

# OVCBCHW

## Trail Boss Report

April 30th, 2012

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This month started quickly. On the 1<sup>st</sup> we placed Carsonite markers on the south end of the Hunter's Camp Trail in the Sinlahekin. We then cut bridge decking and picnic table timbers on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, hauled the bridge dicking and stacked it at Trygve's place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and worked on the picnic table frames on the 4th. On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> Trygve and I met with some juniors and seniors at Tonasket High School to discuss 3 specific projects we think can be used for senior projects. So far we have one interested student and the advisors feel that there will be more as time goes on.

On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> we participated in a joint packing clinic with the Ferry County Chapter. Dolly Watkins hosted the clinic at her new barn outside of Republic. Trygve Culp and Terry Fralic did most of the instruction assisted by George Young and myself. We had a good crowd show up. I stopped counting at 30. Trygve and Terry demonstrated on both the "Blue Roans" and on live animals. We had good participation from members of the audience. The potluck snacks at noon as well as the potluck dinner choices afterwards were plentiful and tasty as usual.

On Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dave Swanberg, Trygve Culp, and I met with Ivan Rodriguez who is an Oroville HS senior. Evan is building 2 benches to place on the Whistler Canyon trail. We identified locations for the benches and discussed methods of fastening them to rock. Evan should have the benches completed soon so we'll need to schedule a work party to pack them up and install them.

Our Bannon Mountain work party was held as scheduled on April 28. Even with a low turnout due to multiple scheduling conflicts we managed to get all the assigned trails cleared by noon. We had 3 groups out. Two with 4 wheelers and one on horseback covered several miles of trail. Dave Swanberg put over 14 miles on his rig. Gail, Gail, and Cathy had the potluck waiting for us when we arrived back at the trailhead.

Our next big event is the Wilcox work party and ride-through. Some members are going to set up their camps on Friday. We will be installing the new picnic tables and fire rings we built earlier. We'll also get the trail cleared all the way

through to the new trailhead on US97. The logistics of how this will all work will be finalized at the May board meeting and the information will be on the website and in a special Trail Boss Email.

I don't have the total figures of how many volunteer hours we have so far this year, but it is a bunch. I want to thank everyone who has participated in any way to our success. We have a very active summer planned with a couple of unscheduled work parties on the horizon, so please be prepared for that phone call or email.