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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **TRAIL PROJECT AT CHIEF JOSEPH SKI AREA**

Hamilton, MT. – The Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BBCH) and the Bitterroot Cross-Country Ski Club are partnering on a trail clearing project at the Chief Joseph Ski Area. The project is scheduled for this Saturday, August 16.

The groups will be clearing downed trees from an old logging road. The project will start north of Gibbons Pass at the intersection of Forest Roads #106 and #3548. Volunteers will clear downed trees to the north end of the current Overlook Trail. When cleared, the road will complete a nearly 13 mile loop from the north end of Broadway using the Overlook Trail and Gibbons Pass Road. This new loop is located near the Continental Divide Trail.

For more information, contact project leaders Karen Phillips at (406) 369-0725 or Mike Hoyt at (406) 360-3803.

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.

The Bitterroot Cross-Country Ski Club is a non-profit, non-partisan, public-interest corporation whose purpose is to benefit the public by promoting Nordic (cross-country) skiing and other outdoor recreational activities by educating the public about the health and recreational benefits of such activities, and by assisting appropriate public authorities in the management and operation of the Chief Joseph Cross-Country Ski Area.

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