



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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June 11, 6:30 PM

Cutting Edge Credit Union
2200 1st Street, Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

TRBCH Fun Ride June 8th

Location is Kruze Meadows Parking lot in Craig Mountains. This is our fundraiser ride. Hands are \$10.00 ea with \$5.00 for each additional hand. Ride out time is between 9 and 11 am. Drawings and cash winners. Concession stand will be open for lunch. The ride will be 3-4 hours long. All workers need to be at Kruze Meadows by 8:00 am and station riders need saddled and on the trail by 8:30 am sharp.

Directions: From Lewiston ID, 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, stay to the left. When you get to the top of the grade keep going until you cross a cattle guard. Turn right past the cattle guard on ZaZa Rd. This is County Rd 541. Kruze Meadows Parking Lot is on your left in a couple miles. Allow 1 hour for travel time from Lewiston.

Kid's Kamp Setup June 16

Please be at Smoothing Iron Ranch by 9:00 am ready to work. The tents need setup, corrals setup, grass and weeds mowed, barn and shop washed, house cleaned, chapter awning setup, tables and chairs in garage, and water in the troughs, etc. Lunch will be provided for the workers after the work is finished.

Directions: Allow one hour drive time, From Clarkston, WA; take Hwy 129 South to Asotin. Turn right before the bridge over Asotin Creek on (Beaumaster Drive) Asotin Creek Rd. #110. When you come to a "Y" keep right and stay at creek level. This road will change back and forth from paved to gravel. The third time it changes to paved at a "Y" intersection (Metal building at this "Y") go left across the bridge. This is the South Fork of Asotin Creek. In a few miles you will cross the creek again at a metal hay barn and start heading up a steep grade. The first house you come to on the left is Smoothing Iron Ranch. You are there!

Kid's Kamp June 18-22, 2019

We are getting close for another exciting Kid's Kamp. There will be a **final signup sheet** at the meeting for member helpers. You do not have to commit for the entire week, any days that you can assist will be appreciated. We need help setting up, tearing down, adults to ride on the rides, and leaders for the teams. For more information go to the TRBCH Website or call Pat Bogar (509-780-3545). The kids are supposed to start arriving at 3:00 pm on June 18th. Tear down starts at 12 noon on June 22.

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left across the bridge. This is the South Fork of Asotin Creek. In a few miles you will cross the creek again at a metal hay barn and start heading up a steep grade. Asotin County has widened Warner Gulch and added gravel. The first house you come to on the left is Smoothing Iron Ranch. You are there!

Forest Service Projects

Contact the trail bosses if you are able to help or have questions. Any member is welcome to come and help on any of these projects. More details in July Newsletter for August Projects or call the listed trail bosses for questions.

Elmer Cr Project, June 25-26th

Camp will be at Isabella Cr. Trailhead on the 25th. There is a hitchrail, outhouse and stock water about ¼ mile down the road. Limited stock feed, so bring some supplemental certified feed. We will be packing in supplies on the 26th for the forest service trail crew about four miles up Elmer Cr. They have been rebuilding the Elmer Cr. trail for the last several years to make a loop ride in the area. We will probably have to make two trips unless we get more pack support. Right now we have four members attending. Rod Parks (208-791-3246) is trail boss. Call if you want to join in by next weeks meeting.

Directions: From Lewiston, take Hwy 12 East; turn left on Hwy 11 at Greer ID. Continue through Weippe & Pierce to Headquarters. Turn left on Rd # 247 at Headquarters. Follow paved road to Bridge across the North Fork Clearwater River. Turn left after crossing the bridge and follow road always staying to the right until the road ends at Isabella Trailhead. It is about 6-7 miles of gravel road after crossing the bridge.

Weitas Creek Pack in, June 27-July 2

Members will either start at Weitas Cr. Campground on the North Fork and pony stock on the trail or leave from French Mountain and ride roads to Weitas Guard Station on the 27th. Members

Over the Hill

Primeland Pony Rides May 11

This was Primeland Country Stores spring event with Pony rides and Dachshund Races as well as other activities. Carl Paulson reported that chapter members did a great job supporting this event. They had 7 horses giving kids rides, some for the first time and a miniature donkey for petting. They collected a total of \$98 and 45 pounds of food for the Food Bank. Thanks for the walkers and members that brought their stock. This event

will pack another 9 miles into Windy Cr. and set up camp. Work consists of weed spraying with horseback sprayer and backpacks. Rod Parks (208-791-3246) is trail boss. We will head home on July 1st or 2nd depending on when we finish the spraying.

John's Creek Project, June 29-30

Call Jerry and Linda Lane (509-780-2624) for details and directions to get there. The trailhead is along Highway 14. There are no places to camp nearby. Allow 3 hours to get there and be ready to ride. That includes travel from Lewiston, project meeting, and enough time to saddle and be ready to go. The project is a 13 mile loop with several large trees across the trail. If there are two groups we can split and meet in the back of the loop. A good group could do the project and go home in one really long day. If we have 2 or three people we plan to pack in horse feed and camp out overnight along the trail.

Elmer Creek Project, July 9-10

Camp will be at Isabella Cr. Trailhead on the July 9th. There is a hitchrail, outhouse and stock water about ¼ mile down the road. Limited stock feed, so bring some supplemental certified feed. The project consists of restocking the FS crews and any additional tools they may need. There is also a chance that the crew may want their camp moved up the trail closer to their work. - Bob Hough (509-256-3338) is trail boss and could use extra help.

Sourdough Trailhead Aug. 10-11, rebuild corral with North Central Idaho BCH and TRBCH. This is a trailhead project. No stock is needed. Call Jerry or Linda Lane (509-780-2624) for details.

Tenmile Trailhead and Pack in - August 12-15 - trail clearing - Jerry Lane (509-552-3567) - trail boss

Kelly Creek Trailhead, August 17-18 – packing out Great Burn Study Group- Rod Parks (208-791-3246) - trail boss

is great exposure for our chapter. It did not rain this year, but it sure was hot. Dave at Primeland has some of the worst luck picking dates for this annual event.

Dough Cr Adopt-A Cabin June 1-2

We had a beautiful day for our annual trip for maintenance at the cabin, maybe a little too nice, as it was pretty dang warm. Mice have been getting into the cabin so we cleaned the food cabinet with bleach, washed all the dishes, and added some boards to the cabinet to try and keep the mice out. Put some bait under the cabin also for good eating. The Montana Conservation Crew was staying at the cabin, so we could not clean inside the cabin, but we were able to put a coat of sealer on the deck and string trim a fire break around the cabin, outhouse, and hitchrails. The MCC crew is working on the trail from cabin to cabin. IDFG has added a fire ring to the cabin.

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

TRBCH Fun Ride	June 8 Signup 9-11:00 am	IDFG Craig Mountain WMA, Kruze Meadows
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	June 11th 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1st Street, Lewiston, ID
Kid's Kamp Setup	June 16th 9:30 am	WDFW, Smoothing Iron Ranch
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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
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Sourdough Trailhead Corral Repair	Aug. 10-11	Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF Helping North Central Idaho BCH
Ten Mile Project, Clearing Trail #415	Aug. 12-15	Red River RD, located off the South Fork Clearwater River
Great Burn Study Group Pack Out	Aug. 17-18	Hanson Meadows, North Fork Dist. Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF

