



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 7:00pm
Idaho Fish & Game Building
3316 16th St, Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Kid's Kamp Final Setup July 9

Mark this weekend on your calendar for final setup for Kid's Kamp.

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 (Metal building at this "Y") go left across the bridge. This is the South Fork of Asotin Creek. In a few miles you will cross the creek again at a hay barn and start heading up a steep grade. The first house you come to on the left is Black's Ranch. You are there!

KIDS KAMP July 13-17

Call Pat Bogar (509-243-5300) and get your name on a list to help. Those coming up to volunteer at camp, bring garden hoses, wheel barrows, shovels, rakes, manure rakes, pruning loppers, hand saws, need one chain saw. Mark with your name so you get them back. Arrive well before noon if possible, on Wednesday, as we will need to do some clean up in and around the house and also we will probably have hay to pick up and stack by the barns that morning. Any members that have one need to bring a portable electric fence for their stock.

Karen Parks has asked for someone to help her with food.

Registration is closed, as our maximum of 30 kids has signed up. With this many kids, our insurance will require 20 adult volunteers. We need your commitment, come and help as many days as you can!! This is always a lot of fun and daily rides with your stock are an added bonus.

TRAINING: Life Flight presentation, Thursday, July 14 at 2pm at Kids Kamp. Members can attend if they are interested.

TRBCH is purchasing 20 panels from Lucky Acres Fencing with the proceeds from this year's Outdoor Show. Lucky Acres is lending us 30 more panels so we will have enough pens for all the youth's stock.

Elk Summit Packing Project July 22 – 23

Clearwater National Forest, 20 miles south of Powell Ranger Station Trail Boss – Jim White,
208-791-2494 or jwbandit@clearwire.net

We will be packing in 40-60, four foot long boards for bridge work that a USFS work crew will be using across wet areas on the trail. We will be placing them in spots from 1 – 7 miles along the trail going into Big Sand Lake. Work will start at 9 AM both days.

Around 8 – 10 pack animals would be a good number for this work. Jim will bring three animals to pack. We are using this project as an opportunity to train some chapter members that want to learn to pack. Each person using pack animals must be willing to mentor one chapter member. It is up to each packer if the student can bring their pack animal along. The

student needs to have a riding animal. There should be enough room to train about 6-8 people during the two days.

It takes all day to get there so plan on traveling on Thursday, July 21. Friday and Saturday breakfast and dinner is provided as long as you let Jim know you are coming beforehand.

Sign up at the June or July meeting or give Jim a call (208-791-2494) or email jwbandit@clearwire.net.

We have asked to have some projects such as hitching post installation, etc. at the trailhead for those not packing.

Directions: Take FS Road 111 south from Hwy 12, near Powell, six miles to FS Road 360. Follow FS Road 360 south to the end of the road. The first few miles of FS Road 360 are very steep. Bring weed seed free feed for your stock. It is a late spring, so do not plan on having any grazing available. There are fantastic trails to ride from the Elk Summit Campground, so plan a few extra days to ride if you have the time. No dogs. See you there, should be fun.

Dough Creek Adopt –A-Cabin Aug 6-7

We will camp at Madden Corrals on top of the Craig Mountains and ride to the cabin for work on Saturday. The ride will start at 9:00 am. Bring loppers for a little brushing on the trail and machetes to cut thistle around the cabin. We will be staining the deck, possibly new table tops and general cleanup and fire breaks around the cabin. If anyone has a gas powered string trimmer that breaks down so it can be packed easy, it would be real handy. There will be a potluck dinner Saturday night. Sunday we will go for a fun ride to Frye Point. Bring weed seed free feed, stock water will be available. There are about four separate corrals than can be used. A rustic outhouse is there. Bring portable corrals if you have them.

Directions: From Lewiston, head to the Lewiston Roundup Grounds on Tammany Creek Rd. Follow Tammany Creek Rd to County Rd 540, turn right at mile 13, Sign here says Waha, and you will see a McGregor plant in front of you on your right. Road 540 winds up the hill and turns to gravel just after passing Waha Lake on your right. You will climb a steep grade. When you break out on top the road turns to the right after crossing a cattle guard. Sign says Za Za Rd. and is now Rd 541. When you come to Deer Creek Rd. keep going straight. There is a gravel stockpile at this intersection... Stay to your right at the top of Eagle Creek road. Madden Corrals are lodgepole corrals on your right and there is an old

collapsed log cabin. Saddle up and ride the road to the right at Madden Corrals and follow it to the third locked metal gate on your left as you are riding out the road. The first two are Access to Corral Creek and nature Conservancy. The third gate is access to Dough Creek. You can ride around the gate on the right. When you come to a fork in the road take the sharp right turn and head into the canyon. Stay on the road that follows the bottom of the draw and you will be at the cabin in no time. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Rod Parks 208-791-3246

Gospel Hump Campground & Noxious Weed Inventory August 8-14

It seems the snow is finally leaving from "most" of the High Country and packing into the Hump is starting to look realistic for this year! That being said, we were trying to get from St. Marie's to Clarkia on the back roads last weekend. 19 miles up the gravel from the St. Joe River we were turned back--by snow over the road. Looked to be about 3 feet deep! I'm new to the area but is sure seems late for that much snow!

As I'm writing this update I'm sitting at Whitewater Ranch on the Salmon River, upstream a ways from the Hump. I flew in three weeks ago because the road was still closed by snow but we were able to drive in on dry roads this trip. That's PROGRESS! The snow is going!

Back to business. I know of two planned pack trips for the Campsite Inventory and Noxious Weed Survey Project. Jim White is leading a group of Fish and Game people to do a weed survey and will be able to do a campsite inventory at the same time. And Rod Parks and I are going in the second week of August for 5 days in the backcountry. If anyone is able to join up with Rod and I you're certainly welcome! We will drive down August 8 and back August 14 (a week earlier than previously planned).

I'd be delighted to hear from another group who wants to go in--I have the information from Randy Borniger; just contact me and I'll set you up!

That being said, I'm looking to go in again in late August or September but need someone to go with me. I should be available pretty much anytime. If anyone can go into the Hump around then please drop me a note! Randy gave me five areas that have been inventoried before and that he'd like to have inventoried again so that comparative data can be generated. If Jim's crew does one and Rod and I do

one that still leaves us with three more areas! Drop me a note and we'll set something up!

Bill Ward
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Buckingham Lake Project **August 27-30**

Clearwater NF North Fork District, Rod Parks is the trail boss 208-791-3246. Give him a call if you can help with the packing. 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. We will drive up to Bungalow Jct. on the North Fork River and pack in on the 27. The project consists of removing failed trail puncheon bridge and replace in-kind & packing in replacement planks.

Lick Fork Cabin Restoration

Jill Bassett from the Pomeroy Ranger Station, Umatilla NF (North Half), told us about a cabin - Lick Creek historical cow camp out buildings, they would like some help with restoring. She manages cultural resources in the forest such as historic sites, lookouts, logging, grazing, etc. We will discuss what we can do about this in July.

HELLSGATE PARK

A fire ring by the Don Uhlman Shelter as a memorial for Laurel Kuther was discussed. A removable fire ring and a permanent memorial were suggested. It was felt that the memorial should be at Hellsgate Park rather than a portable fire ring to take to projects. We have \$1150 in her memorial account so far.

Idaho Fish & Game

Stock facilities at Redbird Beach

At last month's meeting we discussed this and the majority present voted to install hitchrails instead of building corrals. The existing corrals have been torn down and material removed by fish & game. We have been given permission to build two 12' hitchrails and install them at Redbird Beach. We will need to set a date to build them and then install them either this winter or next spring. We will need a boat to haul material across the river, as the hitchrails will be constructed out of metal to discourage vandalism.

Lick Fork Grant Project **(Asotin Creek Drainage)**

Thanks to some dedicated members who worked their tails off, we completed this grant from Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife before the June 30th deadline. Saturday was a less than ideal work day, as it rained off and on most of the afternoon, but almost everyone kept on working. The thought of happy hour at the end of the day was all that kept some of us going. If we ever schedule a fence removal project in the future we need to get it done before the grass grows, and did it ever grow with this wet spring. If it was not for Bob Hough's talent as operator and the Mini Excavator loaned to us by fish & wildlife, we would still be looking for woven wire in the grass. Also a big thanks to Brit Ausman for the use of his wire roller that fit on a wheel tractor, which did a fantastic job of rolling up the wire. We hauled off two trailer loads of wooden fence posts, and one humungous load of removed wire. Six hundred feet of new fence was constructed at the bottom of Sourdough Canyon. Three poles were installed at Fordyce Trailhead to use for highlines. Thanks to this grant, the facilities for stock at North Fork of Asotin Creek and Fordyce Trailhead are much improved. Also there is hope that the hill climb area that we fenced off will have a chance to re-vegetate and this eye sore will be gone.

Bob Dice, WDFW, has given us permission to install another hitchrail and a set of highline poles at Cabin Gulch if the chapter is interested in doing this work this fall. We can discuss at the chapter 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.

Washington State Suppliers

http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/WWHAM/WWHAM_suppliers.htm

Idaho State Suppliers

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

Oregon State Suppliers

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

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Calendar of Events

Kid's Kamp Set Up	July 9	9:00 AM	WDFW Black's Ranch
TRBCH Meeting	July 12	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Kid's Kamp Event	July 13-17		WDFW Black's Ranch
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