



Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting Aug. 10th, 6:30 PM

49'rs Saddle Club

6601 Tammany Creek RD

Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Chapter Meeting August 10

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.

2022 BCH of Idaho Raffle Calendars are available to pick up and start selling. There should be plenty available at the chapter meeting, or contact Pamela Winalski at (509-330-0227) and make arrangements to get some.

IDFG - Craig Mountain Fire Report

If their schedule allows a representative will present an updated report at the August Meeting. Some structures burned in the fire, but all the cabins that were fire proofed survived.

Monthly Chapter Ride Aug. 14th

Feather Creek Trailhead. This is a ten-mile loop ride in the Palouse Ranger District of the NezPerce-Clearwater N F. Be ready to ride by 9:30 am. As of this newsletter the area is still open for riding.

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 or two at the bridge to accomplish the work. 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.

Corral Creek Possible 2022 Project

This summer the chapter had discussed logging out a loop ride, but felt we were stretched too thin to commit. We would camp at the Corral Creek Trailhead past Adams Camp in the NezPerce Clearwater NF. The trails are: #431 leaving from RD #309 to junction with tr.#305 (5.5 miles), #305 to junction trails #431/#317 (1 mile), # 317 (2.73 miles), #328 about (2 miles) including a small part of RD# 444A to complete the loop back to the

#431. A small section will be in the Gospel Hump Wilderness, the rest power tools are allowed. After the trail is cleared the FS would like us to provide pack support for a conservation crew to brush trail, clean water bars and any tread repair needed. We need to make a decision on this project as soon as possible so funding and commitment for a conservation crew can be locked up.

Idaho Fish & Game Craig Mountain WMA Closures

Most roads are still closed to travel other than local traffic. Hoover Point Rd and all travel past Benton

Meadows are closed. The area is being patrolled and citations are being issued. Be sure and check the IDFG Website for changes on conditions before you plan to go to Craig Mountain WMA.

Umatilla National Forest Closure

The entire Umatilla NF is closed to all entry due to Dry Gulch Fire and the threat of new fires with the extremely dry condition. Check their website for changing conditions.

Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife Closures

Wildlife Management Areas in our area are closed to all entry. Check websites for updates.

Over the Hill

Seven Devils Wilderness Projects

Wallowa-Whitman N F, July 16th Rod Parks and Don Klement drove up and found a place to camp about a mile from the Cold Springs Trailhead and found good water the opposite direction about ½ mile down the road. We split into two work crews with one pack animal for support and rode to the work area every day. Don & Lorelei went up on July 17th and did some clearing and evaluating the trees down. North Boise Trail# 101 was completely cleared and brushed by six members on 11.7 miles of trail. Old Timer TR# 110, which is 4 miles long and connects to the North Boise Trail was also cleared, but very little brushing was done as time ran out. The day we cleared Old Timer Trail we rode 24.5 miles and did not finish all the clearing

during a 12-hour day. Three of us went back the next day and finished the clearing in seven hours and only rode 20.5 miles. Don & Lorelei drove around to Windy Saddle Trailhead and walked to where they had ridden earlier and had five more trees to clear on the south end of the trail. We spent about 2.5 days brushing out the trails to an 8' width. We were lucky enough to have a few days that the smoke was not too bad which offered a great view from the top of the ridge along the trail. Thank you, Don, Lorelei, Steve, Bruce, Matt, and Rod for all the hard work!

Monthly Chapter Ride

Kruze Meadows on Craig Mountain was cancelled due to the fire on Craig Mountain.

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	Aug 10, 6:30 pm	49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID
Monthly Chapter Ride	Aug. 14, 9:30 am	Feather Creek Palouse Ranger District NezPerce-Clearwater N F
Bernard CR Bridge Project	Fall?	Hells Canyon National Recreation Area Wallowa-Whitman N F
TRBCH Chapter Meeting	Sept.14, 6:30 pm	49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID
Monthly Chapter Ride	Sept. 19, 9:30 am	Craig Mountain WMA, Kruze Meadows
Corral Creek Project	2022?	NezPerce-Clearwater N F