

certain. Wendy is gathering more information that we will forward later.

Wilderness (excerpts from Squaw Butte)

By ERIC BARKER of the Tribune |

About 200 miles of trails and more than 1 million acres of the Clearwater National Forest will close to motorized users under a new travel management plan released Wednesday.

Approved by Forest Supervisor Rick Brazell, the plan forbids cross-country travel by most motorized vehicles and requires all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and full-sized cars and trucks to travel only on roads and trails that are designated for their use.

The trail closures, which have been expected for more than two years, mainly affect single-track trails used by motorcycle riders in places like Pot Mountain, Weitas Creek and Cayuse Creek. The ban on off-trail cross-country travel is part of a national rule that does away with the practice on nearly all land managed by the Forest Service.

Sportsmans Show

The Squaw Butte Chapter is organizing the BCHI booth at the 2012 Sportsman Show. Dates are March 1-4, Thursday-Sunday, 2012. There are about 30,000 people attending and many types of exhibits. We can purchase will call tickets for members manning the booth. The general public doesn't know much about BCH, so this is a worthwhile education event. Keith sent information and will have signup sheet at the Banquet on Saturday.

2013 Calendar Photos

The deadline for 2013 Calendar Photos is March 24th. We collected quite a few of the chapter photos during the year. If you have more photos to share, please copy them to a Thumb Drive (USB) or CD and forward them to Keith Lambrecht. If someone would like to

review and submit the Chapter photos this year, please contact Keith to volunteer. Instructions for submitting your photos are on the BCHI website- <http://www.bchi.org/12-mtg-convention.htm>.

Trails Classification

Keith Lambrecht and Jim Freeland met with Nell Highfill, the Boise NF Recreation Program Manager, and District Recreation personnel on Jan. 12th. They reviewed our information and recognized the need to make corrections. Changes will take some time, but they are committed to reviewing the Trails List. We expect to meet several more times to review a list of revisions. They expect to start with our list and include any connector trails and shorter sections that were not on our short list.

Calendar Sales

Cini Baumhoff will have a report on the Calendar sales at the Feb. meeting.

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January

*** membership renewals are due !
Jan. 21st potluck banquet; 6:00 pm
Jan. 31st dues paid to BCHI

February

- Feb. 4th BOD project planning meeting
- 10:00 am at the FRA Building
- Feb. 28th ? Life Flight renewals due

March

- Fleet Reserve Breakfast - March ??
- submit photos for BCHI Calendar (due March 23)
- State Board Meeting; March 23-24, Coeur d'Alene
- Chapter Display contest - \$250 prize
- Sportsman Show @ Idaho Expo March 4-6 (Booth #140)
(Th-F 5pm-10pm; Sat 11am-10pm; Sun 11am-5)
- EARTH DAY in April; plan a project ??? (Lake Lowell ?)
- signup for Horse Expo (April 20-22)
- planning for Pack Clinic ?
- Treasurer: reimbursement from BCHI for calendar sales
- Treasurer: Nov. Video Conference payment due
- contact names from Sportsman's Show
- President: add 2012 dates to Statesman Event calendar