



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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2200 1st Street, Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

BCHI Calendar Raffle Tickets are here!

It is that time already. We have the 2020 calendars in hand and ready to hand out to our eager chapter members to sell. The top prize is \$3000.00, with 11 chances to win \$500.00, all gift cards. Our chapter has 350 to sell this year. Pamela Winalski has agreed to be in charge of the calendar sales again this year. Be sure and call Pamela: 509-843-6068 home or 509-330-0227 and make arrangements to pick some up at Mark Laird Accounting on Bridge Street in Clarkston, or come to the chapter meeting and there will be some there. **If every member takes just two, we can have them all sold by Christmas.**

2019 Calendar Drawing

BCHI Directors changed the drawing for the winners to Sept. 30, 2019 so make sure you have all your raffle cards mailed in before the drawing.

Speakers at Chapter Meetings

Connie Marshall, education co-chair would like some input from members about topics that interest you. Take the time to respond to the Questionnaire that was emailed to members.

Christmas Dinner

We need to schedule a time and date.

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 if you can help.

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

Tenmile Creek drains from the Gospel Hump Wilderness to the South Fork of the Clearwater River near Golden, Idaho. The trailhead is located where the Sourdough road crosses Tenmile Creek about 12 miles from Highway 14. The last five miles is a narrow, rutted, dirt road with few places to pass oncoming traffic. The trail is 12 miles long. About 2.5 miles are open to chainsaws, and then the remainder is within the wilderness area, mostly crosscut saw trail clearing. The crew will pack camp to Ten Mile Meadows and start work past there, as Jerry and Linda have done most of the clearing to Ten Mile Meadows.

Directions: From Lewiston, travel East on Highway 12 / Highway 95 to Grangeville, Idaho. At Grangeville, Turn left on State Highway 13, and travel down the Main Street of Grangeville to the far end of town. At the far end of town you will see Tackett Saw Service on the left and a convenience store / gas station on the right. Past the convenience store, turn right on the Mount Idaho Road which is marked by a wooden sign down low in the grass. Travel on the Mount Idaho Road through the town of Mount Idaho, down to the South Fork River and the intersection of State Highway 14. Travel up the river on State Highway 14. At mile marker 35, turn right on forest road 492 and travel 12 miles to the trail head. The total distance 115 miles.

Kelly Creek Trailhead, August 17-18 – packing out Great Burn Study Group- Rod Parks (208-791-3246) - trail boss if you are interested in help. We will need six pack animals to pack out the crew from Ten Mile Meadows. **Directions:** From Lewiston, take Hwy 12 East, at Greer take Hwy 11 towards Pierce. ½ mile before Pierce take French Mountain RD (/Right Turn). Follow this road until you come to a bridge across the North Fork River.

Turn right and follow the gravel road along the North Fork, always staying to the right at all intersections until you come to the Kelly CR Trailhead. We will spend Aug. 17 past the Kelly CR Trailhead at the meadow across the bridge to the right beyond the corrals. Aug. 18 we will go to Hanson Meadows and bring their gear back to the trailhead.

Over the Hill

Elmer CR & Weitas CR Projects June 25-July 2

I just returned from a great trip with Rod Parks, Billie Haven, and Steve Cooper of the Twin Rivers Back Country Horsemen. We started our adventure on June 25th at the Isabella Creek trail head. Our purpose was to assist the Northwest Youth Corp by packing in their tools, camp gear, etc. Working under the direction of the USFS, they are rebuilding trail on Elmer Creek which will eventually connect to Smith Ridge in the Mallard Larkin Primitive Area. It was a pleasant ride. We returned to camp, grazed the horses' then Mother Nature decided to let loose with a soaking accompanied by a "light" show. Thunder is always 10X's louder echoing off the mountain crags. At times I thought it was an air raid and dove for cover, however, no casualties.

The next day it was off to Weitas Creek. The weather was perfect and the scenery of the North Fork of the Clearwater is spectacular. After loading our gear, we took off to Weitas Guard Station to rendezvous with Emily Poor, USFS botanist and our boss for the rest of the week. Our goal was to spray knapweed and pull hounds tongue at Windy Creek (off the Weitas) and Liz Creek Cabin which we were able to pull off without a hitch except for a few horse shenanigans. Steve has a horse named Smokey. On top of Ol'Smokey is where I wouldn't want to be! Let's just say the pack bags made out better than Steve for that 8 second ride.

In another amazing feat, Billie's horse stripped right out of his saddle with the cinch still intact!

His feet were so nimble he didn't even scratch the saddle! Well, there are more stories than time allows. Thankfully, all ended well. Until next time
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Connie Marshall,
TRBCH

John's Creek Project, June 29-30

Jerry and Linda Lane spent two days clearing many down trees on a 13 mile loop. Lucky for them chainsaws are allowed. Jerry had a very sharp chainsaw and he flew through the trees. The trailhead is along Highway 14 at the mouth of John's CR which drains into the South Fork of the Clearwater River. Thanks for the great job!

Elmer Creek Project, July 9-10

Lorelei McNamee, Mike Welling, and Lisa & Kevin Swanson drove to Isabella Landing and met the Northwest Youth Corp crew. This trip was a resupply trip for the crew members who are on their third stint for the season working on the Elmer Creek Trail. As usual, Tim Lewis of the North Fork RD had a few culverts to pack in for trail work. Mike Welling tackled the culverts while the others pack in the supplies. Tim is hoping that the reconstructed trail will get completed this season. There have been many challenges over the last several years getting this trail opened for non-motorized use. This year was no exception, as an eight foot diameter cedar tree fell across the trail.

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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

Sourdough Trailhead Corral Repair	Aug. 10-11	Nez-Perce-Clearwater NF Helping North Central Idaho BCH
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	Aug. 13 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1st Street, Lewiston, ID
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
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	Sept. 10 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1st Street, Lewiston, ID