



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting April 13th, 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 encouraged as well as social distancing. We will be having all our monthly chapter meetings at the 49'rs Saddle Club for now.

Cummings Creek Campout April 10-11

Cancelled. We need to decide at the chapter meeting if we want to reschedule.

Monthly Chapter Ride April 17th

Rock Pile, WDFW Property, Discover Pass required, Ready to Ride by 9:30. Bring a lunch.

Directions: 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" go left on Cloverland Rd. climb the grade and look for a small fenced graveled area on your left. Albright Rd is on your right

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.

Craig Mountain Project

On May 20th members of TRBCH and Lewis Clark Master Naturalist will attack the infestation of Hounds Tongue in the Kruze Meadows area of the Craig Mountains. We will meet at the IDFG office at 0900 and leave immediately from there to the Kruze Meadows parking lot. Andrew Mackey will give a short in-service on invasive weeds in the area and then we will begin our work. Andrew has garbage bags, polanski's, and other tools of your choice that we can use. We will plan to work until 3pm unless mutiny ensues. Bring a lunch, water, work gloves and if you want your own tools. For information you can call Connie Marshall at 208-276-3098 or 208-816-0159. Thanks for your help.

John's Creek Project

We need to set a date, probably late May, early June? This is a loop ride on trails # 478 Blue Ridge, #401 Frank Brown, #407 Snoose. These trails can be cleared with chainsaws and are a combined length of 8.5 miles. 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 but stock water is available. Be sure to bring Certified Feed. Camping is free. It is 14.5 miles past John's Creek Trailhead to Leggett Creek Campground on your left.

Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative (HCRC) <https://hellscanyonrecreation.org/>

HCRC is looking for a BCH member to represent stock users. Marty Gardner is the contact if you are interested. Rod Parks can give you his contact info. They have plans to clear trails on the west side of the Snake River this year. Supporting Multi-use Recreation in Hells Canyon

The Hells Canyon Recreation Collaborative was formed in December 2016 in order to work collaboratively to maintain and improve the river's recreation access (via land trails, water trails, hunting trails, equestrian trails, and aviation access) and its historical infrastructure by making recommendations to the US Forest Service.

Promoting a sustainable recreation experience through the involvement of a broad, diverse group, our organization encompasses a variety of recreation users such as rafters, jet boaters, aviators, citizens, outfitters and local government.

Our geographic location covered is the Snake River Wild and Scenic River corridor (rim to rim) contained in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, of which the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest manages.

Crooked Creek Bridge

The Umatilla National Forest, Pomeroy Ranger District is proposing in-kind replacement of the Crooked Creek Trail Bridge over Crooked Creek, adjacent to the Wenaha River within the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness in Wallowa County, OR. They plan to have it replaced this year if funding is approved. The old bridge burned in the
2015
fire.

Over the Hill

Redbird Trail Project Sunday Mar.7

Wow, did we have a bunch of motorized vehicles for a stock group. There were twenty two eager workers to dive into clearing the trail. We did have Steve Cooper and Billy Havens on horses to represent the group. The weather was a little cool when we started then the clouds started rolling in and before we got back to the trailhead, we had rain and sleet. Luckily almost all of the trail was finished before the bad weather.

The blackberries looked really good this year thanks to some herbicide application last spring. Earlier in the week a couple members rode their stock down Redbird and cut out most of the trail up Short Canyon if anyone is interested in make it a loop ride.

BCHI Directors Meeting Mar. 13th

After over a year and a half of covid restrictions we actually were able to have an in-person meeting in Caldwell hosted by Treasure Valley Chapter. They provided us with a fantastic lunch free of charge. Heartland Chapter (Donnelly) will be hosting the Sept Directors Meeting and Cache Peak Chapter (Rupert) will be hosting the March 2022 Directors Meeting and BCHI Convention. Your state directors should cover the highlights.

Monthly Chapter Ride March 20

We had beautiful weather for the Halsey Loop Ride. There were eight members that made the trip down Kelley Cr, continue down Pintler Cr, and up Ayers Gulch. We tied up at the bottom of Ayers Gulch for lunch along the creek for a relaxing break. Saw a few deer and lots of turkeys in Ayers Gulch.

North Fork Asotin Creek Project March 21

We had permission to use ATV's for access to the trail. Members on ATV's went to the end of the trail and work back. Wider SXS worked starting at the trailhead while the members on stock did brushing and clearing brush from the power tool work. We had a great turnout with 15 workers. Two Riding horses and two pack animals and seven motorized vehicles spread out on the trail and accomplished a lot of brushing and did a real good job of cutting overhead trees with telescoping chainsaws. Thanks everyone for all the hard work! Bill Correll showed up with president Bob Hough in Bill's SXS. With 90+ years behind him Bill did some brushing. Was great to see Bill still volunteering for our chapter!

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 2021

TRBCH Chapter Meeting	April 13, 6:30 pm	49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID
Monthly Chapter Ride Rock Pile Trailhead	April 17th 9:30 am	Cloverland Road WDFW
Fordyce & Cabin Gulch Trail Clearing	April 18th 9:30 am	Lick Creek, Fordyce Trailhead, Washington Dept. Fish & Wildlife
Monthly Chapter Ride	May 8, 9:30 am	Charley Creek WDFW
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	May 11, 6:30 pm	49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID
Craig Mountain Weed Project	May 20th	Kruze Meadows IDFG
TRBCH FUN RIDE	June 5th	Annual Fund Raiser, Kruze Meadows IDFG
Boise Trail Project	July 19-25	Hells Canyon Wilderness Wallowa-Whitman N F