

OVCBCHW

Trail Boss Report

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May was a productive month for the chapter. On the 23rd, Trygve and I met with Bill Slusher and Linda Shields to tour a route for our June ride in upper Pine Creek. With the assistance of Bill we have been given permission to have our ride on the property of Greg James. This is a property of over 3,000 acres with wonderful views, hidden ponds and meadows, as well as several old homesteads. The ride takes us to the edge of the Coulee Wall where we can look down on about the middle of Blue Lake in the Sinlahekin. More information will be available as we get closer to the 24th of June.

Our biggest work party was held over the 3 day Memorial Day weekend at the Wilcox Trailhead. On Saturday one group started installing 3 picnic tables and 3 fire rings while another group cleared the 100 trail from the Trailhead to the 3252 road intersection. Earlier in the month Michael Alvarado cleared the trail from the trailhead on US-97 to well past Windy Point, including the Black Diamond Lake Loop. On Saturday Michael cleared the trail from the 3525 road intersection to where he had stopped earlier. This is more than 14 miles of trail.

On Sunday one crew rode out and cleared the entire Wild Horse Spring trail while another crew finished up the picnic table assembly and installation. All in all we cleared about 20 miles of trail in May.

We had a ride-through scheduled for Monday, but on Sunday we decided to forgo the ride in favor of working with one of our high school seniors on her bridge project just above the green gate. We broke camp on Monday, loaded up the horses and mules and met Jessica and her helper at the Whistler Canyon Trailhead at about 10:30. It was a long day, but we got all the logs peeled and made a tentative date for June 3rd to start building the 1st bridge.

Our next work party is on the weekend of June 2nd and 3rd. On Saturday we will concentrate on the 4th of July area, then if all the stars align correctly, a few of us will load up and head for Whistler Canyon to pack bridge decking and tools up to the first bridge location while the rest continue working in the 4th of July area.

We have some events coming in June and July so please mark your calendars.

1. Chilliwist Ride – June 30th (We will meet at Stan and Cathy's place)
2. Edd's Mountail/Snow Peak Cabin. This is a joint ride and pack-in with the Ferry County folks.

We are glad that so many of you are participating in these work parties, but we can always use more hands. We plan to have another potluck with hamburgers and hot dogs furnished on Saturday night at 4th of July so come on up and give us a hand.

As usual we will try and keep the upcoming events posted on the website so if you ever have questions just go to www.ovcbchw.com or just give me a call.