

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen End of Year Summary - 2025

In 2025, the Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen had a notably successful year, overcoming the challenges posed by previous wildfires that impacted trails and access roads. The organization logged an impressive 1,405 personnel hours, traversed 467 trail miles, and covered a total of 8,892 vehicle miles, while also utilizing 40 hours of equipment. Furthermore, they managed to account for 86 stocks used over 92 stock days, demonstrating a commendable commitment to their activities despite the adverse conditions.

2025 proved to be a productive year for saw training in Idaho R4, beginning with a Developing Thinking Sawyers (DTS) workshop organized at the request of the City of Eagle for their parks and trails department. The City had 19 employees registering for the workshop. Dan Waugh and Rob Adams facilitated the classroom discussions, while Dana Baily and Jeff Halligan supported the field activities.

In addition to the City of Eagle workshop, certified instructors provided Developing Thinking Sawyers (DTS) chainsaw training to a variety of organizations, including PUG, ITA, UTCC, WRTC, STS, BCHI, IDPR, CCF, USFS, SBFC, Squaw Butte, and the Canyon Country ATV-UTV club. The advanced workshop included BCHI instructors Todd Brown, Mark Ottman, and Rob Adams, alongside several USFS sawyers. Todd and Rob led modules during the classroom sessions. While the following day, Rob focused on chainsaw certifications, and Todd and Mark collaborated with the crosscut crew. Dana Bailey and Dale Boatman worked with Adam Benkula from the USFS to enhance their field day evaluation skills.

Squaw Butte (SB) hosted three public events this year, including a fun ride, a pack clinic that featured a ride followed by a potluck, and a Vaccine & Brand Inspection Day with an obstacle course. In addition to these activities, SB successfully cleared the Perjue Canyon, Renwyck, Antelope, Kennally Creek, and Sage Hen Reservoir trails. Furthermore, one of the trips involved assessing the south fork of the Salmon River to determine the necessary bridge repairs following the recent fires.

Please see pictures of various projects below.



City of Eagle, Parks and Trails Department



Squaw Butte Crosscut Field Day



National Trails Day – Perjue Canyon



National Trial Days – Perjue Canyon



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Stock Pack Clinic and Fun Ride



Kennally Creek



ITA & PUG Pack Support Queens River

