



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 9th, 7:00pm
Idaho Fish & Game Building
3316 16th St, Lewiston, ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Dough Creek Adopt-A-Cabin

Aug 6-7

This is our annual trip to fill our commitment we made to Idaho Fish & Game. We will camp at Madden Corrals on top of the Craig Mountain Saturday night and ride to the cabin for work on Saturday morning. If you can't spend the night, you are still welcome to come and help with the work and join the potluck. 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. **Please RSVP as soon as possible to Rod Parks 208-791-3246**

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.

Gospel Hump Campground & Noxious Weed Inventory -- August 8-14

I stopped and talked to Randy Borniger in Elk City a couple weeks ago. At that time there was still a fair amount of snow in the high country. Hopefully, it's mostly gone by now!

We'll be leaving from the Moore's Station trailhead and checking campsites along the 313 trail and the various side trails. We'll establish a base camp and do day rides to the various sites. Right now there are three of us planning to go; if anyone would like to join us, please let me know!

I'm still hoping that someone will want to go into the Hump with me in late August or September for another Inventory Trip. No physical work involved! Well, not directly with the project. There might be a bit of work involved in getting the trails cleared enough to actually get where we're going, but that's just part of riding in the back country! Please contact me if you can join me later in the summer or if you have another group going in that wants to participate in the Campsite Inventory and Noxious Weed Survey.

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Buckingham Lake Project

August 27-30

Clearwater NF North Fork District, Rod Parks is the trail boss 208-791-3246. 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. Rod & Jim White plan to arrive on the 26th and pack in the materials for the project and camp at the trailhead. The rest of the crew will drive up to Bungalow Jct. on the North Fork River and pack in on the 27. The project consists of removing a failed trail puncheon bridge and replacing it with a culvert.

Lick Creek Cabin Proposal

Umatilla NF; There is concern that this cabin is too exposed and subject to vandalism, so we will notify Jill Bassett that this wouldn't be a good project for us.

Idaho Fish & Game

Stock facilities at Redbird Beach

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. Idaho Fish & Game will buy the material. We will need a boat to haul material across the river, as the hitchrails will be constructed out of metal to discourage vandalism.

Kid's Kamp 2011

Moving Kid's Kamp to Black's Ranch on Washington Fish & Wildlife Property created a lot of extra work getting everything ready and the many improvements to the facilities, but it all paid off in the end, as everything fell into place. The youths loved the new showers. The cooks were happy with the new kitchen. Twenty nine youths ended up attending this year, a new record, as Pat keeps increasing the amount allowed, as it has become a pretty popular activity. Kid's Kamp this year was like the rest of this year with changing weather daily. The good news is that it was beautiful during the rides, but thunder, lightning and rain were in order in the evenings at times. A good thing we went back to town and bought new tarps to cover the tents. We purchased 20 panels for holding pens and Lucky Acres Fencing loaned us thirty more. Lisa Swanson had some great games dreamed up to keep the kids busy. Dutch Oven cooking, LNT principles, setting up a Lifelight Landing Zone, brushing trails, and a GPS Scavenger Hunt were some of the education topic provided. Injuries were minor this year. One youth kicked by a horse had a bruised leg and one

that had a bug bite on the leg that had to be iced and medicated.

Certified Hay Available to BCH Members

At the July Meeting I mentioned I'd have some certified hay and could make it available, if desired. I didn't know if anyone would be interested. Turned out several people were interested and have been having trouble getting certified hay for a reasonable price.

I am NOT in the hay selling business but will make my certified hay available to TRBCH members for \$8 per 50 pound bale equivalent. I put it that way because most of the bales came in at between 60 and 70 pounds. If you'd like some, I'll weigh the bales you get and scale the per bale price accordingly.

If I end up without enough hay in my barn (which may happen, I don't know yet) I'll have to take a bale of your good grass hay in partial payment for my certified grass hay. By the way, it's a mix of timothy, orchard, and brome grass with a bit of other stuff mixed in. But no noxious weeds! Very little dog fennel,] either, but yes, there may be a bit in some bales. We didn't certify the fields that had very much even though it isn't a noxious weed.

The certified hay is available from my barn outside Moscow. If someone wants a small amount I could bring it to a BCH meeting in Lewiston--but I'll be in the Hump during the August meeting so September is the soonest I could get it there.

If you need certified hay, please feel free to contact me and we'll work something out.

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Over the Hill

Elk Summit Packing Project

July 22 – 23

We got it done!! The snow left just in time. Two weeks earlier you could not even drive a pickup to the trailhead. Jim White, trail boss, did a great job keeping everyone posted on the status of the project. The end result was over half of his crew cancelled attending the project. Jim, Rod Parks, and Bob Hough came with pack animals ready. We had lots of discussions as we loaded the planks as to what would work best. We ended up with three different hitches. The old saying that "there is more than one way to

BCHI State Directors Meeting

July 8th

July's meeting was held by video conferencing through the University of Idaho. We had a few glitches, but all in all it went fine and saved a lot of time and money. **Broomtales;** Marilyn Rouser reported she received articles from only four chapters for the last issue. She asked the chapters to send her articles of their summer work projects to be published in the November Broomtales issue. The deadline for the next issue is October 15. Idaho is progressing slowly with the trail classification surveys. Land has been **Owyhee Initiative:** BLM has purchased 320 acres south of Grandview to be designated as the new trailhead. The Selway Bitterroot Foundation has established a working relationship with BCHI and would like them to become the packers for their crews. The 2012 BCHI Calendars are here and will be handed out in August & September.

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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pack” sure fit here, as we made it to the work sites with no problems. Rod even had two pack animals and his riding horse off the “100 footer” and never had to redo the loads. We would not have had to cross the 100 foot bridge twice over the bog if trail boss Jim had not wanted to go about three extra miles just so he could get more pictures of his pack string instead of dropping them off at the work site. This did not work so great, as he lost his camera along the way. A big thanks goes to Doug Olive, FS representative who helped pack a good share of the 92 four foot bridge planks and also for saving the day by picking up Jim’s lost camera. We all packed in loads on Friday and Jim, Doug, and Rod packed in the final loads on Saturday. Both days, Rod did demonstrations on what happens when you do not tie up your saddle stock and lead pack animal when you get off to do something. Bob Hough gets the record for losing two horse shoes in two days. We finished Saturday by riding to Big Sands Lake and having lunch there. The road was in fantastic condition, there was plenty of feed, and the info we had on bugs was pretty accurate, mosquitoes everywhere. If Rod is in charge of food on the next trip, Bob and Jim requested that Karen give them a copy of the menu also, so they have an idea what Rod was suppose to be cooking. Sunday, Jim and Bob headed home after breakfast. Rod joined a family we met from Wisconsin on a ride to Diablo Lookout. We met two backpackers on the trail who had plans to go to the lookout and turned back, as they told us there were too many trees across the trail. Anyone who has rode with Rod, knows he took this as a challenge. Sixty to eighty trees that we crossed or found a way around, a dozen snow drifts up to three foot deep and we all were at the lookout for a fantastic view.

Calendar of Events

Dough Creek Adopt=A-Cabin	Aug.6-7	9:00 AM	Madden Corral, Craig Mtn, Idaho F&G
Gospel Hump Campground Inventory	Aug. 8-14		Nez Perce NF, Gospel Hump Wilderness
TRBCH Meeting	Aug. 9	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
Buckingham Lake Project	Aug 27-30	8:00 AM	North Fork/Clearwater NF
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