Fresno State University volunteered to repair and maintain trails on the Ruth McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve. Stats:25 students volunteered 150 hours. The crew removed 150' of small rocks from the trail and 800' of trail was reestablished, 20' of minor brush was removed.

BLM San Joaquin Gorge Ramp Project. The crew op-

erated out of the San Joaquin River Gorge pole barn. The AmeriCorps crew was led by the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew leaders to address a safety concern related to a 3' drop off on the San Joaquin River Trail. Stats: The crew constructed a 3' high 3' wide 9' long ramp out of stone and crushed rock over a four day period.

Trout Fest assisting California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The crew helped park 320 cars for the event. The parking was a great success. 4 HSVTC volunteers and 6 Fraternity brothers from Fresno State volunteered 40 hours on this project.

Neon Vibe 5K fundraising activity for HSVTC, we were able to raise \$1,450 from this activity. Stats:18 people volunteered two days totaling 136 hours to help set-up and support the race event.

BLM San Joaquin Gorge Discovery Trail and Dome. The crew operated out of the BLM San Joaquin Gorge visitor Center. The crew built a ADA nature trail through a wild grape area where a 20' diameter dome trellis made of rebar was built. The trail was built through the mini amphitheater learning area under the dome. 4 BLM employees and a CCC crew were led by HSVTC volunteers. Stats: 17 volunteers worked 197 hours on this project and 130' of trail was created.

Fancher Creek. This is a continuing project in partnership with Tree Fresno. The crew concentrated on the Sunnyside Bridal Path from Butler Ave. Stats:1,270 feet of minor brushing and 50 feet of major brushing was accomplished.

BLM San Joaquin Gorge Nature Trail Project. This trip was a collaborative effort



Sierra Foothill Conservancy March crew

between the BLM, HSVTC and Boy Scout Troop #301. 13 Scouts and 7 leaders assisted 2 HSVTC leaders with trail building and maintenance on the 1/4 mile long Nature Trail near the equestrian area. At the visitor center, the nature path was lined with rocks and the terraced benches in the dome trellis area were finished. Stats: 15 scouts and leaders volunteered 151 hours. A 1/4 mile of tread was cleared of debris, 20' of minor brushing, 100' of pole sawing, 60' of trail re-established, 50' of old trail re-naturalized. 500 pounds of rock was moved from an off-site location to trail area, 50' of trail sluffing was re-graded.

Sierra Foothill Conservancy October. The HSVTC provided tools, supplies and leaders for the Sierra Foothill Conservancy project. Students from Fresno State University representing multiple clubs and groups volunteered to repair

and maintain trails on the Ruth McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve. Stats: 46 students volunteered 307 hours. The crew reestablished .75 miles of trail, rocked and removed plant duff for 1 mile, completed 25' of minor brushing, removed 1,000' of trail sloughing, and removed 5 trees that had fallen across the trail

Sierra Foothill Conservancy November The HSVTC provided tools, supplies and leaders for the Sierra Foothill Conservancy project. Students from Fresno State University volunteered to repair and maintain trails on the Ruth McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve. Stats: 43 students volunteered 278 hours. The crew removed 250' of small rocks and 1000' of trail sluffing from the tread. 20' of minor brush, and 10' of major brush was removed. 1 switchback wall was repaired and 6 switchbacks were reestablished. 300' of new trail was built, 1200' of trail was reestablished, and 200' of reroutes were covered.



Millerton lake Crew

Awards and Recognition

Points of interest

- Over \$42,000 Raised
- \$4,600 Donated by the General Public
- 14 Outstanding Volunteers Recognized

We had our first annual Supporters and Volunteer Recognition Party in December. The following groups of people were recognized by the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew as outstanding. Without all of your help we would be unable to fulfill our mission!

Supporter Awards:

REI- Fresno \$15,000

Supporter Certificates:

Soararsis Group \$5,000

Hanson Death March \$4,400

Eric & Darlene Hanson \$7,500

Thomas Mullholland \$4,400

Michael Fleming \$3,000

Phillip Edwards \$2,000

Supporter Contributions:

General Public \$4,600

Corporate Matching:

Boeing \$3,000

Bank of America \$2,000

Agilent Technology , Save Mart Shares, United Way

In Kind Contributions:

John Brelsford \$2,000

Outstanding Volunteers:

Jim Wall 173 hours

Kurt Pennington 95 hours

Dennis Billings 200 hours

Ramiro Figueroa 95 hours

Tom Williams 90 hours

Rick Chappell 95 hours

Dave Brown 364 hours

Bob Geerts 1084 hours

Seth Hensley 616 hours

Kevin Mayer Fab work

Outstanding Supporters/ Volunteers:

Phillip Edwards

John Tangenburg

William Akey

Ron Nichols

Outstanding Partners:

BLM

Sierra National Forest

Sequoia National Forest

Inyo National Forest

Mendocino National Forest

California State Parks

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Sierra Foothill Conservancy

Herberger and Company

Special Award:

Susan Burkindine for 15 years of outstanding partnership and service on behalf of Sierra National Forest with HSVTC.

Office and Equipment Projects



The Yeti:

Work on the Yeti continues as we hope to install a tank-less water heater, 12 volt pump, exhaust fans and a generator box under the truck. We also want to add LED lighting, batteries and 120 volt lighting.



Willow Lodge:

We need to paint the exterior of the building, repair the decks and fight the constant attack of woodpeckers. In 2016 we are going to replace a number of the kitchen appliances with the help of CDF&W. Trees need to be trimmed to keep the shade from covering the solar panels.



Trailers Donated by Lyon's Transportation:

We need to finish organizing the tool and storage areas in each trailer. The trailers need to be moved to create a covered area between the trailers and to ease access.



Base Camp trailer to augment the Yeti when we are over-booked. We want to create a small version of the Yeti with all of the cooking equipment, tools, etc. that can go on smaller base camps when we have two trips going at once. The entire inside needs to be designed and built.

Grants ,Supporters & Partners Update

Points of Interest

- Tioga-Sequoia BC Partners with HSVTC
- More grants, partners and supporters in 2016
- Possible Lost Coast Trail, Los Padres NF and Eldorado NF trail work
- 34 trips planned for 2016

Please continue to support our mission! With your help we are gaining volunteer, financial and professional supporters every-day. The number of grants, supporters and partners have increased from 2015 to 2016.

2015 Grants and supporters Recreational Equipment Incorporated, Hansen’s Death March, Eric Hansen, Phillip Edwards, Mike Fleming, Soararsis group, Save Mart Shares, Boeing and others.

2015 Partners: BLM, USFS, California State Parks, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Tree Fresno.

2016 Grant applications: National Forest Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Cliff Bar, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Recreational Equipment Inc., American Hiking Society, and others.

Supporters we plan to work with in 2016: Tioga-Sequoia Brewing Company, Hanson’s Death March, Eric Hanson, Phillip Edwards, Soararsis group, Save Mart Shares, Boeing, Sierra Club.

Partners that we will be working with in 2016: BLM, USFS, California State Parks,



AmeriCorps Crew

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sierra Foothill Conservancy, Tree Fresno, SJRTC, United Trail Maintainers of California.



BLM day trip crew BSA Troop #301

We are hoping for lots of snow in 2016. The High Sierra need the snow to help with the

drought conditions that California has been experiencing. Lots of snow may present us with problems accessing the high country and lots of rain

2016 Trips

may effect access to low elevation areas.

Trips planned for 2016 include 14 back packing (bp) trips, 10 base camps (bc) and at least 10-15 day trips (dt)

New trips being negotiated for next year include Redwoods State Park Lost Coast Trail bc, Eldorado National Forest bc & bp, Los Padres National Forest bc, location TBD, Southern Sierra PCT bp, Northern Sierra PCT bp

and 5 San Joaquin River Trail bc above Redinger Lake.

Returning back packing trips. CR&H#1 & 2, Ansel Adams1 & 2, Golden Trout Wilderness 1 & 2, Long Meadow, and Manter.

Returning Base Camp trips. Mendocino National Forest, Camp Nelson, Big Meadows, Courtright and Florence. A list of confirmed trips will be up on the web site by February 15th. It is likely that the list will increase as the year moves forward.

Future Plans

Fundraising: We will be having two matching fundraising campaigns per year, one from January through March 31st and one from October through December. Your support for these campaigns makes a huge difference in our funding.

Staffing Changes: Brian Fagundes has been given the po-

sition of Programs Manager and will be working full time for the trail crew.

We plan to hire at least one seasonal trail lead, have at least two interns and share an employee and our resources in a **partnership with the BLM San Joaquin River Gorge.**

Tioga-Sequoia Brewing Company has made a pledge of \$15,000 to support the Trail Crew and is planning on sponsoring a trip and possibly having a fundraising event on our behalf. Their staff and fan base support our mission. We are looking forward to great things coming out of this partnership.



Brian Fagundes

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Rocking it since 1998



Meet our Programs Manager, Brian Fagundes



Hello All!

I am Brian, the new Programs Manager for HSVTC. I would like to introduce myself and give a little background on how I came to be a part of this organization. Hopefully it will inspire more people to join our community of land stewards, outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers.

I was born and raised in Hanford, California with the majestic High Sierra crest line of Sequoia National Park to the east. As I watched the sun rise up over those mountains I felt

their calling always. Filled with a passion to be outdoors from a young age, I set off for college yearning to learn about our planet and how people have come to call it their home. With a B.S. in Wildlife Conservation and Biology and a B.A. in Geography from Humboldt State University, I have accrued many years of wonderful experiences both in school and in jobs working for the United States Forest Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and numerous environmental and social organizations.

I started volunteering with HSVTC after my senior year of high school and attempted to join as many trips as were possible between school and work each summer. Shane Krogen opened his arms and heart to us volunteers and instilled in

Our Mission is: "To develop and empower volunteers of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds to enjoy in the participation of preservation and stewardship, and restoration of our public lands and facilities"

We have been working on trails in the Sierra mountain range of California since 1998. We have repaired and constructed countless miles of trails, repaired structures and cleaned up tons of trash on your Public lands.

Please support our efforts to keep doing good work, visit our web site for more information about our organization. Volunteer, get out there and experience the great outdoors with like minded people that want to give back and preserve our public lands.

me a passion for trail stewardship on our public lands. As an avid backpacker I quickly learned the connection between well maintained trails and a better, safer outdoor experience. The issue was finding well maintained trails! Many regions of our public lands lack adequate trail maintenance due to a variety of reasons.

HSVTC provides an opportunity to connect people with the outdoors and nature while providing beneficial services for our public lands. By teaching volunteers how to be land stewards, we are able to assist in vital trail maintenance that keeps our public lands accessible and safe. Engaging individuals to join together to form communities of volunteerism and service is a beautiful and empowering process.

That is why I am here. I desire to help our organization provide excellent experiences for our volunteers while meeting the needs of our public lands. Through activities that involve people of all ages and backgrounds, I hope to inspire others to find their passions and develop a deeper connection with the planet we live on. By working together as a team in the outdoors, enjoying each other's company and developing stewardship skills in the process, we grow closer to nature and all that it provides us.

I am honored and proud to be a member of the High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew. I hope you join me on an adventure of a lifetime. I look forward to the beautiful sunrises over the Sierra with the Crew.

Happy Trails!