



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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April 9th, 6:30 PM

Cutting Edge Credit Union
2200 1st Street, Lewiston

Comin' round the Mountain

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 18th 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 1st right, it is 1st Street. Stay to the right on 1st St to the Cutting Edge Credit Union building at 2200 1st Street. Building is on the left.

Guest Presentation

Tom Keller is a retired Clearwater National Forest employee. He worked on the North Fork Ranger District from 1972 to 2003. He was a Resource Technician and among my various jobs was trail maintenance and construction. He coordinated several trail maintenance volunteer projects with Twin Rivers BCH during the nineties.

He has recently completed writing a book about my experiences while working on the North Fork District. The title of the book is: **31 Years On The Upper North Fork Of The Clearwater River.**

“Currently I am doing book signings at various locations in the Upper Clearwater River area. I have a presentation that I do that outlines why I wrote the book, and gives an overview of what the

book is about. Of course I also offer signed copies of the book for \$15.00 per book.”

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 log out 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 7th, 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.

Forest Service Projects

These are the one that we have committed to. Contact the trail bosses if you are able to help.

Elmer Creek - June 25-26th - packing in supplies - Rod Parks - trail boss
Weitas Creek – June 27-July 2, weed spraying - Rod Parks - trail boss
Elmer Creek - July 10th - packing in supplies - Bob Hough - trail boss
Tenmile - August 9-13th?? - trail clearing - Jerry and Linda Lane - trail boss
Kelley Creek, Mid August? – packing out Great Burn Study Group- Rod Parks - trail boss
John's Creek - ??? - trail clearing - Jerry and Linda Lane - trail boss

Over the Hill

Annual Chili Ride March 17

Who ever thought we would have so much snow in March. We used to have this ride in February in the past, but moved it to March for better weather. Well, it really backfired on us this year. We moved the ride to Hellsgate State Park to avoid snow and mud at Parks' planned location. It ended up being a beautiful day with eleven riders. We basked in the sun after the great potluck at the Don Uhlman Memorial Shelter.

BCH of Idaho Convention March 22-23

Eagle Rock chapter, located in Idaho Falls, were fantastic hosts! They went all out with some new activities such as balloon raffle for a great framed picture, nice prizes for photo contest winners, and great entertainment during the dinner. I don't know how to describe the auctioneer other than he was able to keep us in laughter the whole time and still get outrageous bids out of many present.

Your State Directors will have a report on business highlights from the Directors Meeting and Convention.

Remember, our chapter will reimburse registration fees plus \$100 to all that attended. (Attached is a form to fill out for reimbursement)

Chapter Display

When no one else stepped up, Linda Lane took on the task of creating a fantastic display representing

our chapter with the theme of "Sharing the Adventure". We all owe Linda big thanks for her working late nights to create the display!

Idaho Fish & Game

Andrew Mackey, Wildlife Biologist, Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area, was a guest speaker covering his proposal to improve access and awareness of trail opportunities on Craig Mountain. He has funds to hire a Montana Conservation Crew (MCC) for six weeks and hopes to have the trail identified better from Madden Creek to the mouth of the Salmon River. This trail is a combination of cowboy, shepherd, and U.S. Calvary trail construction over the years that have been typically called the Mid-Elevation Trail. This trail connects to five IDFG cabins open for public use.

Redbird Trail Clearing Feb. 18th

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.

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

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 2019

Cummings Creek Chapter Ride	April 6 th 9:30 am	WDFW, Tucannon River Drainage
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	April 9 th 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1 st Street, Lewiston, ID
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	May 8 th 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1 st Street, Lewiston, ID
Fordyce Trail Clearing	May 12	WDFW, Lick Creek, Asotin Cr Drainage
Dough CR Adopt-A-Cabin Overnighter!	June 1-2	IDFG, Craig Mountain WMA, Madden Corrals
TRBCH Fun Ride	June 8 Signup 9-11:00 am	IDFG Craig Mountain WMA, Kruze Meadows
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	June 11 th 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1 st Street, Lewiston, ID
Kid's Kamp Setup	June 16 th	WDFW, Smoothing Iron Ranch
Kid's Kamp	June 18-22	WDFW, Smoothing Iron Ranch
Elmer Creek Pack Support	June 25-26	Isabella CR Trailhead, Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF
Weitas Cr Weed Spray	June 27-July 2	Weitas Cr. pack in to Windy Cr. Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF
Elmer Cr Pack Support	July 9-10	Isabella CR Trailhead, Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF
Ten Mile Project, Clearing Trail #415	Aug?	Red River RD, located off the South Fork Clearwater River
John's Cr Trail Clearing	Aug?	Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF