



## Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting Mar. 9th, 6:30 PM  
49'rs Saddle Club  
6601 Tammany Creek RD  
Lewiston ID

### Comin' round the Mountain

#### **Feb. 9th Chapter Meeting**

The Meeting will be held at the 49'rs Saddle Club, 6601 Tammany Creek Rd. Lewiston ID at 6:30 pm. Face masks are strongly encouraged as well as social distancing. We will be having all our monthly chapter meetings at the 49'rs Saddle Club for now.

#### **NezPerce-Clearwater National Forest Projects**

Carol Hennessey has from 6:30-7:15 PM to answer questions, and then she has another commitment. Email from Carol Hennessey; I know your meeting is coming up and I'm sorry I can't join you this year, but email should work. Please let me know of any questions and I'll try to get you answers for the meeting (or I can join by phone if you just give me a number); I can also reach out to Doug to see if he can listen in to the discussions)

GAOA update: we are expecting funds March 10 and have about a \$600,000 program for 2021 comprised of crew work, contracts and conservation corps/partner work. As soon as our Program of Work (which we are working on right now to solidify) is done, I can share that. Our 2023 proposal is due by June 30, while we did submit a plan of work as part of the 5-year plan, we are open to suggestions.

I am currently working with IDFG as well to look at trails & trail bridges that provide hunter and angler access that have long been neglected.

I am also very willing to work with you on grants for GAOA BCHA and Wilderness Alliance 10-year trail challenge funds. We can discuss more with Rod at the meeting.

Here is what we are thinking for projects in 2021

North Zone:

We so appreciate all the help finishing Elmer Creek (Thanks Rod!);

Nothing to propose this year, but let us know if you have ideas.

South Zone:

Johns Creek Loop (if you want to take this on again).

#### **Redbird Trail Project Sunday Mar.7**

Members on stock can start brushing the trail from the trailhead. We will meet at the Redbird IDFG parking lot at 9:00 a.m. with Side by Sides, please bring tools, hedge trimmers, chain saws, pitch forks, gloves, etc. There will be a lot of black berries that will need removed.

Thanks

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**Directions:** From Lewiston, head to the Lewiston Roundup Grounds on Tammany Creek Rd. Follow Tammany Creek Rd to County Rd 540 (3.5miles), turn right at mile 13, Sign here says Waha, and you will see a McGregor plant in front of you on your

right, 11.5 miles from the Roundup Grounds, at the "21" Ranch, turn right on Redbird Rd. At 12.3 miles you will see a gravel parking lot on your right, turn here and you are there!! Allow a half hour driving time from Lewiston Roundup Grounds and you should not be late!

### **BCHI Directors Meeting Mar. 13th**

The directors meeting is planned for U of I Food Technology Center Classroom Building# 1902, 1908 East Chicago Street, Caldwell Idaho. Hosted by Treasurer Valley Chapter. Pat Bogar & Karen Parks are your chapter directors. Agenda items below:

#### Chapter:

Double Diamond Award is due by the end of the month.

We need one donation per state for the online auction at the BCHA online convention the end of April. (in case our chapter has something cool to donate)

#### State:

BCHA is asking about Chain Saw program needs, how are we doing with training? Do we need help? Can we help others? Etc.

### **Monthly Chapter Ride March 20**

Halsey Loop, Ready to Ride at 10:00 am. Bring a lunch, the ride is about four hours and is a loop ride. Shod Stock is suggested.

**Directions:** From Asotin, WA, continue on State Route 129 South, turn right at the flashing Red light, continue up the hill about 13 miles to Onstat Rd. a right turn. The next right in about 0.3 mile is Dwight Halsey Rd. Follow the road to the end of Dwight Halsey RD. There is a small parking area with a turnaround and hitchrail. The non-motorized access gate is northwest of the parking lot. A Discover Pass or WDFW Access Pass is required. (About 30 minutes from Asotin)

### **North Fork Asotin Creek Project March 21**

Meet at the WDFW Shooting Range at 9:30 am. Discover Pass is required. We will be clearing the trail with power tools. We have permission to use ATV's for access to the trail. Members on ATV's will go to the end of the trail and work back, while the members on stock can start clearing at the trailhead. Plan on bringing a lunch, fluids, loppers, chainsaws, weed whackers, PPE, and good leather gloves. We will be working behind a locked gate so

plan on working until the trail is cleared or 4:30 PM, whichever comes first.

**Directions:** Allow 45 min. drive time From Clarkston; take Hwy 129 South to Asotin. Turn right before the bridge over Asotin Creek on (Beaumaster Drive) Asotin Creek Rd. #110. When you come to a "Y" keep right and stay at creek level. This road will change back and forth from paved to gravel. The third time it changes to paved at a "Y" intersection (Metal building at this "Y") you are at the WDFW Shooting Range, 22 miles from Clarkston.

### **Cummings Creek Trail Clearing?**

Most years, the chapter has a ride up Cummings Cr after the area is open for riding starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. The trail needs some heavy brushing. What does the chapter think about an overnight campout at the lake campground near Cummings Creek Trailhead on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>? Power tools can be used to clear the trail. Hopefully we could get the trail cleared on the 10<sup>th</sup> and enjoy riding the trail free of brush on the 11 to the old mine.

### **Fordyce & Cabin Gulch Trail Clearing April 18**

Meet at the Fordyce Trailhead Ready to Ride at 9:30 am. We will need several pack animals to pack the power tools. Hopefully we can send one crew up Fordyce and another crew up Cabin Gulch and meet in the middle. Bring your chainsaws, hedge trimmers, PPE hand saws and loppers. Lorelei McNamee is trail boss for any questions (509-552-1545)

**Directions:** Allow one hour drive time, From Clarkston, take Hwy 129 South to Asotin. Turn right before the bridge over Asotin Creek on (Beaumaster Drive) Asotin Creek Rd. #110. When you come to a "Y" keep right and stay at creek level. This road will change back and forth from paved to gravel. The third time it changes to paved at a "y" intersection. Go right on Lick Fork Rd. #181. Follow this for a few miles and you will go past a couple barns on the right and cattle guards. After the second barn, look for ED FORDYCE TRAIL sign along the left side of the road, a hitchrail, and a large grassy area. You are there!

### Seven Devils Wilderness Projects

1) Bernard Creek Bridge Repair. Probably the end of April or early May. Need funding approved before we can work. The project consists of replacing decking and handrails. Access will be from Pittsburg Landing and then jet boat to the

work area. Figure two days and camping at the work site.

2) North Boise Trail# 101 was approved by the chapter to clear and brush 11.2 miles of trail. Dates are set for July 19-25. Camping will be at trailheads, so anyone can join in and help. Details later.

## Over the Hill

### Monthly Chapter Ride Sat. Feb.14

10:00 AM ready to ride at Hellsgate State Park. Well, there were two of us there! Could be that the 15-degree temperature and the snow cut heavily into the participation. Thanks, Steve Cooper for joining Rod Parks for the ride. There was no wind and it was actually a pretty nice day.

### TRBCH Chili Ride Sun. Feb. 21

Our Annual Chili Ride was held at Hellsgate State Park in Lewiston ID. The weather had been less than ideal for the week with a late winter storm, then a big melt off. Thirteen members showed up ready for whatever the weather dealt us and fifteen head of stock. It ended up being pretty nice until the

rain started. After we got unsaddled and hit the tables for the potluck, we forgot all about the rain. The Don Uhlman Memorial Shelter provided a great place to set out the food. Tom Barnes and Don Klement provided a fire ring and wood to keep us warm. We had chili, pulled pork sandwiches, taco soup, fruit salad, rolls, cornbread and chips for some great choices. Then there was the dessert table, german chocolate cake, brownies, apple pie, marionberry pie, apple rhubarb pie, and cookies. We differently need to get on to our work projects to work off some of the great food. Thanks everyone who brought the food and supplies for a great day.

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**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

<b>Redbird Trail Clearing</b>	<b>Mar. 7 9:00 am</b>	<b>Redbird Trailhead, Idaho Fish &amp; Game</b>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm</b>	<b>49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID</b>
<b>BCHI State Directors Meeting</b>	<b>March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>	<b>Caldwell, ID Hosted by Treasure Valley BCH</b>
<b>Monthly Chapter Ride</b>	<b>March 20<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am</b>	<b>Halsey Loop, Washington Dept. Fish &amp; Wildlife</b>

<b>North Fork Asotin Creek Trail Clearing</b>	<b>March 21<sup>st</sup> 9:30 am</b>	<b>Meet at the Asotin Shooting Range, Washington Dept. Fish &amp; Wildlife</b>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>April 13, 6:30 pm</b>	<b>49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID</b>
<b>Fordyce &amp; Cabin Gulch Trail Clearing</b>	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am</b>	<b>Lick Creek, Fordyce Trailhead, Washington Dept. Fish &amp; Wildlife</b>
<b>Monthly Chapter Ride</b>	<b>May 8, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Charley Creek WDFW</b>
<b>TRBCH FUN RIDE</b>	<b>June 5th</b>	<b>Annual Fund Raiser, Kruze Meadows IDFG</b>