

2013 Squaw Butte Trail Warriors

Between June 1st and September 30th 2012 Squaw Butte supported eight trail maintenance and packing projects. These projects covered a large section of south western Idaho, taking place in the Boise & Payette National Forests. They were in partnership with the Emmett, Cascade and Weiser Ranger Districts.

The work covered a large spectrum of activities, from packing, to rock rolling, but mostly entailed the removal of a very large amount of blow down and pruning. While these are "work" project, members attending also have a great deal of fun. If you didn't make a project this season, plan on attending one in 2014.

Squaw Butte Members who participated in work projects this summer.



Janine



Laurie



LouAnn



Lorraine



Shelly



Chris



Gail



Madison & Taylor



Linda



Marybeth



Shelly



Mildred



Nancy



Chick



Rob



Robbin



Phil



Bill



Devon



Gary



Jon



Anthony



Roger



Terry

“National Trails Day – Trash Pickup at Steck Park”

[National Trails Day](#) fell on June 1st this year. Early June weather can be unpredictable and access to high timber country difficult. As one of the SBBCHI project coordinators, I like to look for a project in the high desert to kick off the season of trail maintenance.

One of my pet peeves is the littering of our public lands. Hike into any accessible area and you will find trash strewn from one end to the next. I wanted to do something about it and possibly help to promote the effectiveness of horses in the backcountry and BLM . I’d put the power of the SBBCHI to work picking up trash along a 5 mile stretch of the Snake River from Steck Park camp ground to the “red gate” that marks the end of the road; beyond which I assume is private property.



Members Laurie, Linda, Lorraine, Mildred, Anthony, Chick, Devon and Rob spent the day filling 20 trash bags while enjoying a great ride along the Snake River.



Yellow Jacket & Telephone Ridge Project

June 15, 2013

Our second project in June turned out to be two great rides and not a lot of trail work. Between the two day, we only removed four trees, and a few limbs. But the rides are two of the best loop ride in Squaw Butte Country. While they take off from the same area they are quite different, in fact the two trails that make up each loop are completely different. On Saturday the group rode up [Yellow Jacket trail](#) which switch backs up the mountain side to a high saddle at 7600 feet and then drops down to the valley floor into another valley. The ride back is Tyndall trail that winds through a canyon. On Sunday we rode up Telephone Ridge trail and down the Rice Lake trail. Telephone ridge is a climb from 5200 feet to 8200 feet along a ridge line. The trail to Rice Lake required crossing a snow field. As you can see, we had a great time. Members Chick, Lorraine, Phil, Robbin, Jon, Rob, Laurie and Janine participated.

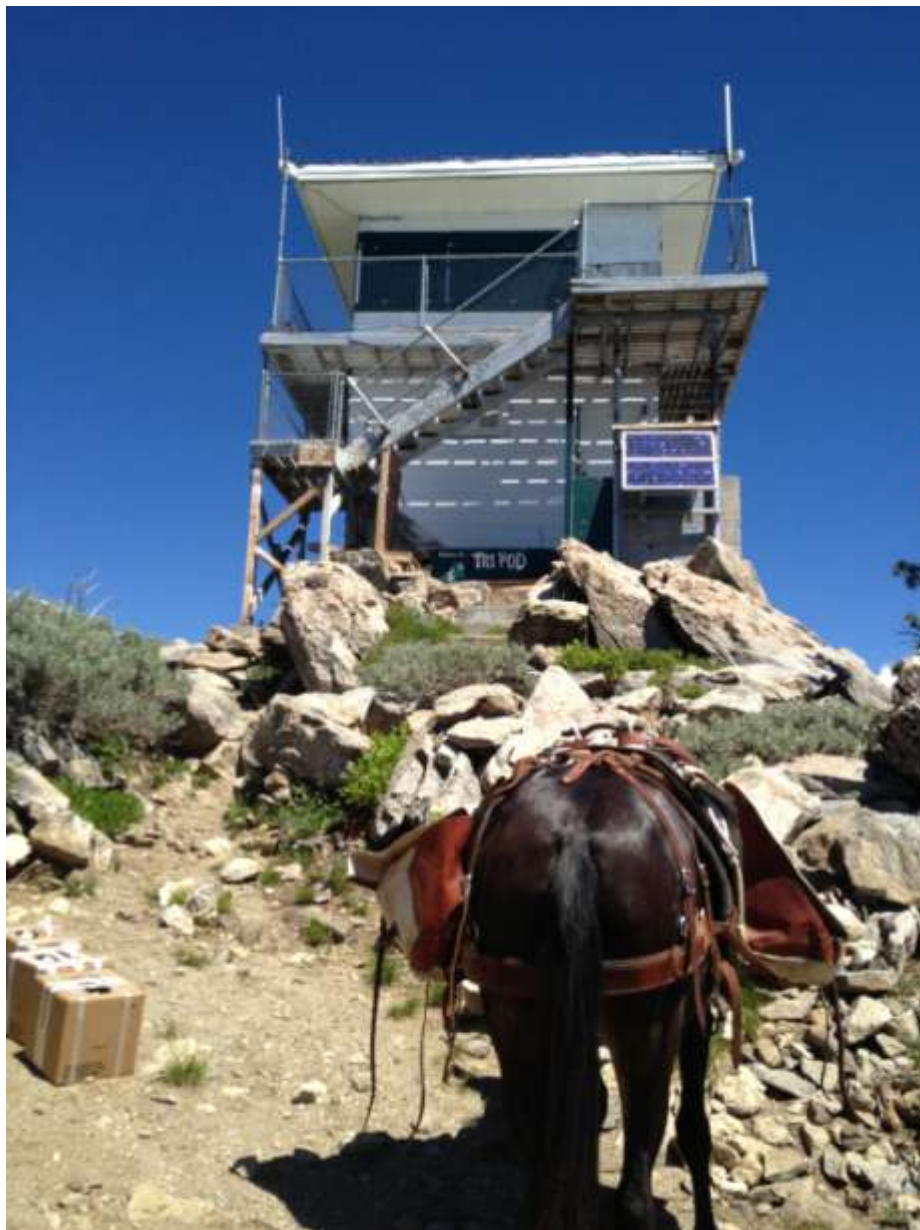




Renwyk Creek Trails – June 30

Tripod Fire Lookout Equipment Pack-In – June 31

The last weekend of June the chapter did two projects on a single weekend. On Saturday we did trail maintenance on two trails out of Renwyk Creek trail head, and on Sunday, working with the Boise Nation forest team, packed around 1500 pounds of food, water and equipment up to the [Tripod Peak fire lookout](#). We camped at Renwyk creek for both project and were joined by Gail, Marybeth, Nancy and Chris who enjoyed camp life and did dinner and breakfast for the team. While Terry, Jon, Bill, Chick, Lorraine, Robbin and Rob worked trails on Saturday and packed in equipment on Sunday.





Wilson Corral Trail – July 27

The last couple of winters and a number of high wind events have taken a toll on the Boise and Payette National forest. Trail crews this year have had to remove record numbers of blow down. Many of the trees were dead, but a fair number were healthy trees that were toppled leaving large holes where their roots had been. Wilson Corral trail had more blow down, than has been encountered in the past three years combined.





Squaw & Poison Creek Trails – August 11, 2013

This was a two trail weekend. Saturday was spent on [Squaw Creek Trail](#) (TR131) which needed a lot of down fall and widow makers removed, Sunday due to the work of a BNF trail crew was mostly a fun ride on Poison Creek Trail (TR134). Lots of smoke in the air from fires east of our location.



Shelly getting a safety briefing on saw use.





Laurie working on a widow maker while Terry acts as safety lookout.



Kennally Creek Trail Head – August 24, 2013

[Kennally Creek](#) is a gateway into the Salmon River country on the northern edge of the Frank Church; it also is a popular camping spot on its own with three great trails and a number of peaks and lakes as destinations. It has a designated horse camping area with fire pits, tables and vault toilet. The trail project was to work on re-opening the Needles trail which due to severe blow down had been officially closed for a number of years.



Members, Shelly, Gary, Linda, Devon, Chick, Lorraine, Laurie, Lou Ann and Rob spent the weekend enjoying one of the best horse camps we visit and making a major dent in getting the Needles trail back open. A second weekend was needed to complete the work.



Kennally Creek Trail Head – September 14, 2013

We still had work to do to finish opening up the Needles trail, so a second project was planned and the weatherman cooperated. Linda brought her mother Mildred and two granddaughters [Madison and Taylor](#). Others attending were Laurie, Robbin, Nancy, Roger, Gail, Terry and Rob. While the girls explored the area, the guys finished up the last two miles of trail, opening it to Needles summit.



