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Trail Clearing and Maintenance Projects

Hamilton, MT, June 29 — Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) and the Bitterroot National Forest are partnering on several trail clearing and maintenance projects taking place in July.

The first project is scheduled for July 2-5th at East Fork Guard Station on the Sula Ranger District. Volunteers will be doing general trail maintenance including clearing blow down and cutting and removing brush along the trail to Kelly and Ripple Lakes. Volunteers and stock will be camping at East Fork cabin.

The second project will take place July 9-11th at Blodgett Creek Trail #19 on the Stevensville Ranger District. The group will do general trail maintenance and trail clearing to Trail Junction. Volunteers and stock will be camping at 7-Mile Meadow.

The final project this month will occur July 17th at Coyote Coulee Trail on the Darby Ranger District. Volunteers will be doing trail maintenance on both the upper and lower loops, including clearing downfall, improving water bars and cutting and removing brush along the trails.

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.

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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