



## Forest Service News Release

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### Trail Maintenance Project

**Hamilton, MT, June 13** — Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) and the Bitterroot National Forest are partnering on a trail maintenance project at Coyote Coulee Trail #127 and #511 on the Darby Ranger District. The project is scheduled for this Saturday, June 17th at 9:00am.

The group will do general trail maintenance and clean both loops of the trail. Riders and hikers are welcome. Volunteers will be clearing downfall, improving water bars, brushing, and clearing downed trees from the trails.

Coyote Coulee is a popular hiking and horseback riding area that gets heavy use, so hikers and riders should be on alert and watch out for volunteer work crews. The trail system provides the novice rider (both horse and bicycle) and hikers with a relatively easy trail that is close to Highway 93 and accessible most of the year.

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. The group also provides annual pack/re-supply support for volunteers staffing the historic St. Mary's Fire Lookout.

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