



TRAILS & TALES NEWSLETTER

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Meeting: Tuesday, June 8th, 7:00pm
Idaho Fish & Game Building
3316 16th St, Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Kid's Kamp July 7-11

Kid's Kamp will be at the Deary Pony Club again this year. Pat Bogar (509-243-5300) mpbogar@clarkston.com is in charge. Call her if you can help, but can't make this month's meeting. There will be a sign up sheet at the June 8th meeting. If you cannot make the entire time, still get a hold of Pat to help which days you can be available.

BCH of Idaho State Director's Meeting

July 10th hosted by Priest River Valley BCH

Pewee Creek Trailhead, north of Priest River, Idaho.

Please review these items and the proposal below and be ready to discuss at the meeting and give direction to your state directors.

1. Treasure Valley would like to discuss the video conferencing for board meetings.
2. Treasure Valley would like to have the chapters pay only \$18.00 per calendar to the state and reduce the turnaround time to pay the chapters their 10% of their sales.

Proposal

The Heartland Chapter of Backcountry Horseman of Idaho presents the following proposal to the state Board of Directors:

WHEREAS: The local chapters of Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho have been selling calendars for two years of which 90% of the monies have benefited the state.

WHEREAS: The Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho now have sufficient monies set aside for their foreseeable expenses.

WHEREAS: The local chapters expend considerable time and effort selling calendars.

WHEREAS: The local chapters need sources of funding for their activities.

WHEREAS: The return of additional monies to the local chapters would encourage their efforts on behalf of the state and help with funding of their local activities.

BE IT PROPOSED: That Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho reimburse to the local chapters 25% of the calendar sales monies for the 2011 calendars AND
BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED: That state delegates vote on a reimbursement percentage annually at the conventions after 2011.

Submitted to the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho Board of Directors July 10, 2010 by the Heartland Chapter, Linda Hemminger and Anita VanGrunsven, State Directors

Idaho Fish & Game

Dough Creek Adopt-A Cabin Project

This project needs rescheduled as it was way to wet to do the work around the cabin. We will pick a new date at June's meeting.

Clearwater National Forest

Feather Creek Trail Project

Palouse Ranger Dist.

The Feather Creek Project that was scheduled for June 7th has been completed already by Bob & Pat Shelton. They went to scout out the project and there was so few down trees and brush that they did the work while there. So cross this project off your list of ones to attend!

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 if you can help with either of these projects. Stock is not needed. Each party is responsible for their own meals.

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.

Washington Fish & Wildlife

Lick Fork Fence Project Grant

The grant has been approved by Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. Thank 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! We are waiting for the forms to fill out before we can purchase materials and start work on the project.

Hells Gate State Park

The Army Corps of Engineers is working with the Hells Gate State Park, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Back Country Horsemen and bicycle enthusiasts to develop a long range strategic plan for the future use of

the lands associated with the park and wildlife area. Over the course of the last 10-15 years, multiple-use recreation

has increased to the point that wildlife habitat degradation is occurring on a large enough scale that an action plan must now be developed. We solicit your involvement and ideas so we can be assured that most user groups will have a voice in the long term management of the lands associated with the park and wildlife mitigation area. Our tentative plan is to have a draft action plan ready for final review sometime in early fall and hopefully implemented by Spring 2011. **Our next meeting will be 22 June, 2010, at the Hells Gate State Park Office at 0900 hours in the morning.** Please let me know if you all can attend or send a representative to the meeting.

Thanks and have a great day.....!!!!

Mike Butler Wildlife Biologist Lower Granite Natural Resources Management Section

Over the Hill

Poker Ride

May 8th

As we all know by now, the weatherman cannot be trusted this year! It was supposed to be the nicest day of the week. There were moments that it looked fairly promising, but as the rain and then snow started falling as we were headed out to man our stations, we were wondering what the turnout might be. After setting up our check stations, campfires seemed to be the top priority at each station. The riders started showing up and it just got better and better on the hill, little did we know that there was a downpour at the trailhead. We only had two trailers turn around and head home and this was only because they had no rain slickers. We sold 110 hands and considering the weather, we were real happy with the turnout. The elk were not interested in moving around in the foul weather either and many of the riders saw elk as they made the scenic ride up Fordyce Canyon and down Sourdough Canyon. Thanks to all that took time out of their schedules to make this a fun day for those involved. Many riders thanked us for providing this opportunity for them to enjoy their stock. Thanks also to the Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife for letting us stage our Poker Ride on their property.

Redbird Fence Project Phase 2

May 15th

Six eager members showed up to finish this project that was started in February. The fencing on the steep hillside into Redbird Canyon was already done, so just the easy section was left. The first problem Trail Boss Rod Parks found was that he had forgot to put

Karen's riding saddle back into the horse trailer. Karen was celebrating until Bill Correll offered her a saddle. Well, after we got that settled, we headed down the trail. It was a beautiful day for a ride, but work was ahead. Portable corrals and hobbles were used to contain the animals and we dove right into the wire. Rod's next problem was when he tried to haul the t-post in his favorite set of garbage cans. He was smart enough to see this was not going to work, so he barrel hitched them on instead and hoped not to spear his mule with the spades on the posts. Taking it slow to the top of the hill, the packing was successful. By the time the packing was done, the rest of the hard working crew had almost all the wire rolled up. The final phase of this project will be hauling the wire and t-posts out this fall with ATV's after the crops are harvested on the adjoining private property. The results of this project are less down barbwire fencing for wild game and our stock to get tangled in when enjoying this area. The Short Canyon to Redbird Canyon is a great loop ride as long as it is not windy weather on the ridge. Thanks to everyone that gave up this beautiful day to work on this project.

Wenaha-Tucannon Fence Project

May 19-23

What a great project for TRBCH and the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness area. The Project Manager was Anglia Whittaker of the US Forest Service.

Twenty-One members showed up to work on this project (off and on) for five days. Fifteen riders went over the hill on the Moore Trail with 10 pack animals to the Wenaha River and continued up the Wenaha River Trail and crossed the wooden bridge over Crooked Creek and on ups the Wenaha River to the Cat Track Trail. At that point we split into two work groups. Rod Parks, Dave Favor, Fred Fridley, Bill Correll and Jim White rode on up the Wenaha to remove fence near Butte Creek; then came back down river and worked some on the fence near the Cat Track Trail before returning back to the pickups and trailers at the top of Moore Trail.

Mark Bogar, Pat Bogar, Bob Shelton, John Partridge, Billie Havens, Bob Hough, Leroy Hough, Bob Henriksen, Matt Bake and Rod Marshall took the Cat Track Trail to Moore Flat to the longest stretch of fence on this project. We arrived at about 11:30 and went right to work, eating lunch when we could catch a moment. Finely with loaded pack horses and mounted on good horses we set out for the 2 1/2 hour ride back to our pickups and trailer again at the top of the Moore Trail.

After returning back to camp at Troy, Oregon we were treated to a great meal prepared by Pat Hough, Linda Hough and Karen Parks (what a great job done by the cooks). Long day but very productive!

Day 2 our crew was a bit smaller but still had a good crew. Again we descended down the Moore Trail back to the Cat Track Trail. Mark, Pat, Billie and Leroy went back to the top to pack the rest of the fencing material out and Bob Hough, Bob Henriksen, Rod, Matt, Fred and Jim finished rolling up the wire at the low end of the Cat Track Trail. Again we all ended up back at camp for a great pork streak dinner.

Day 3 was a day for a fun ride. (about time) We had Bill Correll, Pat and Linda Hough and Karen Parks, take 10 riders to the top of the Three Forks Trail then shuttled vehicles back for us.

Bob Hough, Bob Henriksen, Dan and Debbie Flanagan, Mary Sickles, Pat and Mark Bogar, Rod Parks, Leroy Hough and Jim White rode the Three Forks Trail to the Crooked Fork Creek and down the creek trail again to the Wenaha River Trail and back to the pickups and trailers. Some riders chose to ride down the Wenaha Trail to camp at Troy and found it a longer, but a nice ride. Another great evening at camp, but only fourteen people for dinner Saturday evening.

Up early Sunday morning for breakfast and then broke up camp.

Bill Correll will provide a pizza in November. Thanks Bill.

I would like to say a big thanks to everyone for coming out and hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

Trail Boss--- Bob Hough

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>

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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

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| TRBCH Meeting | June 8 | 7:00 PM | Idaho Fish & Game Facility |
| Hells Gate Park Meeting | June 22 | 9:00 PM | Hells Gate State Park Office |
| Kid's Kamp | July 7-11 | | Deary Pony Club |
| BCHI Directors Meeting | July 10 | | Pee Wee Cr. Priest River BCH hosting |
| TRBCH Meeting | July 13 | 7:00 PM | Idaho Fish & Game Facility |
| Packing Project | Aug 14-? | | Clearwater NF |
| BCH of Idaho Annual Convention & Director's Meeting | | | |