



## Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting April 12, 6:30 PM

49'rs Saddle Club

6601 Tammany Creek RD

Lewiston ID

### Comin' round the Mountain

#### **TRBCH Chapter Meeting**

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm, 49'rs Saddle Club  
6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID

#### **Hells Gate State Park Proposal**

Lorelei and Rod met with Charlie Chase, Hellsgate Manager, and discussed overnight stock facilities, round pen, new hitchrails, and trail challenge area. Charlie told us that overnight stock facilities was in their long-range plans. Lorelei presented the information back to the chapter and they approved Lorelei sending a written proposal for new hitchrails, round pen, and trail challenge area. We felt fairly confident that with time, we may get approval, but it also has to go through the Corps of Engineers before anything can be approved.

#### **WDFW Grant Proposal**

Gregory Heimgartner, DFW

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is applying for a Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) grant to develop 2 campgrounds on Lick Creek: Fordyce Trailhead and the mouth of Cabin Gulch. The 2 locations are currently dispersed campsites, and the grant funds would create designated campgrounds with vault toilets, fire rings, graveled access roads & parking areas, and a gravel parking area for horse trailers. The grant funds will also be used to install vault toilets at the North Fork Shooting Range, the North Fork Asotin Creek Trailhead, and the Smoothing Iron parking area.

The goal of this project is to address dispersed camping on the Asotin Creek Wildlife Area that

results in large amounts of litter being left on the landscape. Letters of support from the public and special interest groups will make the grant application stronger and will increase the chances of the project being funded.

A letter of support from the Back Country Horsemen by May 3, 2022 would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Free Annual Membership**

The chapter voted to offer Free Annual Membership for volunteers who participate in any of our work projects. We need someone to volunteer to post projects on the Chapter Facebook Site. Interested people need to respond on Facebook Messenger for more details.

#### **NPC Sheriff's Mounted Posse Ride April 10<sup>th</sup>**

Hellsgate State Park, Lewiston ID. Bring the kids for a fun day of horseback riding and great chances to win lots of prizes. 1st riders out at 10am and last riders at noon. This year kids can buy one card for \$5 and the next is free. Lunch is available for purchase. Prize Drawings at 2:00 pm.

#### **Monthly Chapter Ride April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Charlie Creek Time 10:00am RTR WDFW Property, so a Discover Pass or WDFW parking pass is needed. This ride is on a road closed to motorized and water grade, so great place for your first ride of the year. The ride is up and back on the same route. Bring a lunch.

**Directions:** Allow 30 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 second time it changes to paved at a cattle guard you there.

#### **Fordyce Trail Clearing Project April 24**

9:00 am RTR. We will make plans to attack the project after we see how many show up. WDFW Discover Pass or Access Parking Pass is required. If you don't have a pass, carpooling may be possible. We will be brushing and logging out the trail. Power tools are allowed. We will be bringing the chapter chainsaw, brush cutter and hedge trimmers. Please bring your hand loppers if you have one. If anyone has an electric chainsaw, it would really help. We will need at least one other pack animal for the first aid kits. Bring lunch, drinking water and gloves and long sleeve shirts as some of the brush has thorns. This area burned last year and we anticipate a lot of down material to clear. Lorelei McNamee is trail boss. **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!

#### **John's Creek Work Project April 30-May 1**

Meet at John's CR trailhead at 9:00 am ready to ride by 9:30! These trails, # 478 Blue Ridge, #401 Frank Brown, #407 Snoose can be cleared with chainsaws and are a combined length of 8.5 miles, a loop ride. It is 14.5 miles past John's Creek Trailhead to Leggett Creek Campground on your left. 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. Be sure to bring Certified Feed. Potluck Sat. night. If you cannot make the whole weekend, feel free to join for Sat. or Sunday only. Rod Parks Trailboss

**Directions:** From Lewiston, take HWY 95 South to Grangeville, turn left on Hwy 13 (73 miles) drive thru town to Grangeville-Salmon Rd and turn right. At Mt. Idaho Grade Road turn left and follow down to a stop sign at Hwy 14. Go straight up South Fork Clearwater River to John's Cr Trailhead on your left side of Hwy 14, 22.4 miles from Grangeville. Figure two hours driving time from Lewiston. It is 14.5 miles past John's Creek Trailhead to Leggett Creek Campground on your left.

#### **TRBCH Fun Ride June 4<sup>th</sup> Kruze Meadows**

**Open to the Public.** Mark your Calendars! Youths Hands are Free with Adult Purchased Hand. Details coming next Month.

## **Over The Hill**

#### **First Aid/CPR Training Mar. 5 & 6**

Thank you to Dan Flannagan and Avista Utilities for providing us a location and training materials to be Re-certified in First Aid/CPR. There were 15 members attending over the two days of training.

#### **Annual Chile Ride March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Great weather and a great turnout made this a fantastic day to ride, socialize, and enjoy the potluck. We had 23 riders and five members that came to enjoy the day. Two families became members and we hope to see them on future activities.

#### **Cummings Creek Trail Work Project April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We got a late start Saturday, but ended up with nine members and 14 head of stock heading up the trail. We split into two crews and felt like we really accomplished a lot until we headed back at three o'clock. What we did looked like a road compared to what it was before we

started. Three of us camped out for the night at Spring Campground and had arrangements to head back up Sunday. We had seven members and 10 head of stock and again split into two work groups. At two o'clock, we were worn out and decided to ride up the trail to see how much more work was needed. There is still a lot to clear, so hope we can take on another section next year. Thanks to everyone that showed up and worked so hard.

#### **2022 Idaho State Convention**

Hosted by Cache Peak BCHI March 18 & 19 at Burley ID. Seven TRBCH members attended the convention. BCHI had a resolution to hire a money manager to invest money in the BCHI Legal Fund. After discussion, the delegates voted down the resolution as presented due to lack of more information. BCHI delegates approved a letter demanding that BCHI return to the original Volunteer Hours Form. In 2021 BCHI came out with a new form that eliminated many of the

areas that documented work that kept records of activities in our mission statement. Mark Himmel, BCHA Vice Chairman attended the convention and had open discussion on good and bad from BCHA. We expressed our concerns over BCHA making decisions on items that are not needing immediate attention with out asking for input from States. If anyone still wants to get a hard copy of the BCHA Newsletter one can still be mailed out to you. Carl Gates, Boise Chapter, reviewed all the input from members in reference to holding an annual Rendezvous and will have a report to present a proposal at Sept. Directors Meeting. Cache Peak had some really great items in the silent and live auction, dinner was superb, and a real variety of entertainers. It sure was good to finally get together to rekindle old friendships after covid cancelling the convention for the last two years.

**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](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 2022**

<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>Apr. 12th, 6:30 pm</b>	<b>49'rs Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID</b>
<b>Monthly Chapter Ride</b>	<b>April 16, 10:00 am RTR</b>	<b>Charlie Creek WDFW</b>
<b>Fordyce Trail Work Project</b>	<b>April 24, 9:00 am RTR</b>	<b>Lick Fork of Asotin Creek WDFW &amp; Umatilla N F</b>
<b>John's CR Work Project</b>	<b>April 30-May 1, 9:00 am</b>	<b>canceled</b>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>May 10th, 6:30 pm</b>	<b>49'rs Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID</b>
<b>Monthly Chapter Ride</b>	<b>May 15th</b>	<b>Location to be Decided</b>
<b>TRBCH Fun Ride Public Event</b>	<b>June 4th</b>	<b>Kruze Meadows IDFG Craig Mountain WMA</b>
<b>Dough CR Adopt-A-Cabin</b>	<b>June 12, 9:30 am</b>	<b>Dough CR Trail IDFG Craig Mountain WMA</b>
<b>Monthly Chapter Ride</b>	<b>June 25, 10:30 am RTR</b>	<b>Deer Creek Falls IDFG Craig Mountain WMA</b>
<b>Monthly Chapter Ride</b>	<b>July 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am RTR</b>	<b>Fordyce/Cabin Gulch Loop WDFW/Umatilla N F</b>
<b>Corral Creek Work Project</b>	<b>July 29-31</b>	<b>Corral Creek Trailhead NezPerce-Clearwater N F</b>
<b>Monthly Chapter Ride</b>	<b>Aug. 13</b>	<b>Feather Creek Loop NezPerce-Clearwater N F</b>