

## Trail Patrolling Committee (TPC) 2022 Report

2022/12/31  
JCorbinTrailPatrolling Committee

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

John Baldo, Janet Caille, Dave Carpenter, Jenny Collins, Jeanne Corbin, Mike Corbin, Lisha Doucet, Joan Kauth, Linda Owen, Russ Smith, Paul Sutton, Sally Weber. (\*Thank you John, Janet, Gerry, Jeanne, Mike, Lisha, Joan, Linda, Russ and Paul for 5+ years of service to PWV through this committee!) (Jim Branch, Gerry Cashman and Mike Shearer also contributed through the 2022 season.)

### TPC WORK IN 2022 AND LOOKING TOWARD 2023

#### PATROLLING

- Will continue to review patrol reports with the purpose of educating folks on the most useful techniques and making sure important information gets to the right people.
- Will encourage patrols during peak times and on Wilderness trails.
- Will continue to hold WILDXX each year, with recognition pins for those who want them and a follow-up gathering if conditions allow.
- Will work with other PWV committees.
- Winter safety class has been taken over by Supplemental Training.
- Also see REPORT REVIEWS and chart, second page.

#### TRAINING / EDUCATION / INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

- Continue to work with the Web Team on updates for the trails tab in the PWV website.
- Continue to work with Matt and the Board to keep all members updated via the PWV Monthly Emails.
- Continue to work with New Recruit Training and Mentor Committees on training our trainers and will continue to lead a report-writing session at Spring Training.

#### PATROL DESCRIPTIONS

- Will continue the task of keeping the PWV Patrol Descriptions and Public Trail Descriptions updated. (This is a huge task!)

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### VOLUNTEER AGREEMENTS

- In November of 2021, the Trail Patrolling Committee took over the task of processing annual USFS Volunteer Agreements, formerly done by the USFS Liaison. The process has gone through many discussions and several refinements.

### REPORT REVIEWS

- Reviewed 772 patrol reports out of 831 total reports in 2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022). — We intentionally did not review 31 of the reports, as we do not review Weed Management (16) and Arrowhead Lodge (3), Kids in Nature (4) nor Campsite Monitoring (8) Patrols. We work hard to make corrective emails supportive and educational, as well as consistent among reviewers. The vast majority of feedback continues to be very positive.
- **Error rates have decreased significantly since the committee was formed in 2015 when reports began to be reviewed and we have had a number of comments from other PWVs stating their appreciation, though the error rate has held quite steady the past few years and increased slightly in 2022.** See chart below.
- Error rates continue to be highest during April through July, and for the categories of Violations, Trail Segments Patrolled, mixing up or combining trails in one report.

YEAR	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
# REPORTS REVIEWED	773	815	875	939	922	344	576	772
<b>OVERALL ERROR RATE</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>16%</b>

Anyone who wants more details may contact Jeanne Corbin at [pwvJCorbin@gmail.com](mailto:pwvJCorbin@gmail.com) or go to the Trail Patrolling folder in Google Drive.

General questions for the TPC may be directed to [patrol@pwv.org](mailto:patrol@pwv.org) This includes report reviewing and data, patrol description errors or suggestions, and patrolling policies.