

Idaho Chapter Newsletter

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March 1993

APRIL 17 MEETING/TRAILS SYMPOSIUM

The 1993 spring meeting promises to be an exciting one. It will be held in conjunction with the 20th Annual Idaho Trails Symposium. This will provide members the opportunity to become acquainted with other trail users and trail issues in Idaho as well as hear some top trails officials in the Western U.S. The symposium registration fee includes two meals and a special field trip. However, if you can only make the Chapter meeting (or are only interested in the Chapter meeting), there will be no cost involved and no registration necessary -- please come. We are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. to Noon. If we are unable to finish our business in that time, we will continue after lunch. Hope to see you all there. Please see the enclosed symposium brochure if you are interested in registering for all or part of it.

The agenda for the Chapter meeting includes finalizing plans for the Lolo Trail campout, the Trails Day event in Salmon, our fundraiser plans, a brochure project, and bylaws update. Minutes of the last 2 meetings and a full agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting.

ROSTER CORRECTION

Apologies to Zoa Swayne for misspelling her name in the roster sent out with the last newsletter.

LOLO CAMPOUT

Enclosed with this newsletter is a trip outline for the Lolo Trail Campout planned for July. If you are

interested in this trip but are unable to make the April 17th meeting, please let us know. Due to a limit of vehicles on the trail, we will need to know who is planning to be there. Please give your preference for the long or short trip, too. Please contact Chuck Raddon in Orofino (O: 476-4541 or 476-3123) or Steve Lee (O: 334-2711 or 336-5066) or write to P.O. Box 96, Boise 83701.

TRAIL INVENTORY

State inventory coordinators Bernice and David Paige request that all members help in an effort to finish up this project. Three segment coordinators have inventoried sites and signs of the expedition throughout Idaho. However, the project is to include "what ever is out there relating to Lewis and Clark at museums, in brochures, in festivals, etc." If you know of something that might not have been included, please contact the Paiges at P.O. Box 1629, Sun Valley 83353 or phone 622-3046. Thanks for your help!

1993 Dates:

Apr. 17 - 10:00 a.m.
Annual meeting, Holiday Inn, Boise
June 5 - National Trails Day event, Salmon
July 10/13 - 16 - Lolo Trail Campout
July 16-18 - Take Pride in America project, Lolo Trail
Aug. 1-4 - National Meeting, Collinsville, IL

1993 dues are due . . .



Thanks for your support of the Idaho Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Inc. this past year. In 1992, the Chapter doubled its membership to 49 individual, family and business memberships. The officers and board members appreciate this support and hope you will renew your membership and join in the Lewis and Clark activities in Idaho planned for this year.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- Individual \$5.00 per year **Name(s)** _____
- Organization \$5.00 per year **Street** _____
- Family \$7.50 per year **City** _____
- Sustaining \$15.00 per year **State** _____ **Zip** _____
- Supporting - \$25.00 per year ***Phone: (H)** _____ **(O)** _____
- Contributing - \$50.00 per year **Optional-will be included with membership roster*

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**TWO ALTERNATIVE CHAPTER OUTINGS
FOLLOWING L & C OVER THE BITTERROOT MOUNTAINS**

At the fall meeting in Salmon we agreed to consider a summer trip over the Lolo Trail system following Lewis & Clark across the Bitterroot Mountains. Our outing finishes up by joining the annual Take Pride in America (TPIA) project to be held July 16-17-18, 1993. This annual project is to assist in completion of a trail over the mountains by the year 2005 - the Bi-Centennial of the Corps of Discovery's first passage through these mountains.

TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA PROJECT

Volunteers arrive Friday night, share a potluck B-B-Q (bring your own meat, share a salad or desert), and join the campfire. Saturday have on good boots, sturdy clothing, gloves, bring a lunch and be ready for hard work. The Forest Service will provide tools and special equipment. Portable showers are on hand. Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast are provided. More than 100 people participate, so campfire programs are spirited.

ABOUT THE CHAPTER TRIP

Both outings follow the Lolo Trail Road, which is a 100 mile long slow, rocky, bumpy, narrow, steep, dusty, muddy, brutish and nasty test of your vehicle, your endurance and your sense of humor. **High clearance** or 4x4 vehicles are recommended. Modern highway cars should expect significant underbody damage. Light highway tires are easily punctured, and a donut spare tire is the wrong thing to use on this road. This is a camping trip without support of water systems or toilets for several nights. You **MUST** bring your own support: food, water, gas, tents, sleeping bags, & etc. **THERE ARE NO COMMERCIAL SERVICES FOR SEVERAL DAYS OF THIS TRIP.** Trailers will have problems and should expect significant damage and the hatred of your co-travelers. Motorhomes over 25 feet should expect significant damage. As a driver you should be able to back for 1/4 mile along the edge of a 500 foot cliff using mirrors to find a place to pass huge on-coming trucks. A group of 15 vehicles will extend over 2 miles and is very difficult to manage and to park for our side excursions. If we become larger than that we will divide into two groups. To discuss what we are passing, to coordinate the passage of vehicles in the opposite direction, and to all arrive safely at the same place a CB radio is essential. Hand held models for less than \$100 at Radio Shack, Sears or other stores work fine. **DON'T BOTHER TO COME WITHOUT ONE** for you will unnecessarily compound the problems of running this trip. The guides, or Waggon Bosses are chapter members who have been here before. They expect you to be self sufficient and to have well maintained equipment. Like the Waggon Bosses in the days of old they can give advice, but you are still responsible for yourself.

A CHOICE

Two alternative trips are being considered. Below is the schedule for each. They both start at Lolo Hot Springs, about 25 miles west of Lolo, MT on US Hwy 12. We will discuss and make a decision which to take at the spring meeting.

FULL WEEK TRIP OVER THE LOLO TRAIL

DAY	ACTIVITY / VISIT	NIGHT LOCATION
Sat	Arrive.	Lolo Hot Springs
Sun	Visit Traveler's Rest and sites along Lolo Cr. Try out Hot Springs. Evening Campfire	Lolo Hot Springs
Mon	Lolo Pass, Packer Mdws, Glade Creek Camp; Ridge View Point, Hike 1/2 mile to "Missed the Trail Spot".	Powell CG (Colt Killed Camp).
Tue	Whitehouse Pond, lower end of Wendover Ridge where Corps left the canyon bottom, then up to Rocky Point LO, 13 mile camp, Snowbank Camp.	Cayuse Junction

FULL WEEK TRIP OVER THE LOLO TRAIL (continued)

DAY	ACTIVITY / VISIT	NIGHT LOCATION
Wed	Bear Oil & Roots camp, Indian Post Office, discussion of diversion down Moon & Howard Cks., Hike through Smoking Place to Sinque Hole and discuss alternative camp location possibilities in light of recent discoveries.	Liz Butte Saddle
Thur	Spirit Revival Ridge, Sherman Peak, Willow Ridge, the return Cache site; look down into Hungery Creek.	Weitas Mdw, TPIA site
Fri	Leave camp set up in Weitas Mdws. Visit upper reaches of Hungery Cr; Horsesteak Mdw Camp, Jerusalem Artichoke camp, Full Stomach Camp. Return to Weitas Mdws, utilize portable showers, Join in Potluck dinner with Take Pride in America group.	Weitas Mdw
Sat	Work on Lolo Trail being reconstructed to provide a riding/hiking path over the Lewis & Clark and Nee-Me-Poo National Historic Trail Routes. Your own breakfast and Lunch. Dinner to be provided by the Forest Service.	Weitas Mdw
Sun	Breakfast provided. Break camp and head home.	

SHORT TRIP

DAY	ACTIVITY	CAMP LOCATION
Tue	Arrive	Lolo Hot Springs
Wed	Lolo Pass, Packer Mdw, Glade Cr. Camp, Colt Killed camp, Rocky Ridge Lookout, 13 mile camp, Snowbank Camp.	Cayuse Junction
Thur	Indian Post Office, walk the 2 mile trail from Smoking Place past Sinque Hole Camp; visit Greensward Camp and Dry Camps.	Liz Butte Saddle
Fri	Spirit Revial Ridge, Sherman Peak, Willio Ridge. Arrive at TPIA camp and share in Potluck dinner and campfire.	Weitas Mdws.
Sat	TPIA project - see description above	Weitas Mdw.
Sun	Depart for home passing Salmon-Trout Camp, Full Prairie and other sites.	

READING

Ralph Space's little book "the Lolo Trail" is essential reading. It was part of your packet at the 1990 Lewiston Convention, or you can purchase it at Lolo Pass together with a Clearwater National Forest map. Any of the editions of the L&C journals are also informative.

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**MINIMUM
IMPACT:**
ARE YOU MAKING A
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April 16-18, 1993
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WELCOME!

Dear Friends of Trails:

We are pleased to invite you to the 1993 Idaho Trails Council Annual Symposium to be held this year in Boise, Idaho at the Airport Holiday Inn. Each Trails Symposium focuses on a unique aspect of enriching our extremely valuable trail heritage in Idaho. This year's Symposium is designed to help each of us to have a "Minimum Impact" on our trail resources and in our association with other trail users. It is our hope that this Symposium will help all of us to share and be examples of "Minimum Impact." We will have an expanded display area for agencies, user organizations and businesses to display materials of interest. We hope you will actively participate, as this is how we are best able to properly develop and take care of our Idaho trails.

We have arranged to tour the World Center for Birds of Prey, a majestic overlook of the Snake River Canyon, a jetboat ride across the Snake River, and the Wees Bar Petroglyph Field containing hundreds of catalogued petroglyphs. There is also limited space for a side trip to the private Walter's Ferry Museum.

*Roger Williams, Idaho Trails Council President
and Steve Gunderson, Vice President and
Symposium Chair*

THE IDAHO TRAILS COUNCIL

MEMBERSHIP

Your participation and membership is requested for the betterment of Idaho trails. The Idaho Trails Council is open to any trail user, representative of trail types, land owner/management agencies and recreation management agencies.

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PURPOSES

- Promote increased knowledge and understanding of Idaho trails.
- Encourage proper practices in the establishment and maintenance of Idaho trails.
- Sponsor forums, conferences and other activities for the purpose of collecting, exchanging and disseminating information relating to the trails in Idaho.
- Assist public officials and agencies responsible for trails in Idaho through volunteer help in trail construction and maintenance.
- Act on behalf of trail users in the formulation of coordinated programs and policies relating to the development and use of trails.
- Sponsor trails contemplated or established under state or federal laws.
- Promote tolerance for all trail users.

BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the Board of Directors of the Idaho Trails Council shall be elected from those nominated by major trail user groups. These shall include, but are not limited to:

TRAIL USERS: bicyclists, guides and outfitters, hikers, snowmobilers, equestrians, motorcyclists, ski tourists, youth outdoor groups, sportsmen, llama trekkers

TRAIL TYPE REPRESENTATIVES: Historical, waterway, urban & educational trails

LAND OWNER AND MANAGEMENT AGENCIES: U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Land Management, Department of Agriculture - U.S. Forest Service, Idaho Department of Fish & Game, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation, National Park Service, and private land owners/industrial forests



SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

FRIDAY - APRIL 16

8:00-10:00 PM Registration and Social
in Coeur d'Alene Suite

SATURDAY - APRIL 17

7:00-9:00 AM Registration — Convention
Center Lobby

8:00-8:15 AM President's Welcome,
Roger Williams

8:15-9:00 AM Reducing Our Impact on the
Environment — National
Outdoor Leadership School
(NOLS) "Leave No Trace"
Program, *Frank Jenks*

9:00-9:45 AM Are You Making a Good
Impression? — "Tread Lightly"
Program, *Cliff Blake*

9:45-10:00 AM Break with exhibitors

Concurrent Sessions*

10:00-10:45 AM "New Ideas for Urban Trail
Etiquette," *Deb Bowden and
Mary Austin Crafts*

10:45-11:30 AM "Recent Changes in Backcountry
Trail Etiquette," *Marty Morache*

11:30-Noon "The Great Western Trail —
"Trail Opportunities for
Everyone," *Iyle Gomm and
Chuck Christensen*

1:00-Noon "Idaho Chapter of the Lewis &
Clark Trail Heritage Foundation
Annual Meeting

Noon-12:15 Break with exhibitors

1:15-1:30 PM Lunch and Oregon Trail Slide
Presentation, *Brian Strand*

1:30-1:45 PM Break with exhibitors



SATURDAY - APRIL 17

1:45-2:45 PM The Power of the Place —
"Value of Outdoor Recreation,"
Dr. James A. Swan

2:45-3:00 PM Break with exhibitors

3:00-3:45 PM Minimum Impact Backcountry
Horsemen Video, *Terry Burgess*

3:45-4:15 PM Idaho's Newest Trail Informa-
tion Sources — "Kiosk & Trail
Inventory Form," *Vickie Lauson*

4:15-4:45 PM Ask Not What Trails Can Do For
You, But What You Can Do For
Trails — "Celebrate National
Trails Day," *Dave Lillard*

4:45-5:15 PM The Current Status of the
National Recreation Trails Fund,
Bernice Paige

5:15-5:30 PM Idaho Trails Council Annual
Membership Meeting and
Election of Directors,
Roger Williams

5:30-6:30 PM Break with exhibitors

6:30-7:30 PM No-Host "Happy Trails"
Social Hour — Banquet Room

7:30-10:00 PM Awards Banquet,
Steve Gunderson, Emcee
Entertainment,
Dr. James A. Swan

SUNDAY - APRIL 18

8:00-9:00 AM Idaho Trails Council Board
Meeting

9:00 AM-3:00 PM Tour — featuring: World Center
for Birds of Prey, Snake River
Canyon Overlook, Jet Boat
Crossing, Wees Bar Petroglyphs,
Walter's Ferry Museum



TOUR INFORMATION

SUNDAY - APRIL 18

Private vehicle caravans will depart from the Holiday Inn Parking Lot at 8:30 AM for the World Center for Birds of Prey. You will have a fascinating look at a state-of-the-art captive breeding and re-introduction program for rare birds of prey from around the world. Next will be a stop at the Dedication Point Overlook in the Snake River Birds of Prey Area south of Boise, for a short walk to the spectacular view at the rim of the canyon.

The tour will continue to Swan Falls Dam where shuttle vehicles will transport groups down-river to a jetboat loading area where tour participants will be transported across the river to Wees Bar. BLM archaeologists will give interpretive presentations about the spectacular, incised rock art left by prehistoric people on 70 boulders scattered over the site. We expect that the tour will conclude at Swan Falls by 4 PM (1 hour from Boise).

An optional side trip will be available for a maximum of 30 people to visit the private historical museum at Walter's Ferry on the Snake River. This museum has an outstanding collection of local prehistoric and historic artifacts, but is rarely open to the public. Call Wayne Larsen at (208) 345-0054 for reservations.

SPECIAL THANKS

The 1993 Idaho Trails Council Symposium wishes to extend special thanks to the following for their cooperation and support:

Bureau of Land Management
Canyon County Parks & Recreation
Idaho State Parks & Recreation
U.S. Forest Service
Walter's Ferry Museum
Western Whitewater Association
World Center for Birds of Prey

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PRESENTER INFORMATION

CLIFF BLAKE

Retired veteran forester and land manager from the U.S. Forest Service. Executive Director of Tread Lightly based in Ogden, Utah. Developer and National Coordinator of original Tread Lightly program.

DEB BOWDEN

Superintendent, Design & Development, Boise City Parks and Recreation.

TERRY BURGESS

Vice President Income Property, First Security Bank. Treasurer of Backcountry Horsemen of SW Idaho.

CHUCK CHRISTENSEN

Coordinator for the Great Western Trail in Wyoming and Idaho. He is an avid horseman who has ridden the Great Western Trail from Idaho to Mexico.

MARY AUSTIN CROFTS

Executive Director of the Blaine County Recreation District. Mary represents urban trails on the Board of Directors of the Idaho Trails Council and has received the Idaho Trails Achievement Award in 1992 for development of the Wood River Trails.

LYLE GOMM

Trails Coordinator, U.S. Forest Service Intermountain Region, Ogden, Utah. Regional coordinator for Great Western Trail. Will discuss proposed Great Western Trail routes in Idaho and rural economic and tourism opportunities associated with the trail.

STEVE GUNDERSON

Vice President and Credit Group Manager of West One Bank, Vice President of the Idaho Trails Council, Past President of the Idaho Trail Machine Association, Partner in the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council, Chairman and Founder of the Boise Front Coalition (recipient of Take Pride in Idaho, National Take Pride in America and the National Chevron Conservation awards).

FRANK JENKS

Frank has worked for the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho since 1978. He is currently a recreation planner and archaeologist for the Bruneau Resource Area of the Boise District BLM. Frank is also the BLM representative on the Board of the Idaho Trails Council.

VICKIE LAWSON

Boise National Forest Outdoor Recreation Planner for the last 5 years. Previously with the National Park Service for 12 years as District Interpreter and Interpretive Specialists at Yosemite.

DAVE LILLARD

Director of the National Trails Day Program for the American Hiking Society, Washington, D.C. Dave will present a unique video promoting National Trails Day.

MARTY MORACHE

Retired after 30 years as wildlife biologist with the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. Extensive knowledge of Idaho's trail system and backcountry.

BERNICE PAIGE

Retired nuclear scientist from INEL (Idaho Nuclear Energy Laboratory). Founded the Idaho Trail Council in 1972 and is a Past President of the Council. Hiker representative on National Recreational Trails Advisory Committee. Hiked extensively in Idaho and the Himalayas.

BRIAN STRAND

Recreation planner and Oregon Trail Coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management. Brian's background is in recreation resources. He is BLM's representative on the Idaho Trails Council Symposium Board.

DR. JAMES A. SWAN

President of the Institute for the Study of Natural Systems and a leader in the growing field of Environmental Psychology. He is the author of *The Power of Place, Nature as Teacher and Healer* and *Sacred Places*. Dr. Swan will share his research using multicultural examples of how people integrate feeling of love for nature into the pilgrimages they make, suggesting universal patterns in seeking nature's power and beauty which has implications for minimum impact trail use. Dr. Swan will also provide entertainment after the banquet.

ROGER WILLIAMS

President of the Idaho Trails Council for two years, a trail advocate and a trail user before, during and after his 32 years of wildlife management employment with the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. He and Syd Tate completed a 1,200-mile, 86-day backpack trip from Nevada to Canada in 1986, which began the Idaho State Centennial Trail.