



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting: Tuesday, July 13th, 7:00pm

Idaho Fish & Game Building

3316 16th St, Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

2011 Calendars

Can it really be time to get the calendars for next years already?? Yes, your state directors will be picking up 300 calendars for our chapter to sell. There are some great pictures!! A topic of discussion is adding a place on the membership application to purchase a calendar. Many of our members can not make many of the meetings or attend work projects, so this is a simple way for them to further support BCH.

Idaho Fish & Game

Dough Creek Adopt-A Cabin

Call Rod Parks 208-791-3246 or 509-243-4686 if you can help finish this project. We need to seal the floors and deck and make a fire break around the cabin. Right now, he is looking at a date in the middle of the week, as the calendar is pretty full.

Umatilla NF

Tin Can Trail

Bob Hough is trail boss for the Tin Can Trail work. It is steep and rough. Everyone going should meet at 7am at the State Highway shed in Anatone on June 20th. **Well, can you believe it, this project got rained out. Bob will have to set a new date.**

Clearwater National Forest

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. This project was moved to the Gospel Hump Wilderness on the Rag Station Trail. Rod Parks, Mark Bogar and Carl Paulsen assisted Ian Barlow and Judd?, a long time volunteer for the FS on some improvements to this trail. Ian is committed to training volunteers in proper trail maintenance. He sees the same thing that BCH has observed. Trail crews and contractors are only logging out and brushing and the structure of the trails is deteriorating to a point of losing tread or the entire trails in many places. Band-Aid work is often done that does not last, instead of taking the time to do it right the first time.

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 projects. Stock is not needed. Each party is responsible for their own meals.

**Windy Ridge Trail Packing Project
Aug. 12-16**

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. Camping is limited at the work site, there is no stock feed, and Bill has a pretty good crew lined up already. Thanks to all that have committed to this pack in project.

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 will discuss a schedule for starting work on this project at July's meeting. We have the paper work and can purchase materials and start work on the project after July 1st.

Hells Gate State Park

Trail Closures

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.

Mike Butler Wildlife Biologist

Lower Granite Natural Resources Management Section

A second meeting was held on this plan in June and all present pretty much agreed to the trail plan that was presented at this meeting. There were just three minor changes and no real objections to the changes. Maintenance of the trails and increase use in the future were the two main concerns by most attending the meeting. Almost all the trails in the area were user created and are not to grade or alignment in many areas. The Corp or Park have no budget and no crew assigned to trails, so coming up with a plan to maintain them will be a challenge.

Don Uhlman Shelter

The plans have finally been approved after much modification by the State Park and the Corps of Engineers. Now Doug Head, Project Construction Leader will be asking for volunteers to help get the ground breaking behind us and on with building the shelter. Thanks to Bill Correll for sticking with this project to get it to the construction stage.

Over the Hill

Highlights from June Meeting

BCHI Directors meeting will be July 10th. We are asked to review two items and a proposal to guide our state directors when discussing and voting on these. The consensus of the chapter at the meeting was that face to face meetings are more productive than video conferencing. We also felt that paying \$18.00 for calendars and keeping the \$2.00 would cut down on bookkeeping and give ready access to the money. This is better than paying \$20.00 and getting the \$2.00 rebate later. And on the proposal of giving the state 75% instead of the current 90%, the chapter felt the state needs to be well supported and we should stay with the current 90/10 formula. Your state directors will take your opinions to the meeting and vote accordingly. Thanks for the input!!

Bob Henriksen made a motion that on all BCH functions, no one shall ride alone for safety reasons. This motion was seconded and passed.

Pat Bogar reported that on June 18 at the Nez Perce fair grounds she will be setting up the trail class course for the 4H horse show on June 19.

Dan Flanagan reported that on August 27-29 the Appaloosa Club and Posse are hosting a sanctioned ride at the Pony Club Grounds. There will be camping space available.

By the time you get this newsletter, Kid's Kamp 2010 will be in progress or completed. And your state directors will be at Pee Wee Creek by Priest Lake attending a meeting. Reports on both events will be at July's Meeting.

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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Calendar of Events

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
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Windy Ridge Packing Project	Aug 12-16		Clearwater NF
BCH of Idaho Annual Convention & Director's Meeting	Nov 5-6		Grangeville, ID hosted by BCH of North Central Idaho