



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Jan. 14, 6:30 PM

Cutting Edge Credit Union
2200 1st Street, Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Please!!

Bring all your monies for the 2020 BCHI Calendar Raffle Tickets or unsold calendars to January meeting or make arrangement with Pamela (509-330-0227 cell, 509-843-6068 home) to collect the money.

TRBCH Mission Statement

The purpose of the organization is to perpetuate enjoyable, common sense use of horses in the back country, assist government agencies in the maintenance and management of trails and other back country resources, educate, encourage and solicit active public participation in wise and sustaining use of the resources that our heritage has provided for us.

A busy 2020 is here! Agenda items for the next several months, get involved!!

2020 Projects, First Aid Training, Public Event Dates, Fun Ride, Annual Chili Ride, Gate Opening Ride, Kid's Kamp Planning, Select a member for the BCHI Foundation, and more!

2020 Chapter Officers

All of you should thank every one of these members that are willing to take extra time out of their lives to support an organization that is so vital to us as stock users of our public lands. **Paul Bogar** President, **Dan Flanagan** Vice-President, **Susie Paulson** Secretary, **Connie Baker** Treasurer, **Bob Hough** State Director 2019-20, **Pat Bogar** State Director 2020-21 & **Karen Parks** Alternate State Director

2020 Membership Dues

You are delinquent if you have not renewed your membership for 2020. Why not renew yourself and encourage a friend to come to our next meeting as a guest. Family Membership is \$35 and single is \$25. There is an application on the chapter website, (see above) and copies at the meeting.

BCHI State Directors Meeting and Convention March 20-21

Treasure Valley BCH is hosting the meetings and convention in Napa, ID.

Details & Registration; <http://www.bchi.org/documents/2020-mar-bod-conv/info-registration.pdf>

Prices are \$120/couple, \$70/single postmarked by Feb.29th. Late registration is \$85/person. There will be photo contest, chapter displays, presentations, guest speakers, BBQ buffet dinner, and live & silent auctions. Our chapter traditionally provides a nice item for the live auction. We need eight members attending the convention as voting delegates during the business meeting. The chapter **may** pay ever ones registration fee to attend the convention??

Asotin County's Cougar Creek Road to be closed seasonally

ASOTIN –Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), in cooperation with the Asotin County Road Department, has installed a vehicle gate on Cougar Creek Road near where it intersects with Grande Ronde Road. The gate will be closed annually from Dec. 1 to March 31, the same as other winter gate closures in the area and annual closures on the Asotin Creek Wildlife area. A combination lock will secure the gate, and the combination provided to owners of private properties behind it. The purpose of the gate is to limit vehicle access to Cougar Creek Road to protect big game during crucial winter months. Elk and deer are particularly vulnerable in cold weather when their fat and energy supplies are extremely low. Annual surveys have shown that area elk populations have declined by up to 25% since the winter of 2017-2018. Cougar Cr Road Accesses the recently purchased land along the Grande Ronde River on the way to Troy, OR.

Notice

The NezPerce-Clearwater National Forest Draft Management Plan and Environmental Impact Draft Plan is available at the below link. This is your opportunity to comment on any issues you may have with the drafts plans. A collaborative group and input from the public have been working on this plan since 2012.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/nezperceclearwater/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fseprd682962#DraftFP>

There are 14 public meeting scattered around the area: The closest being the Red Lion Hotel 621 21st Street, Lewiston, ID 83501 Conference Room: Clearwater, Saturday, **January 25th 1000-1200** For other locations starting Jan. 7th goto; https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd687030.pdf

Raffle Calendar Winners

TRBCH won a \$500 gift card in the 2019 BCHI Raffle. The chapter voted to have a drawing at the Christmas dinner for five \$100 gift cards from Primeland Country Store. The lucky winners are **Mike Brooks, Dan Flanagan, Joy Zipse, Pat Bogar, & Nancy Sangster**

Over the Hill

Annual Christmas Dinner & Party Dec.14

We had a great turnout this year. Could be the bait with \$100 gift cards drew out a few more, but I feel the fantastic meal that Guardian Angel Homes provides and the great time to visit in a relaxed atmosphere has more to do with it. For the first time, we had a few of our youths from Kid's Kamp attend and we did a good job of introducing them to the White Elephant Gift exchange. Thanks to all the members that provided items for Toys for Tots!

Certified Weed Seed Free Forage is required in all national forests and state lands.

Washington State Suppliers

http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/nwcb_hav.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	Jan. 14 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1st Street Lewiston ID
NezPerce-Clearwater NF Public Meeting	Jan. 25 1000-1200	Red Lion, 621 21st St. Lewiston, ID
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	Feb. 11 6:30 pm	Cutting Edge Credit Union 2200 1st Street Lewiston ID
BCHI Director & Foundation Meeting	March 20, 2020	Nampa Civic Center, Nampa ID Hosted by Treasure Valley BCH
BCHI Convention	March 21, 2020	http://www.bchi.org/documents/2020-mar-bod-conv/info-registration.pdf
Kid's Kamp	June 16-20	Smoothing Iron Ranch, WDFW