



# Trails & Tales Newsletter

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**Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 7:00pm**  
Idaho Fish & Game Building  
3316 16<sup>th</sup> St, Lewiston, ID

## Comin' round the Mountain

### Notice:

**Kid's Kamp Planning Meetings** 6:00 PM before the regular chapter meeting for the next several months.

A signup sheet will be at this meeting for adults to help during Kid's Kamp. If you cannot make the meeting and want to help with Kid's Kamp, call Pat Bogar 509-243-5300.

### **Idaho Fish & Game**

Fish & Game would like some feedback from BCH on what to do with the corrals at Redbird Beach. They are in disrepair. Should they be torn down, repaired with volunteer labor, hitchrails installed instead of corrals? What do the members think?

### **Wilderness Campsite Inventory and Noxious Weed Survey Project**

My thanks to those Members who attended the Training Session at the Outdoor Show! I felt we covered a lot of detail about doing the Inventories and Surveys and got a lot of questions answered. If you were unable to attend the training, but are interested in helping with the Project, we will provide the training again, as needed.

I currently have about 8 or 10 Members who have expressed interest in helping with the Project and have given me their contact information so I can keep them informed of developments. If you are interested in the Project I HAVE TO HAVE your contact information! Simply being on the Chapter Mailing List isn't good enough! If you haven't already done so, please send me an email at [SailorGriz@gmail.com](mailto:SailorGriz@gmail.com) or call me at 612-817-0591

so I can add you to my List of People to Keep Informed.

I'm hoping to do a couple of team trips into the Hump to perform Inventories/Surveys this season. I hope other members will form small teams and do additional trips, to different parts of the Hump (or Frank Church River of No Return). But, please, send me a note or give me a call so I can add you to my specific list of interested members and can get project updates and information to you.

Keep in mind: The Forest Service has asked us to pack into the Wilderness and travel around which we like to do, anyway. There is no physical labor involved! Just wander around recording some specific information to assist the Forest Service. What could be better'n that?

Thanks! Bill Ward

### **Poker Ride Trail Clearing May 7th**

Show up at the Fordyce Trailhead on Lick Fork Drainage of Asotin Creek and be ready to ride by **9:00 am.**

We will need at least two members with chainsaws and pack animals.

Bring a lunch, Loppers to trim brush., and good gloves.

The plan is to send out two crews in opposite directions to meet in the middle.

RSVP to Mark Bogar 509-243-5300 or [mpbogar@clarkston.com](mailto:mpbogar@clarkston.com)

**Directions:** Allow one hour drive time, From Clarkston, take Hwy 129 South to Asotin. Turn right before the bridge over Asotin Creek on (Beaumaster Drive) 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!

### **Poker Ride Work Crew Needs for May 21**

Help needed:

- 1) Parking attendants (2-3 members)
- 2) Check Stations ( 3 teams of two riders, minimum- need to leave for check station by 8:15 am)
- 3) Trailhead check station (2-3 members)
- 4) Misc crew (3-6 members to haul and setup chapter materials, awning, chairs, tables, first aid kits, garbage, etc)

If you have any new games for the check stations, new ideas are welcome. Especially the two we will need at the trail head.

**Contact Betty Barnes 208-743-0364 or [bbarnes@p1fcu.org](mailto:bbarnes@p1fcu.org) to sign up for help** A signup sheet will be at May’s meeting.

Some members will be spending Friday & Saturday night at the trailhead, so come join the fun!

### **Poker Ride Details**

#### **May 21**

Sign-up at 8:30 AM First rider out at 9:00 AM

Last Rider out at 11:00 AM

Wayback Café will start serving Breakfast at 7:00 AM and lunch as riders return.

Breakfast will be biscuits, gravy, hash browns, sausage, & eggs

Lunch will be your choice of a burger or hotdog, and salad. Unless Theresa comes up with something different before then.

Adults-\$15.00 for first hand & lunch. \$10.00

first hand with no lunch, each additional hand is \$5.00. Youths \$10.00 for first hand & lunch.

\$5.00 with no lunch.

Cash paybacks plus door prizes!

If you have anything you would like to donate for door prizes, call Betty **208-743-0364 !!**

### **National Trails Day / Feather Creek Project**

#### **June 4**

Work starts at **9:00 am**. Our chapter has been asked to join other user groups to help clear the Feather Creek Trail by the Forest Service. This would be a great opportunity to create relationships with hikers and mountain bikers. This conflicts with the dates for the Lick Creek Project so that date has been moved a week. Bob Shelton (208-877-1125) will be trail boss. There is an area to camp with stock if members want to stay Saturday night and ride the trail on Sunday. There is a five and/or ten mile loop to ride. Three packers with a pack animal will be needed to haul tools for members and other volunteers. Work will consist of packing and installing sign posts and clearing and brushing trails. Bring loppers, gloves, water, and lunch. Stock is not needed, but you are welcome to bring stock to assist you making the trail loop.

#### **Directions:**

Lewiston-Feather Creek

Take Hwy 12East, turn left on Hwy 3 just before the Arrow Bridge and go to Deary, Continue on Hwy 3 to Bovill (right turn at stop sign). In Bovill continue on Hwy 3 (left turn at stop sign) for approx. three miles to Feather Creek Sign and turn left on gravel road.( this is about 100 yds past the old railroad crossing of Hwy 3). Next turn right when you come to an intersection(There is a Feather Creek sign here also). We will congregate in a meadow on the right before the trailhead, as there is no room to turn around at the trailhead.

### **Lick Fork Grant (Date Change)**

#### **June 11-12**

This should be our final work days to complete this project. We have about a mile of fence to remove and about six hundred feet of new fence to build. The fence to remove is along the road and easy access. No stock is needed. This is where we hold our Poker Ride, so see the directions above. Be sure and bring some heavy leather gloves. Rod Parks 509-243-4686 is trail boss. We will have a potluck dinner Saturday Night. If we do not complete the work, some members that have the time hopefully will stay over until Monday to complete the work.

### **KIDS KAMP**

#### **(July 13-17)**

We already have our 25 youths signed up for this year. A lot was accomplished at the last work day.

Work is still needed on the grill and downstairs showers. Corrals and panels are needed. Next work period will be scheduled after the plumbing is completed. Call Pat Bogar (509-243-5300) and get your name on a list to work. Mark the weekend of July 9-10 on your calendar for final setup for Kamp.

A motion was made and passed to sponsor one Kids Kamp "youth in need" for the registration fee and BCH membership.

### **Elk Summit Packing Project**

**July 21 - 24.**

21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> are travel days with the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> being work days. Jim would like to see each packer mentor someone. We will be packing in timbers for the crews. The chapter will pay for 4 meals - Breakfast and Dinner only for Friday Night through Sunday Morning. We will have a cooking crew. Everyone is on their own for lunches. More details later.

### **Buckingham Lake Project**

**August 27-30**

Rod Parks is the trail boss 509-243-4686. He said he will need a limited crew of three to four for this project as it is a pack in project and camping space is limited. The project consists of some culvert and bridge work replacement.

### **Over the Hill**

#### **Inland Northwest Outdoor Show**

Thank you to all the members that helped make our part of the show this year a success. The set up and tear down crews made easy work for the organizers. We had some eager students at the hands on packing clinic. Dave Rustabakke and Tim McNamee drew a crowd Saturday and Sunday with their round pen work and Saturday Night Dave had some real good tips on working with behavior problems with stock. The BCH Booth looked great and hopefully we will pick up some new members. Thanks to Pat Bogar for taking charge of the Booth and all that took a turn at holding down the fort at the booth. Mark Bogar and Karen Parks say this was their last year helping put on this event. TRBCH will no longer be assisting in the organization of the show. The Dutch Oven Competition was fun, educational and great food. The

Judges conversed with the teams and tasted all the dishes and made their decisions. People's Choice award was given to a dish that the judges passed by and that winner won \$55. We tried to give away lots of prizes to anyone who could beat Cara opening a can of mandarin oranges with a P38. Only one gentleman beat her. We gave Good Sport Awards to the many men she showed up. We did not get any youth takers on Sunday so Cara did a cooking demonstration and gave away the 14in and 12in aluminum dutch oven that was raffled off. If we do the dutch oven cook off as an activity in the outdoor show next year, I would like to see some of our members participate. Again, when the day of the show arrived, the participation of the members of TRBCH was tremendous. Mark and Karen personally want to thank each and every one of you for this year and all the past years help. ???!What will they do without the show next year?!!?!?! Poor Pat and Rod they will have to put up with the two #\*!#?\*

### **HELLSGATE SHELTER**

The plaque for the shelter in memory of Don Uhlman has been installed.

\$1150 has been collected in memory of Laurel Kuther. A trail has been picked out to be named in her honor. We need ideas of what can be done with this to honor her. A metal fire ring by the shelter or a scholarship has been suggested.

### **Weed Seed Free Forage**

Remember, weed seed free forage is required in all national forests in Idaho and on any public land in Washington.

### **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/librariy/weedfreeforage.html>

### **Oregon State Suppliers**

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/weedfreeforageprogram.shtml>

### **TRBCH Newsletter Editor/ Website Articles**

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Please send all info for the newsletter or Website to Rod at least ten days before the next meeting to have it included in the newsletter.

## Calendar of Events

Poker Ride Trail Clearing	May 7	9:00 AM	Fordyce Trailhead/ Asotin Creek
Kid's Kamp Planning Meeting	May 10	6:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
TRBCH Meeting	May 10	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Poker Ride	May 21	9-11:00 AM	Fordyce Trailhead/ Asotin Creek
National Trails Day	June 4	9:00 AM	Feather Creek- Clearwater NF
Asotin Creek Drainage	June 11-12	8:00 AM	Lick Fork Fence Grant-WDFW
Kid's Kamp Planning Meeting	June 14	6:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
TRBCH Meeting	June 14	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Kid's Kamp	July 13-17		WDFW Black's Ranch
Elk Summit Packing Project	July 22-24		Elks Summit/ Clearwater NF
Buckingham Lake Project	Aug 27-30		North Fork/Clearwater NF