

# Back Country Horsemen of Idaho



## 2010 Annual Report

# **BOISE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN**

## **YEAR END REPORT 2010**

Boise BCH had a great 2010 year. New officers took office, Bill Murphy as President, Sue Clark Vice President, Ann Potcher Treasurer and Pam Hansen as Secretary. January and February, we picked our ride schedule and work days.

The Sportsman Show was our first event with several members manning a BCH Promotion Booth, along with SBBCH and TVBCH members. We also had a warm-up ride in March.

April was again graced by a chapter meeting, a club ride/ camp-out and the Horse Expo. We had several members man the BCH Promotion Booth alongside SBBCH and TVBCH members.

May started out with a multi-chapter show featuring Jody Foss, with a slide show about her mule adventures. May, also included a chapter meeting, a chapter ride and a work party at the Warm Springs Guard Station in Lowman. We had 12 members show up for a 6 hour work day. Tasks included replacing the rotten corral posts and rails, tearing down the condemned outhouse, scrapping and repainting the porch and repainting about 350 ft. of three rail fence around the building.

June had our chapter meeting and a multi-club ride with Treasure Valley Riding Club with a camp-out.

July had a meeting and a week long ride and camp to the Fish and Game's Stonebreaker Cabin in Chamberlain Basin. At Stonebreaker, 5 members put in 15 hrs. with corral work and other grounds repair.

August had a meeting and a club ride camp-out. September had a meeting, a club ride and a trash clean-up ride/walk at Wilson Creek.

October we had a multi-chapter ride/meeting/potluck dinner.

November we had a meeting and ride.

December finished off the year with new officer elections and a holiday dinner meeting.

# CACHE PEAK BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN

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Castle Rock in Almo, Idaho is a National Reserve. They had taken down a lot of barb wire and needed it packed out. One of their crew went with our crew to show them where the wire was located. He was going to walk in but found those mules just were too much for him. He ended up riding one of the pack mules back into camp. His supervisor ran out and took pictures. A good time was had by all and they were real pleased with the way the project was done.

The Independence trail had a bridge that the FS wanted to pack out the debris so they could engineer a new one. Three of our members and 2 forest service personnel worked a good hard day on this. They ended up taking advice from Pike to use the timbers available and they completely reconstructed the bridge. Everyone felt good about how this ended up. The bridge was fixed so it could be accessible and the FS was pleased with the ideas and the work.

Fred Genzmer was a guest speaker on the radio program "Hoof Beats across America".

We had our Christmas party and gift exchange at Fred & Lorraine's again this year. There is always a good pot luck and lots of fun.

We are anticipating more trail rides, projects and meeting next year.

# EAGLE ROCK BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

## 2010 YEAR END REPORT

January 20	General meeting followed by directors meeting
February 17	General meeting followed by directors meeting: Phebe Pelot gave a presentation about humane horse slaughter.
March 17	General meeting followed by directors meeting
April 21	General meeting: Dave Woodcock from the Palisades Ranger District discussed trails that we could help with.
May 19 May 22	General meeting followed by directors meeting Play Day at Connie Bowcutt's including packing demo by Dick Phillips, many obstacles, round pen and arena training.
May 30	Cedar Butte ride lead by Dave Erickson and Phebe Pelot
June 11-13 June 16	Stoddard Creek Ride with camping lead by Mel Daniels General meeting
July 21 July 24-27 July 31	General meeting followed by Director's meeting Challis, McDonald Creek ride to look for lost rifle led by Phebe Pelot Lima Peaks Ride lead by Tim Palmer
August 18 August 28	Picnic at Mitch and Kathy Christensen's Ride to check out Water Canyon for workday— Mitch Christensen and Phebe Pelot
September 11 September 15 September 18	Water Canyon workday General meeting Ride at Harriman Park lead by Sam and Cindy Cook
October 20	General meeting: Barry Cellan spoke about his Horse Communicator newspaper
November 17	General meeting: Paul Hasselbacher from Vicker's Western Store spoke about horse blankets
Dec. 4	Christmas Party at Connie Bowcutt's including election of officers

## HEARTLAND BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN YEAR END REPORT 2010

January started the year with food, of course, at the Becker's. Life Flight was discussed. Also, noted, was that Jean Revaul would be HBCH's representative to the Payette Coalition. This coalition would promote trails in the PNF. Al Becker, also, along with Paul Kleint, answered and forwarded a grant for trail use in Stolle Meadows. The Mountain Trail Challenge (MTC) was set for June 12 at the Becker's White Tail Arena.

February meeting was at Glemser's of course, food came first. Discussed were the BOD, Payette Coalition, MTC, NAIS and the grant for Stolle Meadows. Shirley Glemser and Lee King gave a presentation on equine first aid.

March at VanGrunsven's began with a potluck. On the agenda was the MTC, Update on the Robert's, rides, Payette Coalition and the BOD.

April found us at VanGrunsven's for a breakfast potluck and ride. A short meeting discussed the MTC, F. Church Wilderness Mtg., and Rides.

May after a potluck at Hemminger's, four rides were critiqued. The Council Mtn. Landscape Restoration Project and the Packing Clinic in Emmett were discussed. Of course, the MTC Committee's reported on their progress.

June, found us at Revaul's eating, of course, before the meeting. The MTC is over and was successful. The Glidden Clinic before the MTC was a success as well. Many proposed rides were on tap. Director's Meeting is at PeeWee Creek.

July, we were back at Becker's having a BBQ/Potluck. Not only was the MTC discussed, but also, Jean Revaul reported on the Payette Coalition. A few HBCH worked on the Arling Trail. BOD Meeting was discussed. The HBCH's proposal for a 25% kickback instead of the 10% on Calendar sales was accepted. Trail work on Council Mtn. and rides were next on the agenda.

August, we were at Dowdy's, eating and meeting. Trail and trail heads were discussed as was the Packing Clinic. To enhance the relationship between HBCH and the USFS, Al would contact Jane Cropp, RCS on the PNF to speak at the next meeting.

September, we had a potluck/meeting at Whitney's. Jane Cropp spoke. Rides were discussed. Calendar sales were on board.

October, found us at VanGrunsven's for the usual fare and meeting. Rides, calendars, USFS Agreement, Payette Coalition and Election of Officers for the coming year.

No meeting in November due to the Christmas Party the first part of December.

December was the Christmas Party and White Elephant Exchange at VanGrunsven's.

## **HIGH DESERT BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN 2010 YEAR END REPORT**

January our chapter hosted our annual chili feed and auction, which is our main money maker and also a membership drive. We had 65 in attendance. This is always fun, we have a member who steps in as auctioneer and we have a band. The membership part has been tough this year.

May was a fun ride up Cottonwood Canyon. The 5 members (called the all weather riders) reported that it was cold but they had a great time and saw deer, antelope, ducks and hummingbirds. Totally cool day.

June 5<sup>th</sup> was National Trails Day. We scheduled a workday on the Rimview Trail and signed a volunteer agreement with the Forest Service. Right off the bat they told us they did not honor our sawyer certificates from Squaw Butte's sawyer school and we couldn't use chainsaws. Our ranger was to show up and join us and do the chainsaw work. He didn't show. We had 8 workers and did as much as we could do without chainsaws but were quite hindered as it was the first time over in the spring and lots of down trees. This ended up being our only work project of the year.

July was a fun ride at Hunter Creek in the Fairfield Ranger District. This was an eventful weekend. As we rode up the trail the beavers had built a lot of dams and the water flooded the trail. While we were watching some of the others trying to find a way through the water. Shelly's horse completely disappeared under her, all we could see were her eyes and the top of her head. She managed to get out from under the horse and got out alright. They were both OK. We had a great time at camp with good food, good people and good stories. It poured down rain all night and when we were ready to leave the next morning, we had to unload horses and test 4 wheel drives to get out to the main road....but that is what memories are made of.

Eight High Desert members had a UN eventful fun ride at Bear Creek in the Fairfield Ranger District. We all went looking for the "old cabin" the first day...didn't find it...thought we had been sent on a snipe hunt. The next day 3 of the folks went to find the lake...also elusive. Another snipe hunt perhaps? We did spend a wonderful weekend with good horses, dogs and friends.

September, the last ride of the year was at Soldier Mountain in Fairfield Ranger District. Always open for suggestions, someone suggested we ride to the old mine instead of the regular trail to Smokey Dome. Well, it had been several years since they had done that and the trail was pretty much non-existent but it was pretty, the mine was interesting and remember the fun always starts around the campfire

# BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO

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Corral rebuild, Pittsburg Landing-Hells Canyon National Recreation Area. Work group, 30 members strong



Trail maintenance on the John's Creek Loop  
Trail off the South Fork of the Clearwater River

National Trails Day at Wilderness Gateway, Clearwater National Forest. Trail maintenance & weed spraying were done. A steak feed & potluck at the pavilion finished out the day.



June is weed spraying on the Nez Perce & Clearwater NF. Note the horseback sprayer on the mules in both pictures. The orange pack boxes are hauling water in to reload the sprayers



Canteen Creek Bridge review with District Ranger

Total rebuild on a bridge in the Black Lakes area, Seven Devils - Hells Canyon NRA

NCI hosted the 2010 Idaho State Convention. President Linda Cooper welcomes BCH of Idaho. We learned, we talked about our BCHI future, saw friends from other chapters, ate well & danced. NCI was the chapter that won the State's trophy for best Chapter Display at the BCHI Convention

One of our speakers. Jody Foss, author of "Mules Across the Great Wide Open" and "In the Company of Mules"

End of the Year Christmas Potluck & Awards Presentation.



We ate well.



The ever popular gift exchange.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NORTH CENTRAL IDAHO had 138 members in 2010. The chapter has individual members who take on projects such as working with the Selway Bitterroot Foundation, assisting the Northern Region Pack String & taking part in the Forest Service Stewardship Program during hunting season to act as a liaison with horsemen. Because we have an active and engaged Public Lands Chairman we were able to perform a field review with the Moose Creek District Ranger and change a decision he had made regarding trail bridge removals on a main access trail into the Selway Crags.

The chapter is growing & has members who are active and interested in the mission of BCH.

# PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

## 2010 YEAR IN REVIEW

The chapter presented a three session map, compass and GPS program with hands on training.

In March, the chapter had a ride at Fish Trap.

In April the chapter cleared their adopted trail at Marie Creek, working on the creek crossings and they hauled out garbage.

In May the chapter had a packing clinic for members. One of the members demonstrated the St. Joe Transporter and the chapter purchased one of the Transporters. On National Trails Day the chapter participated in a joint venture with the Panhandle Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Club and did several projects on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pass Trailhead. They installed two hitching posts, two horse pass through gates and cleared several trails.

In June, the chapter installed trail signs at Lost Creek.

The chapter participated in weed spraying on the Marie Creek trail on two occasions. Because of so much rain and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday it was late before they could coordinate with the Forest Service to get it done. They used the tanks on the pack horse for the upper part of the trail. The rest is switch backs and more narrow so they used a back pack sprayer and took a pack horse to carry extra water and herbicide.

The chapter's project in August will be clearing trails at Red Ives on the St. Joe.

On the weekend of August 6 & 7 they cleared trails at Red Ives on the St Joe River. The chapter had 19 people volunteer and they covered five trails.

In September they had a club steak ride at Liberty Lake just across the state line into Washington.

The chapter showed a Scot Hansen DVD on "Self Defense Training" at one of our fall meetings. It's a movie on protecting yourself while trail riding.

We had a meeting with mountain bike people to discuss sharing the trail and what they should do when approaching horses. When they have a race or gathering we asked that they advertise it and let our club know so we don't haul to ride at that trail head on the day of the event.

December was our Christmas party which included dinner, entertainment from the Lake City Harmonizers, acknowledging old and new officers, gave out awards (some fun awards). We also had a slide show of our projects and outings through the year. Then we had a gift exchange.

In March 2012, the Panhandle chapter will be hosting the BCHI State Convention at the Coeur d' Alene Inn in Coeur'd Alene,

# **PRIEST RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER**

## **BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN 2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

In 2010, the Chapter sponsored two public events at the Pee Wee trailhead, our annual Poker ride and a Competitive Trail Ride or CTR. The Chapter was host to over one hundred riders for the Poker Ride and participation in the CTR has risen every year for three years. The Chapter also hosted the State Directors meeting at the trailhead that was also well attended. The Chapter adopted the Pee Wee trail system many years ago and continues to maintain the trail system, trailhead and stock water system.

The Chapter also provided sponsorship to a local youth organization affiliated with the ACTHA organization and Chapter members volunteered at local CTR's. The Chapter provided input to the Forest Service for a grant request for major trailhead improvements at Pee Wee and other trailheads on the Priest Lake Ranger District.

Trail maintenance accomplishments in 2010 began with our annual Memorial Day weekend work party at the Reynolds Creek camp on the Priest Lake Ranger District. Many of the Main line trails were logged out and opened for the Holiday weekend. Much of the work was accomplished with power saws and hand tools. Chapter members meet many trail users over this Holiday weekend, providing a great opportunity for positive PR with the public. Other trail work in 2010 included two other weekend work parties for the Forest Service. Individual Chapter members also supported the Forest Service by packing in camps and tools for the Forest Service trail crew. The Chapter accomplished about 50 miles of trail maintenance on Forest Service trails and also fulfilled obligations included in a grant match, in the vicinity of the Salmo Priest Wilderness. Much of the trail work in 2010 was accomplished with the help of members of other BCH Chapters in both Idaho and Washington State.

Chapter members with LNT training provided LNT instruction at the annual Youth Fishing Day for the Priest Lake Community. Chapter activities ended in 2010 with our annual Christmas Party and the election of Chapter Officers.

For 2011, the Chapter is planning again for two public events, the Pee Wee Poker ride and a CTR. The Chapter has made grant commitments for both State Grants and local RAC funded trail projects on both the Priest Lake and Sandpoint Ranger Districts. Again in 2011 the Chapter will sponsor and staff a booth at the Bonner County (Sportsman Show) to promote BCH and recruit members.

Chapter members will also participate in Chainsaw Certification, provided by the Forest Service and Defensive Horsemanship instruction for volunteers. Chapter members with LNT training will again provide the community at Priest Lake with that instruction for their Youth Fishing Day.

Trail work for 2011 will again include the Memorial Weekend work party at the Reynolds Creek camp to begin the season, and continue with work in the area of the Salmo Priest Wilderness. In 2011 Chapter members will also work on the adjacent Sandpoint Ranger District and have an opportunity to see new trails.

Chapter members will also provide packing services as needed by the Forest Service, on both the Priest Lake and Sandpoint Ranger Districts.

The Chapter will again review, with the Forest Service, opportunities for volunteer work for noxious weed control on trails and at trailheads.

The Chapter has also submitted to the Forest Service, an application for a new five year permit for the Poker Ride and CTR, to continue that Chapter tradition at the Pee Wee trailhead.

In 2011, the Chapter voted to contribute \$250 to BCHA.



## ACTIVITIES OF 2010

All our meetings are potluck, either in the Library Basement or at a member's home in the summertime. We have no meeting in October---too many hunters in the group! And our Christmas party takes the place of a meeting in December. We have a good turnout at the State Board Meetings and the Convention each year.

The normal early-year activities, i.e., the Easter Sunday Ride & Services, the Packing Clinic demonstration at the annual Mule and Salmon Select Horse Sale in April, and assistance with a fundraiser ride for the White Water Therapeutic Recreation and Riding Assn. on National Trails Day occurred this year as always. We only had one highway cleanup this year due to weather. A few members helped Jim Evans, Director of the Nez Perce Trail Assn. and also a SRBCH member, ride and flag a portion of the trail for the annual Chief Joseph Ride.

The big project in July, with funding from the local Resource Advisory Council (RAC), was featured in this fall's edition of *Broomtales* thanks to information from Geoff Fast, the project coordinator for the USFS Salmon-Challis NF, and members who were involved and took great pictures. The project was at Loon Creek and the Falconberry Ranch and involved cutting 18-inch culverts into manageable pieces and hauling them out---26 mule loads---and rebuilding some corrals. Members Chris Walker, Daryl and Patty Hull provided logistical support twice in August for the local Youth Employment Program (YEP) as they cleared trails in the Burns Gulch area near North Fork.

Members Buster & Marge have lived next to BLM property for almost 40 years and other members use it as a starting and stopping point for many, many rides. It was decided, with the BLM's blessing and assistance, that the Chapter would maintain the trail, known as the "B Light" trail (double meaning there!). Buster and Marge celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a party in June.

Several rides were held into interesting areas: the Malm Gulch and adjacent areas in Custer County, e.g., where they saw petrified trees, unusual rock formations, sagebrush-covered ridges for miles and miles, elk and wild horses. Withington Creek and Overwich Falls (on the MT-ID border) were other destinations. Trail work is done annually in the Wagonhammer complex.

Shirley DeCora was presented her engraved mug for 30 years of membership in Salmon River BCH, joining the likes of JoAnn Carroll, Richard and Jennie Smith, and Val and Sara Johnson. For the 25<sup>th</sup> year, our Chapter handled the ticket sales and entrance gates for the Lemhi County Fair races and PRCA rodeo in August.

For the Second Annual Salmon Marathon, members and their equines provided direction assistance for runners at various junctions as they ran from Tendoy to the Island Park in Salmon on September 18th.

We look forward to 2011 with hopes of some money-making trail/work projects, working on the Trail Classification orders we received at the State Board Meeting, and getting a couple of our members to the Leave No Trace training classes at Nine-Mile.

# SELKIRK VALLEY BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN

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The chapter had a Series of GPS classes in February and March. In April the chapter members attended an Equine/Human Backcountry First Aid Class. Topics covered were General principles of first aid for humans and horses; first aid for general medical conditions: principles of ABCs, heart and lung conditions, heat and cold conditions, eye, thoracic, abdominal injuries, shock, fractures, and improvisation in the backcountry

In April, the chapter hosted a Packing Clinic and Hoof Repair and Emergency Hoof Repair Class for chapter members in April; the chapter received a \$1200 grant from the Idaho Horse Council, the chapter purchased a chain saw, tools and constructed packing saw boxes and purchased equine first aid supplies and a MSR Water Filter, Bubba 991 Midland Radios 4 Pack, charging units and carrying case, Midland Base Unit (NOAA Weather station, Clock, Radio and Flashlight) for the safety of the chapter members in the backcountry.

In May, members attended a Chainsaw Certification Class instructed by the Bonners Ferry USFS. The purpose for attendance at this course was so Selkirk Valley Backcountry Horseman Chapter can be provided with power tools for trail clearing from the USFS Ranger Districts. Course Content: Safety with emphasis on proper equipment, escape and evacuation, situational awareness, job hazard analysis. Chainsaw use and maintenance with emphasis on saw components, maintenance, sharpening, fueling and oiling. Steve instructed the members in chain saw tasks and techniques with emphasis on safe use of a chainsaw in brushing, slashing, bucking. The Bonners Ferry Ranger District donated a pair of chaps for our chapter's saw boxes. Garry Lovrin volunteered to be the Chainsaw Boss of the chapter. Garry stored the pack saw boxes at his residence, and he is the contact person if anyone in the chapter would like to use the Pack Saw boxes and the chainsaw on a trail clearing project.

In May, members did trail maintenance on the Wylie Knob trail 483 clearing winter downfalls. The Kootenai River Trail Overlook was the first chapter ride of the spring season, meeting and potluck in May. In June- Danquist Trail- chapter ride, meeting and potluck, chapter members cleared several downfalls on the trail. In July, the chapter had a four day work project with the Bonners Ferry FS to pack in water. The chapter packed in 45--five gallon containers of water (weighing 40 pounds each, a total of 1800 pounds) and 120 pounds of camping gear for the Pend Oreille Pedalers into a work site past Keno Mtn. In August the chapter had a trail ride to Fault Lake, membership meeting and potluck.

In mid August, members spent 4 days and 3 nights at Boulder Meadows "SVBCH Practice your Packing Skills". Emphasis was on the continuation of the spring packing clinic. Members gained experience with loads and hitches, and practiced how to set up a packing load on a saddle, practice setting up tents/ camping/ food prep/dutch oven cooking. In August, SVBCH invited Panhandle BCH on a trail ride on the Hemlock Trail, six SVBCH members and six PBCH members attended and chapter members did trail maintenance on the Wylie Knob Trail 483.

In September, the chapter purchased a McMurdo Fast Find 406MHz Personal Emergency Locator: for traveling in remote backcountry areas without any other forms of emergency communication. The locator is a direct communication to the Search and Rescue Satellite system. In September the chapter had the membership meeting, potluck and ride at the Wylie Knob Trailhead. The October meeting and ride was at the Bailey's residence. In December we had our annual Christmas party and membership meeting.



# Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES for 2010

On behalf of the members of the Squaw Butte chapter, please meet some folks (minus a few) that make things happen for us.



Standing left to right- Charles Chick, Charles Lox, Robbin Schindele, Marybeth Conger, Terry MacDonald, Nancy Schindele, Ellen Knapp, Bill Holt, Rob Adams, Kay Ryan, Lorraine Chick, Janine Townsend, Linda Hayes, Chris Holt- minus Phil Ryan who took the picture, Bill Conger who was trying to sleep upstairs, and Jake Lemon who was taking photos with his mules.

2010 was a solid year for the SBBCH in terms of membership development. Why, because we offered value to our members for their membership such as:

1. Providing Weed Seed Free Hay for chapter activities
2. Supplying the main meat at Trail Projects (and no, tofu would not work)
3. Purchasing a rather large Saw trail work in Wilderness areas and 2 radios
4. Offering backcountry bathing etiquette techniques
5. Providing Horseshoes Tournaments at night with tips on how not to hit each other
6. Starting the SBBCH cribbage league
7. Organizing many diverse Activities with something to appeal to just about everyone

We offered a minimum of 2 to 3 activities each month for our members to choose from and encouraged those in neighboring chapters to join us. After all BCH is BCH.

Quality Activities such as this were available in 2010:

- Wilderness First Responder First Aid and Sawyer Certification in partnership with the Forest Service
- Numerous Trail rides all over Idaho
- Broom Polo that could compete with the IPA (International Polo Association)
- Trail projects in the Boise, Emmett, Cascade, Lowman, Payette districts and the Frank Chuck and Sawtooth Wilderness areas

Quality Activities such as this were available in 2010:

- Overnight Horse camping
- Spring and Fall Highway clean up (for the Adopt the Highway Sign)
- Safe Trail Riding and Defensive Horsemanship class
- Beginning and Advanced Packing
- Packer Play Day
- With lots of great food and fun

2010 was also the year the Squaw Butte Chapter on behalf of Backcountry Horseman of Idaho began organizing the Wilderness Packing Clinic in the Sawtooth Wilderness. This was Phil Ryan's idea that came to light while he was making a fire one night at the Grand Jean Trail Head.

Look where we at on this. We have participants from 2 chapters (Squaw Butte & Panhandle) and it would be great to see other BCHI chapters participate. Robbin will discuss an idea the Squaw Butte leadership had, at the upcoming March BOD meeting.

The primary goal of the Wilderness Packing Clinic is to provide students with the skills and confidence they need to take their own pack trips into the back country. There are seasoned instructors to guide us to include: Bill Conger, Val Johnson, Steve Didier, Marybeth Conger, Dr. David Hayes, DVM and Journeyman Farrier, Bill and Reba Hendrix to name a few.

But the fun each day doesn't stop with dinner time conversations at the BCHI Wilderness Pack Clinic. Each night we're planning, interesting and fun entertainment to make your after class times memorable. For those with a competitive nature we'll have cribbage and horseshoe tournaments in the early evening. Then, as the sun wanes and the smell of wood smoke fills the crisp mountain air we'll bring you both informative and entertaining talks, music, cowboy poetry and storytelling from people who know the back country and the horseback life. Even Dennis Dailey is coming to serenade us. Please check out the website [www.wildernesspackclinic.org](http://www.wildernesspackclinic.org) for more details on the entertainment.

The Squaw Butte Chapter would like to spotlight one 2010 event, and that would be the "Talk to Experts" Back Country Skill Session that was organized by Nancy & Robbin Schindele.

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The chapter had a work project cleaning up the trash at Wilson Creek in March and had another work party in June and cleaned three and one half miles of the trail at Crooked River.

We shared booths at both the Outdoor Show and the Horse Expo with BBCH and SBBCH.

The chapter plans on scheduling a work party to clean the trail at Crooked River.

The chapter worked on the Bear Valley/Elk Creek Project in July We cleared the trail about seven miles towards Sulphur Creek and another group of the chapter started at the opposite end and they all met about halfway to complete the trail project. This project was done in collaboration with the USFS and the chapter did receive financial reimbursement.

In July TVBCH packed in materials for the Pistol Creek Trail and repaired the roof on the 44 Cabin.

## TWIN RIVERS BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN ANNUAL REPORT 2010

**January** We got started early this year with our first work project January 6<sup>th</sup>. Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife agreed to let us improve the parking area and make a larger trailhead for the Green Gulch Trail on their property. This first trip we cleared all the blackberry vines from the old Joseph Creek School House and removed some hazardous additions to the building. We also installed a hitch rail. The next weekend we had a fun ride down Redbird Canyon on Idaho Dept of Fish & Game Property.

**February** We were back at Redbird Canyon, Idaho Dept. of Fish & Game, removing old barbwire fencing. Our Annual Chili Ride at TRBCH members Bob & Laurel Kuther's Ranch and the Hansen Estate Farm.

**March** We started the month by hosting the BCHI Directors Meeting at the ATK Training Center in Lewiston. Members had a Dutch Oven Lunch available for those attending to purchase, and I must say it was very good! Next we returned to the Joseph Creek School House and screwed down loose roofing on the building. The building will be used for a picnic shelter at the trailhead. This area is a very popular camping site during fishing and hunting seasons.



We finished the month with the first Inland Northwest Outdoor Show (former Backcountry and Outdoor Show by BCHI) put on by the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce and Twin Rivers BCH. Our chapter manned an information booth and held Hands on Packing Clinic and Dutch Oven Cooking Competition.

**April** Cleared the trail for our Poker Ride on Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife and Umatilla National Forest Property We had some heavy logging to do after the wind storms earlier in the year.



**May** Maybe we did not pick the best weekend again for our Annual Poker Ride. We had a good turnout in spite of the weather. Just a little snow & rain, but still a good turnout!

We completed our contract with the Umatilla N F removing the barbwire fencing in the Wenaha Tucannon Wilderness that was started last year. A great paying project. We were able to reimburse for gas to everyone.

Several members went back to Redbird Canyon and removed the last of the old fencing for the Idaho Fish & Game. This wire was on the ridge between Short Canyon and Redbird and was a real hazard to stock and wildlife. You now can make a loop ride without the large wire hazard.

**June** We had a planned project on the Palouse Ranger Dist. in the Clearwater NF on Feather Creek Trail for later in the summer. Bob, Pat, and Sara Shelton rode the trail to scout it out and ended up clearing the whole five miles of trail. A new ten mile loop trail has been built off of the Feather Creek Trail and is planned to be open in 2011. Both trails are non-motorized, but very popular with mountain bikes.

There were plans for multiple users groups that have been meeting in Idaho discussing ways to get more trails open in the Frank Church Wilderness to work on the Churchill Trail that accesses the Salmon River. Due to lack of participation, some members of our chapter and Ian Barlow of the Salmon River RD camped at the Trailhead of Trail #313 to Slate Lake and spent the weekend repairing water damaged sections of trail instead.

We also started meeting monthly with Idaho State Parks, Corps of Engineers, and other user groups at Hellsgate State Park discussing the trail systems in the park. The trail miles have doubled since 1999, all user created. These meeting continued into November and a map has been issued that shows the trails that will be open and the ones that will be closed. All parties worked very well together and our chapter will be doing trail work on some of the trails in the future. **July** Our chapter's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Kamp was held at the Deary Pony Club. Many day rides and educational topics for the youth. Twenty seven youths from eight to eighteen years of age attended this year. What a rewarding event for the adults.

**August** This was our only overnight packing project for the year. The work was in the Clearwater N F, North Fork Dist. on the Windy Ridge Tr. # 167. We Packed in tools, culvert, and camp, remove old corduroy, installed the culvert, build retaining walls, and pack out tools and camp. This is a multi use trail and we kind of cheated on the packing with the motorized wheelbarrow.



Dough Creek Adopt-A-Cabin Craig Mountain WMA, Idaho Fish & Game, Annual cabin maintenance and clearing the trail to get there after the fire of 2007. Trees are coming down big time!

**September** Our chapter applied for a grant from Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife to make recreation and wildlife improvements at Asotin Creek Trailhead, and Sheep Gulch Trailhead (Fordyce Trail). We were approved for the grant and started by fabrication two non motorized access gates and two hitchrails at their shop.

**October** This was our first on the ground work on the ALEA Grant from Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife. We installed two hitchrails; two non-motorized access gates, two fire rings and fence brace posts for two new sections of fence to restrict motorized access to a hill climb area



After the concrete was set up for a week, we returned and built the first section of new fence and harrowed and seeded all the disturbed ground from our previous trip and the hill climb area.

**November** It has taken eighteen months, but we finally got the plans approved and broke ground on the Memorial Picnic Shelter our chapter is building at the stock trailhead at Hellsgate State Park

November is also our Annual Chapter Pizza Meeting. This is where everyone that got bucked off, fell off, or lost an animal has to bring a pizza to the meeting. This is always a fun meeting.

**December** We held our annual Christmas dinner at Guardian Angels Homes in Lewiston. Sixty members were present. It was a great to have so many together at the same time and rehash old stories. Members brought gifts that were given to Toys for Tots. We celebrated, as we have only a few calendars that are not spoken for. Our members do a great job of selling calendars and it shows with the amount of winners we have had in our area.