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**WEEKEND TRAIL PROJECT**

Hamilton, MT. – Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BBCH) and the Bitterroot National Forest are partnering on a trail improvement project on the Stevensville Ranger District. The project is scheduled for July 18-22<sup>nd</sup> and will include work on Big Creek Trail #11 and Bear Creek Trail #5.

The group will do general trail maintenance including clearing blow down and cleaning water bars and ditches. They will be camping at Big Creek Lake and Bryan Lake and clearing Big Creek Trail on Friday and Saturday. They will then move to Bear Creek Pass and trail on Sunday and Monday. The public should be on alert and watch out for volunteer work crews and stock on these trails.

For more information, contact project leader Dan Brandborg at (406) 381-5643 or visit [www.bchmt.org/bitterroot](http://www.bchmt.org/bitterroot).

BBCH was established more than 30 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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