

TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN TRAILS AND TALES NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: Tuesday, April 14th, 7:00 pm. Idaho Fish & Game Building 3316 16th St. Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Poker Ride Pre-ride

Fordyce Trail

We will be riding and clearing the trail of downfall and brushing the bad areas. There is quite a bit to do, so we need a large turnout so we can get this done in one day. We will need four chainsaws and lots of loppers, pack animals to pack the saws, lunches, and other gear. Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) is trail boss, so give her a call and help out. This will be before our next chapter meeting, so this is the only reminder!! You will need an Access Pass from Washington Department of Wildlife. They can be purchased at Shurman's Hardware or Zip Trip in Asotin, or any place that sells hunting licenses.

Directions: Allow one hour drive time, From Clarkston; take Hwy 129 South to Asotin. Turn right before the bridge over Asotin Creek, entering Asotin, on Asotin Creek Rd. #110. When you come to a "Y" keep right and stay at creek level. This road will change back and forth from paved to gravel. The third time it changes to paved, there will be a house in the middle of a "y" intersection. Go right on Lick Fork Rd. #181. Follow this for a few miles and you will go past a couple barns on the right and cattle guards. After the second barn, look for ED FORDYCE TRAIL sign along the left side of the road and a large grassy area. You are there!

Umatilla National Forest

Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Project

Rescheduled April 30 – May 3

Important: You must call Trail Boss Bob Hough (509-256-3338) and let him know what days you can attend, so meals can be purchased and he can contact you with any last minute details. We will be removing barbwire fencing and posts, so bring your fencing tools and a couple pair of good leather gloves. Work will start at 10:00 AM on the 20th to allow time to set up camp and take care of any stock that members may bring. Everyone come for as many days as possible, even if only for one day. You do not need stock, but can bring some if you want. It is a steep hill to walk back to the top of the hill after working all day. There is a stock trail that follows the first fence line we will be working on. Camping will be on Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife Land. Stock water is available; bring your own drinking water. There is plenty of room for camp trailers, tents, etc. and an outhouse. If you bring stock, bring a portable fence or a highline. There are trees in the area to highline to. Weed seed free feed is required. Dinner and Breakfast will be provided at camp. Breakfast will be at 7:30 AM on Saturday and Sunday. Workers will need to bring their own lunches.

Directions: Hwy 129 south from Clarkston to the Grande Ronde River, about 40 miles, turn right before the bridge on the road to Troy Or. Turn right in Troy on the 1st road and head to the top of the hill to Grouse Flats. At the "Y" intersection turn left, look for the BCH sign. Camp area is about one mile.

TRBCH Website www.twinriversbch.com

We are up and running!! Lots of information, and I hope to keep things up to date. If you have any stock, camping, first aid, etc material to add under education on the website, please send to Rod Parks rp053101@cpcinternet.com

Poker Ride

This year's ride will be May 9th. We will return to the Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek Drainage, for this years ride. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, First riders out at 9:00 AM, Last Riders out at 11:30 AM. \$10 first hand, \$5 each additional hand. Youths under 18 are \$5 for all hands. Food and Beverages available at the trailhead. Crews manning stations need to be gone by 8:30 AM so they can be set up and ready. For information or help, call Betty Barnes (208-743-0364)

Idaho Fish & Game

Billy Creek Project

May 23-27: Billy Creek Ranch is an old homestead owned by Idaho Fish & Game. In exchange for volunteer work, our members can stay at the ranch house. We will be installing two hitchrails and build a new corral to replace the one that was lost to the new pole building. The work will be done on May 24-25. We will go for day rides every day, including the work days, clearing trails as needed. Weed Seed Free Grass Hay is available for \$6.50/bale and people food will be \$7.00/day. Personal gear will be hauled across the Snake River by boat. Members can ride there stock to the ranch. It is about a four hour ride on an old road bed that is rocky. Riders will leave the Waha Lake Boat Ramp Parking Lot at 9:30 AM on May 23rd. Contact Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) for directions and to make arrangements to have your personal gear hauled across the river. There are some corrals, but bring a portable electric fence if your animals are used to electric fences. You can stay as few or as many days as you would like. Karen Parks (509-243-4686) is the contact to reserve yourself a bed and the days you will be participating.

Parade Committee

Lisa Swanson (208-746-6741) has agreed to be chairman. If you are interested in riding in the Asotin County Fair Parade, April 25 give her a call. We need a commitment from at least a dozen riders to have a good showing. This is the last call for riders, before we cancel!!

National Trails Day - June 6th

We need to decide where we would like to go this year.

Clearwater NF

Feather Creek Trail Clearing Project

Dates to be set for a weekend in May. This trail is a five mile loop that can be cleared with chainsaws. This will be the third year our chapter has cleared this trail. Bob Shelton (208-877-1125) is trail boss

Upper Basin-Morris Creek Trail Clearing Project. Bob Henriksen (208-835-6722) has agreed to be trail boss. We will need to pick dates for these projects very soon and get on the calendar.

Nez Perce NF

Bill Corral will present the proposed projects to the chapter again this month, as we now have an idea where we stand on the Wenaha Tucannon Fence Project and can schedule the rest of our summer. The projects he feels would work in best for our chapter are: #1) Camping at the Corral Creek Trailhead, then work on opening and marking trails to make a loop riding opportunity on exiting trails. Mill Cr. Trail #318, to # 319, to Marble Mt. Trail # 328, to Sawyer Ridge Trail # 431, then trail # 315 back to the trailhead. #2) Rebuilding the loading ramp at the bottom of the Fog Mountain Rd. along the Selway River. Maybe some fine fishing after the work is

completed. No stock would be necessary, but many riding opportunities in the area. He has a few others to present for consideration also.

Hells Canyon NRA

Cathy Conover has asked if we would be interested in building at least two stock access gates like we made for Idaho Fish & Game. Rod will have more info at the meeting. She has some grant money to replace fencing that burned in the fires.

AUGUST 7-9 - WESTERN DREAM RIDE at the FLYING HORSESHOE RANCH in Cle Elum, WA.

An invitation to enjoy an event with BCH of Washington. See: www.backblast.com/olympicbch/

Over the Hill

BCHI State Directors Meeting

Our chapter received \$600 for our share of the calendar sales. The state made \$16,000 on the calendars plus they sold most of what was left over at the Outdoor Show, so should have even more profit to report at the next director's meeting. The directors voted to do the calendar again for 2010. Any photo's you would like to submit, put on a disk and get to Rod Parks before May 1st. We need to send in 20 photos total.

Back Country & Outdoor Show

Our fourth show is behind us. Saturday, we had our best attendance ever. We had many good comments on our variety of demonstrations and heard from many vendors that this was the best show they had been at this year. We do not have the finances finished yet, but are hoping the show paid for it self and lots of money was made for the state. Our chapter won the best chapter display, the fourth year in a row. In the photo contest, Rod Parks and Pat Bogar took 1st place in three of the four categories and some of our other members also placed. The bucket Raffle went real good this year. Mark & Karen are responsible for making the show happen, but all of you that donated your time this weekend are the ones that made it possible to pull it off smoothly. Thanks so much for volunteering all your time!!

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Please send any articles, jokes, items of interest, health issues, and etc. for inclusion in our state newsletter.

TRBCH Newsletter Editor/ Website Articles

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Calendar of Events

Poker Ride Pre-ride	April 11	9:00 AM	Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek Drainage
TRBCH Meeting	April 14	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Asotin County Fair Parade	April 25		Asotin, WA
Wenaha Tucannon Project	April 30- May 3	10:00 AM	Umatilla NF/ near Troy OR
Poker Ride	May 9th	8:00 AM	Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek Drainage
TRBCH Meeting	May 12	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Feather Creek Project	May ??		Clearwater NF/ Palouse District
Billy Creek Work/Play Week	May 23-29	9:30 AM	May 23- Riders depart parking area
National Trails Day	June 6th		Project to be decided
Kid's Kamp	July 8-12		Pony Club, Deary, ID

