



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Sept 8, 6:30 pm

Meeting at NezPerce County Fairgrounds

Outdoor Arena

1229 Burrell Ave.

Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

BCHI Raffle Calendars

Our chapter has committed to 350 again this year. Pamela Winalski will be in charge of the calendars and collection of the money. She will have some at the September meeting or you can call her at (509-330-0227) and make arrangements to pick some up.

BCHI State Directors Meeting September 26

Squaw Butte Chapter is hosting the meeting. They have decided to not hold the meeting in person over lingering concerns of Covid exposure. The meeting will be held by conference call. Bob Hough & Pat Bogar are your state directors. Issues: Will we continue with raffle calendars for 2022 to fund business for BCHI? What are your thoughts on only two issues of Broomtales rather than the current three issues a year? BCHI currently only provides email addresses to BCHA. BCHA is asking for each member's phone #, cell#, and alternate email address. They also want members to let them know if they would prefer the National Newsletter be sent by email or hard copy.

Chapter Campout and Rides Sept. 11-13

Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Madden Corrals, Idaho Fish & Game Property

Potluck Saturday night around 6:00 pm, Chapter provides the meat. Bring your own tableware, chairs, drinks and your favorite dish.

Friday Ride, Corral Creek Spur. Ride Starts at 10:00. There will be trees to log out.

Saturday Ride to Frye Point. Ride starts at 9:30 sharp! (Loop Ride)

Sundays Ride is to Dough Creek Cabin & Chimney Cr. Ride Starts at 10:00 sharp! (Down & Back)

There are several corrals for stock containment. You will need to bring Certified Feed and water for your stock. Grazing is limited. Chapter toilet will be available.

You will need to let Karen Parks (208-791-3246) know if you will be attending the potluck so we know how much meat to purchase.

The ride is for members only due to liability issues. If you wish to invite a friend, we will have 2021 membership applications available so they can join us. \$25/single, \$35/family a year.

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. Stay left on the gravel road. 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. 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. Go right on the road at the corrals and camp in the grass by the corrals.

Over the Hill

Mount Misery Chapter Campout

August 7-9

Bob Hough agreed to host this outing. He picked a great location, but possibly gave members too many options as to how to get there as a good share of them seemed to get lost or missed their turn. We ended up with fifteen showing up, about half staying overnight and the rest coming to visit or ride for a day. Mount Misery is located in the Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy District, on the northeastern edge of the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness. The trail rides started on Trail # 3113 all three days. Bob Hough & Rod Parks cut trees on the trail Thursday until they ran out of saw gas. Friday the rest of the trail was cut out so we did not have to ride a road to get to the rest of the trail. Saturdays ride took us to Diamond Peak and we continued on to Clover Spring for lunch. The ride back was on the same trail. Some great views of the Eagle Cap and Seven Devils Mountains, but the sky was not real clear for great pictures. Jim Bunch wanted to know where Oregon Butte was, so a picture is posted on the website. After the ride was over and happy hour was winding down, Rod Parks fired up the BBQ for some pork ribs and marinated chicken breast provided by the chapter. A picture is on the website of the feast provided by the members for the potluck. Many left on Sunday late morning after a great potluck breakfast mostly from leftovers from the night before. Four diehards took a nice ride down to the Tucannon River on Bear Cr trail # 3110, a well designed trail that had many switchbacks before arriving at our destination, the Tucannon River. We had plans to ride the Melton Fork Trail # 3124 but after the first ¼ mile decided we would rather not have to drop down so far on the trail and have to return in the hot part of the day. At the end of the day, we thought the ride down trail # 3124 might have been a shorter ride.

We are not sure if volunteers or the Pomeroy Dist Trail Crew cleared the trails that we rode, but someone did a great job. There were only two trees to cross in the two days of riding with over 100 cut out. Thanks trail crew.

Elmer Creek Pack Support Project

Aug.18-19, 2020

Elmer Creek Tr# 96 is a connector trail between Isabella Creek Trail and Smith Ridge Trail. Access is from Isabella Trailhead or Smith Ridge Trailhead off of the North Fork of the Clearwater River.

The North Fork Ranger District trail crew, with help from the Great Burns Study Group, has been rebuilding this trail for the last several years.

Twin Rivers Chapter and Palouse Chapter have been volunteering to pack crews into their work camps.

Covid-19 added some additional challenges for the workers as well as Twin Rivers packers. Each crew member had to have their own duffle bag, food boxes, cook gear, coolers, and own hand tools. Packing in the crews is always a challenge as to what they may bring for us to pack. This year was no exception. Six shovels, six Pulaski, six grub hoes, 10 five gallon buckets, sledge hammer, heavy duty come a long, ten gallons gas, three gallons bar oil, four chainsaws, five sets of saw chaps, and large water filter, were just some of the items.

We ended up with ten pack loads. Most years, six-eight pack loads gets everything into their camp. Since we had plans to go on a five day pack trip into the Mallard-Larkin Primitive Area after we packed in the crew we only brought four pack animals. Luckily their camp was only about 3.5 miles from the Smith Ridge Trailhead. So three round trips and twenty one miles later, we had all their gear to camp and some tired stock and packers.

Tim Lewis reported that Elmer Creek trail should be officially open for use by the end of September.

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	Sept. 8 6:30 pm	NezPerce County Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena
Chapter Campout and Rides	Sept. 11-13	Madden Corrals Craig Mountain WMA, IDFG
BCHI State Directors Meeting	Sept. 26, 2020	Hosted by Squaw Butte BCH Conference call meeting
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	Oct. 13 6:30 pm	To be determined
TRBCH Chapter Pizza Meeting	Nov.10 6:30 pm	To be determined