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PANTRA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2008

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kilen Family, Karlicia Berry, Corwin Family

Next Club Meeting December 10th at the Pizza Factory in Post Falls

SOCIAL HOUR 6-7 PM

GENERAL MEETING STARTS AT 7PM



PANTRA Christmas Party Dec. 6th

This years Christmas party will be at Q'emlin Park Trailhead Pavilion,, Dec 6th from 6-10pm. This year the cost will be \$5.00 per adult, kids 6-15 are \$2.50, and kids under 6 are free. With every paid dinner you will receive a raffle ticket for the general drawing. You must have a current membership to attend, and renewals will be accepted at the door.

Like years past we will be doing this potluck style so, letters A-M are to bring appetizers and N-Z is to bring deserts.

We still need people to help with set up, tear down, and gathering donations. If you can help, contact Toni at 208-640-1744. We will also have sign up sheets at the next club meeting. Remember if you are to get donations from a shop they need to be called in to Toni no later than Dec. 1st so she has an inventory of what we have and what we may need.

We will have other raffles prizes, so bring your cash!

PANTRA Sweatshirts are for sale. With the weather getting colder it's a great time to get yours now. Hoodies are \$25 and Crew neck for \$20. Ask Randy at the meeting for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

As always, check the online calendar and forums for details and impromptu rides

Election Time

With elections upon us it is time to get nominees in for this years elections held at the December general meeting. Nominations for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Three Board members shall be accepted by the elections committee starting on the first of November and continuing through the start of the general meeting held in December. Proxy, postal mail, or e-mail may cast nominations for officers at a general meeting in person.

Hosting Rides

Next year if you would like to host a ride, and or campout weekend, please put in on the forums and E-mail it to Randy@PANTRA.org. This way we can get it on the calendar of events.

EVENT/RIDE REPORTS

Juniper November 1st

Tia, Mike, Stan, and Rick went to Juniper on November 1st. This was Rick's first time to Juniper. Rick says he likes the hard pack sections more than the sand bowls. Overall it was a fun ride.



Rick with Stan behind at Juniper

Mattawa November 8th

Tony (Hayshaker) Hosted another epic ride at Mattawa. Tia, Lisa, Diane, Rick, Larry, Tommy, Mike, Stan and Randy all showed up to take Tony up on his offer. The conditions were near perfect with the exception of the low clouds that were hanging in all day.

Tony took us up and down the ravines, to the cabin, over to Haybecks Hill, and looped back into the parking area. Lisa reminisced back to the day when she use to race the Desert 100 when it was at Mattawa. Everyone had a great ride. Thank you Tony!!!



Rick, Stan, and Mike at the cabin

Batey Bould November 16th

A good-sized group showed up to ride Batey Bould November 16th. Mike Scott, Matt James, Ryan Forsberg, Rick Corwin, Randy Nilles, Tom Wiest, Couerd Morris, Dave, and George figured it may be the last weekend of the year to hit the trails. They rode 306 to Boulder trail 311, down to 310, back onto 306, to the parking lot. The conditions were good but a little slick in spots where it was frozen under the leaves and pine needles. Matt took GPS coordinates and Randy took pictures the bridges that are falling apart on 306. Everyone had a great ride.



The group at Batey Bould

Land Use news

We need to write letters to save our trails!

St. Joe Ranger District

St. Joe Travel Management Proposed Action

Trail #30 PROSPECT CREEK is a trail in the St. Joe Ranger District that is proposed to be closed to motorized. This trail is the only trail connection and loop from Mastadon Mt. And trail #4 Cedar Creek and is used to form the loop with Cedar Mt. and the N.F. St. Joe area. This trail has been used heavily as a main route by motorized since about 1972 and before. The loss of this trail would create a great loss to riding and loops in that area. Trail #158 Foolhen has been suggested as a trail to use as a trade for #30 Prospect. Foolhen is too steep and could cause erosion problems if used as a main route for motorized. Foolhen #158 is not used now much and does not create the link needed to form the loop with #4 Cedar Creek and to connect with Cedar Mt. and the N.F. area. There would be too much road riding (3-4 miles) and create a hazard with full sized vehicles on a narrow road.

Trail #30 Prospect Creek has been the main route for over 30 years, maintained by the motorized people, is a main connection between two riding areas, is necessary to form the loop trail system and by trading Trail #158 Foolhen, would still provide the wildlife area desired.

The above information is to be written in YOUR own words and sent to the address below before DEC. 15TH!!!! PLEASE preserve this riding experience and write a comment with rationale as to why it should be kept open to motorized!!

Address Comments To:
Travel Management
St. Joe Ranger District
222 S. 7th Street Suite 1
St. Maries, ID 83861
or e-mail: comments-northern-idpanhandle-stjoe@fs.fed.us
phone: 208-245-2531
fax: 2082456052



Directions to the PANTRA Christmas Party

Colville National Forest

The following statements are for your consideration in sending forward your recommendations for potential wilderness areas located within the Colville National Forest. Feel free to use these bullet statements as well as your own, you can comment on any one individual or all 21. **Do remember that comments need to be postmarked no later than November 30th, 2008.**

Within the state of Washington, there are approximately 4,410,600 acres of established wilderness, placing Washington State fourth in the union with wilderness acreage. Also, according to the research, almost half of the existing national forest acreage in this state is in some sort of limited access or use. Simply stated, with the huge amount of wilderness lands designated already, combined with limited access established in the non-wilderness areas, I do not recommend any further wilderness designations in this state.

With regards to the Colville National Forest, and the Potential Wilderness Areas(PWA), there are common characteristics applicable to all 21 areas under consideration. Designating these areas as Wilderness restricts effective management techniques for the forest. While the protection of truly wild areas is important, it is paramount that we preserve the integrity of the 1964 Wilderness Act by designating as wilderness only those areas that are dominated by the forces of nature. Each of these areas should be only considered if they have the outstanding characteristics of solitude or a primitive or unconfined type of recreation. Wildlife habitat improvement management is also curtailed with wilderness designation. Also, it seems water quality data is lacking for these areas, which restricts the assessment to recommend. Also, a common theme throughout is that wildlife habitat areas could benefit from management. If designated as wilderness, these habitat manipulations would cease.

Please read our forums under Colville National Forest for more information.

Comments should be emailed to Rick Brazell:
rbrazell@fs.fed.us **and Margaret Hartzell:**
mhartzell@fs.fed.us.

Hard copies can be mailed to:
Rick Brazell, Colville National Forest , 765 S. Main,
Colville, Washington 99114

Margaret Hartzell, Plan Revision Team Leader,
Okanogan Valley Office, 1240 Second Avenue South,
Okanogan, WA 98840 or call the office at: (509)
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