Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Land and Water Conservation Fund
FY2014 Request
Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail

Total LWCF Request: $14,882,151

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California Desert Southwest

Project Details
LWCF Request: $4,745,000
Congressional District: CA-36, Representative Ruiz
Acres: 1813
Number of Tracts: 5
Acquiring Agencies: USFS & BLM

Project Descriptions:

Terwilliger (USFS) - This 636.6-acre parcel located next to the Pacific Crest Trail needs to be preserved as open space and set aside for public use. Currently, the PCT crosses adjacent to the southwest and through the northwest corner of the property. This property is integral to the eventual relocation of the PCT according to the completed Optimal Location Review for the area. This privately held parcel is within the Anza Borrego Desert State Park checkerboard of properties, which have increasingly been developed for housing and other uses.

Pine Mountain (USFS) - The Pine Mountain parcel is located within the PCT viewshed on the stretch of trail known as the Desert Divide. This parcel is surrounded by USFS land and is one of the few remaining tracts of private land located within the southern part of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument that is not held by the USFS, BLM or Indian reservation.

Santa Rosa / San Jacinto and Whitewater Area of Critical Environmental Concern (BLM) - These three tracts totaling 533 acres are within the Whitewater Area of Critical Environmental Concern, the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. This is a difficult area with development pressures as the PCT crosses under I-10, a railroad and other secondary roads.

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Threats to the Landscape: Agricultural conversion, residential development, visual intrusion, loss of public access and loss of habitat for threatened and endangered species.

Partner Contributions: Over the past 10 years, the Pacific Crest Trail Association has provided 763,000 volunteer hours worth $15,500,000 as well as $7,600,000 in private dollars raised to benefit the trail - a total contribution of $23,100,000. Friends of Desert Mountain pre-purchased the Pine Mountain parcel and is holding it for federal acquisition. Anza-Borrego Foundation contributed $40,000 and PCTA contributed $15,000 in FY12 to purchase an important 40-acre parcel in the Anza Borrego Desert State Park checkerboard. In Terwilliger Valley there is a mix of CA State Park lands, BLM ownership and USFS rights of way, along with lands purchased by the Anza-Borrego Foundation. It is likely that all of these partners will continue to work on needed purchases in this area.
San Gorgonio Wilderness
California

**Project Details**
- **LWCF Request:** $750,000
- **Congressional District:** CA-08, Representative Cook
- **Acres:** 950
- **Number of Tracts:** 7
- **Acquiring Agency:** BLM

**Project Description:** The seven parcels and 950 acres that comprise the San Gorgonio Wilderness project area all lie within the Wilderness boundary. These parcels are part of the checkerboard of BLM and private lands within the BLM side of the Wilderness. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail travels directly across one of the parcels. The other lands are directly adjacent to the PCT and lie within the trail’s foreground. These parcels are part of a unique transition zone where the PCT moves from the hot desert of the Mission Creek area up to the cooler evergreen forests of the Big Bear Lake area.

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Agua Dulce and Soledad Canyon - The USFS Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail program has been active in acquiring tracts for a trail corridor through the small community of Agua Dulce located to the north of Los Angeles. This corridor would relocate the PCT off of a four-mile road walk, which has grown increasingly hazardous due to the substantial commercial and residential growth of this area. Several key parcels for the corridor have been purchased with previous PCT LWCF dedicated funding. The community of Agua Dulce has endorsed the trail corridor and has championed continued funding to develop the trail corridor and protect open space. Several more critical parcels remain to be purchased in the Agua Dulce-Soledad corridor to secure a protected trail corridor. Soledad is located just south of Agua Dulce. This corridor represents one of the few wildlife corridor links in the Santa Clara River system and links two separated areas of the Angeles National Forest.

Cajon Pass - The 161.63 acres that make up the Cajon parcels are located in Swarthout Canyon. Swarthout Canyon is critical to PCT long-distance hikers as it is the first possible camping location when travelling on the trail north from Interstate 15. These parcels are at the bottom of a long climb (if heading trail north on the PCT) and are visible for miles. These parcels are some of the few private parcels sprinkled amidst USFS lands and the trail noticeably and deliberately skirts around them as it winds its way up into the San Gabriel Mountains.

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Number of Tracts:  7  
Acquiring Agency:  BLM & USFS  

Project Descriptions:

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Baxter Property (BLM) - This 240-acre parcel is located 30 minutes from Ashland, Oregon, where the PCT crosses Interstate 5 at the Siskiyou Summit. As the PCT approaches the interstate crossing from the east, it traverses the parcel for over a mile. The property owner is interested in selling the parcel, and acquisition would further consolidate public ownership of the PCT corridor just outside the boundaries of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. Acquisition would also allow for a minor relocation of the PCT, thereby minimizing the necessary road walk on Highway 99 in order to cross underneath Interstate 5. In addition, the parcel contains one of the few year-round water sources on the PCT within the Bureau of Land Management's administrative boundaries.

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Meriwether Southern (BLM) - These parcels, totaling 814 acres, are located 30 minutes from Ashland, Oregon, immediately south of the Bureau of Land Management's Hyatt Lake Recreation Area. Approximately one and one half mile of the PCT is on or directly adjacent to the parcels. The property owner is interested in selling the parcel, and acquisition would further consolidate public ownership of the PCT corridor within the boundaries of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. This area of the PCT is especially popular as it is in close proximity to campgrounds within the Hyatt Lake Recreation Area.

Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Laminora and Orson Properties (BLM) - These parcels total 321 acres with the PCT directly adjacent to the northern boundary of the tract.
**Donomore Meadows (USFS)** – This 160-acre parcel is located just south of the California-Oregon state line, and is an inholding within the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest's administrative boundaries. Approximately half a mile of the PCT is directly adjacent to the parcel’s western edge. The parcel contains a system of idyllic mountain meadows that abound with wildflowers in early summer. At the south end of Donomore Meadows, the PCT crosses Donomore Creek on a simple footbridge (the northernmost water source on the PCT in California) and walks the western edge of the meadow crossing in and out of a mixed conifer forest. This parcel encompasses a large system of meadows historically used for grazing cattle. Acquisition of the parcel would protect both the views of the meadows from the PCT as well as the important water source flowing through the meadows.

**Brown Mountain (USFS)** - This property is part of a 103-acre inholding between the Fremont-Winema National Forest and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. The property owner is working with a developer to subdivide and sell off the property for private residences. While only 49 acres of the inholding are included here, the other owner involved has approached the forest about sale of that property, enabling the agency to consolidate land ownership here completely. At this time there are no easements in place to protect the visual character of the Pacific Crest Trail, and development of this inholding would degrade the integrity of the trail. This parcel is located within a one hour drive of Ashland, Medford and Klamath Falls, Oregon. The area serves as a gateway not only to the PCT, but also to the unique lava flows at Brown Mountain, Fish Lake, Fish Lake Resort as well as campgrounds and other trail opportunities. This area experiences heavy and varied recreation use all year, including significant horsecabck riding, backcountry skiing and snowshoeing. The high-elevation forest is comprised predominately of Shasta red fir and Ponderosa pine. Protecting the quality of this section of trail would promote community-based recreation and help to preserve one of the nation’s great recreation corridors. Acquiring this parcel would help to maintain the scenic integrity of the area.

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**Partner Contributions:** Over the past 10 years, the Pacific Crest Trail Association has provided 763,000 volunteer hours worth $15,500,000 as well as $7,600,000 in private dollars raised to benefit the trail - a total contribution of $23,100,000. BLM and the Pacific Forest Trust are actively seeking to consolidate land ownership in and around the newly formed Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, which has 30,000 acres of private land. BLM has acquired 5,700 acres so far, and the Pacific Forest Trust and the Conservation Fund have donated funds for acquisition. PCTA worked with BLM and shouldered the majority of the cost in purchasing a conservation easement in this project area, as has the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy for another tract. It is likely that these organizations will continue to contribute to the project.
Forests, which share a common border that runs north and south along the crest of the Cascade Range. The project area is located in eastern King County and western Kittitas County. King County, with a population of 1.8 million people, is the twelfth-most populous county in the United States. The area is heavily visited by the recreating public. It contains the headwaters of the Green River and a series of high mountain lakes, numerous streams and rivers, large stands of old growth, huckleberries and mountain meadows. The scenic views are among the most striking in the Cascade Range. The area also provides habitat for a variety of endangered species including grizzly bear, wolf, spotted owls, marbled murrelets, steelhead, salmon and bull trout. An abundance of other wildlife inhabit the area, including elk, deer, cougar, coyote, bobcat, and an occasional moose.

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This map depicts the approximate location of proposed acquisition for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail.

**References**

All Data: Forest Service, BLM

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**Legend**

- **FY2014 LWCF Request**
- **Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail**
- **Wilderness Boundary**
- **National Monument**
- **National Forest / National Forest Wilderness**
- **BLM / BLM Wilderness**
- **National Park / National Park Wilderness**
- **California State**
- **Tribal Lands**
- **Private**

**CALIFORNIA TRACTS**

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LWCF Collaborative Funding Proposal

MAP 1 OF 3

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**Legend**
- FY2014 LWCF Request
- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
- National Forest Boundary Dividing Rogue River - Siskiyou NF and Klamath NF
- Wilderness
- National Monument
- National Forest
- BLM
- Local Government
- Private

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- Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail
- National Monument
- Critical Habitat
- National Forest
- BLM
- Washington State
- Local Government
- Private

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