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TRAIL BOSS REPORT

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August has come and gone. The Disappointment Trailhead work party needed to be pushed out due to weather and availability of workers. We are going to try and get it done toward the end of September or just after Elk season if the weather permits. The ride at the Diamond Bell Ranch over the weekend of the 23rd-25th garnered over 30 riders. Steve McKinney will probably report on that ride elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our annual chapter Wilderness trip over an extended Labor Day weekend started out with a ride up to the basin in one of the worst rainstorms I've ever been in. Nine riders and 14 horses arrived at the head of Long Draw late in the afternoon. All were wet, cold and wishing for sunshine. Somehow water had penetrated most of my dry clothes and equipment which had been carefully wrapped in plastic kitchen bags. Even my expensive "waterproof" sleeping bag stuff sack partially failed in its primary mission and I ended up with the bottom foot or so of my bag pretty damp if not outright wet. Friday morning brought better weather and a sunnier outlook. Even so, George Lu and I headed out down the trail for the trailers. The rest of the group stayed and enjoyed sunshine and warm weather for the rest of the trip. Hopefully Trygve will write a more complete report elsewhere in this newsletter.

September starts off with the joint FCC/OVC ride-through from granite Creek to Sweat Creek. We will be able to ride the newly constructed portion of the trail just up from Sweat Creek which eliminates the worst part of the old trail. We will meet at Granite Creek at 9 AM and ride through Sweat Creek with a short break for a snack along the way. There will be a BBQ/potluck awaiting us when we arrive.

The only other event on the calendar is the Chiliwist ride on the 28th. Watch for more information about this ride in your email as the date draws closer. Since October means hunting season for your trail boss and assistant trail boss there are no activities scheduled on the calendar.