



# 2019 Wilderness Stewardship Volunteer Opportunities

Gifford Pinchot National Forest –Mount Adams Ranger District



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## South Climb Training Weekend

This is our busiest section of wilderness and a major program focus area where we can always use assistance. While technical mountaineering is not required for this area, patrols do require additional skills and considerations. The focus of this weekend is to provide a starting point for joining rangers on the mountain.



We will cover:

- the basics of snow travel and self-arrest
- our visitor education, safety and interpretive program for the mountain
- search and rescue
- low-angle rope rescue
- standard monitoring and reporting



**Distance and physicality:** 4-6 miles, 2000' elevation gain, strenuous

**Other Requirements:** Limited space is available. The training will take place around the 7000' level and camping may be on snow at this time of year. Please bring your own overnight gear, water and food. We can provide crampons, ice ax, and other mountain gear.

## Campsite Monitoring Training Day

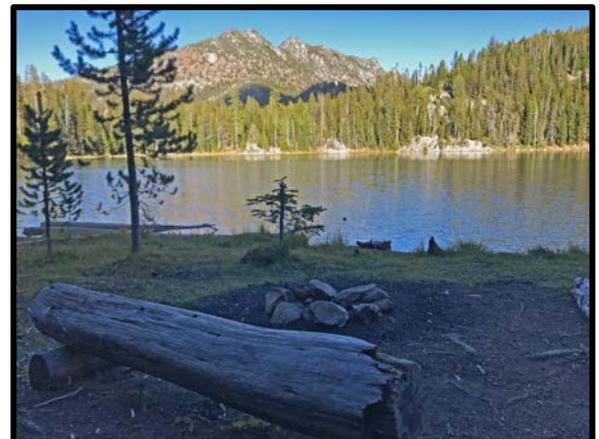
This year we will be completing an updated campsite condition survey for all of our wilderness areas. This involves revisiting previously visited sites and searching for newly established campsites. This training will go over the protocol, technology, and process for this effort. The training commitment and data quality requirements for this project mean that we are asking for a commitment of **5 days** to this effort over the field season. Surveys will be completed working with a ranger to cover an area. Days can be scheduled throughout the summer on both weekends and weekdays.



**Distance:** 6-7 Miles Round Trip, minimal elevation gain

**Physicality:** Moderate

**Other Requirements:** Please bring your own lunch, water and sunscreen.



## Mount Adams Wilderness Boundary Sign Collection

Every winter we mark a section of the Mount Adams Wilderness Boundary with PVC snow pole signs to reduce motorized incursions into the wilderness. Every summer when the snow has melted we have to collect those signs and store them for the following winter. We bring the whole wilderness ranger crew out for this and it is always a good time. As an added benefit the wildflowers and view along this stretch of trail are quite nice.

**Distance:** 6-7 Miles Round Trip, minimal elevation gain

**Physicality:** Moderate

**Other Requirements:** Please bring your own lunch, water and sunscreen.



## Invasive Species Monitoring and Treatment

This will be the third year we have treated populations of invasive thistles in portions of Mount Adams burned in the 2013 Cascade Creek Fire. Treatments thus far have been successful, but more follow through is needed to fully eradicate these populations. These efforts are also producing effectiveness monitoring which is important to building management strategies and funding support for further actions on other invasive populations. Most of the work will be along the trail corridor, but off trail. There is little canopy in these burn area, so you should be prepared for sun and heat.

We have scheduled the following dates and locations:

**Salt Creek: 8/7**

Distance: 2-4 Miles Round Trip, minimal elevation gain

**Pacific Crest Trail: 8/18**

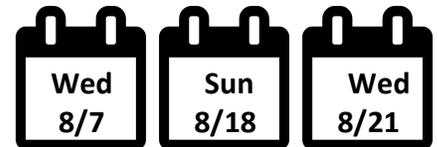
Distance: 4-6 Miles Round Trip, 1200' elevation gain

**Shorthorn Trail: 8/21**

Distance: 3-5 Miles Round Trip, minimal elevation gain

**Physicality:** Moderate

**Other Requirements:** Please bring your own lunch, water and sunscreen. Please bring work gloves if you have them, and if not we can provide some.



### Killen Creek Falls Restoration (tentative)

This would involve beginning restoration at a site near Killen Creek Falls along the PCT. This site is undesirable due to its proximity to water and the PCT. The work will involve signing the site as closed and moving debris into the site to discourage ongoing use. This will set the stage for future efforts at this location once we are confident that we can keep people off the site.

**Distance:** 8 Miles Round Trip, 1600' elevation gain

**Physicality:** Demanding, as this will require moving large woody debris and rocks.

**Other Requirements:** Please bring your own overnight gear, water and food. Please bring work gloves if you have them, and if not we can provide some.



### South Climb Trail Guidepost

We will be repairing and replacing several trail guideposts along the South Climb trail between 6000' and 7600' in elevation. These guideposts have proven to reduce the number of search and rescues for lost climbers.

**Distance:** 6-8 Miles Round Trip, 1400' to 2600' elevation gain

**Physicality:** Demanding, as this will require moving large rocks.

**Other Requirements:** Please bring your own overnight gear, water and food. Please bring work gloves if you have them, and if not we can provide some.



### South Climb End-of-Season Takedown

Wrapping up our season we often have a fair amount of gear to pull down from the mountain. Many hands make for light work, and this workday involves hiking up the mountain, filling your pack with some gear and hiking down. A fun day trip out with friends up to 7000' – 9000' to bring down gear.

**Distance:** 6-8 Miles Round Trip, 1400' to 2600' elevation gain

**Physicality:** Demanding

**Other Requirements:** Please bring your own lunch, water and sunscreen. Need to have familiarity with crampon and ice ax use. Weather is anyone's guess this time of year, could be glorious; could be terrible.

