

# OVCBCHW

## Trail Boss Report

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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June started off with a work party at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July area for National Trails Day on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had 9 people show up for work. We cleared the Cabin trail and a good portion of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Ridge trail. We added a water bar at the woodcutter's cabin and had a BBQ/potluck afterwards. On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> we gathered 7 people (5 went up the trail) and 11 horses and mules to work on the bridge projects on the Whistler Canyon Trail. Stan packed up some of the decking for the bridges and the rest of us packed tools and supplies. We then set and notched the sill logs and placed the stringers for the long bridge at the Black Diamond Lake trail. That was a rather long day. I started loading horses before 07:00 and got back in the house that night about 19:00.

We made several more trips up Whistler Canyon in June to work on the bridges. The upper bridge is almost complete. We need to finish spiking the deck and attach the bull rails. The bolts for the bull rails will be in this week so that work should progress. Stan, Jessica and I went up on July 1<sup>st</sup> with the last load of 3 pieces of decking. We leveled and placed the decking on the lower bridge. It is now passable, but still needs more work. Jessica and I are going up again this week. Anyone who wants is welcome to join us. We also need to finish the upper bridge so I can bring our stash of tools back.

The chapter had a trail ride on June 24 on the Property of Greg James. This is a 3,300 acre ranch in upper Pine Creek. The property borders the coulee wall on the west with great views down into the Sinlahekin and on to the Pasayten. We did have a little rain but it cleared up almost as soon as everyone put on their slickers.

Looking into July we have the usual work parties and two rather big rides. The first is the Joint ride/campout at Edd's Mountain with the Ferry County Chapter. This ride is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. The other event is the annual Ferry County Chapter Steak Ride on July 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please make sure you keep track of ALL your volunteer hours and turn them in to Peggy Swanberg each month. If you don't write the numbers down after each event and try and remember what you did during the month, you are liable to miss some hours. We need these numbers as they give us standing with land managers at all levels of government. It is what sets us apart from many of the other organizations clamoring for attention, recognition, and dollars. It gives us a level of legitimacy that others can only wish for.