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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY THIS SATURDAY

Hamilton, MT. – The Bitterroot National Forest will celebrate National Trails Day this Saturday, June 7th by partnering with six local groups on trail maintenance projects. Events are planned on the Stevensville, Darby, Sula, and West Fork Ranger Districts. See below for more event and partnership information.

This year's events are occurring on the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act. On September 3, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the act into law establishing the National Wilderness Preservation System. Two wilderness areas on the Forest, the Selway-Bitterroot and Anaconda-Pintler were both established in 1964, and are also turning 50 years-old this year.

The Bitterroot National Forest is home to more than 1,500 miles of trails open to all types of use. The American Hiking Society established the first Saturday in June as National Trails Day, hoping to inspire the public and trail enthusiasts nationwide to seek out their favorite trails to discover, learn about, and celebrate. This marks the 7th year in a row that the Forest has hosted groups for National Trails Day projects. For more information or to find an event happening near you visit www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day.

National Trails Day Events – Bitterroot National Forest

Group	Location - Trails	Project
Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclists (BBC) www.bitterrootbackcountrycyclists.org	Sula Ranger District. Work is scheduled on numerous trails including Springs Creek, Warm	General trail maintenance & clean up. Clearing downed trees, cutting back areas of heavy brush growing inside the trail corridor.

	Spring Ridge, Fire Creek, Porcupine Creek, Colter Creek, Shields Creek and Andrews Creek Trails.	Meet at Spring Gulch Campground at 9:30am. Bring gloves and a handsaw or lopper if you have one.
Ravalli County Off Road Users Association (RCORUA) www.rcorua.org	West Fork Ranger District. Clearing forest roads and the Overwhich Trail #185.	General maintenance & clean up. Clearing downed trees, cutting back areas of heavy brush, picking up litter along trails/roads. Volunteers should bring their own tools and lunch.
Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen www.bchmt.org/spwbch	Sula Ranger District. East Fork Trail #433 up to Star Falls.	General trail maintenance & clean up. Clearing downed trees, cutting back areas of heavy brush growing inside the trail corridor. Public should be aware that volunteers will be working in this area.
Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BBCH) www.bchmt.org/bitterroot	Stevensville Ranger District. Larry Creek Trails #129.	General trail maintenance & clearing and cleaning water bars. Public should be aware that volunteers will be working in this area.
Montana Conservation Corps (MCC)	West Fork & Stevensville Ranger Districts. Selway River Trail & Larry Creek Trails	General trail maintenance & clean up. Clearing downed trees, doing retread, erosion control, and trail obliteration.
Corvallis High School – Classroom Without Walls	Darby Ranger District. Lake Como Trail #502.	General trail maintenance & clean up. Cutting back areas of heavy brush, doing retread, and scouting location at creek

		crossing to build a future box culvert. Public should be aware that volunteers will be working in this area.
Bitterroot National Forest Trail Crew	Stevensville Ranger District. Bear Creek Trail #5 and other west side canyon trails.	General trail maintenance & clean up. Clearing downed trees, cutting back areas of heavy brush growing inside the trail corridor.

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