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2011 Project reports: Finalized = None
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THANKS TO DICK PELKOLA AND CONVEYOR ENGINEERING FOR PRINTING OUR NEWSLETTER!!
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August:
August 27th Summer picnic meeting. NOTE THIS IS A SATURDAY. Doug Jones' house 6 pm 869-9623
Alice to coordinate dishes 475-4107
September:
Sept 3-5 Crooked River Keith Lambrecht 888-1392
Sept 27th Monthly Meeting FRA Building 7:30 pm Keith 88-1392
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August 2011 Newsletter

Summer started late and already feels like it is winding down. The last 4 weeks were busy with the 44 Cabin Log Project in July, trail clearing in Bear Valley, and the 44 Creek Trail project. Joe Williams also teamed with Phil Ryan to pack for a Selway Bitterroot-Frank Church Foundation trail crew on Marble Creek.

Our final Chapter project scheduled for Labor Day, Sept 3-5, on Crooked River. We do not have a Project Leader yet and need someone to volunteer.

The Big Soldier Lookout project was cancelled, and there is no update on the Nickel Creek BLM project. Raina Phillips invited us to help with a cleanup project at Little Soldier Lookout later in September.

Nickel Creek BLM Trailhead Project - fencing project; *probably* September; Phil Ryan is the contact

Crooked River Trail Project scheduled for Sept. 3-5; blasting crews working in July - we need a Project Leader

Forest Service - Little Soldier Lookout Project (Sept 17-21 --- *possible project*)
- tentative dates; led by Raina Phillips of the Challis NF (wilderness elk season opens Sept 15th)
- packing trash, hardware and relics from the lookout to the trailhead; site cleanup
- not a Chapter project; contact Keith Lambrecht if interested; may work with the Heartland chapter

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Deer Flat NWR comments (Lake Lowell)

The deadline for comments was July 29th, but they will continue to accept comments. They will start revising the Draft Plan in September, and there is no update on our effort to restore horseback riding . The Final Plan is due in the spring of 2012. If you want to send additional comments, there is still time.

I found a February email from a non-member that mentioned a proposed ban on horseback riding at Lake Lowell. There was a flurry of legislative emails at that time, and I don't remember reading it. Many of those emails are sent without much detail and take time to research.

Thanks to Whit, we had time to comment on the plan. We all need to watch for threats to trails access and opportunities to promote our mission. Rewriting of the National Wildlife Refuge plans started several years ago and just came to the attention of BCHA after our July Board meeting.

Trails Classification

The Boise NF trails were not completely reviewed, and we would like to change some of the Trail Design designations. Jim Freeland contacted Nell Highfill, the Boise Forest Recreation Program Manager about the project. We are going to start at the top and develop a plan to review trails with the Forest Service.

Calendar Sales

Ken Nungesser picked up the calendars and brought a sample to the July meeting. Cini Baumhoff will coordinate sales and distribution, when starting sometime in September when she has a little more time. There are TVBCH photos in the calendar again this year. One of the large photos is Bill Lewis on the Middle Fork Trail.

Photos

- Jill added some 44 Cabin Project photos to the website
- bring your project photos to the next meeting on a Thumb-Drive (USB flash drive) or a CD
- call Keith for a walk-through if you need hel

Summer Picnic

Doug Jones volunteered to host the annual Summer Picnic on Saturday, Aug. 27th at 6:00 pm; 934 Steeple View Dr. in Eagle (869-9623). Alice Millington will coordinate and plans to send a note later. The chapter will provide burgers & hot dogs provided. Members will bring salads, desserts, side dishes, and drinks.

Certified Hay
- the BLM will start enforcing the use of Certified Hay in Sept.

- we received this note from Barney Lyons (recommended by some of the members)
I am a small grower of Certified Alfalfa and Certified Grass in the Sandhollow area between Caldwell and Ontario. All hay meets North American Weed Free Forage Certification Program standards and is stored in a barn. I am charging $8.00/Bale. If you need certified hay for your rides, I hope to hear from you and your members in the future.

Barney Lyons16921 Oasis Rd.
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August
- Aug. 12-14; 44 Creek Trail clearing --- tentative reschedule (Bonnie is the leader)
- Aug. 27th: SUMMER PICNIC meeting: 6:00 pm at Doug Jones' house

Sept
- Sept 3-5; Crooked River trail maintenance; we need a project leader
- Sept 17-21 Members invited to work with Rains Phillips at Little Soldier Lookout
- ??? Nickel Creek BCHI project: pack fencing (Phil Ryan is the contact 398-8993)
- appoint Nominating Committee (officers, delegates, board, audit, …)
- Calendars: - Cini Baumhoff volunteered to handle distribution & proceeds (starting in Sept.)
  - Ken Nungesser picked up the calendars and brought one to the July meeting
- BCHI website has some flyers for community bulletin boards & merchant sales (Activities link)

October
- BroomTales deadline – Oct 15th
- *Treasurer:* Pend Oreille Valley Network – Webpage Hosting ($25, due Nov. ??)
- NEWSLETTER
- reminder for Election, open positions
- BroomTales: send articles (coordinator - Ken Nungesser)
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Minutes July Meeting 7/26/2011
Meeting was called to order @ 1930 by President Keith Lambrecht.

The motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting as published in the newsletter was made by Wendy Coome, 2nd by Mike Carl. Motion carried.

No Sect report.
No VP report.

The custody of the Chapter equipment has been transferred back to Mike Carl and is at his place in Parma.

Project reports;
Bear Valley; Paula, Bonnie and their work party worked 3 days. There is still a lot to be done.

44 cabin; Doug, Jim S., cleared trail, Keith and Bill Lewis worked on cleaning around the base of the cabin. Karen Benton of the Sierra Club went along on this project to learn about LNT.

SBOD meeting report. Ken gave the report. The video conference worked well and there were some positive comments about it. It took a while to get the initial bugs worked out but overall it seemed to go fairly smoothly. The minutes for the meeting will be sent out by Dorothy Bailey.

Wendy commented on sending in comments on closure of Deer Flat Refuge to horses. Include in your comments that horses cause minimal disruption to the wildlife and emphasize benefits of educational purposes that horses could provide.

Broomtales report. Ken asked that individuals send him photos and narratives of your project activities. He will write the stories just need some material for the content.
The August meeting will be our annual picnic. Saturday 8/27 at the home of Doug Jones.

2045 Doug made the motion to adjourn, multiple 2nds. Meeting adjourned.

Attendees.

Keith Lambrecht	Ken Nungesser
Jill Nebeker	Cini Baumhoff
Paula & Dennis McDermott	Mike Carl
Les Chapman	Wendy Coome
Bonnie & Jim Fox	Jim Freeland
Terry Burgess	Jim Smolinski
Bill Lewis	Doug Jones
Maureen Jackson	

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44 Creek Trail Project – Got a lot done. Parked at Pistol Lake Trail Head cleared down to major switch back on 44 Creek. Saw some snow banks.
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