

TWIN RIVERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN TRAILS AND TALES NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: Tuesday, May 12th, 7:00 pm. Idaho Fish & Game Building 3316 16th St. Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Poker Ride

This year's ride will be May 9th. We will return to Headgate County Park and privately owned land for our ride again this year due to the snow level in the Blue Mountains. 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 will be 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)

Clearwater NF

Feather Creek Trail Clearing Project

Monday, May 18th has been picked to do this project. Work will start at 9:00 AM. 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. Please call Bob and let him know if you can help and to get directions.

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.

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 building a couple new corrals 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.

Umatilla N F

National Trails Day - June 6th

We will be clearing the Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek Drainage, for this years project as we were not able to clear it for our scheduled poker ride earlier in the year due to the deep snow. We will have a potluck dinner after the work is completed Saturday night. The chapter will provide the meat for dinner. Work will start at 9:30 am. Bring your loppers, as the brush is heavy on the first part of the trail. For those that will be able to spend the night, there will be a fun ride on Sunday. Remember that weed seed free feed is required. Since we will be doing volunteer work, an access pass will not be required for this project. **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!

Kid’s Kamp

July 8-12

We discussed the problem of getting liability insurance at April’s Meeting. Motion made & passed that kid’s parents must have family membership in TRBCH for kids to participate. This will make this a chapter outing and not a public event, so the hope is liability insurance will not be denied by our carrier.

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. The Chapter will furnish the Saturday evening meal so as the time approaches we will need to know how many plan to attend. There is a nice vault toilet and stock water. Bill Correll is trail boss. (509-243-4855)

Hells Canyon NRA

Cathy Conover has approved our bid to build two stock access gates. We need to have these completed by the first week in June. We need to set a date to get them welded and painted. We do not have to deliver them.

Back Country & Outdoor Show

Karen Parks will have the financial info on this years show, and we will need to discuss whether we will do a show in 2010.

Over the Hill

Drug Awareness

We had a guest speaker at our April chapter meeting. Bill Madison, Nez Perce County Sheriff Department, did a slide show presentation on awareness of drug operations in the county. There is a new hybrid marijuana plant, called Mexican Red that only grows 2-3 feet tall. The sites are manned by growers that are usually armed and usually in canyon bottoms. One pound is worth about \$1500 on the street. Warning signs are garbage with Mexican labels, lots of poly pipe, camping gear, etc. Sites have been located in Nez Perce County. If you ride into a suspected site you need to leave immediately and notify the authorities of the location.

Umatilla National Forest

Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness Project

Bob Hough needs to be nominated for Trail Boss of the year. He has done a great job of planning and coordinating the work on the fence project. We had over twenty members participate in the project. Thanks to all that showed up and worked in less than ideal weather removing the fencing and packing the materials out. Thanks to Karen Parks and Pat Hough for keeping everyone’s bellies full, so they could all work hard.

Review of the work accomplished:

- 4-15 Rod Parks went to the project and cleared brush on project #1. He worked his way down to the river and then followed the fence line back up the hill until later afternoon. Billie Havens and Iris Mallory invited Rod in for dinner and a bed for the night, which was really appreciated.
- 4-16 Rod started work on the final brushing and Bob Hough showed up to finish the brushing and then they went and checked out project #2 in the afternoon.
- 4-29 After a rain storm, we had to move our campsite to Grizzly Flats near Troy, OR. Turned out fine, as it gave us lots of space for campers and livestock. Bill Correll was first on site and signed the new area very well. When Bob Hough, Pat, and Karen Parks arrived on site Bill helped us set up main camp and cooking area. As members arrived campsites were easy to find.
- 4-30 Bill Streeter, Billie Havens, Tom Fitzpatrick, Bill Correll, John Partridge, Jim White, Bruce Wyatt and Bob Hough went up and pulled about 200 yards of fence on project #1. Packed out all of the wire out on a 4-wheeler. Returned to camp for a fine meal prepared by Pat Hough and Karen Parks and to see more members arrive to camp.
- 5-1 Friday was a big day to ride or walk down the Moore Trail (Project#1) and roll up wire and pull posts. Members packed out 7 loads of wire by horse back. Most workers rode horses out but Bill Streeter and Karen and Jim Kimball were tough enough to walk up the hill. Packers were Mark Bogar, Jim White, Bruce Wyatt, Dave Favor, Bob Hough, and Don Uhlman. Riders were Pat Bogar, Billie Havens, Bill Correll, Tom Fitzpatrick, Virginia Fitzpatrick, Matt Bake, and John Partridge.
- 5-2 Lost a few workers who had previous plan, but still had a good work force. Bill Streeter drove pickup to haul six workers out to walk over the hill to start Project #2, Jim White, Bruce Wyatt, Mark Bogar, Matt Bake, Leroy Hough and Bob Hough. We rolled wire and pulled posts. We had to take all material with us as we proceeded down the fence line. Bill Correll, Dave Favor, Don Uhlman and Pat Bogar moved our horses down the Moore Trail and up along the Wenaha River to meet us at the lower end of the fence line. As our lunch ended the rain began, so we had quite a wet ride back to our vehicles. Warm clothes and a good hot dinner were especially welcome. Thanks to Pat and Karen!!
- 5-3 Sunday morning was very wet as we broke camp and left Troy a lot wetter than we arrived. New member Connie Marshal and friend arrived late, but got a chance to ride some. Thank you Connie for helping out with breakfast Sunday morning. All in all it was a great trip and very successful. Most all work got completed with the exception of six pack loads. We will pick them up real soon. I would like to thank everybody for all the help on these 2 projects.

Bob Hough, Trail Boss

He is so good he has already got our first check for the project. We thank you Bob!!

TRBCH Newsletter Editor/ Website Articles

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Calendar of Events

Poker Ride	May 9th	8:00 AM	Headsgate County Park, Asotin Cr.
TRBCH Meeting	May 12	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Feather Creek Project	May 18	9:00 AM	Clearwater NF/ Palouse District
Billy Creek Work/Play Week	May 23-27	9:30 AM	Craig Mtn Wildlife Management Area
National Trails Day	June 6th	9:30 AM	Fordyce Trail
TRBCH Meeting	June 9th	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Kid's Kamp	July 8-12		Pony Club, Deary, ID
Corral Cr. Work/Play Project	July 17-19	8:00 AM	Nez Perce NF