



Idaho Trails Association

Project Report: 2023 Idaho Centennial Trail



Idaho Trails Association completed 8 trail maintenance projects on the Idaho Centennial Trail in 2023. All work was performed by volunteers and led by dedicated volunteer crew leaders.

- Total Volunteers: **54**
- Volunteer Hours: **1437**
- Volunteer Travel Hours: **488**
- Miles of Trail Worked: **36.5**
- Trees Cut: **281**
- Trail Brushed: **34,032 feet**
- Tread Work: **612 feet**
- Drainage Features Built or Restored: **60**

Coxey Creek - Women Only

Sawtooth Flying transported 8 volunteers to the Cabin Creek Airstrip in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness where the crew proceeded to hike up Big Creek 6.5 miles to Coxey Creek. They set up camp at Coxey Hole for the week and worked up the Coxey Creek Trail #50. The crew focused on brushing and log removal, clearing and repairing 2.5 miles of the trail.



Marsh Creek

As a part of the ITA Backpacking 101, five ITA volunteers spent a weekend learning the basics of backpacking as well as maintaining the Marsh Creek Trail #237 in the Frank Church Wilderness. The crew focused on brushing, with some tread work done within the last two miles of Marsh Creek trail before reaching the trail junction with Bear Valley Creek Trail. The crew camped at Big Hole with continued focus on backpacking principles such as the PCT method of food hanging, the pros and cons of bear barrels, Leave No Trace principles, and navigation/orienteering.

Trail Lakes - Women Only

Six ITA volunteers spent five days backpacking in the Sawtooth Wilderness maintaining the Trail Creek Trail from the Grandjean trailhead to the Stanley Lake trailhead. The crew spent most of their time brushing and cut out 6 trees, repairing 125 feet of tread, and restoring 10 drains. This project was part of ITAs Women in the Wilderness program.

Long Prairie

On this very remote project, 7 volunteers spent a week working on the Long Prairie Trail #562 in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. The crew spent a combined 302 hours logging out, brushing, and repairing washed-out sections of tread. The crew met their packer, Chad Bohn from York Outfitters, at the Windy Saddle trailhead and were packed into the outfitter's camp at the junction of Long Prairie Trail #562 and Archer Mountain Trail # 529. Despite the wet weather from tropical storm Hilary, volunteers were able to maintain about 2.2 miles of trail to standard, clearing 108 trees, and ending at a nice camp spot where the Long Prairie trail begins descending towards Goat Creek.



Lochsa Peak

Ten volunteers spent a weekend working on the Idaho Centennial Trail in the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness. The focus of the trip was working as far as possible on Lochsa Peak Trail 220 while base camping at the Wilderness Gateway Campground off Highway 12. 24 trees on the trail were removed and the group moved steadily up the steep trail. Several areas of tread were repaired, and 44 water bars were cleared of debris. After the signed junction to trail 243, the group continued on the ICT completing 2640 feet of brushing.



Hanson Ridge

In partnership with the Great Burn Conservation Alliance, 1 GBCA Field Staff and 5 ITA volunteers were packed into basecamp on Hanson Meadows for a week of trail maintenance on the Hanson Ridge Trail #428. The camp kitchen, food, tools, and volunteer gear was packed in by Cayuse Outfitters. The work consisted primarily of brushing the trail corridor, and cutting back dense overgrowth of serviceberry, vine maple, and ceanothus. The trail had been flagged and downed trees in the lower section had been cut by chainsaw previously in the season by GBCA staff. They also spent one day hiking to the top of Hanson Ridge to cut through some piles of downed trees further up the hill. Overall, the crew volunteered 308 volunteer trail work hours, clearing 9 trees, and 6864 feet of brushing over 1.8 miles of trail in the proposed Great Burn Wilderness.

Pend Oreille Divide

On a weekend car camping project, 4 ITA volunteers spent three days working on the Pend Oreille Divide trail #67, in the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. Based at Lunch Peak Lookout, the crew spent a combined 68 hours clearing 4 miles of trail. The volunteers cut out 3 logs and removed over 1400 feet of brush.

Wilderness Immersion

The Wilderness Immersion project was designed to provide volunteers with an opportunity to live, work, and explore a very remote part of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. The crew was flown into the Chamberlain Airstrip, where they worked on trails in the area for three full weeks. The self-supported crew worked north on the Idaho Centennial Trail to Tumbledown Bridge, removing 104 trees and brushing over the 3.8 miles of trail.



Idaho Trails Association (ITA) is a nonprofit that works with volunteers, organizations, and government partners to preserve Idaho's incredible trail system through education, maintenance projects, and public lands advocacy. ITA started in 2010 with one project and has grown to over 65 projects in 2022. With trail projects ranging from one-day

local efforts to week-long pack-supported wilderness trips, ITA's mission is to keep Idaho's hiking trails open for all!

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