



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting July 13, 6:30 PM
49'rs Saddle Club
6601 Tammany Creek RD
Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Chapter Meeting July 13th

The Meeting will be held at the 49'rs Saddle Club, 6601 Tammany Creek Rd. Lewiston ID at 6:30 pm. We will be having all our monthly chapter meetings at the 49'rs Saddle Club for the rest of the year.

Seven Devils Wilderness Projects

Wallowa-Whitman N F, July 19-25

North Boise Trail# 101 was approved by the chapter to clear and brush 11.7 miles of trail. The chapter also agreed to clearing Old Timer TR# 110, which is 4 miles long and connects to the North Boise Trail. The work is in wilderness, so no mechanized equipment will be allowed, all crosscut saws. **We will be riding out with stock every day to get to the work site. Anyone wishing to join the Trail Project or has questions, needs to contact Rod Parks, 208-791-3246. We need an accurate count of members attending by the July 13th meeting. Details will be figured out after we have a head count.** We hope to camp at Cold Springs Trailhead which is accessed in Lucile on Cold Creek Rd # 242. Water may be an issue since it has been such a dry year. Rod Parks & Don Klement are driving up July 16th to check on water. There is some graze for stock. If there is not enough water at Cold Springs Trailhead, we will go to Windy Saddle Trailhead instead. There is no graze there, so we will have to haul certified feed. Everyone that has signed up to attend by July 13th will be sent an email the evening of the sixteenth with the latest info on where we will be camping and directions to get there. If you cannot make the entire time any days will help.

Monthly Chapter Ride July 17th

Kruze Meadows on Craig Mountain, IDFG property. Be ready to ride by 9:30. We will be making a loop ride to Soldiers Meadow Reservoir for lunch. The flies are thick on Craig Mountain this year so be sure and bring horse spray for yourself and stock.

Directions: From Lewiston ID, 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, stay to the left. When you get to the top of the grade keep going until you cross a cattle guard. Turn right past the cattle guard on ZaZa Rd. This is County Rd 541. Kruze Meadows Parking Lot is on your left in a couple miles. Allow 1 hour for travel time from Lewiston.

Mike Brooks Celebration of Life July 31

Mike Brooks, a longtime member of TRBCH, celebration of life is Saturday, July 31 at 4:30pm. It will be held at the Weatherly Upper Place – 481 Fitzgerald Road, Pomeroy, WA. (Peola). Please RSVP to Kathy Brooks – 208-750-5521. A main dish will be provided but bring a side dish to share at the potluck and your favorite chair.

Directions: Take Hwy 12 west from Clarkston, Evans Rd turn left. Peola Rd turn right. Follow Peola Rd, when it turns to gravel start looking for Fitzgerald Rd, in a few miles turn left on Fitzgerald Rd. Upper Weatherly Place: the house is on the left and a Red Barn is on the right.

Monthly Chapter Ride Aug. 14th

Feather Creek Trailhead. This is ten miles long loop ride in the Palouse Ranger District of the NezPerce-Clearwater N F. Be ready to ride by 9:30 am.

Directions: from Lewiston, take Hwy 12 East, turn left on Hwy 3 just before the Arrow Bridge and go to Deary, Continue on Hwy 3 to Bovill (right turn at stop sign). In Bovill continue on Hwy 3 (left turn at stop sign) for approx. three miles to Feather Creek Sign and turn left on gravel road. (This is about 100 yds past the old railroad crossing of Hwy 3). Next turn right when you come to an intersection (There is a Feather Creek sign here also). We will congregate in a meadow on the right before the trailhead, as there is no room to turn around at the trailhead, look for a TRBCH sign.

Bernard Creek Bridge Repair

Date to be determined. We are looking at some time in the fall after cooler weather. Bernard Creek drains into the Snake River. We plan to spend a night at the bridge. All tools, supplies and camp gear will have to be packed up a bank about 200 feet from the river to the trail. 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.

Over the Hill

TRBCH FUN-draiser RIDE June 5

Betty Barnes reported that this year we picked the same day as Lewiston and Clarkston High School graduations. She suggested we pick a different weekend in the future. The weather was good and those that rode enjoyed the ride. There were 123 hands sold and three youth riders. There were 44 riders excluding check station and camp help. Betty presented a financial report that showed that after expenses and prizes paid for, we showed a profit of \$451.00. The adult winners, first place (\$75) was Dave Coleman. Second place (\$50) was Erika Raggio. Low hand (\$25) was Carl Paulson. Youth winners first place (\$50) was Kenzie Smith. Second place (\$30) was Colton Ditto. Low hand (\$15) was Brenna Stover.

Dough Cr Adopt-a Cabin June 7-8

June was a very busy month for the chapter and not enough free weekends to schedule our annual project at the cabin on a weekend so Monday and Tuesday was chosen. Andrew Mackey from IDFG with Dave Cadwallader brought three members, on horseback, of a crew to film and interview for a documentary on Craig Mountain cabins and trails, etc. Steve Cooper and Rod Parks worked on the deck scraping and adding a new coat of stain, mowing a fire break around the structures, and spraying weeds around the cabin while Andrew and Dave took the crew on a ride to film more of the mountain. The crew left by SxS and the four of us settled in for a great sunset on the porch. Sunday, we loaded up and headed into Chimney CR, Middle Cr, and headed up Corral CR back to the Dough CR Trailhead, a great ride. Had a few trees to cut out on the way. Thanks to everyone for helping with the work!

John's Creek Project June 12-13

John's Creek Trailhead is located on the South Fork of the Clearwater River about 22 miles from Grangeville in the NezPerce-Clearwater N F. This loop trail is very scenic and about 12 miles long. Thanks to all that worked opening these trails so all can enjoy. Six members arrived Saturday morning at the John's Creek Trailhead. We saddled the stock and loaded two pack animals with tools. Matt Bake provided one pack animal and Bruce Wyatt the other. Our first obstacle was the pack bridge across the South Fork. Matt's pack animal decided to not go across, then Bruce's mule was not so sure after watching Matt's horse. Carl Paulson got off his horse during the excitement and when he went to mount his saddle spun and he ended up on the ground. What a great start. After the saddle horses crossed the bridge, the others decided it was safe and made the crossing with no problem. We split into two groups of three with one crew going up Snoose Trail and the other Blue Ridge Trail. We planned to clear trail until 3:00 pm or until we met in the middle, and then back to the trailhead and load up to move to Leggett Campground for the night. We never met on the loop trail and after discussion and looking at the map the Blue Ridge crew realized they went the wrong way when they got to the Frank Brown Trail. We had a great potluck with homemade cookies made by Susie Paulson and two banana cream pies brought by Matt for dessert. Just some practice clearing the wrong trail. Sunday morning, after breakfast, we tore down camp. Matt decided to go home as his pack horse got a rope burn while on the highline. Carl was real sore after his crash and decided to go home with Matt. The four of us left went to the trailhead and headed out to finish the project clearing trail. We finished clearing at about 2:00 pm. We spent about the next hour brushing out a section of trail with the new chapter gas powered hedge trimmer and chainsaw. Bruce was so impressed with the hedge trimmer that we had a hard time getting him to quit so we could ride back to the trailhead and load up for home.

Monthly Chapter Ride June 19

Eight of us had a great ride up Fordyce Trail and down Cabin Gulch. It was nice riding in the timber, as it was over 90 degrees in town. There was one large tree across the trail that you could not get around on Fordyce trail, but Rod's new saw obliterated it in no time. Others did some brushing while working on the tree. We ate lunch at the top of Cabin Gulch and then headed down and back to the trailhead. There were three more trees that were cut out on the way down Cabin Gulch. Paul Bogar was still recovering from sore ribs and went on a SxS trip while we were out on our stock.

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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