



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting: Tuesday, Mar. 9th, 7:00pm
Idaho Fish & Game Building
3316 16th St, Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

National Forest Projects

Carol Hennessey from the Clearwater NF was a guest at our last meeting. She presented several projects for us to review, answered questions, and gave us some insight into the combining of the administration of the Clearwater and Nez Perce NF. We will need to pick from the below projects what the chapter members would like to do this coming year.

- Palouse: 1. Feather Creek log out & brushing
2. Upper basin Interp / Morris Cedar Grove log & brushing
- Lochsa: Downriver & Sherman Creek Trail log out & tread work
- Powell: Packing support for volunteers into Fish Lake
- North Fork: Pack-in & install culverts / corduroy removal
- Moose Creek: Fog Mtn. Road Junction unloading ramp replacement.
- Red River: Hunter wilderness education and weed feed check Sept. 11 thru Nov. 3.

Idaho Trailer Stamp

A bill was presented to the Idaho Legislature to require a \$15.00 stamp on all horse trailers used for recreation on public land. The funds are to be used to make improvements on horse facilities and trails in the state. The program would be administered by Idaho Parks and Rec. We will discuss this at the meeting.

TRBCH 2010 Membership

This will be your last newsletter if you have chosen not to rejoin TRBCH. If you wish to rejoin please go to www.twinriversbch.com click on "chapter information" and then "membership application" and mail to the

address on the form. Be sure everyone signs the liability release on the application too!!

Thank you everyone that has already joined. It is going to be a busy year!

Lifeflight Network

If you are a current member of Twin Rivers BCH, you qualify, as an option, to join Lifeflight Network. Lifeflight Network provides emergency transport in most of the Pacific Northwest for an annual fee of \$35.00/ family or individual membership. If you are interested and have not joined yet, follow the directions with the form on our website. There is a map showing the coverage area.

BCHI Calendar Photos

This is your last chance to submit your photos for the 2011 calendar. BCH of Idaho is in need of pictures for the winter months, but any pictures will be fine. Each chapter has been asked to provide about 25 photos for the 2011 calendar. Please take the time to pick out your favorites and put on a computer disk, emailed pictures will not be of high enough quality to use. Even if you only have one or two, that is great, as the whole chapter only needs 25 photos. There is a form on our website with the details they need with the photos. Please get your disk of photos and the photo form to Rod Parks by our March meeting or mail to 64 Clayton RD. Clarkston, WA 99403

DAY RIDE BROCHURE

Bill Correll (509-243-4855) is working on producing a local Day Ride Brochure to inform members and guests about rides within a 70 mile radius of the L-C Valley. If you have a favorite trail and wish to write it up, please contact Bill so he can give you the format. Bill can still use a few more trails.

State Director's Meeting

Mar. 13th, 2200 1st Street, ATK Learning Center
Our chapter is hosting the BCHI Directors Meeting. We will need a crew to help set up the room, prepare a continental breakfast and cook and serve a dutch oven

lunch. If you can not make the meeting, contact Karen Parks (208-791-3246 or after March 1st (509-243-4686) and offer your help or she will be calling you!

Washington Fish & Wildlife

Joseph Creek/Green Gulch Trailhead

March 20, 9:00 AM

We will need about six young athletic members of our chapter to work on the roof of the old Joseph Creek School House. We will be screwing down the metal roof, as many of the nails are loose and one piece of roofing has already blown off. This school house is located at the Green Gulch Trailhead on Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife Property. The school house makes a great picnic shelter if the weather is bad. This is a continuation of our work at this trailhead. It is a great place to ride early in the year. There is lots of wildlife in the area. You do need an access pass to use this area. They can be purchased anywhere you can buy a WDFW fishing or hunting license. Rod Parks (208-791-3246 or after March 1st 509-243-4686) is trail boss for this project. Please call him if you can help!

Directions: From Clarkston: Take State Hwy 129 to Asotin. At the flashing light past the school in Asotin go straight at the stop sign. This is 1st Street. Stay on the river road to Heller Bar. Here the road turns right and heads up the Grand Ronde River. Cross the Grand Ronde River Bridge and follow the road up Joseph Creek. The School House is on your left. This is the Green Gulch Trailhead. There is a hitchrail by the school house. It is about 40 miles from Clarkston.

Lick Fork Fence Project

The grant has been submitted to Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Thanks you Mike Karlin!! The plans are to build new fence across Sourdough and Sheep Canyons with non motorized access gates at both places, install a hitchrail at Asotin Creek and Fordyce Trailheads, a fire ring at Fordyce Trailhead and possible highline poles, and

remove most of the down wiring along the road from Sourdough to Sheep Canyons. An aggressive job, but close to town and a great place to ride, so well worth it if this grant is approved. Work can not start till after June 2010 so this will probably be a fall and winter project. This is where we hold our Poker Ride.

Inland Northwest Outdoor Show (INOS)

March 26-28, 2010

Listed are the activities that TRBCH will be involved in:

Dutch Oven Cook Off: Karen Parks, John Barker, and Cara Dorherty will be in charge. Applications and rules will be given out at the meeting. Please contact Karen (208-791-3246) to be involved in helping with this event..

Hands on Packing Classes: Jim White has agreed to be chairman. Please contact Jim (208-798-1679) with your ideas and help. The committee has it all planned. They need three people to give twenty minute talks on various packing topic. Volunteer and help Jim!!

TRBCH Booth at the Outdoor Show

We will need to get our chapter display out and some material and people to man a booth for the entire length of the show. Bob Henriksen (208-835-6722) has agreed to be in charge of this task. He will need help to trade off manning the booth and setup. Time to dig out the chapter display.

Hells Gate State Park

Don Uhlman Memorial Shelter

Our chapter voted to build a shelter near the stock trailer parking area at Hell's Gate Park as a memorial Don Uhlman. Bill Correll is the Trail Boss for this project. Bill presented plans designed by Carl Paulsen for the building and has gotten an engineer to approve the plans, so we are making progress. Doug Head has agreed to be project supervisor.

Idaho Fish & Game

Redbird Fence Removal Project, Phase 2

We need to schedule one more day to get this project completed. Rod Parks is trail boss.

Poker Ride

May 8th

Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) is Trail Boss. May 8, Saturday, has been chosen and the sight is Lick Crick Drainage/Fordyce Trail Head. Due to our volunteer work for WDFW in this area, we will not need the parking pass during the Poker Ride. Please call Betty and pick what you would like to help with before all the good jobs are gone!

Umatilla N F

Wenaha-Tucannon Fence Project

May 19-23

Bob Hough (509-256-3338) is Trail Boss. This is the final phase of the project we started last year for the Umatilla NF. The project consists of removing three sections of drift fencing and packing out the wire and metal posts. We will camp on top and ride to the work area each day. As always, weather can play a large part in messing with our schedules, so look for date changes and more details later.

Bob plans to schedule a pre-ride to clear trails for the project in April. We will set a date at March's Meeting.

Over the Hill

Nez Perce County Fair Grounds

N.P.County Sheriffs Posse has started a fundraiser to replace the wooden panels at the warm-up arena with metal panels. They are asking for donations to purchase metal arena panels. Each panel will be engraved with the donor's name. The project is expected to cost \$4,000. They are asking for \$100 per panel. Our chapter approved buying 5 panels at a cost of \$500. If you want to donate as an individual, call Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) for details.

Redbird Fence Removal Project

Feb 13th Phase 1

We had a small crew, but some great workers. We rode down Redbird Canyon and tied up our stock at the bottom of the fence line. Then we proceeded to hike almost clear to the top of the ridge to start removing the wire. This ridge is very steep and rocky and stupid Rod forgot to change boots, so he got to work in cowboy boots. I think it would have been easier to be barefoot. After huffing and puffing our way to the top, we started removing the wire from the t-posts and pulling them out of the ground. The fence was 90% still standing which made it easier to roll up the wire. We were able to roll all four wires up together and the posts almost all pulled easily. I estimated that we removed six hundred yards of fence line and about 150 t-posts. As we pulled the posts, we threw them as far down the hill as we could. Often they went over 100 feet at a time, due to the steep hillside. The wire spools we rolled to the bottom. This was our entertainment until one of them took a wild turn and headed towards the horses. Luckily for us, it got hung up in a tree and stopped before it spooked the horses. The ground was so rocky that we actually bent several of the t-posts as we kept tossing them down the hill towards the trail in the bottom. We took a breather and lunch on the hillside and admired all the work we had accomplished in such a short amount of time. If there are any posts we missed on the hillside, none of us have plans to go back up after them. We lost one roll of wire in the brush and spent over a half hour looking for it with no success. We sure hope a deer does not find it for us. We need to schedule one more trip to finish the project.

2010 Annual Chili Ride

Feb. 20th

What a beautiful day for the ride! We had sunshine all day and just enough breeze to keep you from shedding cloths and getting sunburned. We had twenty one riders and about half a dozen non riders getting all the food prepared and waiting for our return. This is the first year in several that we did not have a rider leave their animal unexpectedly and become a PIZZA Buyer. Oh well, many more rides to come, as it is early in the year. Brian Bishop, the land owner, joined us on the ride this year with a young colt. When we told him about the Pizza Rule he almost went back home, as he felt his odds were not good. His horse did fine until it passed his pasture mate and then did not want to go with the rest of us. We turned him into a pack animal and lead him for a while, until he got over his home sickness. Most of the ride was on the flat bench with a great view of the surrounding mountains and a panoramic view of Lewiston. Rod just had to ride into the canyons checking on the deer herds and we were not disappointed as we saw a large group of deer. This was the first time that the weather was so great that we set outside Kuther's shop and enjoyed the sun and all the great food. Some years we have hugged the wood stove! Wow was there a lot of great desserts to go with the chili and corn bread. Thanks everyone for providing the great fixins. Thanks to Brian Bishop and Bob & Laurel Kuther for letting us ride on their property and Kuther's for again hosting this ride. Our first Chili Ride was in 1992 and they have all been on the Flo Hansen Property, which is now farmed by Brian Bishop. How lucky we have been to have such great people that let us enjoy our stock on private property!!

Weed Seed Free Forage

Remember, weed seed free forage is required in all national forests in Idaho and on any public land in Washington. As BCH members, we must set an example for other users.

Washington State Suppliers

http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/WWHAM/WWHAM_suppliers.htm

Idaho State Suppliers

<http://www.idahoweedawareness.net/netcenter/library/weedfreeforage.html>

TRBCH Newsletter Editor/ Website Articles

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website to Rod at least ten days before the next meeting to have it included in the newsletter.

Calendar of Events

TRBCH Meeting	Mar. 9	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
BCHI Directors Meeting	March 13		Twin Rivers BCH hosting/Lewiston
Green Gulch Project	Mar. 20	9:00 AM	WDFW/ Joseph Creek Drainage
Inland Northwest Outdoor Show	Mar. 26-28		Nez Perce County Fairgrounds Lewiston, ID
TRBCH Meeting	April 13	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
BCH of America National Board Meeting	April 21-24, 2010		Branson, Missouri
Poker Ride	May 8		Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek
Wenaha-Tucannon Fence Project	May 19-23		Umatilla NF, Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness
National Trails Day	June 5		??
Kid's Kamp	July 7-11		Deary Pony Club
BCHI Directors Meeting	July 10		Pee Wee Cr. Priest River BCH hosting