

2008 Annual Report

Priest River Valley Back Country Horsemen

The Priest River Valley chapter had a very successful year in 2008. Chapter members were busy with volunteer trail projects throughout the summer on the Forest Service Priest Lake and Newport Ranger Districts. Trail maintenance started on Memorial Day Weekend when we teamed up with members from the North Idaho Saddle Mule Club and the Selkirk Idaho and Northeast Washington BCH chapters to begin logging out and repairing lowland trails. Other trail projects continued throughout the summer and included packing in gear for a Montana Conservation Corp trail crew and repairing two water systems on the PeeWee Creek Trail. The PRV Chapter adopted the PeeWee Creek trail system many years ago and annually completes most of the needed maintenance. The value of our reported volunteer work in 2008 was \$13,414 and we accomplished over (note correction) 57 miles of maintenance on 12 different trails.

During the spring several members attended Defensive Horsemanship and Chainsaw Certification classes put on by the Forest Service. In June we held our annual fundraising event, the PeeWee Poker Ride, which had 81 participants. We also tried a new venue the following day, a competitive trail ride that was enjoyed by the riders and judges alike. During the year we also purchased a cargo trailer to transport and store chapter equipment – a relief for those with garages getting a little crowded. Our year ended with a very festive Christmas Dinner and gift exchange.