



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Sept. 10th, 6:30 PM

Cutting Edge Credit Union
2200 1st Street, Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

BCHI Calendar Raffle Tickets are here!

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. 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.** Please help support BCH. Our chapter receives 10% of the 350 we need to sell, which is \$700 to our treasury.

2019 Calendar Drawing Sept. 30

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

Possible Project for IDFG

IDFG asked if we are interested in rebuilding a corral, building saddle racks and piping water to a new trough at Wapshilla Administration Site on the Salmon River. Access is by Eagle Creek Road in the Craig Mountains. Rod Parks went down and looked at the site. From what I remember, there were two corrals that connected to each other and a round pen. Pretty much everything has burned other than the corral on the lower end by where the barn used to be. I see no reason to build more than one corral. Details on the corrals; the corral next to the barn site is approx. 400' long. All rails need replaced for a four rail fence. There are 13 solid rock jacks that could be reused and 13 more that need total rebuild. I do not think the rail gate is worth reusing. A small existing gate rebuilt to the east would work. If the second corral were built this would add another 400' with 25 more rock jacks to be built.

Guest Speaker

David Rustebakke DVM will be our Guest Education Speaker at Oct. 8th chapter meeting.

Over the Hill

2019 Project Review

Go to the chapter website and see pictures of some of our accomplishments.

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Sourdough Trailhead Aug. 10-11

Jerry and Linda Lane joined North Central Idaho BCH to rebuild corrals at the Sourdough Trailhead. The posts were already installed. They had to peel the rails before they were installed and also cut a few more rails to complete the project. Linda reported that they accomplished the work. There are now four rebuilt separate pens and one old corral that was in good enough condition to leave for use.

Ten Mile Trail Clearing August 11-15

Ten Mile trail accesses the Gospel Hump Wilderness from the South Fork of the Clearwater River near Golden. ID. Chapter members, I should say Jerry and Linda Lane have been clearing this trail for many years. This year was no exception as they went up the week before and cleared six miles of trail by themselves. You may say no big deal, but only two miles are outside the wilderness so the rest is done with hand tools. Camp was moved up to Ten Mile Meadows to finish the clearing. There had been a major storm event and the meadow was wetter than normal. It was a challenge to find a dry spot to set up tents. Doug Olive, FS, came and helped as well as Rod Parks. This twelve mile section of trail historically has from two to three hundred trees across the trail every year. This is an experienced crew with hand saws. The four of them had shavings flying from the crosscut saws and finished the rest of the trail in a day and a half.

Great Burn Study Group Pack Support Aug.17-18

For several years our chapter and Palouse Chapter have been taking turns either packing the Great Burn Study Group up Kelly Creek Trail to Hanson Meadows and back at the end of their season. This year it was our turn to pack them out. This project is quit an undertaking as it is a over 150 miles and takes five to six hours depending on the condition of the gravel section of the road. Then it is 20 mile round trip with pack animals to haul the two employees out. Andrew Mackey and Rod Parks used five pack animals to bring their gear out. We spent the night at the trailhead and packed them out the next day. There were some bulky loads but not much weight which was good as both of us had animals with little packing experience. It is a pretty ride to Hanson Meadows. The North Fork Ranger District trail crew has always had the trail in real good condition.

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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

TRBCH Chapter Meeting	Sept. 10 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1st Street, Lewiston, ID
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