

Lolo Trail Work Week - 2010

Sixteen volunteers gathered together at *NoSeeEm* Meadows on a Sunday afternoon in early August last year. Their camp kitchen was sheltered under a 10x20 auto tunnel which worked fine except when the wind came with the rain. Individual tents were set up and time would tell if they could keep out the elements. The kitchen fired up and dinner was served. At 9 PM it began to get dark and most headed for their tents because dawn comes early. Breakfast served at 0630, a briefing was held at 0715 and the crews were out of camp by 0730.



The work

The work party was broken into three crews: ***Recon***, ***Clipping*** and ***Facilities***. Individuals rotated among the three crews so most workers were able to be involved in all three activities during the week.



and drench them with water when it rains. Every few years it must be cut back.

The ***Facilities Crew*** is charged with maintenance of signs, toilets buildings and this year with repairs to Liz Butte Cabin, a one room log cabin built in the 1930s to house a lookout. Four volunteers took on the rehabilitation by caulking windows and doors, removing old stored debris, filling rodent size cracks, building a new screen door, repair of the wood stove, and painting walls, porch and shutters. The crew also

The ***Recon Crew*** was charged with “logging out” about 16 miles of trail. The four volunteers on this crew took turns hiking the trail, cutting out down trees, repairing water bars, standing up “tired” signs and digging tread where it had washed out.

The ***Clippin Crew's*** charge was trimming back the brush that tries to cover the trail. After a few years of growth it will slap travelers in the face



painted some of the interpretive signs found along this historic route.

Lewis and Clark and local history. History of Lewis and Clark the Nez Perce Indians and local history of these mountains seemed to be involved in all our days. One day was devoted to a tour of the Lolo Trail for about half the crew while the remainder checked out special places.

The 2011 work Week will be August 7 to 13. Cost is \$50 per person, kids under 12 free. We should have about 10 slots open. If interested, email lolotrail2011@gmail.com for more information and an application form.

