



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 7:00pm
Idaho Fish & Game Building
3316 16th St, Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

National Forest Projects

The two Deary Bob's (Shelton & Henriksen) are in charge of these projects. When they get dates set, there will be more info in the newsletter.

Clearwater N F Palouse RD:

1. **Feather Creek** - log out & brushing
2. **Upper Basin Interp / Morris Cedar Grove** - log & brush

Fog Mountain Loading Ramp

This project that was scheduled for June 12-13 has been cancelled for this year by the forest service.

Poker Ride - May 8th

Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) is Trail Boss. May 8th 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! Betty said she needs donations for door prizes. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Hands are \$10.00 first hand and \$5.00 each additional hand. Ages 17 and under is \$5.00 per hand. First riders are out at 9:00 am and last riders leave by 11:00 am. Breakfast and lunch will be available from Wayback Café Catering.

Idaho Fish & Game

Redbird Fence Removal Project - May 15th

Rod Parks (509-243-4686) is trail boss. May 15th will be the scheduled date. Be ready to ride from the Redbird Trailhead by 9:30 am. You will need fencing pliers, bolt cutter, and good gloves. There is not much to tie your stock to, so if you have a portable fence, picket line, hobbles, etc. bring them.

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 same as last year 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.

Wilderness Trails Meeting

Members of BCHI met with the Forest Service, Wilderness Society, the Idaho Trails Association, and Back Country Hunters and Anglers. We are making progress in working together for projects in the Frank Church Wilderness. We have scheduled two projects for this summer. 1. The first project is on the Churchill Trail out of Dixie near the Whitewater Ranch. This project will have Ian Barlow using Traditional equipment to remove large trees and rocks. He uses sky rigging, ropes, slings, and pulleys. The dates are June 25-26-27-28. The forest service would like about 8 to 10 people each day so people don't have to work the full four days. We don't need horses on this project. The trailhead is small and stock may be a burden, the trail is about 2 miles long, but steep country.

2. The second project is near Yellowpine on Missouri Creek. This trail has not been cleared in 12 years so expect to clear lots of fallen trees. The dates for this project are July 10-11.

We plan to have campfire gatherings in the evenings and this will be a great way to meet the people who walk those dusty trails and a great way for them to see that horse people are not all crazy. There are trails around the Yellowpine area to ride so bring your animals, stock water is available, I don't know about the grass in the area so plan on bringing hay. Workers should bring personal gear, camping gear, potable water, backpacks capable of carrying personal water for the day, food, cross cut saws, rock bars, shovel or polaski, and good gloves. Stock is not needed on either project. Camping

will be at the trailhead. If you can help out, call or email
Phil Ryan Phone# 208-398-8993 Email
ryan3863@speedyquick.net

Clearwater NF

Windy Ridge Trail Packing Project - Aug. 14-15th

North Fork RD

Camp and supplies will need to be packed in beforehand. The project consists of packing in a culvert, tools, and camp. Work consists of removing some corduroy, installing the culvert, backfilling, and building retaining walls. Bill Correll (509-243-4855) is trail boss. We will need pack animals for this project.

Hells Gate State Park

On April 1st the Corp of Engineers hosted a meeting on the usage of Hells Gate State Park. Those in attendance were from the Mountain Bikers, Hells Gate State Park Rangers, Idaho Fish and Game, Army Corp of Engineers and Twin Rivers Back Country Horsemen.

The Corp and Hell's Gate personnel are concerned with the over abundance of trails and loose dogs. Hell's Gate State Park was created thru mitigation when the Snake River Dams were built. Hunting and recreation were to be allowed.

Two decisions came out of the meeting. One was, NO DOGS OFF LEASH IN THE PARK AREA AND IN THE CORP AREA USED BY HORSEMEN, BIKERS AND HIKERS.

The other action to be taken is all parties that use the Corp portion of the park, get together and decide what trails to keep and which ones to close. Users involved are TRBCH, Nez Perce Co Mounted Sheriffs Posse, Biking Association, Lewiston School Cross Country Runners, The Corp and Hell's Gate Park personnel.

To get that size of group together on the ground is a monumental task. The Corp has a very good aerial map and with TRBCH interested members, I feel we can decide which trails we'd like to keep without days of ground inventory.

At April's meeting I should have an aerial map so we can look at it and plan how we can come to an agreement with all others involved.

Cross Cut Saw Sharpening Service

Jerran Flinders and Bill Correll sent three cross cut saws to Frank Yates to sharpen. He did a good job at a nominal fee. This gentleman sharpens saws for the Forest Service and lives close to Grangeville. He comes to Clarkston quite often so we met him in the Costco parking lot both sending and receiving. If you have any cross cut saws to sharpen, we can recommend him. Also, he's interested in buying old saws in good condition. Following is his phone number. Frank Yates, 208-983-3245

Umatilla NF

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. The grants will be awarded in May.

Over the Hill

BCHI Calendars

CALENDAR: "THANK YOU" to Lisa Swanson for being the trail boss on this project! All told there were only 7 calendars remaining; it was decided to give two of them to the Poker Ride as prizes and the other 5 are the chapters. Lisa received her reward already, as she was the lucky \$500 winner for March. I think she needs to keep her lucky streak and be in charge of the 2011 calendars.

Guest Speaker

Rick Brazell is the new Regional Forest Service Supervisor overseeing both the Clearwater and the Nez Perce Forests. Rick gave us a brief overview of the tasks that he has been hired to do. Rick had a good working relationship with BCH of Washington and said that he is very grateful for the partnership with BCH and is looking forward to working with us.

State Director's Meeting - March 13

The meeting was held at the ATK Training Center

Mike Burghammer of ATK gave a presentation of their business history and an overview of their ammunition products, power loads and related products for law enforcement, military and the public. ATK has been very supportive of BCHI at the annual Outdoor Show in Lewiston.

Marilyn Rousher, BCHI Broomtails Editor, reminded the state directors and chapter presidents to submit articles about work projects and chapter events for Broomtales. The Broomtales newsletter will be on the BCHI website www.bchi.org 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. The BCHI director's consensus at this meeting was that the membership of BCHI does not

support the concept of the Trailer Stamp legislation. Marlene Schafer, the BSA District Executive discussed developing a BCHI partnership with the Boy Scouts with involvement in community service projects, such as trail clearing and cleanup of campground sites. Robbin Schindele has developed an educational Hiker poster similar to the mountain bike poster he did last year. He distributed one of the posters to each of the chapters present. One will be at the next meeting. The poster can be downloaded at www.bchi.org in "activities". A copy of the minutes of the directors meeting will be available for those that are interested at the chapter meeting. Thanks to Karen Parks and her helpers for spoiling the directors with lots of sweets prepared by several of our members and Jim White for handling the Dutch Oven Lunch preparation.

Washington Fish & Wildlife

Joseph Creek/Green Gulch Trailhead - Mar. 21st
Eight members repaired the roof to the school house. The metal roof had been nailed down and many nails were loose, so we screwed the entire roof down before any of the metal had a chance to blow away. Doug Head and Rod Parks were the only brave ones that hug by ropes and harness to complete the upper roof. (The only fools!) Scott Koehler and Jim White did the ladder work on the bottom edge, as this is only place they agreed to work and we needed the help. The rest were the smart ones, who were the gophers and support from the ground. We only had one mishap when Rod lost his drill and it headed down the roof at breakneck speed. Luckily no one was below him at the time. This was the final project at the Green Gulch Trailhead. There is talk of painting the school house and a sign, possible additions for the future. There now are a nice picnic shelter (school house), an enlarged and leveled parking area, stock hitchrail, fire ring, non-motorized access gate, and outhouse at this trailhead. A Washington Dept of Wildlife Vehicle Use Permit is required to use this site. They are available online or anywhere hunting and fishing licenses are sold for \$12.00. We need to schedule a fun ride so we can enjoy this improved facility. Thanks to Bob Dice and Dave Woodall from Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife for making it possible to make these improvements and all the members of TRBCH that helped out. Dave is

looking into adding a picnic table for inside the school house.

Inland Northwest Outdoor Show (INOS)

March 26-28, 2010

Dutch Oven Cook Off: Karen Parks and Cara Doherty put a lot of work and even more fun into the cook off. They had entertaining activities going on while the food was cooking. They sold tickets for samples of the food after the judging was over. There was a line of people waiting a half hour before the judging was to start waiting to eat

Hands on Packing Classes: Jim White and crew did a great job with the eager participants that were serious about learning to pack. Some spent several hours at a time working with people. The focus of the event was recreational packing for enjoyment, but several people showed up with specific tasks in mind such as packing t-posts, and split cedar posts. Bob Henriksen put on an excellent demo on proper fitting of the pack saddle.

TRBCH Booth at the Outdoor Show

Bob Henriksen has members scheduled for the entire show at the BCHI/Twin River BCH booth. He brought some interesting props to attract people to the booth. One, a 4'X8' bits display tried to wipe out Billie Havens the first night when it fell down. It took four people to stand it back up. It was secured to the wall after that and no more mishaps. We have five new memberships from the booth and got to talk to lots of people.

Thanks to all the members that stepped up and helped with all the activities TRBCH was involved in and those that helped setup and tear down.

Nez Perce County Fair Grounds

N.P.County Sheriffs Posse's fundraiser to replace the wooden panels at the warm-up arena with metal panels was a big success. The panels are installed and a large plaque is out by the arena and one on the front of the fair building listing the donors. Our chapter of BCH donated \$500.00 for five panels.

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_supplier_s.htm

Idaho State Suppliers

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

Calendar of Events

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	8:00 AM	Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek Drainage
TRBCH Meeting	May 11	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Redbird Fence Removal	May 15	9:30 AM	Redbird Trailhead
Wenaha-Tucannon Fence Project	May 19-23		Umatilla NF, Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness
National Trails Day	June 5		??
Churchill Trail Project	June 25-28	1200 PM	Frank Church Wilderness, Dixie, ID
Kid's Kamp	July 7-11		Deary Pony Club
BCHI Directors Meeting	July 10		Pee Wee Cr. Priest River BCH hosting
Missouri Creek Project	July 10-11	12:00 PM	Frank Church Wilderness, Yellowpine, ID
Windy Ridge Packing Project	Aug 14-?		Clearwater NF/ North Fork RD