



Trails & Tales Newsletter
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Meeting Oct. 12, 6:30 PM
49'rs Saddle Club
6601 Tammany Creek RD
Lewiston ID

Comin' round the Mountain

Chapter Meeting Oct. 12th

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

There should be plenty available at the chapter meeting. or contact Pamela Winalski at (509-330-0227) and make arrangements to get some. Time is running short to get all our raffle calendars sold by the end of the year.

Honorary Member Proposal

After much discussion last month there was no motion passed to accept a proposal. TRBCH State Directors asked if any other chapters had any policies that honored members. BCH of North Central Idaho has honored some members in the past. We have some members that were very active and have belonged for a very long time, for various reasons they are not able to participate in volunteer projects anymore but want to keep posted on what the chapter is doing.

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Member over 80 years old and having been an active member for at least 15 years have an option to become an Honorary Member. If approved, the Membership Application will be modified and you have the option to become an Honorary Member if you meet the criteria. You would no longer be required to pay Membership Dues if you mark Honorary Member on the Membership Application.

Chapter Dues

There was discussion about chapter dues and do we need to seek an increase. Currently BCH of Idaho dues payable annually to the state from our dues are Family/ \$30.00, Single/ \$20.00. TRBCH membership dues are Family/ \$35.00 and Single/ \$25.00.

Kid's Kamp 2022

Members are having some of our past attendees' asking if we are doing Kid's Kamp next year. We need to make a decision real soon, so we have an answer for the kids and get the word out to the parents. It was felt that

Smoothing Iron Ranch would not work due to the devastating fires in the area. Members were asked to look for other locations that may work.

Trail Signs

Bob Hough and Carl Paulson made a sample sign to show the chapter. 4 or 5 more signs will be needed for the Mountain View area. Bob will take the sample sign and show it to Bob Dice of the Washington Fish and Game for his input. Our chapter has a grant from BCH of Idaho Foundation for \$500.00 to make and install the signs.

Chapter Tools

The chapter needs to review what power and hand tools we have, what we need, and what we may want to surplus.

BCHI State Directors Report

BCHI Website Coordinator would like one member from each chapter submit photos and scheduled events to Jill Nebeker.

Two CD's have been renewed, one for 6 months and one for a year.

The BCHI Annual Convention will be March 18-19 hosted by Cache Peak Chapter in Burley Idaho.

BCHI Foundation has \$8,000 to award for grants. Need request sent before the Burley meeting to the Foundation and grant awards will be decided at the March meeting.

Each chapter needs to submit an article with pictures to Broomtales by the end of October.

Corral Creek 2022 Project

The chapter approved doing the logging out of these trails for next year. The trails are: #431 leaving from RD #309 to junction with tr.#305 (7 miles), #305 to junction trails #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 and then back to the trailhead. About 4 miles will be in the Gospel Hump Wilderness, the rest power tools are allowed. After the trail is cleared the FS would like a conservation crew to brush trail, clean water bars and any tread repair needed. They do not have the funding for this year but there are possible options provided by Carol Hennessey. It takes about \$15,000 for 10 days so I'll need to get with Sean/Doug to figure out a work estimate. One thought might be for you folks to partner with MCC/ICC on a RAC proposal in the spring to see if we can fund it that way; another thought is for you folks to partner with them on an IDPR grant (these are due end of Jan) I did check and this project is not listed in our FY22 GAOA program of work, so we can't use those funds. So, a few ideas to find the funding. If we solicit for a brushing contract this year, we may be able to include it there, but with the incredible cost increases in our contracts the last 2 years I'm not sure we will have the funds to solicit a brushing contract this year.

John's Creek Project 2022

The chapter agreed to do this project again next year. Will be in the spring depending on the winter snow. Chainsaws are legal on the entire loop.

Chainsaw and Crosscut Saw Training

Certifications and re-certifications need to be scheduled so we are ready for projects next year. The extension to use old cards expired in October.

IDFG - Craig Mountain Fire Report

The roads on Craig Mountain are open again after the fires. Be prepared for down trees during driving the burn areas.

Umatilla National Forest Closure

This link has updated closures as of Oct. 4th / with maps.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/umatilla/home/?cid=fseprd932162>

Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife

WDFW lifts fire restrictions, including target shooting ban, on most Department-managed lands
“People are welcome to build campfires and sight in their hunting firearms on lands managed by WDFW,” said Cynthia Wilkerson, Lands Division Manager for WDFW. “As always, we urge people to recreate responsibly and be cautious when doing activities that could spark a wildfire or cause other damage to habitat.”
Wilkerson noted that some restrictions will remain in place in south central Washington, including a campfire ban through Oct. 15 on all WDFW wildlife areas in Benton, Franklin, Yakima, and Kittitas counties, as these habitats remain more vulnerable to fire longer into the fall.

Over the Hill

Volunteer Projects Mileage Payment

This reimbursement plan was approved by the members last month.

- 1) Only pay mileage for projects that the chapter receives compensation.
- 2) \$0.50/mile for vehicles with stock trailers with a maximum of \$100.
- 3) Reconnaissance trip to scope out a project or pre-approved trip in a personal vehicle \$0.25/ mile with a maximum of \$100.
- 4) Personal Equipment cost reimbursement pre-approved only with receipts. Many of us use our own chainsaws, cross cut saws, etc. by choice or convenience. Example of reimbursement would be chainsaw chains, sharpening crosscut saws, etc. There will be no reimbursement for equipment repair from normal wear and tear.

Bernard Creek Bridge Repair Sept. 19-21

Sept. 19-21 six members of Twin Rivers BCH and one member of BCH of North Central Idaho met at Pittsburg Landing on the Snake River and loaded all our gear and the lumber for the bridge in the Forest Service Boat and headed up to Bernard Creek to set up camp in the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Bernard Cr is on the Snake River National Recreation Trail #102. It started raining just as we started hauling our gear to camp. We spent the morning getting the gear up to our campsite and setting up camp. A rainbow provided a scenic view down river as we ate lunch. It was decided to cut the lumber on the river bank for easier hauling the lumber up the bank to the worksite. Four members worked on cutting the lumber and hauling it to the work site while the other three made fast work of stripping the bridge to the stringers. A long day, but rewarding. The next day we started rebuilding the bridge and finished hauling the last of the boards up from the river. We were like little beavers working away and had the bridge completed by five that evening. Upriver from the bridge a short distance is the McGaffee Cabin, listed on the National Register of Historical Places constructed around 1905. Wildlife visiting us at camp included a doe and fawn, a flock of turkeys, a bald eagle, and as we were waiting for the boat to pick us up, some big horn sheep. The last day, we tore down camp and hauled all our gear and tools to the river bank, loaded on the boat and headed back to Pittsburg Landing for the drive home. Those that made the project have some great memories and had a great time.

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 2021-2022

TRBCH Chapter Meeting	Oct. 12, 6:30 pm	49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID
TRBCH Chapter Pizza Meeting	Nov. 9, 6:30 pm	49ers Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID
Christmas Dinner	Dec.?	??
BCHI Director's Meeting	Mar. 18, 2022	Hosted By Cache Peak Chapter Burley ID
BCHI Annual Convention	Mar. 19, 2022	Hosted By Cache Peak Chapter Burley Convention Center
John's CR Project	2022	NezPerce-Clearwater N F
Corral Creek Project	2022	NezPerce-Clearwater N F