



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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June 9th 6:30 pm

Meeting at Lewiston Fairgrounds
Indoor Arena

Comin' round the Mountain

Notice!!

Meetings during the Covid-19 Era have been a challenge. For the Month of June we will be holding our Meeting at the Lewiston Fairgrounds (Roundup Grounds) Indoor Arena June 9th at 6:30 PM.

Bring your lawn chair or you can sit in the bleachers and we can do our social distancing.

Local Trail Projects & Rides

Let's see if some members are willing to schedule some Chapter Rides on some of the many trails that have been cleared this year.

Trails Cleared this Year

Idaho: Redbird, Deer Creek Cabin, Dough Cr Cabin & Dough Creek Cabin to Corral Cr, Frenchy Cr Cabin

Washington: North Fork Asotin Cr as far as North Pinkham Trail and North Pinkham Trail, Cabin Ridge, Sourdough, Dry Lick, & Halsey Loop

Washington State Land is open to overnight camping in 22 Counties including Asotin and Garfield.

Umatilla National Forest is open to dispersed camping but developed campgrounds are still closed.

Idaho has opened up state land for overnight camping.

Clearwater-NezPerce National Forest See:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/nezperceclearwater/alerts-notice/?aid=58982>

Dough Creek A-A-Cabin Project June 14

Twin Rivers BCH members will be doing the annual maintenance on the cabin June 14th. We will meet at the Madden Corrals at 9:00 am and then drive to the top of Dough Cr Trail and leave from there. The ride down is on a road closed to motorized users and takes about 2 hrs to get to the cabin.

We will be cleaning the cabin, washing windows, painting the floor inside the cabin and scraping and painting the deck, sealing cracks in the siding boards, repairing the steps, and installing boards to keep birds from roosting between the rafters. If there is time, we will install a new rail on the hitchrail.

Bring a lunch and drinking water. Please call Rod Parks at (208-791-3246) for any questions and confirm you will be attending. Allow 1 hr driving time from downtown Lewiston.

Directions: From Lewiston, 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. When you break out on top the road turns to the right after crossing a cattle guard. Sign says Za Za Rd. and is now Rd 541. When you come to Deer Creek Rd. keep going straight. There is a gravel stockpile at this intersection... Stay to your right at the top of Eagle Creek road. Madden Corrals are lodgepole corrals on your right and there is an old collapsed log cabin.

John's Creek Work Project

June 27-28 be at the trailhead by 9:30 am. You are welcome to attend both days, or only one day. This is a loop ride on trails # 478, 401, 407. These trails can be cleared with Chainsaws and are a combined length of 8.5 miles. Be sure and bring all your PPE and a lunch and water. The Trailhead is right on Hwy 14, 22.4 miles from Grangeville. Figure two hours driving time from Lewiston. There is no overnight camping at the John's Creek Trailhead, but overnight camping is allowed at Leggett Creek Campground, a primitive campsite with only a vault toilet, there are no stock facilities. Be sure to bring Certified Feed and water for your stock. Camping is free. It is 14.5 miles past John's Creek Trailhead to Leggett Creek Campground on your left. Please call Rod Parks (208-791-3246) if you are interested in attending or need more information.

Seven Devils Work Project

July 22-29, 10:00 am This is a pack in project for several days. The work will consist of logging out the Trail to McGaffee Basin. This is located in wilderness, so the cutting will all be done with crosscut and hand saws. We will meet at Windy Saddle Trailhead and pack in a camp from there. If members can only come for the weekend of July 25-26, they are welcome to attend also.

Please call Rod Parks (208-791-3246) if you are interested in attending or need more information.

Directions: From Riggins, Idaho travel south on Highway 95 for 1.3 miles to Seven Devils Road (becomes Forest Road 517); Turn right on Seven Devils Road and go 17 miles to trailhead and horse camp road junction; Take a right at the road junction and continue on towards the Heaven's Gate Lookout for about 0.1 miles to the horse camp entrance road. The climb to Windy Saddle is steep and the upper gravel section can be rough at times.

Elmer Creek Packing Support

Aug 18-19, anytime on the 18th. This project will be packing in the trail crew on the 19th to finish the Elmer Creek Trail. We can camp at Smith Ridge Trailhead. **Info:** Located in the southern portion of the Mallard Larkin Roadless Area, this alpine trailhead offers dispersed camping and a rustic hiking/stock trail (Trail 240) which connects to many other trails in the area, making it a great place for day hikers as well as for those seeking a longer, more strenuous backpacking/stock packing trip. Please call Rod Parks (208-791-3246) if you are interested in attending or need more information.

Over the Hill

Last month's meeting was by conference call. There were not enough members on the call to hold a legal meeting so there are no official minutes.

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 2020

TRBCH Chapter Meeting	June 9 6:30 pm	Lewiston Fairgrounds Indoor Arena
Dough CR A-A-Cabin	June 14 9:00 am	IDFG Craig Mountain WMA
John's Cr Project	June 27-28, 9:30 am	Clearwater – NezPerce NF, John's CR Trailhead
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	July 14 6:30 pm	Location to be determined
Seven Devils Project	July 22-29 10:00 am	Windy Saddle Trailhead
Elmer CR Packing Support	Aug. 18-19	Clearwater – NezPerce NF, Smith Ridge Trailhead
BCHI State Directors Meeting	Sept. 26, 2020	Hosted by Squaw Butte BCH Caldwell, ID