



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Another busy month has passed, but it was a month with significant accomplishments. The work parties were successful, the rides were fun and the ice cream was good, especially the butterscotch/caramel topping. Now, as I write this I see my honey-do list for things to get ready for the Ferry Co. Steak Ride. Now who could have placed that on my desk?

On July 9th 10 ambitious members went up to the Disappointment and Cold Springs trail heads in the Loomis Forest and installed three large trail signs, applied sealer to three DNR kiosks and back filled and fine graded the existing loading ramp. It was a long day but everybody worked like a well oiled machine. The installation of the signs concluded several months of work by members in the pre-fabricating, routing and painting of the signs in preparation for the installation at the trail heads.

A small work party descended on the Wilcox Trail head and installed several more directional signs on the 100 trail and brushed out a trail leading to an existing stock water tank between the 100 and Wild Horse Spring trails. Stock water signs were also installed to help locate the tank which is about 1/4 mile West of the trail head.

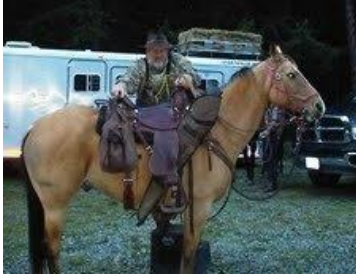
The Ice Cream Social continues to be a well attended social function with 31 members and guests attending this year. I think we ate all of the ice cream and most of the toppings. I didn't find out who made the butterscotch/carmel topping but I suspect it was Rae Morris. It was delicious and please be sure to make it again next year.

By the time you read this the Lambert Creek Steak Ride will be history. I hope I will have seen many of you up there enjoying the ride, steak dinner and festivities. I know Ferry County Chapter is very appreciative of the support the Okanogan members give.

That's all for now.

Dave

Leave No Trace



OVCBCHW

Legislative Report

July 31, 2011

Dave Sunde

The report is also available from the homepage of our new website. www.ovcbchw.com

If you use the links below, your browser may ask you if you are sure the site is safe. I've done all I can to make sure that the site is virus free,

First of all there was a meeting with the BLM last week at the Agriplex in Okanogan. Trygve and I attended. The BLM is looking for input for their recreation planning for BLM lands.

The legislative session in Olympia is over as the Senate and House went home on May 26th. Gratefully, the House closed up shop and did not vote on SSB 5669, the bill that would have pushed DNR and WDFW to reduce their regional facilities (and consequently services). There is some language in the operating budget encouraging the natural resources to consolidate what services they feel they can do effectively.

The USFS is holding 2 webinars to discuss the upcoming Forest plan Revision. I plan on attending both the one for the Colville and the one for the Okanogan. I'll report after the fact. If you would like to join the webinar, here is the information you need:

The webinars offer an option for those people who may not be able to attend one of the public meetings, or are interested in engaging in additional opportunities to discuss the proposed management plans.

Please use the links below to register from your computer for either or both of these toll-free online webinars.

Register for **Tuesday, August 9, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. PDT:**

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<https://www.1gotomeeting.com/register/424610904>

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Questions about the webinar? Please contact Debbie Kelly, Forest Plan Revision Public Affairs Lead, 509-826-3396, or at r6_ewzplanrevision@fs.fed.us.

The comment period for the Forest Plan Revision has been extended for an additional 30 days for the following email.

In response to requests, the Colville and Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests are extending the comment period for the Forest Plan Revision Proposed Action for an additional 30 days.

The original 60-day comment period was June 30 through August 29, 2011. With the extension, comments are now due no later than September 28, 2011.

For more information please contact Debbie Kelly, 509-826-3275 or check out the project website where information on the proposed action, comment process, project timeline and public meeting schedule can be found: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/okawen/plan-revision>.

Gray Wolf Update

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has prepared the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan in accordance with the State Environmental Policy Act regulation. This FEIS is being circulated for review by all agencies with jurisdiction and interested parties who commented on the Draft EIS.

Comments received on the Draft EIS can be viewed at: http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/gray_wolf/comments.html and the FEIS may be viewed from that link or the WDFW SEPA Web link: http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/sepa_final_docs_2011.html

The Recommended Wolf Conservation and Management Plan will be provided to the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission for consideration at their August 4, 2011 meeting in Olympia, Washington. The Agenda for that meeting is found on the following link: http://wdfw.wa.gov/commission/meetings/2011/08/agenda_aug0411.html.

The Commission has scheduled three more special meetings to discuss the recommended Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and take public comment. Those meetings are tentatively scheduled for Aug. 29 in Ellensburg, and Oct. 6 and Nov. 3 in Olympia. Final action on the plan is expected to occur at the December 2011 Commission meeting.

DNR

The latest DNR Recreation News is available here:
<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Recreation/Pages/Home.aspx>

PROPOSED NEW HORSE CAMP:

We have found out there is a questionnaire for a horse camp area near the Loup Loup Camp Ground

If you go to the bulletin board at the existing camp ground we can fill it out as it will be taken in for consideration.

When you are going over Loup Loup stop in and get the information.

That camp ground is about 11/2 miles off the main highway.

There has been talk about getting a horse camp in this area with the Forest /service for a couple of years now. They are wanting to know how much interest there is , so we all want to be heard from. It is a great area for riding.

Pat Bauman 509-996-3552 or Betty Wagoner 509-997-1312

TRAIL BOSS REPORT
Tom Windsor

Where has the summer gone? It's coming onto the first of August and it doesn't seem like I've accomplished anything this summer.



We did get a little trail work done in July (cleared the trails from Disappointment Trailhead to Snowshoe Cabin), but all the trails in the Loomis Forest are still very wet. We'll try to get the remainder of the Loomis Forest trails cleared in early August. The Border Camp Trail is still very wet and we may not be able to get it cleared until September.

Thanks to Dave Swanberg and his crew who installed the large trail sign/map kiosks at Disappointment Trailhead, Cold Spring Campground and Cold Spring Trailhead. Thanks to Trygve Culp, Dave Sunde and their crew that repaired the loading ramp at Disappointment Trailhead.

I just received word from Betsy Peterson, USFS recreation staff, that a temporary fix will be applied to the USFS 38 Road between Conconully and Salmon Meadows this week. That means we can still plan on the Chapter ride out of the N.Fork Salmon Trailhead on Saturday August 20. I will try to get a recon of the trails out of this trailhead in early August to see where we can ride on that date.

After four years of administrative and logistical delays/problems the Chapter leadership decided to cancel the Hangman Flat work party scheduled for 5-7 August. As of one week ago the trail from 30 Mile Trailhead to Hangman Flat still had not been logged out by the USFS crew.

The Lambert Creek Ride should be history before you get this newsletter. I haven't missed one of these rides since the FCC started hosting them. However, some good friends of ours are moving to Georgia and there is a going away party for them on Saturday 30 July, so will not be able to make it this year.

Be safe and may you always ride a steady horse.

Tom Windsor
Trail Boss
826 4595

ON SALE NOW

2011 BCHW RAFFLE CALENDARS

We have received the BCHW 2012 Raffle Calendars and they can be purchased at our Business Meeting or contact Dave Sunde, Trygve Culp or Dave Swanberg to place your order.

There will be a drawing on the last day of the month. Starting on January for the 2012 for (11) months. The person holding the winning ticket each month starting in January will receive a \$300. check and their ticket will be placed back in the drum for the next month's drawing.

The Grand Prize drawing of \$3,000. will take place at the Director's meeting on Sat. Dec. 8, 2012. If you are a very luck person you could possibly win up to \$6,300.

As always , there are some great pictures in the calendar. There is even one of the look-out picnic table on the 100 trail between Whistler Canyon and Wilcox trailhead.

These will not last , so if you're feeling lucky grab several soon....

COMMON SENSE

A horse has to be respectful, calm and using the thinking side of his brain in the arena (or a controlled environment) before he will behave the same on the trail. If you can't walk, trot and canter your horse on a loose rein and bend and soften him in an arena, you won't be able to do it out on the trail either. The lack of control you have of your horse in the arena will get worse when you take him outside.

(Quote from Clinton Anderson via Janet Logan)

AUGUST EVENTS

AUGUST 5,6,7 HANGMAN FLATS WORK PARTY

AUGUST 15, OVC BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M.
(CHER BOWER HOME)

AUGUST 17, O.V.C. MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AUGUST 20, SALMON MEADOWS TRAIL RIDE

AUGUST 27 NO HOST DINNER 6:00 P.M.
HOME TOWN PIZZA– OMAK

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AUGUST EDITION

For Information, corrections or additions

To this edition please contact the Editor

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Or call

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