



# PACC 2023 Annual Report

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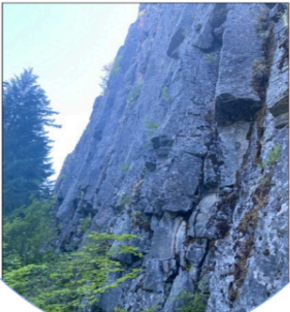


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# Our Mission

The Portland Area Climbers Coalition (PACC) is a local affiliate of the Access Fund and works with land managers to preserve access to more than 30 climbing crags within a two-hour drive of Portland. It also replaces old bolts, upgrades anchors and does trail maintenance at these crags.

**Klinger Spring and Pete's Pile  
Climbing Area Stabilization Proposal**  
**Mt. Hood National Forest - Barlow District**



Access



Rebolting



Trails

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## A message from the chair

Who, What, Why? and, What Can I Do?

Those are the questions we are most often asked as board members of the Portland Area Climbers Coalition (PACC). Here are my answers.

Who are we? We are local climbers who really appreciate the fact that we have local climbing areas. We want to make sure those climbing areas are taken care of so we can climb there now, and the next generation of climbers has equal or better access. That's it. We are local climbers who care about the future of local climbing and protecting those climbing areas takes a community.

What do we do? We create and maintain relationships with local land managers as well as larger national organizations. We are the point of contact for the Access Fund, the American Safe Climbing Association (ASCA) and many, if not most local land managers in the Portland metro area. That means when someone in the Portland metro area contacts the Access Fund or the ASCA or one of our many local land managers with a question about a local crag we are likely to get that question.

Why do we need PACC, doesn't the Access Fund do this? The Access Fund is great, and they do the best they can for climbers everywhere in the United States, however the reality is that the Access Fund has limited resources and they rely on local community knowledge and involvement for local actions. We are 100% focused on the Portland metro area. Nobody knows our choss like we know our choss.

Many times, the follow up question is what can I do or how can I help? If you are reading this you are in the minority of local climbers that know PACC exists so the easy answer is spread the word. It may not seem like much but the simple act of spreading the word is quite profound. The more people that PACC is in contact with and can represent, the more meaningful our voice as a community is when we are working with land managers. You can also join us on one of our upcoming trail days throughout the year, lastly your support is what makes the work we do possible.

With gratitude,

Mark Daverin



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## Our Work

### Access to crags

#### Overview

There are more than 30 crags within a two-hour drive of Portland and only eight of those have the official permission of the land owners to climb there. PACC is working to get more land managers to grant permission to climb at crags in the local area, hopefully securing climbing access for the indefinite future.

#### Project Highlight

There are several climbing crags in Mount Hood National Forest and they are not currently officially recognized by the Mount Hood Forest Service. The Mount Hood Forest Service Recreation Plan was written more than 30 years ago and speaks to activities like hiking, mountain biking, fishing, camping and hunting, but there is no mention of climbing.

This summer, PACC, along with the Access Fund, had several meetings with Mount Hood Forest Service personnel to talk about getting climbing recognized as a legitimate activity in Mount Hood National Forest. There were several positive outcomes from the meetings.

1. Klinger Spring crag would be used as a pilot project
2. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PACC and the Mount Hood Forest Service was signed, outlining the roles and responsibilities of each party.
3. A volunteer agreement between PACC and the Mount Hood Forest Service was signed, allowing for PACC to perform trail maintenance on the trail leading to Klinger Spring as well as the trail at the base of the crag.
4. The Mount Hood Forest Service will initiate a National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) study to assess any archeological or botanical concerns. The NEPA may take upwards of a year to complete, which will be required before PACC can officially do trail maintenance at Klinger.

All in all these were very positive developments on the access to crags front.

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## Rebolting and Anchor Upgrades

### Rebolting overview

PACC has been working on developing a sustainable rebolting program. In the past, rebolting was primarily done by cutting off the old bolt and then drilling a new hole and putting in a new bolt. Over time the crag begins to look like swiss cheese, and the integrity of the rock can be compromised. By removing the old bolt and reusing the existing hole, the visual and structural impact to the rock is minimized.

### Project highlight

Last spring PACC held its first rebolting clinic. Andy from PACC and Steve from the High Desert Alliance taught 13 volunteers the dark arts of sustainable rebolting.

Over the remainder of the summer PACC volunteers replaced 30 bolts at Klinger Spring, Broughton, Ozone, and Rat Cave.

*Steve demonstrating the removal of a wedge bolt at the rebolting clinic:*



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## Overview - Anchor Upgrades

In 2018 the AAC recommended lowering off single pitch climbs at a crag rather than rappelling. Replacing rap rings with mussy hooks or steel carabiners makes the lowering off process safer and quicker. PACC has been working to replace old anchor setups with new ASCA-supplied stainless steel quicklinks, Mussy hooks and carabiners.

### Project Highlight

Over the last three years PACC has facilitated upgrading the anchors at Ozone, replacing rap rings with steel carabiners. To date, 73 climbs have been outfitted with new anchors. Between PACC and Kevin Evansen, who has installed several sets of Mussy hooks, nearly all the climbs at Ozone have been upgraded with lower offs.

*New anchor bolts and Mussy hooks installed on Numb Nuts at Ozone:*



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## Trail Maintenance

### Overview - Trail Maintenance

Trail maintenance is an essential part of keeping our crags safe and controlling erosion. PACC organizes trail maintenance parties to work on trails where we have the permission of landowners to climb, such as Broughton. PACC has a tool cache that is available to climbers to do trail maintenance at other crags.

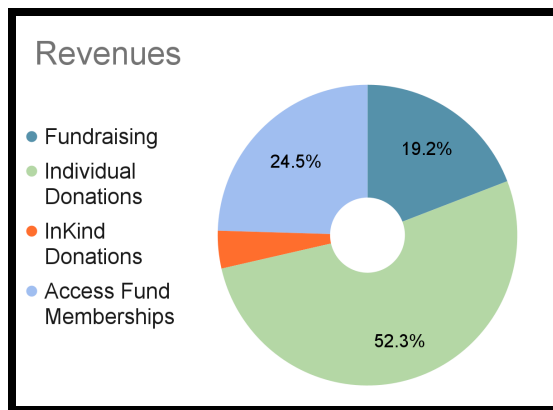
### Project Highlight

One of the PACC trail work parties at Broughton focused on improving the trail between the Red Wall and the Jungle Cliff. Rock steps were cut and installed, the outer edge of some sections of the trail were reinforced to prevent erosion and sections of the trail were widened by cutting back vegetation and regrading the trail.

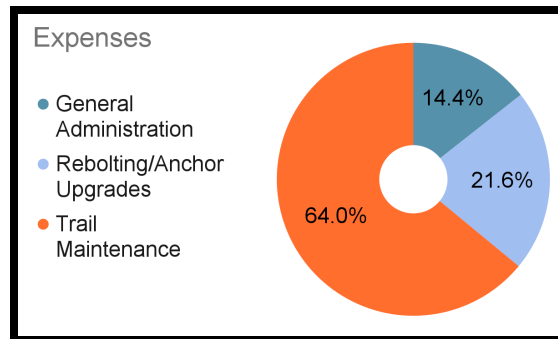
*Repurposing a fallen tree to shore up the trail:*



## By the numbers



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| Fundraising.....             | \$710          |
| Individual Donations.....    | \$1,937        |
| InKind Donations.....        | \$150          |
| Access Fund Memberships..... | \$909          |
| <b>Total.....</b>            | <b>\$3,706</b> |



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| General Administration.....  | \$315          |
| Rebolting/Anchor Upgrades... | \$473          |
| Trail Maintenance.....       | \$1,042        |
| <b>Total.....</b>            | <b>\$1,830</b> |

**208 volunteer trail maintenance hours**

**58 volunteer hours spent improving access to crags**

**59 volunteer hours spent replacing 27 bolts**

**15 volunteer hours upgrading 15 anchors**



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## Thank you for your support in 2023!

PACC is a registered 501(C)3 NonProfit. It is run by an all-volunteer board and all donations are used for our programs including preserving access to crags, replacing old bolts, upgrading anchors and doing trail maintenance.

### **\$501-\$1000**

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