

The Restoration issue comes down to what PWV's vision is for our Restoration program. As the chair for the last 10 years my vision has been to get as much work done as possible for the resources we have. We say PWV is a "boots on the ground" organization, that we go out into the wilderness and do work. This may be patrolling, removing trees from the trail, building trails or kids in nature hikes. But PWV does the labor to get the work done. My emphasis with Restoration has always been first doing work with our own members, second with the public on public days and as a last resort with hired crews when that was necessary to get certain task done. Most years we do not use hired crews but after the fires and flood it was felt necessary to hire some crew of younger folks to do some of the tasks.

I have always been happy with the work of the hired crews, but you can't just send them out into the mountains and hope they do good work. We always have some of our folks with them to provide technical guidance and leadership. The young folks see old folks working hard and they try to keep up.

The public workdays are different in that you never know what you are going to get as volunteers. Some of the folks are young and fit some are young and not fit. Of course, you have older, sometimes much older folks show up also. But on average the folks you have come on a public day are older, not as fit nor as experienced as the hired crews. Money wise the WRV crews are much like our hired crews but functionally they are like our public workday crews. The WRV crews are made up mainly of the general public with a few experienced volunteers and one or two paid staff.

In general, PWV public workdays and PWV only workdays do the same type of work as the WRV crews do. They do have the ability to move larger rocks than we do so at times, so we have to move more rocks to do the same task. One other difference is that they are willing to take the general public into the back county. I do not believe that is a good practice, when you go into the back county with someone who is not experienced or well equipped, their problems are now your problems. PWV is capable of working crews anywhere in the back county but, we would do it with our own members.

This discussion has nothing to do with what work will be done on the North Rawah trail, if this is Matt's priority we will have crews go in and do the work.

In my opinion whether we use WRV or not comes down mainly to cost but also to what PWV wants to be as an organization. Our PWV crews can do all the task to maintain the trails, but we do it ourselves and we do it for very little money. We can take a crew of 10 to 15 folks into the back county for four or five days of trail work for a few hundred dollars. WRV can go in and do the same work, but it cost us \$13,000.

So, the questions are first is the WRV crews worth the cost and second does PWV want to move away from being a group that just goes out and does the work to one that raises money and pays someone else to do that work.

