

## Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation Volunteer Adventure FAQs

### **Where will I be volunteering, and how do we get there?**

All volunteer projects are in Prince William Sound, which is accessed by boat. Depending on the trip, you will be transported by water taxi or a Forest Service vessel. Volunteers and crew leaders will meet in Whittier the morning of departure.

### **Who will I be volunteering with?**

You will be part of a volunteer crew, ranging from 4-8 volunteers. Each project is led by experienced Forest Service Staff.

### **What safety protocols does PWSSF take for trips?**

Each Forest Service crew leader has a minimum of First Aid and CPR, and many carry a Wilderness First Responder certification. Leaders have access to radios and emergency communications, which volunteers may use if there is an emergency. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own InReach or satellite phone if they wish to have access to non-emergency communications. A medical kit is provided for each trip.

Volunteers are covered under a Forest Service liability waiver. In the event of an injury, you will be covered under the Forest Service workers compensation program. This is why we ask for your birth month and year upon registration.

### **Trip Difficulty Rating System**

#### Rating: Easy

Minimal hiking required (less than a quarter mile). May require activities like brushing, bending over for weeding, walking along cobble beaches with gentle slopes.

#### Rating: Moderate

Some hiking and/or walking over uneven or slippery surfaces. May require activities like lopping, shoveling, and participating in somewhat strenuous activity.

#### Rating: Difficult

Hiking and walking over uneven and slippery surfaces while carrying up to 40lbs. May require activities like repeatedly getting on and off the boat, lopping, shoveling, and participating in strenuous activity.

### **What group gear does PWSSF provide?**

PWSSF will provide the following gear for each trip:

- Large group mesh tent
- Large sun/rain tarp
- Double-burner stove with propane
- JetBoil for water
- 65-quart cooler
- Water jugs (10 gal)
- Water filter
- Tea kettle and coffee press

**Am I responsible for my own food?**

Yes. Bring enough meals to keep yourself fed for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. You are welcome to cook on our double burner stove, but we encourage you to bring a compact stove set-up if you have one. PWSSF will be providing plenty of group snacks and treats.