



# Trails & Tales Newsletter

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**Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 13th, 7:00pm**  
Idaho Fish & Game Building  
3316 16<sup>th</sup> St, Lewiston, ID

## Comin' round the Mountain

### **2012 BCH of Idaho Calendars**

Our chapter will be handing the calendars out at September's Meeting. The chapter is again committed to sell 400 calendars. We need to get these distributed to our members and start selling. The calendars are full of great pictures taken by our members. They are a fundraiser for BCH of Idaho as well as for the chapters. The chapter will receive 10% of the sales money, or \$800.00 if we sell all 400 calendars at \$20.00 each. Nothing has changed on the prizes, 11 monthly chances to win \$500.00 and then in December, a prize valued at \$6000.00. There are four choices for the grand prize. Cabela's gift card, Fuel card, Les Schwab Tire, or a horse trailer. **Lisa Swanson (208-305-1331) is the chapter contact to purchase or receive calendars to sell.**

Our calendars are getting around. Mark just told me the winner for August is from Arlington, WA.

### **Lifelight Membership**

BCH of Idaho is still a group member of Lifelight Network. Lifelight has increased the annual group membership fee to \$55.00/ family or individual. I talked to Lifelight to clarify some items. TRBCH Members are to mail applications and renewals to the Boise address on the new form, and not the Oregon/Washington address. They said they will send out a renewal notice 30 days before your membership expires. If you are on **Medicaid**, you do not qualify for Lifelight Membership, as you are fully covered through Medicaid. Members on **Medicare** will still benefit from joining Lifelight. If

you are joining Lifelight network for the first time, the new application is on the chapter website [www.twinriversbch.com](http://www.twinriversbch.com) and listed under "Chapter Information".

### **Primeland Country Store Event**

Sept 17<sup>th</sup>

This event has been **cancelled** and may be rescheduled in spring 2012. The advertising money has been returned to the chapter.

## 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.

### **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.

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

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## Over the Hill

### **Dough Creek Adopt-A-Cabin**

**Aug 6-7**

I do not know if it was having this project so close to town or that fact that we knew the trail was cut out to the cabin, but we had a decent turnout with 13 workers attending. It was a nice ride down to the cabin from Madden Corrals. We only had to get off and cut out two new trees across the trail. We had plans to get the work done quickly before it got hot. Well, it did not quite work out that way. We did accomplish more than was planned, as Jim White and John Partridge rode into Chimney Creek drainage and cut the trail out as an added bonus. There is now some beautiful Formica on the cooking counter and the dining table, and a fresh coat of stain on the deck and cabin floor. Fire breaks were cut around all the hitchrails and buildings. Work was done on both water troughs and water was flowing good as we left. This is a great cabin to ride to and spend a night or two. It is only about a two hour ride to get there and it is the nicest cabin on the mountain. Just because our chapter and some friends built the cabin has nothing to do with this opinion!! After we got back and unsaddled, we went to Benton Meadows and proceeded to relax and enjoy a fantastic potluck dinner. About half the crew headed home and the rest of us spent the night at Benton Meadows. Sunday we went for a ride and scouted for huckleberries. We found a few, but the pickings were pretty scarce and most were not ripe yet. Thanks to everyone that worked so hard. Be sure and take the time to return to the cabin and enjoy the fruit of your labor. We have another mule that is garbage can broke.

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

Some people say they love “work”—they can watch it for hours. I dislike work and even avoid watching it when possible. Rather than working, I like to be out having fun and enjoying myself! That’s why I’m so thoroughly enjoying the Campsite Inventory Project. It’s a GREAT project that needs to be done and doesn’t involve “work.” Life is good!

In early August Rod Parks, Larry Taylor, and I drove down to Moore’s Station and took a six day pack trip into the Hump in the name of doing “volunteer project work” for the Forest Service. Work? Yeah, right. I could spend all summer “working” like that and never break a sweat! Well, that’s not strictly true since setting up and breaking down camp could almost be called “work”—but that “work” really had nothing to do with the project so I don’t think it counts.

We had a GREAT time! We met early Monday morning, drove to Moore’s Station, packed up the three pack animals, and were heading up the trail by about 3:00 in the afternoon. In spite of a couple of missed turns, a rather serious (humorous in hindsight) failure to communicate that got us separated for a couple hours, and near total inexperience on my part, we had camp set up at the Petersen Creek crossing on Trail 313 just before dark—and enjoyed a fine dinner in the process! We moved camp on Wednesday and packed out and drove home on Saturday.

My contribution to the “pack trip” part of the project was taking too much food, doing the cooking, and mostly watching with interest as Rod and Larry did what needed to be done. By the end of the week I suspect they were both pretty tired of me asking if there was anything I could do that’s more useful than staying out of the way! But I did learn a lot about packing and might even be useful on my next trip.

During the course of the week we rode about 60 miles, moved camp once, and visited and inventoried 16 campsites. The condition of the campsites ranged from heavily used and kind of beat up to virtually rehabilitated. One site, in particular, once we’d removed the fire ring was simply no longer there! It was a perfect example of nature erasing the Hand of Man.

On the other extreme was the camp we used at Anchor Meadows where there were large hardened areas and numerous trees with lots of exposed roots. But, at least people used that site instead of finding and potentially damaging virgin sites. It's all a balance.

Jim White took a group in to do a noxious weed survey and also inventory some campsites. Although I do not have details at this time, his group inventoried some campsites around the Slate Lakes.

The Gospel Hump Wilderness Area is incredible! I'd never been there prior to this trip. I'm ready and eager to go back! And, best of all, I can "justify" the trip as "working" on a volunteer project for the Forest Service. Life just don't get any better'n that!

Bill Ward

### **Buckingham Lake Project August 25-30**

When we scheduled this project in August, a comment was made that it could be really hot. That ended up being true, as on the 26<sup>th</sup> when Jim White and I packed in the culvert, tools, wood posts and some hay, it was the hottest day of the year so far. With a little luck, we were able to pack the 155# culvert sections in with limited problems. Jim's mule did great!!

To get all the supplies, stock feed and camp for the six of us, we ended up hauling 13 loads. There was no feed at the lake, so five of the loads were hay bales. We removed the broken bridge in no time, and had the culvert set in place in about an hour. Three members went to work locating rock and hauling on

stock to use cribbing up end walls over the culvert. The rest of us placed the rock and hauled dirt in five gallon buckets for fill over the culvert. We had plans to go for a ride after the work was done, but ended up resting in camp, as we were all exhausted. Sunday night we had the most intense lighting storm any of us had ever been in. Then it rained, strong winds, and some monstrous hail stones. It sounded like they were going to come right through our tents. Monday we went for a fantastic ride to Pot Mountain and saw some beautiful sights. Tuesday was packing up, and heading home. We packed the tools and supplies to a FS Trail Crew Camp on the way back, as the crew was coming in to work, as we were leaving. It was a lot of work packing everything in for the project, but it turned out to be a fantastic trip.

Thanks to Bob, Leroy, and Norman Hough and Jim White for a great time!

Rod Parks

#### **Weed Seed Free Forage**

Remember, weed seed free forage is required in all national forests and state lands.

#### **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/library/weedfreeforage.html>

#### **Oregon State Suppliers**

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

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#### **Calendar of Events**

TRBCH Meeting	Sept.13	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
TRBCH Meeting	Oct. 11	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
TRBCH Annual Pizza Meeting	Nov.8	7:00 PM	Idaho Fish & Game Facility
BCH of Idaho Director's Meeting	Nov. 18	9:00 AM	Video Conference Sites
Gate Closing Chili Ride	Nov. 26	9:30 AM	Fordyce Trailhead Asotin/Lick Creek