

National Public Lands Day project

(Lake Lowell 8:45, Sat., Sept 24th)

An email with a map was sent to the Chapter. Call Keith 888-1392 if you have any questions.

- we will pick up trash along a 4-mile access road
- meet at 8:45 am; Gott's Point Access (nice sized parking lot, but the entry road is really rough)
(take Greenhurst Road west of Nampa until it deadends at the entrance)
- the project goes until noon, but we will finish early
- we probably only need one pack horse

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

Phil Ryan reported there is a meeting next Tuesday. No new information, except that BLM was supposed to have a bid letting in July.

Morehead Lookout (next year's RAC Grant) Ray and Jill Nebeker were in the area and rode out to the lookout. Jill took some photos (on website: www.tvbch.com – look under trails – sandcreek TH) and indicated it looks in sad shape. We may need more than a long weekend next year, but it is only about a 7-mile ride from Trail Head on Sand Creek on a good trail.

Forest Service - Little Soldier Lookout Project (cancelled)

- received a note from Laurie Matthews; if anyone is interested in a pack trip, Keith can put you in touch with Laurie to pack some shutters

We are all on fire duty these days so sorry for lack of communication. The Challis Yankee Fork fire crew went up to Little Soldier and removed as many windows as they could from the lookout and miscellaneous hardware and wood shutters. Geoff Fast followed them a couple weeks later and packed the 8 removed windows down to Little Creek, and packed about 700 lbs plus of refuse down to

the Rapid River trail head to eventually be loaded onto pickup trucks and hauled out. (The way this fire activity is going that may not happen till next spring!). He wasn't able to pack the shutters off the mountain. If you guys are interested in doing that, perhaps we can work up a volunteer agreement.

Trails Classification

The Boise NF trails were not completely reviewed, and we would like to change some of the Trail Design designations. Nell Highfill, the Boise Forest Recreation Program Manager suggested we wait until after the "field season" to contact District Trail Managers. At the October meeting we will split the list by district and review the trails list. Many topo maps date to the 1960's, and we can use them to identify trails that were built as Pack Trails. If you have any topo maps that cover Boise National Forest, we can use them.

Any trail with a motorcycle or ATV design is below the standard for Pack & Saddle, so they could close the trail to equestrian use.

Calendar Sales

Cini Baumhoff will coordinate sales and distribution.

Photos

- bring your project photos to the next meeting on a Thumb-Drive (USB flash drive) or a CD

Owyhee Canyonlands website - <http://www.wildowyhee.org/>

The website covers mainly the Oregon Owyhee Canyonlands. Recreation opportunities listed on the main page include rafting, hiking, backpacking, and hunting. Horseback riding is missing from the list, and it seems like we are missing an opportunity.

The Public Lands Information Center site has hi-level maps of the Owyhees in Idaho, and you can order more detailed

