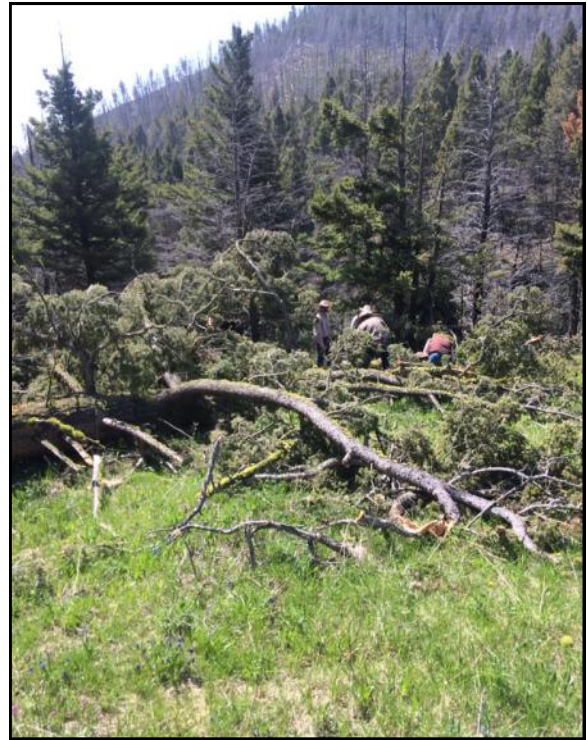




The June Meeting included a video conference with the Life Flight representative.

Katy sent all the information including the Membership Enrollment sheet for those that are interested.

If you didn't get your copies let me know will send by email.



It was a beautiful day in the Gates of the Mountains for National Trails Day yesterday (although some argued a bit too much on the warm side). Half our group went in Refrigerator Canyon on foot and cleared a massive downfall patch of around 100 trees getting all the way to Moore's Mountain trail junction. The other half rode in several miles from Hunter's Gulch and made it to about 1/2 a mile of Bear Prairie. Several very large down trees cut making the path much nicer and easier to navigate. Proud of our crew and the work accomplished!

By Lyndsay Smith



Gates of the Mtns



• *Regional Forester Ride*

By Sue Mohr



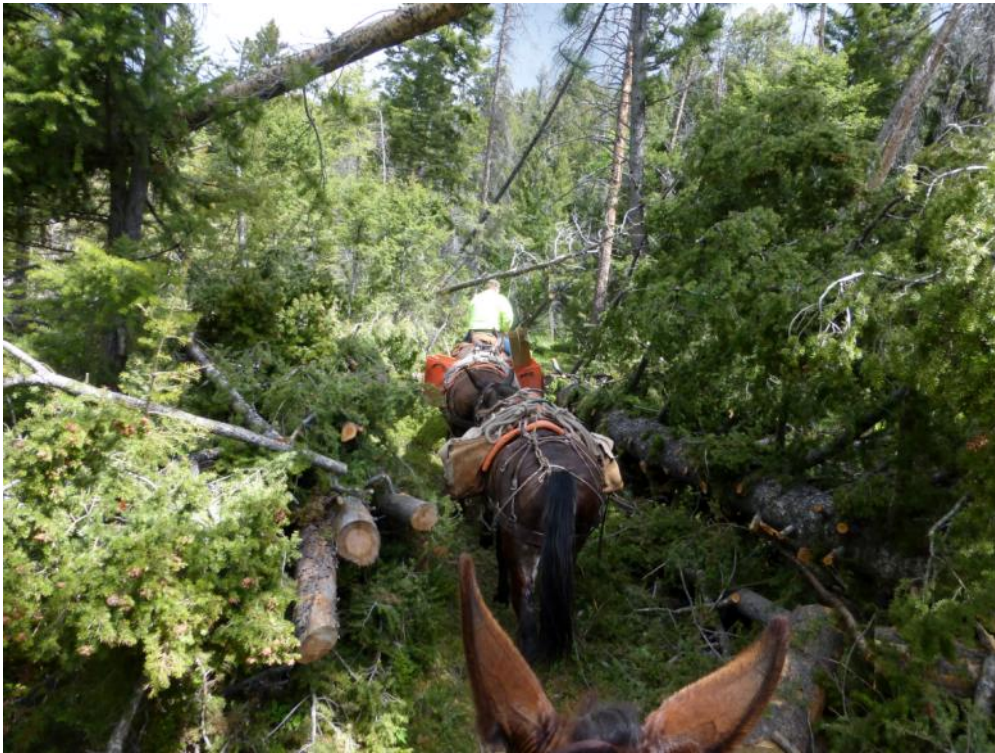
Monday night, Sherri, Katy, Howard and I went up to North Fork cabin to the meeting with the Regional Leadership of the Forest Service. We met with the Regional Head plus a few district rangers, Forest Supervisors and the fellow who manages the pack string.

Lots of BCH leadership was there to discuss concerns with the leadership including:

1. Lack of pack support: the position backing up the lead packer has been open far too long and needs to be filled.
2. Need to move resources back into trail support instead of into fire management.
3. Greg Schatz introduced two women who have taken pack instruction through the Youth program sponsored by BCH and are enthusiastic about this activity: Greg made the point that without trails to be on, what is the future of teaching youth about the value of being in the wilderness let alone learning pack skills.

Good representation from various state chapters of BCH and there was a rep from the National Wilderness Society which is based out of Bozeman. Good food was served as always and we admired all the beautiful equines who were there to take people into the Scapegoat for the next few days.





Bob & Bill cleared the first section of 112, Jeff, Nicole, Gary, Lynda, Russ, Neil & Darlene cleared to the junction of 112 & 133. Still a few miles to go.



The Elkhorn Project is packing site posts for the Forest Service to place their signs , but before we can get the posts in place we have to be able to get there on the trails.



Elkhorn project ~ trying to find trail 112



NO JULY MEETING



Next meeting
AUGUST 7 -
7:00 PM Montana Wild