



## Trails & Tales Newsletter

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Meeting May 10, 6:30 PM

49'rs Saddle Club

6601 Tammany Creek RD

Lewiston ID

### Comin' round the Mountain

#### **TRBCH Chapter Meeting**

May 10th, 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. Charlie has forwarded the letter to higher ups with IDPR and discussing with Corp of Engineers.

#### **Free Annual Membership**

The chapter voted to offer Free Annual Membership for volunteers who participate in any of our work projects. Invite anyone that may be interested in joining TRBCH. All they have to do is show up and fill out a membership application before they jump into clearing a trail and enjoying a rewarding day with their stock.

#### **Member Chapter Ride May 15**

North Fork Asotin Creek Trailhead, 10:00 am RTR. WDFW land, so Discover Pass is required. This easy trail is a road that is closed to motorized users. The entire area burned last year so down trees may be an issue. A saw is recommended. The trail was

cleared in early April of 18 trees across the trail to the cattle guard.

**Directions:** Allow 45 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 third time it changes to paved at a "Y" intersection (Metal building at this "Y") go right at the "Y". The very first left in about a half mile is the trailhead. 22 miles from Clarkston.

#### **TRBCH Annual Fun Ride**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> Kruze Meadows, Open to the Public.** Mark your Calendars! **Youths Hands are Free with Adult Purchased Hand.** Location is Kruze Meadows Parking lot on Craig Mountain, south of Lewiston. This is our annual fundraiser ride. Invite all your friends for a great time! Hands are \$10.00 ea. with \$5.00 for each additional hand. Ride out times are between 9 and 11 am. Drawings and cash winners! The ride will be 3-4 hours long. There will be food available to purchase. Betty Barnes is trail boss; give her a call if you can help. All workers need to be at Kruze Meadows by 8:00 am and station riders need saddled and on the trail by 8:30 am sharp.

**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. When you get to the top of the grade keep going until you cross a cattle guard.

### **John's Creek Work Project June 12-13 (New Date, mark your calendar)**

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. Work consists of clearing the trails. If you cannot make both days, feel free to join us for Sunday or Monday only. Rod Parks is Trailboss. If you can make both days, great! There is no overnight camping at the John's Creek Trailhead, but overnight camping is allowed below Leggett Creek Campground. It is 14.5 miles past John's Creek Trailhead to Leggett Creek Campground on your left. a primitive campsite with only a vault toilet, there are no stock facilities. Be sure to bring Certified Feed. Potluck Sunday night.

**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

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.

### **Dough Creek Adopt-A-Cabin Project June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Dough Creek is located in IDFG Craig Mountain WMA. 9:30 am RTR. The trail to the cabin burned, so we may need to clear some trees to make it to the cabin. The work consists of making fire breaks around the structures, cutting thistle, spraying weeds, and housekeeping in the cabin. Feel welcome to stay the night and really enjoy the area and the view. Good water and stock feed with hitchrails. The cabin is stocked. You just need to bring a propane bottle, your food and personal supplies and relax. We will ride out from the Madden Corrals.

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## **Over The Hill**

### **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. After much discussion the chapter decided to not sent a letter of support over concerns with major improvements proposed at Fordyce Trailhead. We

expressed our concerns to Gregory with Fordyce Trailhead Plans. We worry about improvements making this more popular with non-stock users and pushing us out of the best place to depart rides from in Asotin County.

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

Charlie Creek up Asotin Creek is a great place to ride early in the year as there is normally no snow on the trail. The weather forecast was for possible rain, so we were prepared. We had a good turnout considering the weather and it was a great ride as long as you overlooked all the burned trees and concentrated on how green everything was. As we saddled up to return to our trailers it started snowing great big flakes, very pretty. As we got close to our trailers it switched to drizzling rain. Then as we

unsaddled it cut loose. What perfect timing and a nice day on the trail.

**Fordyce Trail Clearing Project April 24**

We had a great turnout, 14 members for this work project. We welcome four new members to our project that joined at the Chili Ride. It helps that this area is the best area near the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley to ride. We all knew there would be lots of trees down after the fires that devastated the area. We split into two crews, one

going up Fordyce Trail, the others up Cabin Gulch Trail. The crew on Cabin finished around 1:30, and stopped for lunch. We headed on to the top of Fordyce and headed down hoping to meet the other crew. In about half an hour a great sign as Lorelei's dog came trotting up the trail. There is still some brushing to do, but both trails are open as of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone riding the area should consider bringing a saw as we anticipate more trees coming down. Thank you everyone for the great job! Welcome new members and thanks for helping!

**Certified Weed Seed Free Forage is required in all national forests and state lands.**

**Washington State Suppliers**

[http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/nwcb\\_hav.htm](http://www.nwcb.wa.gov/nwcb_hav.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>Sourdough Fence Removal ATV Access</b>	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup>, Cancelled</b>	<b>Lick Creek Drainage Umatilla N F &amp; WDFW</b>
<b>TRBCH Chapter Meeting</b>	<b>May 10th, 6:30 pm</b>	<b>49's Saddle Club 6601 Tammany Creek RD Lewiston ID</b>
<b>Member Chapter Ride</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup>, RTR 10:00 am</b>	<b>North Fork Asotin Creek WDFW</b>
<b>TRBCH Fun Ride Public Event</b>	<b>June 4th</b>	<b>Kruze Meadows IDFG Craig Mountain WMA</b>
<b>John's Creek Work Project</b>	<b>June 12-13, 9:00 am RTR</b>	<b>John's Creek Trailhead NezPerce-Clearwater N F</b>
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<b>Dough CR Adopt-A-Cabin</b>	<b>June 15, 9:30 am RTR</b>	<b>Dough CR Trail IDFG Craig Mountain WMA</b>
<b>Member Chapter Ride</b>	<b>June 25, 10:00 am RTR</b>	<b>Deer Creek Falls IDFG Craig Mountain WMA</b>
<b>Signing Project &amp; Campout</b>	<b>July 9-10, 10:00 am RTR</b>	<b>Mountain View Area, Autry Campground WDFW</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>