



# ~Tails & Trails~

## AUGUST 2010

HOT  
SUMMER  
DAYS



### From the President's Saddlebag

We had a good turn out at our July meeting and picnic. July is still here but ending quickly. Our next event other than spraying Marie Creek on the 23rd. is August 6/7/8 at Red Ives. I think I counted about 12 names so we should have a good ride and trail clearing. Plus some great meals and fun around the camp fire. Let's make it a great trip.

The calendars are in for 2011. We have 200 to sell so please step up and get them out there.

Our meeting 50/50 money pot is growing each month. You need to be there to win.

Let's ride - Boots and Saddles ~ Bob



## Red Ives Work Project

### August 6th-8th

This is a great work party to go on. Not only is it a chance to see beautiful country and have fun around the campfire, the club can make up to \$800 for clearing some trails. This is another project we have contracted with the Forest Service to do. We do need some extra help. We have enough pack animals; we just need riders that can help with chainsaw cutting and clearing brush. This is sometimes more difficult terrain to ride on and we will be crossing the St. Joe River several times.

Camping will be at the Red Ives Ranger Station across the river by the old barn and horse pasture. Friday night bring some hamburger. We'll have the trimmings. Saturday morning breakfast will be on your own, we need to get an early start for this is our work day. Saturday night will be a potluck and do your own meat; we'll have the grill on. Do your own lunch for on the trail. Sunday morning Kimballs will do breakfast and then we'll go for a day ride

If you can make this work party contact me as soon as possible. Karen Kimball 772-2434 or [jandkkimball@roadrunner.com](mailto:jandkkimball@roadrunner.com).

**NEW INFORMATION:** Please, no dogs on the trails. Also, dogs must be tied up or in trucks during meal time. This is a Board of Directors decision. We will be staying till Tuesday to ride more trails, you are welcome to join us.

**DIRECTIONS:** Red Ives is on the upper part of the St Joe River above the town of Avery. A sure fire way to get there is take I-90 to the Hwy 3/Rose Lake exit #34, go south to St Maries. At about 22 miles there is a stop sign/light at the Hwy 3/Hwy 97 Harrison "Y". From there go about 10.25 miles, at the 35 Miles speed sign and Avery/Calder sign, take a left onto St Joe River Road (NF-50). It's about 90 miles from St Maries to Red Ives all on paved roads. Approximately at the 73 mile marker there's a bridge on the right to Red Ives that crosses Gold Creek. Look for one of our red and white PBCH arrow signs. The last 10 miles is paved, but narrow with few turnouts, so take it slow and carefully. Again, look for one our red and white PBCH arrow signs at the Red Ives Historic Ranger Station directing you across the bridge to the camping area. There is a gate on the bridge that you will need to open and close. The padlock will be open. Map on page 11.



Photos from 2009 Work Party



## PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN GENERAL MEETING JULY 21, 2010 MINUTES

President Bob Williams called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

Guests present - Brenda Amberg

June Minutes were read and are now part of the record.

**RED IVES WORK PROJECT** - Aug 6th, 7th, & 8th - Karen Kimball asked who was coming up to work and passed around a sign-up sheet. This is a money maker for us, up to \$800.00. The Kimballs will be coming home on Tuesday. Come up Friday night, work Saturday and do fun rides on Sunday and Monday. Don't need too many pack animals, but do need people to work. Trails to be worked on are still TBD. You can bring your chainsaws and pulaskis. Camping is at the FS Ranger site. You will need to open and close the gate on the bridge. The padlock will be open.

**STATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** - July 10th. Karen Kimball requested that there be a link for the minutes in the newsletter. There was discussion on the FS Trail Classification System and that some of our old trails have been or are going to be closed. We are going to look at old maps at ranger stations to see if trails on older maps have been carried through to the current maps, and if not, report them. The FS will give us the maps. Our chapter has been assigned the CDA and St Joe National Forests. Les Erickson, George Miller and Debbie Samovar have volunteered to look over the maps and that this can be a winter project. Info on this will be in the newsletter. Tom Knoll commented that the trail head/staging area for Nelson Peak in Avery is gone.

Contracts with the FS have changed. Work used to be done under "Sponsored Trail Agreements" which included Worker's Compensation Insurance. Now it's under "Cost Share Agreement" of which there is no insurance provided by the FS. This brings on 2 big changes 1) we're are not covered for injuries if we get hurt while clearing the trails, and 2) we are no longer to go through the required safety training, such as chainsaw certification and defensive horsemanship, nor do we have to wear required safety equipment such as chaps and hard hats.

Bob Williams commented that Bob Gish, of BCHW, that his mule club cleared 17 miles in North East WA and got \$2,400 from the FS; and if the FS isn't going to provide with insurance coverage, that we should press them for more money and keep after them. Most members are covered under personal insurance.

A rotation list for who's hosting the state conventions and when was approved. The proposal to pay only \$18 to the state for the calendars was put aside, as the state needs to keep their accounting clean by reporting what they received and what they paid out. The proposal for the state to give back 25% of the sales of the 2011 calendar and to vote on the percentage yearly was approved. Bob Williams said that as we were against this that we didn't have to take 25%. Payment to the state for the

calendars is due at the March State BoD meeting. The 2011 calendars are here, Angela Parson volunteered to keep our supply and keep track of who takes what and payments.

A copy of our By-Laws was sent to the state secretary. The need to be checked that they comply with national mission statement. Squaw Butte is putting on a Wilderness Packing Clinic in 2011 and they are looking for instructors. More about this will be in the newsletter. The 2010 State Convention will be Nov. 5th & 6th - info will be in the newsletter.

**ENGLISH POINT** - Joni Lueck called Karen Kimball saying there's a log over the bridge and trees down all over. Tom Knoll volunteered to head up a work project. It's an easy trail just off Lancaster in Hayden. Maybe go after work during the week. Tuesday, July 27th was selected. Tom will get directions to Debbie Samovar and she'll send out an email. Karen Kimball also said you can get trail maps for English Point, Marie Creek and others from Fernan Ranger Station.

**WEED SPRAY** - Karen Kimball, Linda Funke and Jerry Shriner will be doing upper Marie Creek, 7:00AM, Friday, July 23rd if anyone wants to join them. It was asked if we could get a blue horse.

Selkirk wants to do a joint ride in August. A date will be picked and an email will be sent.

30 members were present.  
Chris Dunn's name was drawn for the \$158 Progressive Pot, which will now carry over to August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully Submitted,  
Deborah Samovar  
Secretary

### **IMPORTANT LINKS**

[Trail Classification System](#)

[Minutes from BCHI State Directors Meeting - July 2010](#)

[2011 Wilderness Pack Clinic](#)





# 2010 EVENTS



## AUGUST

7th & 8th– Saturday & Sunday  
 St Joe Work Project at Red Ives  
 Karen Kimball, Trail Boss  
 Please **RSVP** to 208-772-2434 or  
 jandkkimball@roadrunner.com

**NEW DAY**

18th – Wednesday  
 Regular Meeting – Open to Public

## SEPTEMBER

18th – Saturday  
 Regular Meeting – Open to Public

25th – Saturday  
 Steak Ride – Location TBD  
 April Linscott, Trail Boss  
 Please **RSVP** to 208-660-1415 or  
 linscotta@gmail.com  
 Members & Guests \$10.00 – PrePaid

## OCTOBER

16th – Saturday  
 Regular Meeting – Open to Public

## NOVEMBER

20th – Saturday  
 Regular Meeting – Open to Public

## DECEMBER

4th – Saturday  
 Christmas Party  
 Avondale Country Club  
 10745 Avondale Loop Rd, Hayden Lake, ID  
**TRAIL BOSS NEEDED**



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Ken Beamer  
 was the name drawn  
 for the June  
 Progressive Pot of  
**\$128**  
 which will  
 carry over to  
 AUGUST.

## Ten Ways To Get In Shape To Own A Horse

1. Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Shout "Get Off, Stupid! Get off!"
2. Leap out of a moving vehicle and Practice "Relaxing into the fall". Roll lithely into a ball, and spring to your feet!
3. Learn to grab your checkbook out of Your purse/ pocket and write out a \$200. Check without even looking down.
4. Jog long distances carrying a halter and holding out a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you're doing. They might as well know now.
5. Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling it to a halt. And smile as if you are really having fun.
6. Hone your fibbing skills. "See Hon, moving hay bales is fun!" and " I'm glad your lucky performance and multi-million dollar horse won you first place - I'm just thankful that my hard work and actual ability won me second place".
7. Practice dialing your chiropractors number with both arms paralyzed to the shoulder, and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.
8. Borrow the US Army slogan; "Be all that you can be'...(add) bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled."
9. Lie face down in the mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself: "This is a learning experience, this  
Is a learning experience,..."
10. Marry Money!





**BACK COUNTRY  
HORSEMEN OF IDAHO**  
STATE BOARD MEETING &  
CONVENTION  
HOSTED BY NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO  
**November 5th & 6th, 2010**  
**Grangeville, Idaho**



Friday, November 5  
8:00am – 4:00pm PST

State Board of Directors Meeting - 2 Directors per Chapter  
(Chapters not able to sent representation, contact State Chairman)

9:30am PST

State Foundation Meeting – 1 Representative per Chapter

**Friday Location - Super 8 Motel Meeting Room & Lobby**  
**Continental Breakfast provided. No host lunch**

Saturday, November 6

Annual State Convention hosted by North Central BCH  
Open attendance. 8 voting delegates per Chapter.

7:30-8:30am PST

Registration

8:30am-4:00pm PST

Annual Meeting (*Evening Banquet will follow*)

**Saturday Location – Grangeville Elk's Lodge**

**Continental Breakfast & evening banquet provided. No host lunch.**

**-Lodging** (BCH Rate) Super 8 Motel 983-1002 \$65+tax, Gateway Inn 983-2500 \$60+tax

-Remind your chapter to compete for the **Chapter Display Traveling Trophy**

-Ask members to bring/send photos for the **Photo Contest**

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*Mail portion below this line*

I will be attending the following;

	<u>Self</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Friday State Board Meeting	_____	_____	N/A
Friday Foundation Meeting	_____	_____	N/A
Saturday Convention & Banquet	_____	_____	\$40.00 per person

**Registration fee includes Saturday continental breakfast & evening banquet**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS FORM & \$40.00/per person by October 1st. After October 1st \$45.00.**

Make check payable to BCH of NCI.

Send form to – BCH of NCI, PO Box 112, Grangeville, ID 83530.

Registration questions, call Clara Armstrong, 208-983-2966 or [mc.armstrong@hotmail.com](mailto:mc.armstrong@hotmail.com)



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**PHOTO CONTEST RULES**

1. No professional photos.
2. Entries to be digital or film images.
3. Photos may be 4" X 6" to 11" X 14".
4. Photos should be ready for hanging.
5. Nothing should be added to the image or taken away.
6. Please do not enter photos that have already been in a BCH photo contest.

**CATEGORIES**

“Working the Trails” - “On the Trail and Camp” - “Wintertime with Horses and Mules”  
“Nature” (scenery, etc.)

**AWARDS**

“People’s Choice” ...Trophy; “Best Overall”...Trophy  
Ribbons to 3 places in each category.

For questions call Roger or Janice Inghram 208-983-0616.

Entries must be received no later than 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning November 6th at the convention registration desk. Please fill out the entry form below and attach it to the back of each photo entered.

**ENTRY FORM**

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_E-MAIL\_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PHOTO\_\_\_\_\_



## Coalition for Recreational Trails RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM



Dear Friend of the Recreational Trails Program:

The nation's surface transportation legislation— including the Recreational Trails Program (RTP)— expires in December. While Congress is likely to extend most of the SAFETEA-LU provisions short-term, there are no guarantees as the Administration and the Congress search for ways to cut spending. And RTP is at risk in the long-delayed long-term reauthorization of surface transportation programs. We need your help!

Would the trails in your state suffer if RTP disappears? You and other trails advocates across the nation need to speak out to prevent that very real possibility.

The [Coalition for Recreational Trails](http://www.funoutdoors.com/coalitions/crt) (CRT) (<http://www.funoutdoors.com/coalitions/crt>) is working hard to ensure continued and increased funding for the [Recreational Trails Program](http://www.americantrails.org/awards/CRTawards.html#rtp) (<http://www.americantrails.org/awards/CRTawards.html#rtp>). We are very proud to report that the letters we sent to Congress in support of the RTP last year – [signed by 269 organizations](http://americantrails.org/resources/fedfund/RTPreauthCRT09.html#186) (<http://americantrails.org/resources/fedfund/RTPreauthCRT09.html#186>) – demonstrates the number and diversity of trail user groups that support the program. **This has impressed Capitol Hill!** Please help us continue to deliver this message and grow the list of RTP supporters!

CRT has created a Council of Advisors comprised of organizations that support RTP's continuation. Advisors add their names to letters to key Members of Congress, to the Administration, and to others. In addition, Advisors reach out to other organizations to ask them to sign-on and to help in a variety of ways.

CRT's reauthorization position for RTP is provided as [a one-page paper](http://www.funoutdoors.com/files/CRTPlatform.pdf) (<http://www.funoutdoors.com/files/CRTPlatform.pdf>). Please feel free to use it as you talk to your leaders. Please note that if CRT's platform should change, you will be informed. You can use the attached sign-on form or send interested organizations to [www.AmericanTrails.org/rtp](http://www.AmericanTrails.org/rtp) (<http://www.americantrails.org/rtp/>) to learn more and download the form.

Your organization can sign on as an Advisor at any time. **However, if you sign-on by Monday, July 12**, we will add your organization's name to a letter we are presenting at the July 14 USDOT Listening Session in DC.

We would like to suggest several important ways that you can help secure the future of RTP funding for trails:

1. Sign on as a [member of the Recreational Trails Program Council of Advisors](http://ocho.purlmail.com/sendlink.asp?HitID=1278096588948&StID=15240&SID=1&NID=721783&EmID=29225809&Link=aHR0cDovL2F0ZmlsZXMuY2ZpbGVzL2RvYy9SVFBDb3VuY2lsU2lnbi1vbkkZvc0uZG9j&token=0aec6ede12800fadbe0244650237e7a1e8216739). (<http://ocho.purlmail.com/sendlink.asp?HitID=1278096588948&StID=15240&SID=1&NID=721783&EmID=29225809&Link=aHR0cDovL2F0ZmlsZXMuY2ZpbGVzL2RvYy9SVFBDb3VuY2lsU2lnbi1vbkkZvc0uZG9j&token=0aec6ede12800fadbe0244650237e7a1e8216739>)
2. Ask any organization or agency you know to [sign on as a member of the RTP Council of Advisors](http://ocho.purlmail.com/sendlink.asp?HitID=1278096588948&StID=15240&SID=1&NID=721783&EmID=29225809&Link=aHR0cDovL2F0ZmlsZXMuY2ZpbGVzL2RvYy9SVFBDb3VuY2lsU2lnbi1vbkkZvc0uZG9j&token=0aec6ede12800fadbe0244650237e7a1e8216739). (same link as above)
3. Contact your Members of Congress – Senators and Representatives alike! (Note: Senators and Representatives will be in their states and home districts for the 4th of July recess, July 3rd -11th.) Invite them to an RTP-funded trail ground-breaking, to a volunteer work day, or to an opening celebration. Tell the media about these events too, and then send news clips to your Congressional offices. Tell them about your success stories and about the myriad of people of all ages and abilities that love and use these trails!
4. We need RTP champions in the Senate and the House— but critically in the Senate. Please let us know if you have a good connection with a Member of Congress and are willing to make contact— especially on these key committees and subcommittees:  
[Senate Environment and Public Works Committee's](http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Members.Home) (<http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Members.Home>)  
[Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure](http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Subcommittees.Subcommittee&Subcommittee_id=de065f92-7614-40a9-8e6f-190182ac174f) ([http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Subcommittees.Subcommittee&Subcommittee\\_id=de065f92-7614-40a9-8e6f-190182ac174f](http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Subcommittees.Subcommittee&Subcommittee_id=de065f92-7614-40a9-8e6f-190182ac174f))  
[House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's](http://transportation.house.gov/) (<http://transportation.house.gov/>)  
[Subcommittee on Highways and Transit](http://transportation.house.gov/subcommittees/highways_transit.aspx) ([http://transportation.house.gov/subcommittees/highways\\_transit.aspx](http://transportation.house.gov/subcommittees/highways_transit.aspx)).
5. Ask other friends of trails to contact their Members of Congress about RTP.
6. Please pass the word on through your networks! CRT would like to have over 500 organizations sign-on as supporters.

The Coalition for Recreational Trails' work includes these and additional efforts on your behalf:

- Meets regularly to develop and implement strategy for not only continuing, but increasing funding for the RTP.
- Developed a platform, including funding levels and modifications for the next national surface transportation program.
- Created and is expanding the RTP Council of Advisors.
- Sends letters and communicates on an ongoing basis with key Members of Congress and/or their staffers, as well as with the Administration.
- Holds the [CRT Annual Achievement Awards](http://www.americantrails.org/awards/CRTawards.html) (<http://www.americantrails.org/awards/CRTawards.html>) to bring recognition to these important RTP-funded trails.

Thank you for your support for the Recreational Trails Program. And, please spread the word that this is the most important year ever to get Members of Congress to understand why reauthorizing RTP is essential to the long-term future of trails all across the country.

Sincerely,

Derrick Crandall  
Co-Chair  
Coalition for Recreational Trails

Marianne Fowler  
Co-Chair  
Coalition for Recreational Trails



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## Summer Riding: When the Rider is Hot, the Horse is Hotter

by: -- Teresa Pitman, University of Guelph, July 08 2010 Article # 16625

A hot humid day. One rider. One horse. Both are exercising at a moderate level. Who is more likely to overheat?

It might surprise you to know that your horse gets hotter, much faster than you and is more susceptible to the negative effects of heat stress.

Michael Lindinger, PhD, MSc, an animal and exercise physiologist at the University of Guelph, explains: "It only takes 17 minutes of moderate intensity exercise in hot, humid weather to raise a horse's temperature to dangerous levels. That's three to 10 times faster than in humans. Horses feel the heat much worse than we do."

And the effects can be serious. If a horse's body temperature shoots up from the normal 37 to 38°C to 41°C (98.6 - 105.8°F), temperatures within working muscles may be as high as 43°C (109.4°F), a temperature at which proteins in muscle begin to denature (cook). Horses suffering excessive heat stress may experience hypotension, colic, and renal failure.

Lindinger, a faculty member in the Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences, became interested in the effects of heat on horses when he was a lead researcher on the Canadian research team that contributed information on the response of the horse to heat and humidity for the Atlanta Summer Olympics. He recently presented a workshop on the topic at Equine Guelph's outdoor Equine Expo held June 4 at U.G.'s Arkell Research Station.

Horses are more susceptible to heat for several reasons, explains Lindinger. First, they are larger and have a higher percentage of active muscle than people do during exercise. When muscles are being used, they produce a lot of heat.

Horses also rely to a significant extent on sweating to cool them off. They can sweat 15 to 20 liters per hour in cool, dry conditions and up to 30 liters per hour in hot, humid conditions, but only 25-30% of the sweat produced is effective in cooling the horse by evaporation.

"Because so much more sweat is produced than can be evaporated, the rest just drips off the horse's body," says Lindinger. "By comparison, up to 50% of the sweat people produce is evaporated from our bodies during exercise and helps to cool us."

The salts in horse sweat are also four times as concentrated as in human sweat. Lindinger refers to a photograph of an area where endurance horses had been standing while their sweaty bodies were repeatedly scraped and cooled with water. As the liquids evaporated from the ground, the soil surface was left white because of the salt in the horses' sweat.

"Those salts have to be replaced," he adds. "Just giving the horse water will not rehydrate a dehydrated horse. When horses drink plain water, it dilutes their body fluids, and their bodies respond by trying to get rid of more water and more electrolytes."

Horses also pant to dissipate heat, but Lindinger says this is only effective if the air is at least five degrees cooler than the horse's body temperature.

His tips for protecting horses from the harmful effects of summer heat begin with teaching your horse to drink an electrolyte solution (water with the right proportion of salts dissolved in it) to replace sweat losses. "Start with a small amount in the water, allowing the horse to get used to the taste, and gradually increase it over days and weeks until you have reached the manufacturer's recommendation." Keeping your horse properly hydrated is the most important step in protecting it against the harmful effects of heat, he says.

If you're preparing for a competition, Lindinger recommends trying to acclimatize your horse to the heat by spending four hours daily, at least five days a week for three weeks, in hot conditions. For best results, exercise the horse for an hour during the second hour of each of those days.

"Many riders will train their horses in the mornings or evenings, when it's cool, then go to a competition held during the hottest part of the day. You need to get horses used to being ridden in the heat and allow them to develop the full spectrum of beneficial adaptations that come with heat acclimation." Lindinger says that horses who have been through a process of heat acclimation will lose more heat through sweating and respiration and will be better able to stay hydrated because they are more likely to drink.

When your horse is hot, look for shade and breezes to help cool it down, but never use a blanket or "cooler" on a horse that is sweating, he adds, suggesting the best way to cool a horse quickly is to rinse the horse's body repeatedly with cold water and scrape off the excess water.

"You can cool the horse two degrees in 10 minutes this way: pour on the water, scrape it off, pour on more, and just keep repeating it," says Lindinger. "The scraping part is important because otherwise the water will be trapped in the horse's hair and will quickly warm up. By scraping and pouring on fresh, cold water you keep the cooling process going."

Just as equestrians pack a canteen of water, some sunscreen and a hat with a brim for summer riding adventures, Lindinger says they should also equip themselves with the tools needed to protect their horses from the heat and humidity. If you prepare your horse in advance and have a plan to cool him down if he becomes overheated, he says, even the hot, muggy days of summer can be great riding fun.



**Readers are cautioned to seek the advice of a qualified veterinarian before proceeding with any diagnosis, treatment, or therapy.**

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## Most Important Trail Classification Assistance Program

**A Training Program  
To assist BCH Chapters Monitor Implementation of  
The Forest Service Trails Classification System**

### **Part 1 – Why We Need to be Concerned:**

**Introduction:** “In 1998, the Forest Service determined that a more uniform and integrated national trail classification system would improve inventory and on-the-ground management. Consequently, in 1999 the Forest Service transitioned from the three trail classes of way, secondary, and mainline to the five Trail Classes in effect today.” (FS RIN0596-AC47) The change created different trail classes for all major recreational users, many of which will not accommodate pack and saddle stock use. Back Country Horsemen are concerned that managers will assign trail classes that will not accommodate pack and saddle stock use on trails that were historically accessible to stock. Preliminary information received from the Forest Service indicates that as much as 59% of the existing trail system will not be managed for pack and saddle stock under the new system. Back Country Horsemen need to get involved in monitoring the implementation of the program or we may find that our favorite trails are no longer managed for our use.

**BACKGROUND:** The Forest Service Trail Classification System has changed standards for pack and saddle stock trails that evolved over, and have been time tested for, nearly a hundred years. From the time that the Forest Reserves were established in 1891 until the 1990s, trails were regarded as the primary transportation facility to provide for “(a) safe and unobstructed passage of loaded animals and foot travelers at a walking gait and in single file; and (b) durability designed to meet expected use and liability of damage from natural causes.” (Forest Service Trail Handbook, 1935). The historical trail classification included three classes of trails – mainline/primary, secondary and way. All would accommodate equestrian use -- mainline and secondary trails would accommodate both pack and saddle stock, and way trails would accommodate saddle stock.

The new classification system views trails in an entirely different manner -- as a recreational facility. Under the new system, trail management will be based on the management intent for the trail, as determined by the applicable land management plan or travel management decisions. It will provide a range of trail classes (development scales) from minimally developed to fully developed and different design parameters to accommodate Hiker/Pedestrian, Pack and Saddle, Bicycle, Motorcycle, All-Terrain Vehicle, Four Wheel Drive Vehicle, and several winter-sports activities. At the less developed levels, design parameters for Hiker/Pedestrian, Bicycles and Motorcycles will not accommodate pack and saddle stock use.



Prior to BCHA involvement, the new Pack and Saddle Stock parameters were marginal in designated wilderness, and the more primitive backcountry areas. Through our law suit and subsequent communications with the Forest Service we have negotiated pack and saddle stock parameters – **a menu of choices** – that will preserve our historic access to National Forest System Lands. **The menu, however, includes choices for other user types as well.** With as many as 5 different trail classes and 6 different classes of users (excluding snow and water trails), managers could potentially select from a menu of **24 different sets of parameters -- many of which would not accommodate either saddle or pack animals!**

**MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:** When BCHA first got involved in the Trail Classification Process, we were concerned that managers would assign trail classes and design parameters that would not accommodate pack and saddle stock on trails that were historically accessible to stock. The court, using the Forest Service's own argument, established a standard for determining management intent. **"The managed and designed uses of a trail are established by individual forest staffs ... with the public's active assistance, and any changes require public involvement process and land management planning determinations, including appropriate [NEPA] review."**

### THE TASK AHEAD!

1. To determine if the "managed and designed use of trails" or "the physical characteristics of trails" has changed as a result of implementation of the new trails classification system, and if so,
2. Were the changes established with "active assistance" or through "a public involvement process and land management planning including [NEPA] review?"

### WHY DO WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED!

In the spring of 2009, BCHA requested data from the Forest Service on the amount of trails in the system that are managed and designed for pack and saddle stock use. The data revealed that 40% of the trail system was being managed for pack and saddle stock, and 41% was designed for pack and saddle stock.

### 59% of the trail system is not designed for, and may not, in the future, accommodate pack and saddle stock use!

This undoubtedly constitutes a major change in the managed and designed use of trails from the historical 3 class system -- mainline/primary, secondary, and way trails -- all of which (with some exceptions in special management areas) would accommodate saddle or pack and saddle stock use.

The Forest Service emphasized in the letter accompanying the implementation data that it was "working/draft data. As we continue our training, data validation and update efforts Agency-wide, the quality of the information will improve." It is preliminary data and may be changed as the quality of information improves! We have an opportunity, consistent with the court's decision, to help them improve the quality of that data. If we choose not to do so, **we may find that our favorite trails are no longer managed for our use.**

Parts 2, 3 and 4 will be published in the September, October and November newsletters. Go to [http://www.backcountryhorse.com/Trail\\_Classification\\_Assistance\\_Program.html](http://www.backcountryhorse.com/Trail_Classification_Assistance_Program.html) to read all sections now.



For those of you who ride in the Franck Church Wilderness Area, the Twin Rivers chapter did the following work:

### Frank Church Wilderness Projects

BCH is involved with a large group of other user groups that are working to form an organization that is committed to getting trails open and usable in the Frank Church Wilderness. It is in the early stages of planning, but they do have two projects that any members of BCH of Idaho can volunteer to work on.

June 25-27 – **Churchill trail.** This project was moved to the Gospel Hump Wilderness on the Rag Station Trail. Rod Parks, Mark Bogar and Carl Paulsen assisted Ian Barlow and Judd?, a long time volunteer for the FS on some improvements to this trail.

Ian is committed to training volunteers in proper trail maintenance. He sees the same thing that BCH has observed. Trail crews and contractors are only logging out and brushing and the structure of the trails is deteriorating to a point of losing tread or the entire trails in many places. Band-Aid work is often done that does not last, instead of taking the time to do it right the first time.

July 9-11 – **Missouri Creek trail,** at edge and into FCRNRW, on the Payette NF, east of Yellow Pine, working with the informal wilderness trails partnership. Cutting out 6 miles of trail that has not been opened in three or more years.



## 2011 CALENDARS ARE IN!

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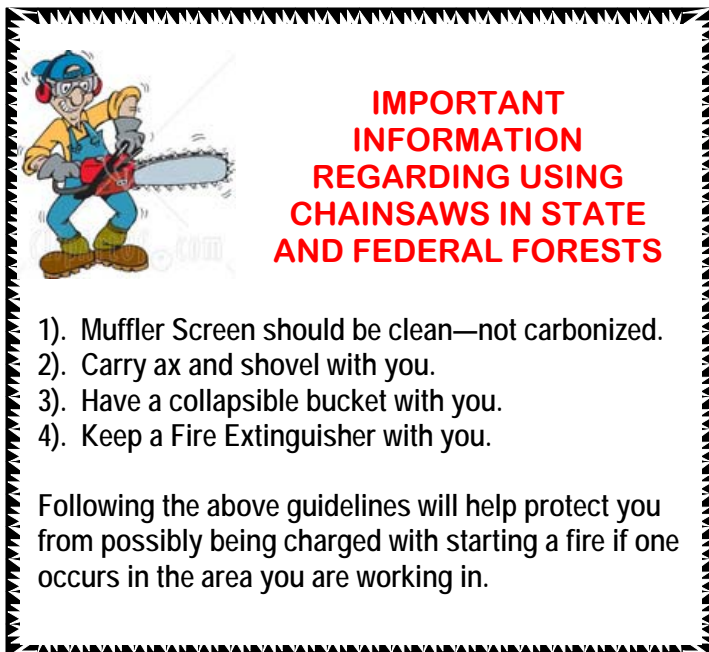
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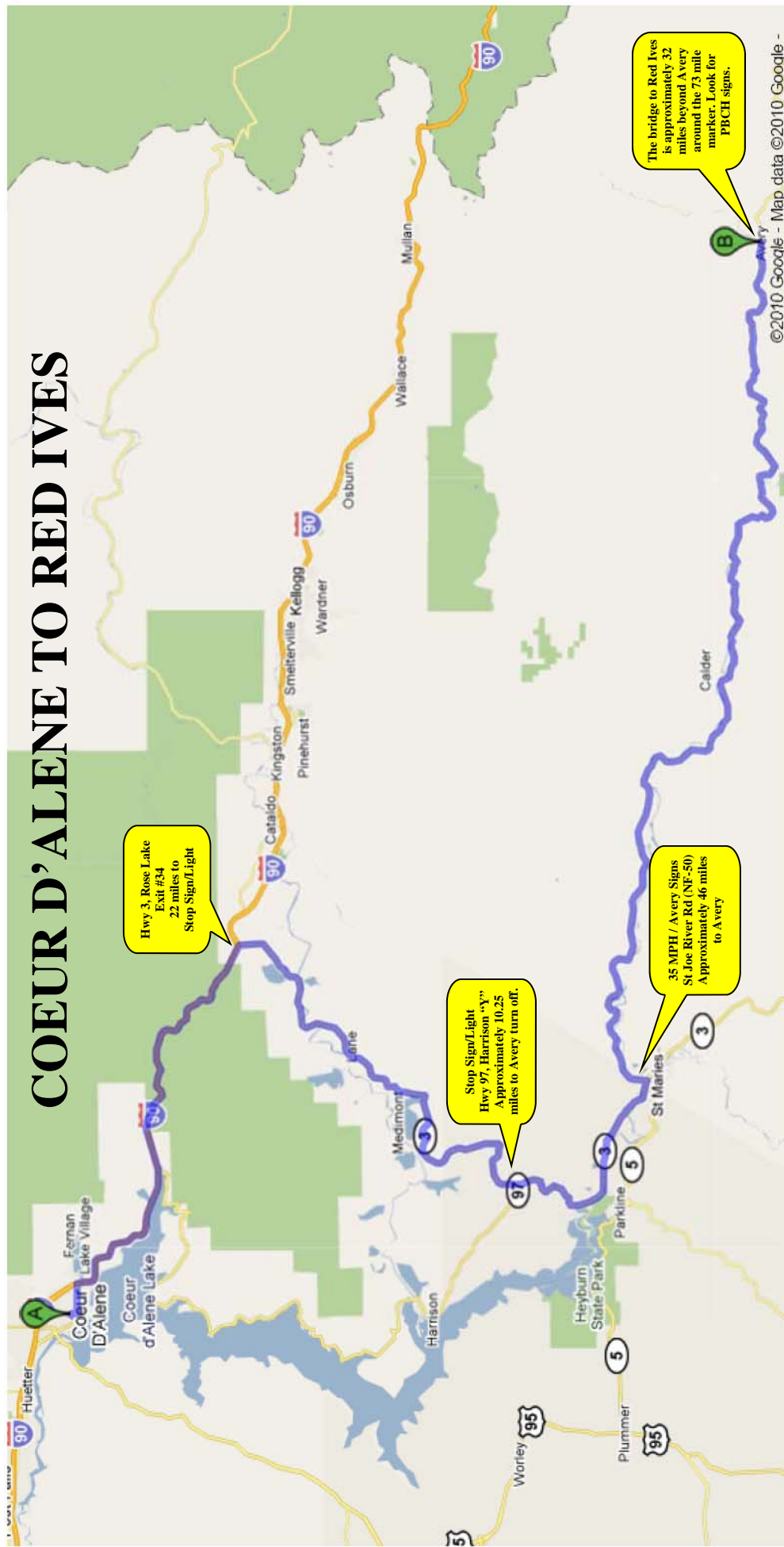
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- 2). Carry ax and shovel with you.
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**DIRECTIONS:** Red Ives is on the upper part of the St Joe River above the town of Avery. A sure fire way to get there is take I-90 to the Hwy 3/Rose Lake exit #34, go south to St Maries. At about 22 miles there is a stop sign/light at the Hwy 3/Hwy 97 Harrison "Y". From there go about 10.25 miles, at the 35 Miles speed sign and Avery/Calder sign, take a left onto St Joe River Road (NF-50). It's about 90 miles from St Maries to Red Ives all on paved roads. Approximately at the 73 mile marker there's a bridge on the right to Red Ives that crosses Gold Creek. Look for one of our red and white PBCH arrow signs. The last 10 miles is paved, but narrow with few turnouts, so take it slow and carefully. Again, look for one of our red and white PBCH arrow signs at the Red Ives Historic Ranger Station directing you across the bridge to the camping area. There is a gate on the bridge that you will need to open and close. The padlock will be open.



## BOOK REVIEW

*Horse Camping* by George B. Hatley

This book is very easy to read and more so to understand. The illustrations, knots, equipment etc. are all very well done.

The Panhandle Back Country Horseman chapter has a long and successful history of horse camping, and packing timber and supplies for Forest Service trail work, with our own volunteers doing the work on trails.

The general feeling after reviewing this book is that it is a good addition to anyone's library who use horses to hunt, camp or spend weeks in the wilderness. Plus it is just plain good information for anyone who spends time with horse.

Bob Williams  
Panhandle Back Country Horsemen.

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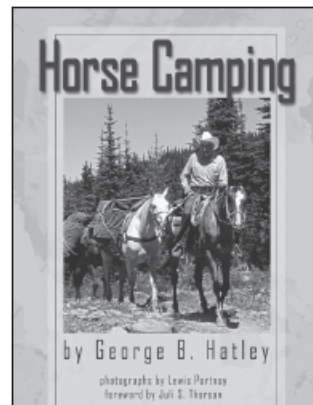
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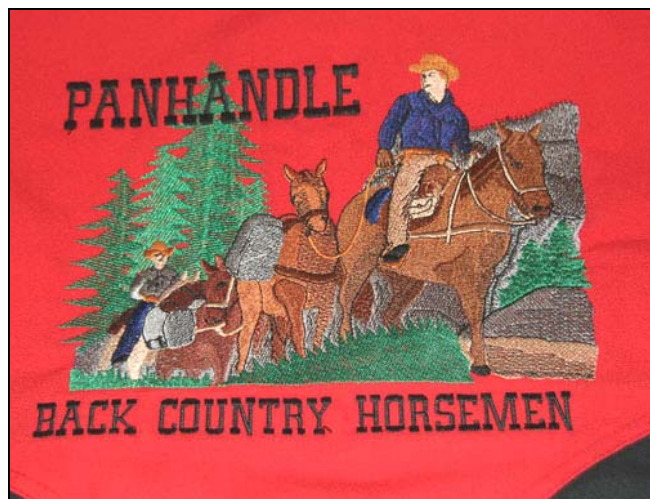
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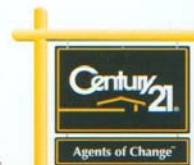
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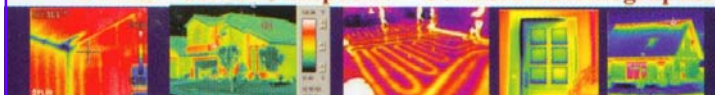


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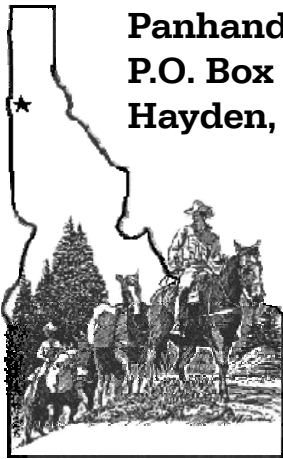
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18th – Wednesday  
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