



## *Trails & Tales Newsletter*

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Idaho Fish & Game Building  
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### Comin' round the Mountain

#### **2019 Raffle Calendars**

Pamela is requesting that all moneys from raffle calendar sales from members be paid by the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you cannot make the meeting to turn in your money, please call Pamela Winalski: 509-843-6068 home or 509-330-0227 and make arrangements before January 8<sup>th</sup>! There are still a few left to purchase if you are a procrastinator.

Thanks to everyone that helped by selling and purchasing raffle calendars with this fundraiser that supports BCH of Idaho.

2018 Raffle Calendar Winners are listed on the BCHI Website. <http://www.bchi.org/>

#### **2019 Chapter Officers**

President - Paul Bogar, Vice President – Dan Flanagan, Secretary – Susie Paulson, Treasurer – Connie Baker, State Director (2 year term) – Rod Parks, Alternate State Director – Pat Bogar. Jerry Lane is serving the second year of his term as a State Director. Thank you for stepping up to be leaders for the coming year.

#### **2019 Memberships**

If you have not rejoined for another exciting year, attached is a membership application to copy and mail in or bring to a chapter meeting.

#### **Kid's Kamp 2019**

Will it happen or not? Membership had an extended discussion at November's meeting on whether to continue to offer Kids Kamp. Many felt that the chapter membership was aging and unable to properly support Kids Kamp. We discussed how to get more youth and their parents involved and how to get others to partner with. Linda Lane and Pat Bogar will explore other options and will check back with the membership in January. Anyone with suggestions should contact them.

#### **BCH of Idaho Broomtales Articles**

**Deadline for news articles is Feb.1.** Alice has been doing a great job! Please continue to submit articles.

Send to: [newsletter-editor@bchi.org](mailto:newsletter-editor@bchi.org)

## Volunteer Accomplishments for 2018

Volunteering members, thank you for providing access for us as well as other users of our wonderful public lands that are available to use and enjoy. Here is a very brief list of where our members worked. We volunteered for The NezPerce-Clearwater National Forest, Umatilla National Forest, Idaho Fish & Game, Hellsgate State Park, & Washington Fish & Wildlife, this past year. Here is a list of the projects that we worked on for the year; Redbird Trail Clearing, Redbird Tree of Heaven, Autrey Campground Construction, Chief Joseph Foundation Demo, First Aid Training, Saw Certification Training, Billy CR Firewood, Hellsgate Water Bars, Dough CR AAC, Fundraiser Ride, Kids Kamp Planning , Kids Camp Pre-ride, Asotin Trail Spraying, Weitas CR Weed Spraying, Great Burn Pack Support, Kids Kamp, Cabin Gulch, Seven Devils, Ten Mile Trail, Cummins CR Trail, Anderson Butte Trails, Chapter Newsletter, Elmer CR Pack Support

### Totals in each Category:

Labor 992 Hours	Wilderness Trail Miles Cleared 10	Other Trail Miles Cleared 33.5	Education 219 Hrs	Personal Vehicle Miles Driven 4302	Stock Hauling Miles 7160
Power Equipment 78 Hours	Stock Days of Use 227	Donations \$78	Travel Time 373 hours	<b>Total Dollar Value of our Volunteering \$85,199.90</b>	

Visit the chapter website for full reports on most of the projects, activities and photos as well as a summary of our activities for the year.

### Monthly Rides

We need a person or persons to agree to schedule some fun chapter rides for the coming year, so dates can be marked on your calendars.

## Over the Hill

### Annual Gate Closing Ride, November 24

Reported by Lorelei McNamee

Twin River Backcountry Horseman annual gate closing ride at Fordyce Trailhead on November 24th 2018 was a success. Don and I arrived a little after 9:00 and along with some expert help by Bob Hough were able to get the wire re-stretched on the fence by the horse gate. It has been broken and loose for years. Thank you, Don and Bob, this has been bugging me. We had 10 riders in the "on-time" group, Don, myself, Bob, Linda and Jerry Lane, Colleen Ozard, Billy Havens, Michelle Barnes, Pamela Winalski and Adel Petz. While we were standing in the shade and frost at the trail head waiting for the others and looking at the beautiful sunshine on the North side of the road, Billy had a great idea of riding in the sun instead of the frozen canyon up Fordyce. Bob immediately said that he knew a route that would be just right for our adventure. I was a little concerned with his enthusiasm. Flashbacks of "short cuts" with Rod Parks were flashing in my brain. We mounted up and headed down the road towards Sourdough. We then meet our President, Paul and his lovely side kick, Toni. No one actually "asked" why they were late, but Don did mention to Paul that the time changed a few weeks ago. Another mile down the road we ran into Mike and Kathy Brooks, they had gone to the wrong place, but were back on track. They went on up to the trail head and met up with Paul and Toni and had an adventure of their own. Oh darn, I forgot to mention the most important person of the day. Pat Bogar had arrived before we left and had the chili and was going to get a fired built. Both were a welcome sight when we returned.

We continued down the main road to the hay barn below Sourdough, and then rode up the north side of the hill. Once we rounded the bench on top we could see the Craig Mountains, Big Butte, and the Valley. It was beautiful. We continued climbing and got into a bit of snow, rode by the emergency tower and then the "fun" part. Bob had been telling us that we could take down whichever "gradual" decline that we chose. But first we had to get down through the rock bluff. Adel took the easy way on the road. But the rest of us went down

through the rocks, it was great. The only “gradual” decline that we found was when we were back down on the main road. It took us 1 ½ hours to get to the top and 45 minutes to get to the bottom. We kept looking behind us for Paul, Toni, and Kathy and never saw them. But Paul went up the draw that we came down, planning on running into us, but we missed each other by a little bit. It was a great group of riders. The chili, fire and stories were great at the end of the ride as well.

### **Christmas Dinner**

We had a good turnout for a fantastic meal at Guardian Angel Homes. It sure was nice that we were able to return to their great setting for dinner and fun. Thank you to everyone that brought a gift for Toys for Tots. We had some really nice gifts for the White Elephant Gift Exchange. It did not take long for the booze bottles to be stolen and at a final resting seat. As usual, Susie Paulson made some great arrangements for the location and the meal choices. What a great dessert to top off our meal.

**Certified Weed Seed Free Forage is required in all national forests and state lands.**

**Washington State Suppliers**

[http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/nwcb\\_hay.htm](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/nwcb_hay.htm)

**Idaho State Suppliers**

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

**Oregon State Suppliers**

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

**TRBCH Newsletter Editor/Website - Please submit Articles to:**

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### **Calendar of Events 2018-19**

<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>Jan. 8, 2019 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Idaho Fish &amp; Game Facility, Lewiston, ID</b>
<b>Broomtales Article Deadline</b>	<b>Feb.1</b>	<b>Alice Milligan, Editor</b> <a href="mailto:newsletter-editor@bchi.org">newsletter-editor@bchi.org</a>
<b>Selway- Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation Gathering &amp; Fundraiser</b>	<b>February 2 6:00 PM 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Quality Inn 700 Port Drive Clarkston, WA</b> <b>Details:</b> <a href="http://www.selwaybitterroot.org/eventsdata/2019/2/sbfc-winter-gathering-and-fundraiser">http://www.selwaybitterroot.org/eventsdata/2019/2/sbfc-winter-gathering-and-fundraiser</a>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>Feb. 12 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Idaho Fish &amp; Game Facility, Lewiston, ID</b>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>Mar. 12 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Idaho Fish &amp; Game Facility, Lewiston, ID</b>
<b>BCH of Idaho Director Meeting</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Hosted by Eagle Rock BCH</b>
<b>BCH of Idaho Annual Convention</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Idaho Falls, ID</b> <b>Info &amp; Registration at:</b> <a href="http://www.bchi.org/activities.htm">http://www.bchi.org/activities.htm</a>