

# TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN TRAILS AND TALES NEWSLETTER

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**Meeting: Tuesday, July 14th, 7:00 pm.** Idaho Fish & Game Building 3316 16<sup>th</sup> St. Lewiston, ID

## Comin' round the Mountain

### **Kid's Kamp July 8-12**

Kamp is limited to 25 kids between ages of 8-18. It will be held at the Pony Club near Deary again this year. I'm sure Pat can still use some help. Give her a call at 509-243-5300. This will be held before our next chapter meeting so mark your calendars and call Pat Bogar.

### Nez Perce NF

#### **Corral Creek July 17-19**

The Corral Creek trail project is offered to Twin River's Back Country Horsemen to reestablish route marking and clearing limits on Mill Creek Trail No. 318. **Work starts at 8:00 AM**

Our portion of this trail starts at Corral Creek Camp Grounds and is a gentle creek grade trail. They run cattle in that area and the cowboys have established another trail going west that more suits their line of business. The 319 Trail intersects the 318 trail and also needs some signing and clearing. There is about one mile of rather steep grade on this one. The 319 Trail is also known as the Doc Denny Trail. The Marble Point Trail No. 328 is also in this project and as I haven't ridden this trail will have to question some of North Central people and Laurie Doman. The Driveway Trail is the old sheep drive trail. It has good wide tread, nice grade but when they ran a haul road thru it they lost the trail in a short section and needs some directional signs. For persons that want to stay in camp but want to contribute to our cause can always find something to do on the fence around the camp grounds. A little fire wood can always be used at our campfire. There is a nice vault toilet and stock water. There will be a potluck dinner Saturday Night with the chapter providing the meat dish. **Directions:** Take Hwy 95 south to Grangeville, go through town to County Road 221 and turn right, this road goes towards

Snowhaven Ski Area and turns into Forest Road 221. Stay on Forest Road 221 until you come to sign for Adams Camp. This will be a left turn on Forest Road 309. Corral Creek trailhead is on the right about 3 miles past Adams Camp. Bill Correll is trail boss. (509-243-4855)

### Clearwater NF

#### **Upper Basin Interp.-Morris Cedar Grove Trail Clearing Project July 23 - 25**

Palouse RD, Morris Cedar Grove Trailhead is approx 10 miles NE of Elk River on Forest road 1969.

Upper Basin Interp Trailhead is approx 5 miles N of Elk River on Forest road 382. **Work starts at 8:00 AM**

Group of riders will ride the Upper Basin Interp Trail and Morris Cedar Grove Trail to log and brush it open. These two trails are about 7 miles combined distance and are both loops. It should take one day per trail and due to the distance between trail heads both trails can be combined as a weekend project. There are a few logs to cut out of the trail, but most of the work will be brushing. Camping will be at the Upper Basin Interpretive Trailhead. **Directions:** Take Highway 3 to Bovill, turn right on highway 8 to Elk River, turn left on Elk River Basin Rd, go past the air strip, the road follows the creek, in about five miles, you will come to the Upper Basin Interpretive Trailhead on the left side of the road. Bob will have signs to help. There is also opportunity for bridge repair and trail head structure replacement. We will have to see what the response is to this project before we take on more than just brushing and logging out the trail. Bob Henriksen (208-835-6722) is trail boss for more details, and to sign up for the project.

## Over the Hill

### Life Flight Memberships

Dave Favor purchased 2 more memberships and that completes our chapter's enrollment in Life Flight. There are no more memberships available for 2009. The next chance to sign up will be January 2010.

### Hells Canyon NRA

Tom Barnes finished the two stock gates and they have been picked up. We should be receiving a check soon. Tom did a great job of welding. I have asked for pictures after they are installed.

### Umatilla NF

#### **National Trails Day, June 6<sup>th</sup>**

##### **Fordeyce Trail Clearing**

We could have used a few more members showing up to help with this project. Maybe the weather kept some of you home. Well, we had beautiful weather with only about a five minute shower that never even settled the dust. We split into two groups, one going up Cabin Gulch and the other heading up Fordeyce Canyon with the intent of meeting in the middle. I must say, the middle seemed to be a long way down Fordeyce Canyon, in fact that crew turned around and left the work for the Cabin Gulch Crew, but they were up to the challenge. The trails are now logged out and all the bad brush has been trimmed. Thanks to all that helped!!

### Clearwater NF

#### **Feather Creek Trail Project June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Bob Shelton did a great job organizing this project. He had us split into three different groups. Two groups following forest service employees with chain saws logging out the trail and a brushing crew along the lower end of the trail along the crick. It started out as a beautiful day and we were working so hard that we never even noticed the black clouds rolling in. The thunder was our first warning and then a few sprinkles, no problem. Then a few more sprinkles as we worked our way around the five mile loop, but nothing to worry about, the slickers never even came out. The climax was a torrential down pour and we were all soaked before the slickers could be put on. Bob was planning well ahead of the rest of us and was working on the brushing crew close to the vehicles and then knocked the chain off his brush saw so his crew could go back to the trucks. Well, the two crews out on the trail were not so lucky. Not only did they all get

soaked, there was water running down the trail and it was real muddy in places and slick. The good news, is since we were already wet, we kept on working until the work was completed. The forest service is construction a new loop that will double the length of this trail. It is planned to be open this year.

## Idaho Fish & Game

### **Dough Creek Cabin Adopt-A-Cabin, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

It was pretty short notice with the chapter deciding to do our annual Adopt-A-Cabin work June 20<sup>th</sup> for Idaho Fish & Game in the Craig Mountains. Sorry that some of our members did not get notified of this project. We wanted to get this done before it got too hot at the cabin. We had a good turn out with many eager workers. We painted the window frames, cut many scotch thistles, and trimmed the grass around the hitchrails, outhouse and cabin for a fire break. We also did some work on the water line to the trough and brushing on the trail coming down Dough Creek and the trail heading on to Billy Creek. You could not have asked for better weather. It was so nice that Jim & Aspen White decide to ride on to Billy Creek and spend the night. This turned into a bad idea, as it rained all night and they really got soaked on the ride back to their pickup. The ride back wasn't all bad, as they were able to start a fire at the cabin and warm up before they continued on their ride out.

### Umatilla National Forest

#### **Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Fence Project**

Bob Hough said that next year's project will include the next section of fence removal near the Butte Creek Trail. This was the most successful project our chapter has had in a long time as far as participation goes. My hat is off to Bob for doing such a fine job! The checks were at June's meeting for all the workers to help defray fuel expenses on this project.

### Washington Fish & Wildlife

#### **Boy Scout Annual Pack Trip June 26-28**

We ended up doing a trailhead camp this year at the trailhead up Lick Creek at the Fordeyce Trail. We had plans to cut thistle up the South Fork of Asotin Creek, but an exotic plan kept the game department from being able to spray some of the area, so we ended up on a backup plan. There was no packing needed this year, so no stock was used. Rod Parks worked with the scouts on tying knots and then they set up a wall tent they received from the forest service. There were nine

scouts present and on Friday after setting up camp they cut scotch thistle around the trailhead. Saturday they headed up Fordyce Trail to do some brushing and re-route the trail around the bad water crossing. The busy little beavers not only accomplished this, but also helped roll some large trees out of the trail to get back

to the original tread and they also got water running into the water trough that is up the canyon about 2.5 miles. After lunch they removed some fire rings, so there is only one at the trailhead and picked up litter. A good days work for the younger scouts who were only 11 years old.

### Weed Seed Free Forage, Washington State Suppliers List

This website list suppliers of weed seed free hay [http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/WWHAM/WWHAM\\_suppliers.htm](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/WWHAM/WWHAM_suppliers.htm)

### TRBCH Newsletter Editor/ Website Articles

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## Calendar of Events

Kid's Kamp	July 8-12		Pony Club, Deary, ID
TRBCH Meeting	July 14th	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Corral Cr. Work/Play Project	July 17-19	8:00 AM	Nez Perce NF
<b>Upper Basin-Morris Creek Trail Clearing Project</b>	July 23-25	8:00 AM	Clearwater NF Palouse RD
TRBCH Meeting	Aug 11	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility