



Lyndsay tending stock while Tony and Fred clear trails in the Gates.

ELKHORN WORK PARTY JUNE 5,6 & 7.

- ~ JUNE 5 - SET UP CAMP ABOVE EAGLE GUARD STATION
- ~ JUNE 6 - PACK AND INSTALL SITE POSTS ON TRAILS 112 & 133 AND CLEAR ADJACENT TRAILS .
- ~ JUNE 7-TEAR DOWN CAMP

ALL THE MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB AS WELL AS TOOLS, WATER AND GATORADE

MIKE CANNON, BOB TOMASKIE, FRED BENSON, DON KRISTENSON & BILL NEIHOFF ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CLEARING THE 112 & 133 TO ALLOW US TO GET PACK STOCK IN.

FOREST SERVICE HAD A CREW IN EARLIER THIS WEEK TO ASSIST WITH THE CLEARING . THE TRAILS ARE A MESS AND WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET

The meeting will be held JUNE 3rd. 7:00 PM
Behind Montana Wild at the Pavilion

Dennis has provided us with some info on the new Forest Plan we will be discussing this at the meeting.

Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest Revised Forest Plan Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision Released.

The long-anticipated release of the revised Forest Plan is now available for review and a link can be found on at the Helena-Lewis and Clark home page. We have commented on earlier drafts of this planning effort and can find some of those recommendations embodied in this draft decision. We now have the opportunity to “object” to any items in the draft decision that we find unacceptable. Our objections, along with others, may still influence the final decision.

The good news is that most of our recommendations for additional wilderness have been included in this draft decision. Most were already identified in the current forest plan but a major win for us was the addition of the Nevada Mtn. Recommended Wilderness.

Our efforts to have mechanized use (mountain bikes) to be NOT allowed in the heart of the Elkhorn Mountains failed. While currently permitted, there has been no substantial, established, use of mountain bikes in that core area, often referred to as the Tizer Basin. Most of those trails are not currently in a condition that favors mechanized use, too rocky and rough. This draft decision would encourage those who favor that use to push for trail design and maintenance standards to be employed that would promote more mountain bike activity. If we still think it is inappropriate for mechanized use in that portion of the Elkhorns, the only Wildlife Management Unit in the entire National Forest system, we need to support our earlier comments by **OBJECTING** to this element found in the Draft Record of Decision during the review period!



**Clearing Trails in the Gates
Tony, Lyndsay & Fred**



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JUST ONCE. \$200.
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LCBCH RAC 2020 Trail Clearing, Maint and Site Post Install



Key

- █ Trails 101,109,112,133,134 & 135 (22.09 miles)
- Site post installations

0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles



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