

TREASURE VALLEY TRAIL MACHINE ASSOCIATION

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TRAIL DUST

TVTMA November Meeting Change - Date and Place -

Big change for November only, the TVTMA meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18 at the Idaho Pizza Company in Meridian. The location is 405 E. Fairview, just before it turns into Cherry Lane.

This month elections will be held, so plan to attend.

TVTMA Christmas Party

The annual Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at the Sandstone Event Center in Nampa. Please use the flyer on the last page to make your reservation for dinner. The deadline to RSVP is November 30th. If you don't RSVP in time, there will not be extra dinners if you decide to come.

Important Notice About Potlatch Lands and Trespassing

The Boise Ridge Riders have an important request that we hope all riders in the area will respect.

The Potlatch Corporation became the new owners of some substantial acreage north and west of Idaho City. BRR had used these lands many years ago for the Idaho City 100 ISDE Qualifier, but were denied use of these lands when Boise Cascade changed their policies, as well as by a subsequent land owner. About 2 years ago, Potlatch Corporation bought these lands, and BRR began discussions with them about using these lands again. Potlatch has probably the most liberal policies of anyone in the timber industry about letting the public access their private lands, and they allow use of all of the road network on their lands, but they do not allow use off of the road network. They are

also willing to work with local organizations and allow them to use their lands more extensively than they allow the general public because the event is a one time a year event, participants are controlled by the club and the club takes responsibility for repairing any damage. Potlatch agreed to allow BRR to use their lands for the Idaho City 100, and last year a small portion of the course was on their lands as a "test case" to see how well things went and if the Ridge Riders could do a good job of meeting their stipulations and repair any damage done by the event. Things went very well last year, and Potlatch has agreed to allow the Ridge Riders to use their lands for a significant portion of future events. Accordingly, the Ridge Riders have been working very hard this summer and fall to clear old event trails in prepara-

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tion for the 2010 and 2011 events.

The problem is that the word on “the street” is that Potlatch lands are now wide open for riders to go wherever they want, and there has been a huge increase in riders going off of the road network, including doing quite a bit of irresponsible riding and causing some very visible impacts along the road system that have alarmed Potlatch. This activity is causing Potlatch to re-think allowing the public to use their lands, as well as allowing the Ridge Riders to use old trails for the event. The Ridge Riders have invested literally thousands of man-hours working on the old event trails in order to provide a high quality event, but these trails and the rest of the Potlatch lands are NOT open to the public except for the road network. Public use off of the road system is trespass and could result in

arrest. Continued trespass will also result in Potlatch not allowing the Ridge Riders to use their lands.

Bottom line is the Ridge Riders are asking all riders to please stay on the roads when you are on Potlatch lands. If you want to ride these trails, you can enter the event, or you can join the club and help work on these trails, but that is the only use of these trails Potlatch will allow. If everyone can abide by this request, the 2010 and 2011 Idaho City 100 promises to be some of the best events ever held in this area, with new trails without the chop and whoops of courses used in the last decade. If you want to ride the event or join the club, go to www.Boiseridgeriders.org for more information.

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House Subcommittee to Hear SUWA's Wilderness Bill

From the Blue Ribbon Coalition

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) last week announced that on October 1, 2009, their massive Utah Wilderness bill, known as the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, will be heard in the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee. According to SUWA, the bill would designate 9.4 million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah as Wilderness.

In their announcement, they write: "This visionary wilderness proposal was first introduced as legislation in Congress in 1989 by former Utah Congressman Wayne Owens."

Visionary my eye. After Clinton traveled to

Arizona to announce a massive 2 million acre National Monument in Utah, Utah's voters showed Owens the door. When he left, SUWA's bill stood at 5.7 million acres, an increase from a previous proposal of 4.1 million acres.



According to a Congressional Research Service report, 5.7 million BLM acres is nearly 3 times the BLM wilderness recommendations and 75% more than the BLM's Wilderness study acreage. The 5.7 million acres amounted to 26% of all BLM lands in Utah, and 11% of the entire state.

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In 1995, not even the radicals at SUWA "visioned" that 14 years later their 5.7 million acre bill would balloon to 9.4 million acres. That's over 45% of all BLM lands in Utah off limits to all mountain bike and motorized recreation.

Utah's political representatives need to know that the majority of Utahans oppose this. And they need to hear it from you. Today please.

Rep. Rob Bishop: 202-225-0453
Rep. Jim Matheson: 202-225-3011
Rep. Jason Chaffetz: 202-225-7751

Be polite. None of Utah's Representatives or Senators support SUWA's madness. If you call now, you can make SUWA's bill

like toxic waste, so that none of Utah's representatives will ever come near it. Ever.

As always, please call or email if you have questions or need help.

Brian Hawthorne
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Editors Note: The story continues... Some more bad news, but you can help stop this by contacting your own Idaho Congressman through the American Motorcyclists Association Rapid Response link: <http://www.amadirectlink.com/legisltn/rapidresponse.asp>. It's super easy and only takes a couple of minutes.

The Idaho Recreation Council defends access for recreation

The Idaho Recreation Council was formed by a group of people that represent a wide variety of recreational pursuits. These people come from all over the state of Idaho. The purpose of this organization is to preserve access to public lands for responsible recreation in Idaho. This is accomplished by working with land managers of public land agencies, elected and appointed officials and the public.

The recreation activities represented include 4x4ing, ATV & UTV, Horse Back Riding, Motorcycling, Mountain Biking, Jet Boating, Rafting, Snowmobile.

The IRC has responded to many threats to public lands access, including the most recent Gas Tax grab by the Idaho Legislature. Other threats that the group has worked hard to stop include the Boulder-White Cloud Wilderness proposal, and the Payette National Forest Travel Plan.



TVTMA is a participating organization in the IRC, and we have greatly benefited from this relationship. The leadership of this organization includes great people who are dedicated and brilliant. We have a member who attends these important meetings.

One of our trail maintenance events this year raised money to donate to the IRC, and the legal defense fund. To visit the IRC website go to <http://www.id-rc.org/index.php>

Announcements

The membership renewal process will be changing. TVTMA is working on a new website which will offer more functionality. More information to follow.

Stay tuned for a Poker Run style event to be held next May, 2010.

Volunteers needed for the annual TVTMA Christmas party committee. Please contact any board member if you are interested.

Board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month, at the Idaho Pizza Company on Fairview, just east of Cole Road. If you would like to get involved, please attend a meeting, or talk to one of the board members.

Visit us on the web at TVTMA.com. For ride schedule updates, message board, classified ads, photos and more....

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Donate your vehicle to the Blue Ribbon Coalition

Did you know you can now donate to the Blue Ribbon Coalition through the Vehicles for Charity (VFC) program? All you do is call the VFC at 1-800-628-2277 and tell them you would like to donate a vehicle through the Blue Ribbon Vehicle Donation Program. They pick it up and sell it, and forward the proceeds to the BRC. You get a tax deduction for the entire amount of the sale.

Any type of vehicle is accepted, but must

be in useable condition. For example, it can be an RV, car, truck, SUV, camper, motorcycle, snowmobile, ATV, personal watercraft, boat, or trailer. You must provide a clean title. So go look through your garage or shop, and reclaim some space.

To get more information, check out the Vehicles for Charity website. <http://www.vehiclesforcharity.org/index.html>



CLASSIFIED ADS

Last updated Oct 6th, 2009

Please follow up when you sell the item(s) so we can remove your listing.

Motorcycle

2006 Kawasaki KLX 110 for sale. Rebecca wants a bigger bike so I told her she has to sell her 110 first. Bike has been very well maintained sense I bought it new. Has handguards, good mitchelin tires and some new plastic. Bike is very clean looking and has never let Rebecca down.. I just changed the oil and cleaned the air filter, so the bike is ready to go. \$875.00 obo
Call Dan at 250-3698 (10/6/09)

Knee Braces

Asterisk XL knee braces for sale, like new \$300. dalenebates@mac.com or call 938-9413
(9/22/09)

2000 Honda XR 100.

2000 Honda XR 100. It is like brand new. It only has about 20 hours on it. I bought it 5 years ago and could never get my kids to ride. \$1500. Call Mark at 697-8886 or email [mol-son@activeinvestmentsgroup.com](mailto:molson@activeinvestmentsgroup.com) to see a picture. (8/29/09)

2004 CRF 150

2004 CRF 150 This is the air cooled model and has been well maintained and has retained all stock. Tires are 50% and in good shape, plastic has surface scratches. Asking \$1300.oo obo.
Call Todd Hartley at 870-2901 or frdtektodd@gmail.com (8/29/09)

2001 Suzuki DRZ250

FmF Power Core 4 pipe, New Dunlop tire, Renthal Bars, New Acerbis Brush guards, Pro-Billet rear rack, The bike is in great shape and a fantastic woods machine and best of all it is electric start ideal for beginner rider and a blast for rider who just want an "easy to ride" trail machine.
\$2850.00 obo, Contact Greg Wonacott, gwonacott@cablone.net, cell. 859-2740 (5/24/09)

Past President Board Members

Steve Frisbie

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Ride Leaders needed!

Do you have a favorite trail or riding area?
Or a new idea for a club ride? Consider hosting a ride, and see how much fun it can be. It's easy, and you can make it as elaborate or as simple as you wish. For more information contact Tom Bithell @ 866-9073, tom@bithell.org or just do it. Plan it for next year, and get it on the ride schedule for 2010.

You're invited to the T.V.T.M.A. Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 12, 2009

Time: 7:00pm - 11:30pm

Where: Sandstone Event Center

404 12th Ave. South, Nampa

Cost: \$10 Adults (if paying by PayPal please add \$2 per person)

\$5 Children 10 and under.

No Host Bar

PREPAY ONLY. NO SALES AT THE DOOR.

**The evening will include Dinner, No-Host Bar,
and a night of dancing to a live DJ**

Dinner menu as follows:

- Barron of Beef
- Rosemary Red Potatoes
- Pasta Primavera with Grilled Chicken
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Dinner Rolls & Garden Salad

Please R.S.V.P. by Nov 27th

Send voucher below to:

Lisa Paul

3307 W. Niemann Dr.

Meridian, ID. 83646

For questions please contact Lisa Paul

at: 208-884-8088

Or Email @ honybee@q.com

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Phone # _____

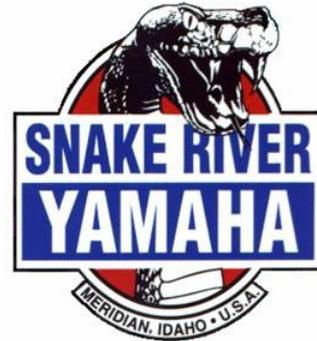
Dinner Tickets: _____ Adults \$10

_____ Children \$5 Total Due \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: TVTMA

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