



MARIPOSA COUNTY

Board of Supervisors • (209) 966-3222



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-586

MEETING: December 11, 2018
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor
RE: Pacific Crest Trails Recognition Resolution

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the designation of the Pacific Crest Trail as a National Scenic Trail.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is a national Scenic Trail that spans 2,650 miles from the Mexican border near Campo, California, to the Canadian border. It received its designation as a National Scenic Trail with the implementation of the National Trails System Act of 1968 making 2018 its 50th Anniversary year.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Take no action and fail to recognize this significant milestone.

ATTACHMENTS:

Pacific Crest Trail Resolution (DOCX)
Pacific Crest Trail from Paul Smith, RCRC (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

AYES: Rosemarie Smallcombe, Merlin Jones, Marshall Long, Miles Menetrey

EXCUSED: Kevin Cann

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 18- 586

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
PACIFIC CREST TRAIL'S DESIGNATION AS A NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

WHEREAS, 2018 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE Pacific Crest Trail's designation as a National Scenic Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Crest Trail and the Appalachian Trail were the original two National Scenic Trails that were designated by the National Trails System Act of 1968, a bipartisan act of the United States Congress signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 2, 1968; and

WHEREAS, a trail between Mexico and Canada along the western mountains was first proposed by Clinton C. Clarke in 1932 and, thanks to the dedicated work of many thousands of volunteers, the Pacific Crest Trail route was officially completed in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Crest Trail spans 2,650 miles from the Mexican border near Campo, California, through Oregon, and to the Canadian border near Boundary Monument 78 in Washington, and generally runs along the high crests of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges; and

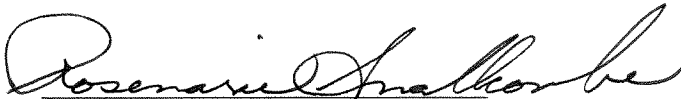
WHEREAS, the trail extends 1,692 miles through some of the most beautiful and wild parts of California and passes through 20 California counties, 5 California state parks, as well as national forests, national parks, national wilderness areas, national monuments, and private properties, as well as within 35 miles of over 800 small cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, the trail is open to the public for foot and equestrian travel hikers of all skill levels from day hikers to more than 5,000 thru-hikers who have completed the trail in a single trip, which can take 4 to 6 months; and

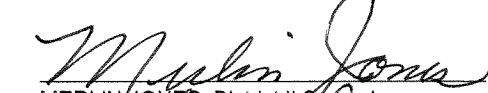
WHEREAS, the management and protection of the Trail is the responsibility of a partnership between the United States Forest Service and the Pacific Crest Trail Association, along with many other federal, state, and local agencies, and more than 2,000 volunteers who are experts in everything from trail building to tool maintenance and are devoted to maintaining and managing the trail for all to enjoy a closeness with nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes 2018 as the 50th anniversary of the designation of the Pacific Crest Trail as a National Scenic Trail, and urges all involved to continue to protect and preserve this world-renowned trail for the continued use and enjoyment of the public.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 11th day of December, 2018, by unanimous vote.


ROSEMARIE SMALLCOMBE, District I Supervisor


KEVIN CANN, District IV Supervisor


MERLIN JONES, District II Supervisor


MILES MENETREY, District V Supervisor


MARSHALL LONG, District III Supervisor



To: RCRC Board of Directors
From: Paul A. Smith, Vice President Governmental Affairs
Date: November 27, 2018
Re: 50th Anniversary of Pacific Crest Trail – **Informational Item**

Summary

This memo addresses the 50th anniversary of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). RCRC staff urges member counties to adopt county resolutions commemorating/recognizing the anniversary.

Background

2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the PCT's designation as a National Scenic Trail. The PCT is one of the original two National Scenic Trails in the nation, along with the Appalachian Trail, that were designated by the National Trails System Act of 1968. The PCT route was officially completed in 1993.

The PCT spans 2,650 miles from the Mexican border near Campo, California, to the Canadian border near Boundary Monument 78 in Washington, and generally runs along the high crests of the Sierra Nevada and Cascade mountain ranges, crossing diverse landscapes in California, Oregon, and Washington. About half the trail is in designated wilderness.

The PCT extends 1,692 miles through five California state parks, as well as national forests, national parks, national wilderness areas, national monuments, and private properties. The trail runs through 20 California counties, including the following RCRC member counties: Alpine, El Dorado, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tulare, and Tuolumne.

The PCT is open to the public for foot and equestrian travel, and is popular with day hikers and backpackers and other outdoor recreationists. More than 5,000 thru-hikers have completed the trail in a single trip, which can take four-to-six months.

The management and protection of the PCT is the responsibility of a partnership between the United States Forest Service and the Pacific Crest Trail Association, along with many other federal, state, and local agencies; and countless volunteers devoted to maintaining and managing the trail for all to enjoy.

Issue

While the PCT has been an actively-used trail since the 1930s, it received a federal designation as a National Scenic Trail with the National Trails System Act signed by President Lyndon Johnson on Oct. 2, 1968. Earlier this year, the Legislature enacted Senate Resolution 121 (Hertzberg) to commend the anniversary of the PCT.

The nonprofit Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) manages trail maintenance and protection efforts with a small staff and a vigorous volunteer program. In 2017, more than 2,000 PCTA volunteers donated about 100,000 hours to this effort. The PCTA has staff with expertise in trail construction and maintenance, fundraising, communications and advocacy, and land protection. About 10 percent of the land the trail crosses is still owned by private interests. The PCTA's Land Protection Program works with willing landowners with a goal of completing the trail and making sure it is protected forever.

Hiking and other forms of outdoor recreation are huge drivers of California's tourism economy, and the PCT is a major attraction for out of state and out of country visitors who are seeking respite and beauty in the state's backcountry and wilderness areas. Small towns along the trail in rural counties especially benefit from PCT-related tourism. According to the Outdoor Industry Association, outdoor recreation in California provides 691,000 jobs, \$92 billion in consumer spending, and \$6.2 billion in state and local tax revenue.

Staff Recommendation

Informational Only. RCRC staff encourages member counties, particularly those members which hosts segments of the PCT, to adopt county resolutions acknowledging the 50th anniversary of the Trail.

Attachments

- Copy of Senate Resolution 121

Introduced by Senators Hertzberg, Anderson, Berryhill, Fuller, Gaines, Hueso, McGuire, Morrell, Nielsen, Portantino, Stone, and Wilk

August 6, 2018

Senate Resolution No. 121—Relative to the 50th anniversary of the Pacific Crest Trail’s designation as a National Scenic Trail.

1 WHEREAS, This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Pacific
2 Crest Trail’s designation as a National Scenic Trail; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pacific Crest Trail is one of the original two
4 National Scenic Trails in the nation, along with the Appalachian
5 Trail, that were designated by the National Trails System Act of
6 1968, a bipartisan act of the United States Congress signed into
7 law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 2, 1968; and

8 WHEREAS, A trail between Mexico and Canada along the
9 western mountains was first proposed by Clinton C. Clarke in
10 1932, and thanks to the dedicated work of many thousands of
11 volunteers, the Pacific Crest Trail route was officially completed
12 in 1993; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pacific Crest Trail spans 2,650 miles (4,265
14 kilometers) from the Mexican border near Campo, California, to
15 the Canadian border near Boundary Monument 78 in Washington,
16 and generally runs along the high crests of the Sierra Nevada and
17 Cascade mountain ranges, crossing diverse landscapes in
18 California, Oregon, and Washington; and

19 WHEREAS, The trail extends 1,692 miles through some of the
20 most beautiful and wild parts of California and passes through 5
21 California state parks, 15 California State Assembly districts, and
22 11 California State Senate districts, as well as national forests,

1 national parks, national wilderness areas, national monuments,
2 and private properties; and

3 WHEREAS, The trail is open to the public for foot and
4 equestrian travel, and more than 5,000 thru-hikers have completed
5 the trail in a single trip, which can take 4 to 6 months to complete;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The management and protection of the trail is the
8 responsibility of a partnership between the United States Forest
9 Service and the Pacific Crest Trail Association, along with many
10 other federal, state, and local agencies, and countless volunteers
11 devoted to maintaining and managing the trail for all to enjoy a
12 closeness with nature; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the Senate
14 recognizes 2018 as the 50th anniversary of the designation of the
15 Pacific Crest Trail as a National Scenic Trail and urges all involved
16 to continue to protect and preserve this world-renowned trail for
17 the continued use and enjoyment of the public; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

O.