

A person wearing a white hard hat, a light blue long-sleeved shirt, and dark pants is working on a trail in a forest. They are using a tool, possibly a pulaski, to clear the path. The background shows a dense forest with many thin, vertical tree trunks.

**We are devoted to  
community  
stewardship of  
public lands.**

The Pulaski Users Group (PUG) organizes volunteer trips focused on trail maintenance, trail reclamation, and invasive species monitoring. Volunteers receive related training which equips them with the skills and knowledge to complete a variety of trail restoration projects. We aim to inspire community members to be stewards and advocates for our public lands.

The PUG logo is displayed on a topographic map background. The logo consists of a black silhouette of a pulaski tool with 'PUG' written in white on the head. The map background shows contour lines and some text like 'Pulaski Lake' and 'N A L F O R'.

**Pulaski Users Group is a 501(c)(3)  
non-profit organization. Cash  
donations are tax deductible.**

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Volunteers are led by paid, former-agency staff and/or long-term volunteers. All leaders are extensively experienced in backcountry work and travel, and emphasize the transfer of these skills to volunteers in order to build additional volunteer and leadership capacity. Most of our trips are multi-day hitches, where groups hike deep into the backcountry and complete quality work.

# PUG's Primary Roles and Activities

- Provide stewardship training, tools, and leadership for volunteer projects focusing primarily on trail maintenance, but also invasive species control, wilderness condition monitoring, rubbish removal, outdoor education, and event support.
- Promote awareness of public land recreation and wilderness management challenges.
- Develop community stewardship, with an emphasis on youths aged 16-25, while also facilitating adult and expert participation.
- Support the history of wild public lands, instructing in the use of traditional tools and ethical backcountry travel.
- Foster diverse partner relations and grow the community of active stakeholders in public land matters.
- Practice and teach Leave No Trace principles and outdoor ethics on all field projects.
- Enter into contracts, agreements, cooperative activities, and other programs with any person or entity in furtherance of the above.

Volunteers have the opportunity to be trained and gain skills such as: USFS Sawyer Certifications, use of traditional tools, Leave No Trace principles, the history of the American conservation movement, and networking opportunities as advocates for our public lands.

## Volunteer Hours



*In 2021, the USFS values an hour of volunteer work at \$27.20/hour.*

## Trail Miles Worked



*We only count trails we are able to fully maintain to USFS standards, including heavy brushing.*



[Link to Video](#)