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# News Release

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## Trail Clearing Projects

Hamilton, Montana (July 7, 2020) – Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) and the Bitterroot National Forest are partnering on several trail maintenance projects taking place in July.

The first project is scheduled for July 10-12<sup>th</sup> at Boulder Creek Trail #617 on the West Fork Ranger District. The group will do general trail maintenance including clearing blow down and cutting and removing brush along the trail.

The project consists of two-day trips from the trailhead. The first day involves trail clearing with chainsaws to the wilderness boundary. On Sunday, volunteers will use crosscut saws from the wilderness boundary to Boulder Creek Falls and possibly beyond.

Volunteers and stock will be camping at the Boulder Creek Horse Camp adjacent to Sam Billings Campground. The public should be on alert and watch out for volunteer work crews and stock at these locations.

The second project will take place July 24-26<sup>th</sup> at Blodgett Creek Trail #19 on the Stevensville Ranger District. The group will do general trail maintenance and trail clearing from 7-Mile Meadow to the junction of Blodgett Pass Trail at mile post 10. Bitterroot Forest trails crews have already cleared Blodgett Trail up to MP 7.

Volunteers and stock will be camping at 7-Mile Meadow. The public should be on alert and watch out for volunteer work crews and stock at these locations. For more information visit [www.bchmt.org/bitterroot](http://www.bchmt.org/bitterroot).

BRBCH was established more than 40 years ago and was one of the first chapters in the nation. Their goal is to ensure that stock users can continue to access backcountry and wilderness trails. The club annually contributes over 600 personal hours and 425 stock hours on projects, most on the National Forest, that create significant benefits for all trail users and for the natural resources.

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