

MAY-2024

*Last Chance Back Country
Horsemen*

HORSE TRACKS



**LCBCH MEETING
JUNE 5~7:00PM
MONTANA WILD BLDG**

MAY 21st. Fred headed up a work party to haul 4 concrete crosses and all the material to install them to Mann Gulch memorial site, to meet up with Forest Service and Montana Discovery Foundation to do the installation.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - MANN GULCH 75

**SATURDAY AUGUST 3, 2024
5-8pm**

Myrna Loy Theater Event – In partnership with our local theater, the Myrna Loy, we plan to show PBS special, “Higgins Ridge.” The documentary outlines a fire that occurred a decade after the Mann Gulch Fire and eerily reflects similar circumstances. The crew draws upon what they had learned from the Mann Gulch Fire and how it led to a better outcome for their crew. One of the survivors of this fire will participate in a post-film discussion panel joined by other key planning committee members. Refreshments and venue for this event are sponsored courtesy of AARP.

**Monday, August 5th, 2024
4-7pm**

Capitol Event – All partners will host a commemorative evening on the west lawn of the Montana State Capitol building. The evening will include remarks from U.S. Forest Service leadership, followed by John N. Maclean (son of Norman Maclean who wrote *Young Men and Fire*) as our keynote speaker. Weather and FAA clearance permitting, Miss Montana (the same plane that dropped the smokejumpers in 1949) will pass over the Capitol. We will also have wreaths set up to honor each of the men.

**Sunday, August 4th, 2024
2-5pm**

Walking Mall Event – Montana Discovery Foundation in partnership with Ten Mile Creek Brewing will unveil a special commemorative beer. There will be other community member displays on the walking mall including smokejumpers from the Missoula base, a wreath making event, and a few demonstrations that model fire behavior alongside booths to inform community members how to harden their



Mann Gulch packing was completed on May 21st. ~ Fred to give a report at the meeting.

June 1st. National Trails Day Gates of the Mtns Trail Clearing was completed with Tales to tell at the meeting.

~ UPCOMING PROJECTS ~

2024 Project Updates at the meeting :

- ◆ Eagle Guard Station/Elkhorns/Crow Creek –
 - ◆ Jordan H, Taylor and Nick P Trail Boss . Eagle Guard Station will be available to use August 8 through August 12 (Thur -Mon) •
- ◆ Townsend trails – Cathy L Trail Boss
 - ◆ 1. Cathy L and Terry H checked out Pole Creek for the primary trail project as requested by Lucas, but road is not ready for travel to the trailhead: mud, ice, snow.
- ◆ Tizer Guard Station – secondary project; MCC crew will be doing some clearing in the area in July/August; they will need pack support to haul tools, chain saws and gas •
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