

Members –at-large are asked to make and bring sweet breads and rolls.

- A trailhead is needed in the wilderness area out of the Owyhee Canyon Lands (Owyhee Initiative). BCHI has obligated BCH members to help. It will happen in July or August. Ken will get a map of area.
- Poker Run!!—Chapter will hold a fun Poker Run for chapter members on Saturday, May 7th, at Wilson Creek. Committee members: Patty Pennington, Jim & Bonnie Fox, Alice Millington.

From our President- Keith

CALENDAR PHOTOS:- you should have received an email --- photos are due April 1st !!!

- we need to make an effort to take photos and send them in
- call Keith if you have photos and need help or if you have just a few photos to submit
- if you have a CD or have downloaded photos to your PC, check the size & format:
- photos are normally download in JPEG-format (there is conversion software)
- you can check resolution with file size instead of the pixel count (right-click to open the Properties or hover over the photo)
- around 1.5MB to 2MB will work for the large Calendar Photos (that is 2000KB)
- anything smaller will work for the small photos
- your camera should have a menu screen that sets the photo size (see instructions)
- change the setting to a larger pixel or file size to increase the resolution
- send a CD to: Debbie Samovar, 9176 E Soaring Hawk Lane, Saint Maries, ID 83861, 208-245-3045, dsamovar@gmail.com If you only have a few photos or no way to burn them to CD, you can e-mail them direct to me.

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TVBCH CALENDAR – 2011

Monthly

- president email notes; agenda
- photos for calendar, website, etc.
- Newsletter items – NL is mailed on Monday, a week before the monthly meeting (email to Jill before the prior weekend)
- Monthly Meeting- 4th Tues. at 7:30 pm;
FRA Building
- Projects:
 - brief report of progress, schedule, and other info
 - Leaders submit completed Project Reports to Project Chairman
 - someone should take photos on every project or ride
 - Educational Event?

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March

- Sportsman Show (1st weekend?)
- signup for Horse Expo (April 15-17)

April

- Horse Expo: April 15-17 at the Horse Park in Nampa (Idaho Horse Council)

>>>>summary of State BCHI Board meeting<<<<<<
March 5, 2011 State Board Meeting

Overall snapshot of BCHI:

- BCHI chapter members volunteered for \$350,000.00 worth of hours last year, \$400.00 more than previous year.
- From 2/15/2011 to 2/15/12, liability insurance for BCHI chapter events will cost \$2,779.00.
- Membership is down
- Treasury report: BCHI has \$46,413.27, up by \$8,736.07.

Motions made and passed:

- \$16,000.00 set aside for a new laptop which will be purchased for the BCHI secretary.
- Because BCHA is experiencing a critical financial crisis, BCHI will make a 1 time contribution of \$1000.00 to BCHA to help the organization.
- BCHI will pay for 1 member of the Salmon/Challis chapter to attend LNT master trainer class in Montana.
- Chapters will go back to receiving 10% of calendar sales.
- Raenette Didier has written, and will submit, a letter to Parks and Recreation concerning their Trail Finder website for motorized vehicles, which (1) does not clearly indicate that the site is for motorized trails and (2) identifies Non-Motorized trails with a hiker icon.

In General:

- There are approx. 100 calendars left from 2010 sales. 100 calendars were taken by TVBCH to sell at the Horse Expo.
- Chapters need to make sure they are using the latest version of the Volunteer Hours Report form, which is on-line. Info sheets were given to each chapter explaining how the items on the volunteer reports should be use. Each chapter should hold a training for members.
- The next board meeting will be done by video conferencing. It will cost \$25 an hour to use each conference site. The total cost for the use of all sites will be divided by 15, the number of Idaho chapters.
- There was some conversation about the need for BCHA to bring in some big sponsors to help bring in money for operations. Also, mention was made of the donation link added to the BCHI and BCHA websites; donations are necessary to keep membership fees from being increased.

- 2011 RAC Grant Meeting – April 21st screening of projects
- planning for National Trails Day Project - June 5th (Alice)

May

- 2011 RAC Grant Meeting – May 19th final award of RAC Grants

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RAC Grants

1. Proponent - Go to the Southwest Idaho RAC website at:

Our 2011 RAC Grant application is complete and initially approved. We do not need a presentation.

John Millington is attempting to complete applications by March 15th for two 2012 RAC Grants: Norton Lookout cleanup and Morehead Lookout cleanup. These projects are both in Valley County and were both proposed by the Challis NF. We can possibly get support letters from the Valley County Commissioners and the Challis NF Ranger by the deadline.

The Challis NF Archaeologist, John Rose, will attend our March 22nd meeting. He will present information about the 44 Cabin and 44 Creek Trail project, scheduled for July, 2011. John will also present information about the Norton Lookout project for 2012.

Southwest Idaho Resource Advisory Committee MEETINGS: Topic (Third thursday of the Month)

February 17th	Presentations of 2011/multi-year proposals
March 17 th	Presentations of 2011/multi-year proposals – finalized approvals for 2011/multi-year proposals
April 21 st	Presentations of 2012 proposals
May 19 th	Presentation of 2012 – finalize approvals

DUE DATES: What is due?

January 14 th	2011 projects and multi-year projects
February 15th	Final round of 2011/multi-year proposals
March 15 th	First round of 2012 proposals
April 15 th	Final round of 2012 proposals/progress reporting

EMAIL

SENATE RESPONDS TO HOUSE SPENDING CUTS WITH PUBLIC LANDS INCREASES

Senate Democratic appropriators Friday (March 4) produced their version of a fiscal year 2011 spending bill (HR 1) that largely rejects House cuts for public lands programs.

The Senate bill, expected to reach the floor this week, would maintain federal land management agency funding at roughly fiscal year 2010 levels, effectively offsetting \$162 million in reductions the House approved February 19 in HR 1.

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Email from BCHA (opened too late to forward - and some info about LWCF)

Our basic message to Senators is: "VOTE NO on HR 1, which decimates the LWCF. Please defend the LWCF from these attacks and vote for the Senate substitute. Please speak on behalf of LWCF on the Senate floor and continue to push for full and dedicated funding."

The House version of the CR cuts LWCF by 90% from the proposed FY 11 levels and by 87% from FY 10 enacted levels. The Senate version of the bill reduces LWCF overall by 27 % from the FY 11 budget proposal and by 17% from FY 10 enacted levels. While the Senate version sets us back from our push towards full funding, it is clearly better than the provisions of HR 1. Neither HR 1 nor the Senate substitute are expected to be the final bill approved, but on Tuesday those are the two choices available, so we must push strongly against HR 1.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1965. The Act designated that a portion of receipts from offshore oil and gas leases be placed into a fund annually for state and local conservation, as well as for the protection of our national treasures (parks, forest and wildlife areas). LWCF has a broad-based coalition of support, including the National Parks and Recreation Association, The Wilderness Society, and the Land Trust Alliance. For over thirty years, LWCF has done much to create and maintain our system of state, local and national parks ... LWCF is authorized at \$900 million annually, a level that has been met only twice during the program's 40-year history.

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Job Announcement (\$18/hr; if interested contact Keith for job posting)

The US Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Regional Specialty Pack String presently seeks candidates for an animal packer position on the Pike National Forest in Colorado. Applicants must currently possess Class 1 CDL driver's license. This position is permanent, seasonal, and runs approximately mid-April through mid-October. Please contact Glenn Ryan, Lead Packer, email address: gryan@fs.fed.us, or send a self-addressed envelope for an outreach notice of this position to: Glenn Ryan, P.O. Box 111, Shawnee, CO 80475.