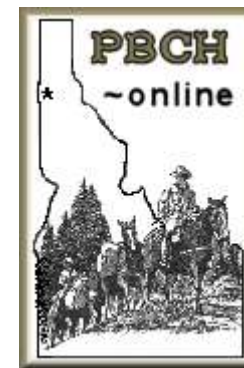


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Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area News

Written by Karen Kimball and Joni Lueck

BLM is seeking input on the Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area improvement project. This is a popular non-motorized trail system east of Coeur d'Alene off Yellowstone Road. PBCH has helped with the maintenance and creation of these trails. The public input comment period deadline is Oct. 14.

In the proposal, BLM wants to expand the existing trail system to the west of the existing trail system, add another parking area, and to thin trees. Thinning of trees would help pay for the project and also keep fire danger down, said BLM field manager Kurt Pavlat.

At a Public Meeting held on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the Yellowstone Trailhead, some 300 citizens looked at maps of the trail system and listened to the ranger speak about the project. Many landowners voiced their concerns about increased traffic on Yellowstone and Sunnyside roads and more people in the area using the trail system.

To offer your public comment go to blm_id_bluecreekbay@blm.gov

On the proposed map the northernmost area in blue is for mountain bikes and south of that area is for horses and hikers with the exception of one trail around the bottom of the park leading up to the parking area. This would be a shared trail among all users and this could lead to a dangerous situation for horse users.

We are asking PBCH members to recommend that mountain bikes stay on the blue section only and that there not be a shared trail with bikers, horses and hikers.

Sunnyside Road is also a concern because of sharp curves in the area for crossing. To get from the east side to the west side the road has to be crossed. With both areas available for riding it could be a great place to spend the day riding but something needs to be done for safe access.

In addition at the proposed parking lot they are planning for a warm-up area for extreme bike riders. This can also be a distraction for people loading and unloading horses.

This is a great place to ride. PBCH has spent many hours helping with trail work on the east side project and are looking forward to having the trail system extended with this new west side. But, the safety on horseback is a concern.

Information Corner

******On Loan:** The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2017 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Stan Smith, treasurer sdsmith7566@yahoo.com You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year!

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** on animal feed at the North 40 Store.

Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Diane Shriner has membership applications. Her phone number is 667-2949 or email shriner.diane@gmail.com. Important to have in case of med evac emergency during trail riding or other events.

2017 Calendars are Available

Contact Bill or Kay Clarke at 208-699-2044 or 687-2784 to purchase yours for the upcoming year. These are a main fundraiser for the BCHI organization.

Classified Ads are free to members. Please send your information by the first of the month to newsletter editor Joni Lueck at jklhorserider@gmail.com

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Calendar of Events Subject to change. All events are members only unless otherwise stated. No dogs.

October

Wednesday, October 19 PBCH monthly meeting. 6360 E. 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall. 6:30 socialize, 7 p.m. meeting starts. Meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month year around.

Potluck and fun ride. Farragut Park. Date to be determined. Contact newsletter editor Joni Lueck to help with this event.

November

Wednesday, November 16, PBCH monthly meeting. 6360 E. 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall. 6:30 socialize, 7 p.m. meeting starts. Meetings will be on the third Wednesday of each month year around.

December

Saturday, Dec. 3 Christmas Party. Location Broken Tee Restaurant at the Coeur d'Alene Golf Course. Trail bosses needed.

Dalton Garden Picnic workers thanked

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help at the Dalton Gardens Picnic. Most of it is more fun than work and we have been doing it for a few years now, I think faces are becoming familiar. We received a card from the city thanking us and said our group was wonderfully organized and did a great job serving food and cleaning up.

The chapter does this volunteer project each year as a way to say thanks for letting us meet in their city hall building!

Karen Kimball, trail boss

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Please submit as many photos you wish from your chapter on a CD, DVD or USB drive. NO PRINTS. USB drives will mail

back to you. If you want your CD/DVD back include return envelope with postage.

Photos need to be in JPEG Format. Set your digital cameras to the highest size settings possible.

Photos from cell phones

can be used for smaller spots on calendar grids. See page 3 technical specs.

Photo selection criteria for the calendar are as follows:

Cover and full page photo candidates must be taken in IDAHO.

Photos must have a horse/mule in the shot, unless it's of a work project.

Heads and faces preferred over tails and backs.

Photos are placed by seasons ☐ winter, spring, summer and fall.

Include all winter, kids with horses, trail riding, packing, and work project photos. Nature photos will be used as needed.

Please do not resubmit photos that have been used in previous calendars.

Print all information legibly and include photographers name, phone and e☐mail.

List the file name for each photo. Please print as many of the second sheets you need to go with your submissions.

PHOTOS ARE DUE AT THE MARCH 11, 2017 BCHI CONVENTION IN BOISE.

If you only have a few photos or no way to burn them to CD or a USB drive, you can e☐mail them directly to me.

Thanks for your help and submissions,

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dsamovar@gmail.com Email Debbie for photo information sheet and technical specs sheet.

4th of July Recreation Area fun ride



Written by Bea Christopherson

On September 11 we had our fun ride at 4th of July which was open to the public. The weather was perfect for a ride. The first group of 12 riders left around 9:30 AM with trail boss, Joni Lueck, for a 10 mile ride. The second group with trail boss, Bea Christopherson, left shortly thereafter with six riders for a 6.5 mile ride. Another six riders joined the second group on the trail. We all had a wonderful relaxing ride without any incidents. The trail was easy on mostly old logging roads and the temperature was very comfortable.



Photo top left: George Miller serves ribs to Linda Funke at the 4th of July fun ride and lunch event. Photo top right: Steve Bishop and Bea Christopherson take care of business before sitting down to eat after the ride. Photos courtesy Karen Kimball.

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Pres. Jerry Shriner.

No guests were present, just had 12 members required for a quorum.

Last month's meeting minutes were approved as read by the membership via the newsletter, Bill Clarke motioned and it was seconded by Arnie Wilkens.

Treasurer's Report was read by Stan Smith.

Progressive pot \$142.00 Won by Lori Jenkins.

Outstanding bills: \$61.12 to George Miller for Ribs for 4th of July pass ride. \$ 52.92 to Karen Kimball for misc. food items for 4th of July ride.

\$355.50 to Bob Funke for Chain Saw repairs. Total bills were \$469.54, motion to pay was made by Jim Kimball, seconded by Bill Clarke.

Bill Clarke spoke about a very serious issue facing residents of Idaho and Utah. He attended a BCHI meeting Saturday the 17th.

There is a movement afoot for the Federal government to sell federally owned land to the individually states. The big concern is that the states cannot afford to maintain the public lands and they will be sold to large corporations or foreign buyers. This would be devastating to land use enthusiasts. Please keep abreast of this and contact your Senators, PBCH will keep you informed, but lots needs to be done by you as a resident.

Karen Kimball reported that Joni Lueck, Shari Bolander, Tracie Anderson and she were at a BLM meeting Wednesday the 21st about the proposed expansion at Blue Creek Recreation Area. Real concerns are about the shared use of a major trail with mountain bikers. And a "warm up area" for extreme biking and jumping near a staging area for horses. This is a recipe for disaster. Accidents and injuries are sure to happen. Karen will send an email with contact information that we can voice our opposition to the shared trail and warm up area. Joni was still at the meeting hence she missed our meeting. If there is important information perhaps Joni can insert it at this point of the minutes, if not Joni will report at next meeting. Comment

blm_id_bluecreekbay@blm.gov by Oct. 14.

Arnie Wilkens reported on the service detail at Dalton Gardens City event, Sept. 10th. Served close to 300 people, went extremely smoothly. Arnie suggested that the schedule of service personnel include a clean up group that comes at the end or have the clean up portion be done by the City staff.

Some PBCH stayed late. Karen read a very nice note of appreciation from the City.

Arnie reported on the 4th of July Rec. Area ride, Sept. 11th. About 27 riders showed up with 2 new members. Joni Lueck trail bossed a 10-mile portion and Bea Christopherson trail bossed the 4-mile route. Arnie flew a flag and many members wore Red, White, and Blue to remember that infamous day in 2001. A great day was enjoyed by all. Ribs cooked in a Dutch oven over coals was fantastic so thank you George Miller for a wonderful job.

Thanks to all who brought extra food for the event. Thanks to Karen Kimball for organizing the food.

Joni is asking that we put together a potluck ride this fall, great idea. Anyone want to trail boss and organize it please contact Joni.

Also we need a few riders/packers to pack out items left after the FS project out of Line Creek, near Red Ives. We were not needed to pack the items in but now we are needed to pack out. Please contact Jerry Shriner if you can.

We wish member Heather Baese well. Her leg was broken after being kicked by a horse; it's been a long recovery. Cindy Richardson will send a get well card from the members.

Next month's meeting is Wednesday, October 19.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM, motioned by Jim Kimball, seconded by San Smith, carried.

Minutes by Debbie Stratton, secretary

Public Lands Issue and National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act News

To all Back Country Horsemen of Idaho State Officers, Directors and Chapter Members:

At the state board meeting in Lewiston last month, I brought up the matter of the transfer of public lands from the Federal Government to the states (Idaho). This is an issue that was presented before the Idaho legislature last session and will probably be brought up again this year.

As horsemen and women of BCHI and citizens of Idaho we need to have an open discussion on this subject. Can the state of Idaho do a better job of managing the public lands? There are many factors involved in that job: roads, bridges, campgrounds, water, trails, timber, mining, grazing and, of course, the cost of fighting range fires and forest fires to name a few.

BCHI's mandate is to ensure the continued access of recreational stock use on public lands. That is the question we need to ask. Will the trails be better if the state controls the public lands? Will there be continued access to public lands if the state takes control? And, what will happen if the state begins to sell the public lands to the highest bidder?

Please discuss this with your chapter members at a monthly meeting because there may be a resolution at the BCHI State Convention next spring about BCHI's position on this issue. BCHA has already made it's view public and it strongly opposes the transfer of public lands to the states.

On another note, for your information the National Forest System Trails Stewardship Act (H.R. 845) was passed by the House of Representatives on September 26th. BCHA, The Wilderness Society, and The American Horse Council have been working for the past two years to get this passed and it seems to have finally gotten movement in Congress. It would be a great time for all of us in BCHI to contact our Senators, Risch and Crapo, to urge them to support the bill when it reaches the Senate.

You can contact their Boise staff and they will get the word to the Senators.

Senator Mike Crapo

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Thanks

Phil Ryan

BCHI Public Lands Representative (South)

