



## Trails & Tales Newsletter

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March 12, 6:30 PM

Cutting Edge Credit Union  
2200 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lewiston

### Comin' round the Mountain

**NOTICE:** Kid's Kamp Meeting **6:00 PM** before the regular chapter meeting.

#### **IMPORTANT!!!**

**Cutting Edge Credit Union for TRBCH Meetings is our new official meeting location. (Approved at our Feb. meeting.) From now on, unless there is a conflict with using their facility we will meet the second Tuesday monthly there.**

**Directions:** Take Hwy 12 west in to Lewiston. Turn right on the Levee Bypass Rd at 18<sup>th</sup> ST. (traffic signal) follow bypass road under the bridge, turn right on Snake River Ave. to the roundabout at Southway, go east on Southway Ave, take the 1<sup>st</sup> right, it is 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Stay to the right on 1<sup>st</sup> St to the Cutting Edge Credit Union building at 2200 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Building is on the left.

#### **2019 FS Project Proposals**

Carol Hennessey, Clearwater-NezPerce NF will be our guest. She will be presenting 2019 trail projects for members to consider as well as other issues that may affect our chapter.

#### **2019 Memberships Dues**

Please don't procrastinate any longer. We need all of you to pay your dues so we can send out a new membership list in April. The last newsletter for members that have not rejoined will be in March. New applications are on the chapter website and at the meeting.

#### **Annual Chili Ride March 17**

The ride will be held at Rod & Karen Parks' home this year. **This ride is only open to TRBCH members as we will be riding on private property. All members must sign a liability release!** Arrive around 9:30 am, so we can all be ready to ride by 10:00 am. Everyone needs

to bring a potluck dish, a chair, beverages, and table service. Please contact Karen Parks, 208-791-3246 if you will be attending. The ride will be about three hours, depending on the weather. There are some rocky areas that we will encounter. Fair weather riders are welcome to show up without their stock for the chili and socializing. The Chili will be provided. Call for directions if your first time! This ride will not be cancelled no matter what the weather is, a tradition!!

#### **State Director & Convention Items to discuss:**

##### **Saw Training Program Proposals**

There will be two separate proposals presented at the BCHI Convention.

##### **Raffle Calendar Sales Rebate**

There is a resolution to approve a 10% cash rebate to chapters for the raffle calendars that they commit too.

##### **BCHO & BCHW Resolution**

Proposing a letter from BCHI supporting the resolution for using MRA on trails that are inaccessible due to lack of maintenance.

You will need to review these beforehand and be prepared to provide guidance to our directors and delegates.

#### **Directors Meeting & BCHI Convention, Mar. 22-23**

The State Directors Meeting will be Friday as well as a Foundation Meeting, with the Convention being on Saturday. We need to have at least 8 delegates from our chapter to attend as voting delegates for the convention. **The chapter will pay the registration fee for all that attend plus \$100 to help defray the costs.** We need to get a list of those attending at this meeting. Here is a link with Registration, Photo Contest Rules and meeting times. <http://www.bchi.org/documents/2019-mar-bod-conv/registration-information.pdf>  
Shilo Inn and Convention Center

780 Lindsay Blvd. Idaho Falls, Id. 83402 (208) 523-0088 / (800) 222-2244/ shiloinns.com Special Discounted Room Rate: \$83 nightly (reserve under BCHI name).

**Eagle Rock is seeking Donations from individuals for raffles and auction and asks that each Chapter donates a \$50.00 + valued item for the live auction.**

### **Convention Photo Contest**

Categories: Sharing the Adventure, Seasons on the Trail, The Back Country, Work Projects, Equine, Kids. Bring your photos to the chapter meeting so members can select their favorites in each category as chapters can only submit 6 photos. Rules are on the BCHI Website under Activities.

### **Chapter Display**

We need someone to volunteer to put together a display for the convention. There are cash awards for the top three.

### **2020 Raffle Calendar Photos**

BCHI needs photos from members to submit for the next year calendars. They must be high resolution and the proper form filled out for each picture. The last day to submit photos is at the BCHI Convention.

### **Idaho Fish & Game Meeting**

IDFG is holding a meeting this month and asking for input from volunteer groups. Andrew Mackey would like to have a coordination meeting with a member of your groups in the IDFG room to discuss possible projects for the WMA. Please extend this offer to any other group I may have missed and please let me know if your group will be attending and how many. I will have pizza and refreshments available. I would prefer to keep the number of attendees from each group low so we can have a fruitful conversation.

#### **Agenda items:**

Past volunteer projects – A brief report from each group. What each group would like to see accomplished on the WMA.

What projects we have in the mix for the upcoming year(s).

Ways to move forward.

Paul Bogar and Rod Parks plan to attend representing TRBCH.

Give them your ideas to present to Andrew Mackey, IDFG Wildlife Biologist

### **Cummings Creek Chapter Ride**

**Apr. 6, 9:30 am** Ready to Ride. WDFW Discover Pass or Access Parking Pass is required.

Bring a lunch and hand tools for brushing. Easy water grade trail on an old roadbed. Typically we have to

logout some trees and brush a little, but it is a nice place to ride. There is an old mine shaft to check out if you have never been there before.

**Directions:** Take Hwy 12 West to Pomeroy, continue through town about 2 miles, turn left on Tatman Mountain Rd. Stay on the pavement, keep right on Linville Gulch Rd. Linville Gulch continues up the canyon, turn right on Blind Grade. It turns to gravel in a short distance. Go down Blind Grade to Tucannon River Rd. a paved road and Turn left. On your right in about ½ mile you will come to a parking lot on the right just before you cross a bridge on the Tucannon River. There are hitchrails here. Cummins Creek Trail is straight across the road from the parking area. If you cross the bridge over the river, you went too far. Allow one hour driving time from Clarkston.

### **NezPerce Sheriff Mounted Posse Ride**

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Hellsgate State Park Sign-up 10am-noon, \$10.00 first hand

See details at Twin Rivers Back Country Horsemen Face book Page

### **Kid's Kamp June 18-22, 2019**

We will hold Kamp again this year at Smoothing Iron Ranch. The Application is on the chapter website. Remember that we limit it to twenty five youths, ages 8-18, so make sure you get on the list to attend early.

### **BCHA National Directors Meeting**

There are two resolutions, one from BCH Washington and one from BCHA attached for your review.

BCHA is asking for donations from members for the Legacy Fund: the BCHA Legacy Fund is being established to provide dedicated, financial assets to assure future financial viability — for Advocacy, Education, and Volunteerism. Funding Goal and Status for this FY. We are currently “seeding” the Legacy Fund. Our goal was to have \$10,000 in the Legacy Fund by 2019 NBM. We currently have \$8,000. ---\$3,000 from stock from Steve McClintock and \$5,000 from KY donors. We also have 4 Challenge Donations: An additional \$2,000 EACH will be donated to Legacy if BCHA can reach \$20,000 by the 2019 NBM. This is a total of \$8,000! --- Challenge Donors: Mainspring Management Association, Steve McClintock, Edith Conyers, Roy Cornett WE NEED THE EC MEMBERS' HELP IN REACHING THIS GOAL! Recognition of initial donors to Legacy; We would like to honor those who help us seed the Legacy Fund by 2019 NBM, with \$1000 or more, with a distinction of being “Legacy Fund Founding Members.” WE NEED AT LEAST \$12,000 IN HAND BY FRIDAY APRIL 5TH Administration of Funds. More Info: <https://www.bcha.org/?s=legacy+fund>

## Over the Hill

### Redbird Trail Clearing Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

Wow, what a change in the weather for our second trip to finish the clearing and brushing. Snow was deep enough that we were afraid to drive into the parking lot so we unloaded by the county road. We had a great crew clearing blackberries, Rod Parks, Carl Paulson, Rich (new member), Don and Ethan Klement, and Lorelei. We saw 100 plus whitetail deer and 2 wild sheep, One of them was a 3/4 curl ram. We celebrated today, as we

finished cutting back the blackberries. We hope that some of the cut blackberries can be burned after the snow melts.

### Hellsgate Trails Meeting Feb.22

A public meeting was held with Corps of Engineers, Idaho State Park Representative and public users, which consisted of stock users only. Attached are the minutes from the meeting.

**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:  
Rod Parks, email; rod.d.parks@gmail.com**

## Calendar of Events 2019

<b>Kid's Kamp Meeting</b>	<b>Mar. 12 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lewiston, ID</b>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>Mar. 12 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lewiston, ID</b>
<b>TRBCH Chili Ride</b>	<b>Mar. 17 9:30 am</b>	<b>Rod &amp; Karen Parks Place 64 Clayton RD, Clarkston</b>
<b>BCH of Idaho Director Meeting</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Hosted by Eagle Rock BCH Idaho Falls, ID</b>
<b>BCH of Idaho Annual Convention</b>	<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>Info &amp; Registration at: <a href="http://www.bchi.org/activities.htm">http://www.bchi.org/activities.htm</a></b>
<b>Cummings Creek Chapter Ride</b>	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am</b>	<b>WDFW, Tucannon River Drainage</b>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm</b>	<b>Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Lewiston, ID</b>
<b>Fordyce Trail Clearing</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>WDFW, Lick Creek, Asotin Cr Drainage</b>
<b>Dough CR Adopt-A-Cabin Overnighter!</b>	<b>June 1-2</b>	<b>IDFG, Craig Mountain WMA, Madden Corrals</b>
<b>TRBCH Fun Ride</b>	<b>June 8 Signup 9-11:00 am</b>	<b>IDFG Craig Mountain WMA, Kruze Meadows</b>
<b>Kid's Kamp Setup</b>	<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WDFW, Smoothing Iron Ranch</b>
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