



# TRAILS & TALES NEWSLETTER

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**Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 7:00pm**  
Idaho Fish & Game Building  
3316 16<sup>th</sup> St, Lewiston, ID

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## Comin' round the Mountain

### **Poker Ride May 8th**

Betty Barnes (208-743-0364) is Trail Boss. May 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Asotin Creek, Lick Creek 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. Help is still needed so call Betty! Workers need to be there by 8:00 AM at the latest, as the first riders head out at 9:00 AM. The Way Back Café will be catering the food this year.

**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 at 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!

### **Attn:**

### **Kid's Kamp Meeting May 11**

6:00 PM before the regular chapter meeting at the Fish & Game Facility

## Idaho Fish & Game

### **Redbird Fence Removal Project May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Rod Parks (208-791-3246) is trail boss. Call if you can help. We will leave the trailhead at 9:30 AM. Bring

fencing tools, good leather gloves, lunch and drinking water. There is not much to tie your stock to, so bring some type of stock containment. We will need a few pack animals to haul the wire and t-post to an area to be hauled out later. The work is on the ridge between Redbird and Short Canyon.

**Directions:** From Lewiston, head to the Lewiston Roundup Grounds on Tammany Creek Rd. Follow Tammany Creek Rd to County Rd 540 (3.5 miles), turn right at mile 13, Sign here says Waha, and you will see a McGregor plant in front of you on your right 11.5 miles from the Roundup Grounds, at the "21" Ranch, turn right on Redbird Rd. At 12.3 miles you will see a gravel parking lot on your right, turn here and you are there!! Allow a half hour driving time from Lewiston Roundup Grounds and you should not be late!

## 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 at the same place as last year in Troy, OR and haul stock and ride to the work area each day. Camping is free! Plan to leave Troy at 7:30 AM each day starting Thursday.

Provided by the chapter: weed seed free hay, stock water, outhouse, breakfast & dinner on the work days.

Your needs: good gloves, fencing tools, potable water, camping gear, chair, lunch and stock containment. There are plenty of trees to highline to. Make sure you record your mileage, as workers will be paid mileage the same as last year. Pack animals will be needed to haul t-post and

wire, but there is plenty of work for members that only have riding stock.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 129 south from Clarkston to the Grande Ronde River, about 40 miles. Turn right before the bridge on the road to Troy Or. In Troy, look for the BCH signs to the camp area.

### **National Trails Day June 5<sup>th</sup>**

This year our project will be working on our Adopt a Cabin Project for Idaho Fish & Game on the Craig Mountain WMA. Come to the meeting for details and sign up for this project. We will be cutting out the trail to the cabin and any maintenance that needs done around the cabin. The floor and deck needs another coat of sealer and there will be weeds and grass to cut. A possibility is to ride on to Billy Creek after the work is done for dinner, spend the night and ride back to your vehicles on Sunday??

## **Clearwater National Forest**

### **Feather Creek Trail Project June 7<sup>th</sup> Palouse Ranger Dist.**

Bob Henriksen says work will start at 9:30 am. We will be clearing brush and logging out the trail. This is a five mile loop trail. There is one section about ½ mile long that needs heavy brushing. Call Bob ( 208-835-6722) if you will be able to help and for directions to the project. Bring a lunch and drinks.

### **Windy Ridge Trail Packing Project Aug. 14-15 North Fork Ranger Dist.**

Windy Ridge Tr. # 167, junction Tr. # 531  
Project Description: Pack in culverts and camp, remove corduroy, install culvert, build retaining walls, and pack out gear and camp. Camp will be at the work sight. 4-8 head of pack stock are needed.

Bill Correll (509-243-4855) is Trail Boss. An extra day to pack in and out may be needed depending on the size of the crew.

### **Frank Church Wilderness Projects**

BCHI is involved with a large group of other user groups that are working to form an organization that is committed to getting trails open and usable in the Frank Church Wilderness. It is in the early stages of planning, but they do have two projects that any members of BCH of Idaho can volunteer to work on.

**June 25-27 – Churchill trail,** in the FCRNRW, on Nez Perce NF, near Whitewater trailhead on Salmon River, working with the informal wilderness trails

partnership. Cutting out 1.5 miles of trail with crosscuts and other tools, this has not been cut in 12 years. Opportunity to work with Ian Barlow using rigging to move large logs.

**July 9-11 – Missouri Creek trail,** at edge and into FCRNRW, on the Payette NF, east of Yellow Pine, working with the informal wilderness trails partnership. Cutting out 6 miles of trail that has not been opened in three or more years.

Contact Phil Ryan (208-398-8993) email: [ryan3863@speedyquick.net](mailto:ryan3863@speedyquick.net) if you can help with either of these projects. Stock is not needed. Each party is responsible for their own meals.

## **Washington Fish & Wildlife**

### **Lick Fork Fence Project Grant**

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. We are still waiting for the status of the grant.

## **Hells Gate State Park**

Bill Correll reported that the park is a wildlife sanctuary and some areas of the park will be off limits to protect habitat.

No dogs will be allowed unless on a leash. Bill has an aerial map of the park. Members need to contact Bill with their thoughts on which trails need removed from the system. Our shelter honoring Don Uhlman is progressing through the planning stage with some redesign taking place.

## **Over the Hill**

### **Poker Preride April 10**

What a great turnout! We just about had a chain saw for every three riders. We were able to clear the Fordyce Trail as well as Cabin Gulch Trail. Some members rode down Sourdough to check it out on their way back home. There was one large tree across the road near where the Fordyce

trail tops out. Jerry Reese was determined to get it cut out, as the rest of us just wanted to ride around it. Well, after he got his saw caught in the tree, he got his way and we cut the tree out to get his saw free. Next year, we need to make sure we have at least one saw with a bar longer than 18". The trail was in real good shape and everyone had a great time on a great day. Everyone will get to enjoy our hard work this weekend on the Poker Ride.

### 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](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/WWHAM/WWHAM_suppliers.htm)

### Idaho State Suppliers

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

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## Calendar of Events

Poker Ride	May 8		Fordyce Trail, Asotin Creek
Kid's Kamp Meeting	May 11	6:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
TRBCH Meeting	May 11	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Redbird Fence Project	May 15	9:30 AM	Redbird Trailhead/Redbird Road
Wenaha-Tucannon Fence Project	May 19-23	7:30 AM	Umatilla NF, Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness
National Trails Day	June 5		Dough Creek Trail/ Craig Mtn.
Feather Creek Project	June 7	9:30 AM	Clearwater NF/ Palouse Dist.
TRBCH Meeting	June 8	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Kid's Kamp	July 7-11		Deary Pony Club
BCHI Directors Meeting	July 10		Pee Wee Cr. Priest River BCH hosting
Packing Project	Aug 14-?		Clearwater NF