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## Mountain West Outdoor Club Newsletter

July, 2020

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**We extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have joined Mountain West Outdoor Club in 2020**

Doreen Aune, Karen Clark, Patrice Davies, Robin Davis, Anne Dickau, Dick Dickau, Laurie Durocher, Virginia Gillerman, Mariella Elle Götz, Christie Hallman, Gary Hallman, Barbar Howard, Tom Lopez, Linda Martin, Dagmar Rapp, Caroline Rea, Matthew Schuler, Mike Thorn, Ted Tonne, Clair B. Workman, Marian Workman

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**Best wishes** to Wendell (MWOC president) and Janette on their recent marriage. May they have much happiness and many exciting adventures together. All members invited to join them on a honeymoon trip. See below.

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**This new Idaho Trails Supporter program may be of interest to MWOC members.**

The following information is from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation website.

**WHY** Trails provide Access to Idaho. Trails are part of Idaho's recreation heritage, providing access to camping, fishing and the wild places that make the Gem State great. We already have one of the most effective motorized trail maintenance programs in the country, supported by user fees. But the needed resources to maintain trails for hiking, biking and horse riding are lacking. And without adequate maintenance and improvements, access to some non-motorized trails will be lost.

**GOAL** Create an organized approach to address priority access and maintenance needs on Idaho's 10,000 miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails.

**PROGRAM**

- Annual minimum donation of \$10
- Contributor receives the sticker, updated yearly, showing their support for Idaho Trails
- The Trails Supporter funds will be managed by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and used for priority projects identified by partner groups and the public
- IDPR will work with partners to ensure needed projects are completed, with an emphasis on signage and trail clearing



Click here for more information

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JULY 6 ~ MONTHLY MEETING** We will meet at 6 PM at the Willow area (#3) of Kristin Armstrong Municipal Park on Monday, July 6. Ada County is back to stage 3 so gatherings are limited to 50 or less. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP when you receive an email this week so we can stay within that limit.

Bring a cooler or picnic basket with food and drink for yourself or party, a folding chair and, if desired, a portable table for your own use. As usual, bring your own table service.

As we did in June, we will do some physical distance socializing and then spread out to eat individually or with family. We will enjoy being/eating together without sharing close space, food or serving utensils.

We encourage all members to wear a mask during the socializing time and to bring hand sanitizer.

**JULY 22** ~ Deadline for submissions for August newsletter. Send to Chris at [clg83706@yahoo.com](mailto:clg83706@yahoo.com)

**AUGUST 3 ~ MOUNTAIN WEST YEARLY PICNIC** - this annual August catered event is postponed.

**SEPTEMBER ~ CROOKED RIVER HIKE** (date to be decided). New bridges have been installed making it possible for us to return this year for this popular outing. Stay tuned for details from Ruth Garcia.

**OCTOBER 27- NOVEMBER 12 ~ EVEREST BASE CAMP TREK** Join Wendell and Janette and "Hike With Sherpa" on a 12-day trek to Everest Base Camp. Group size is a maximum of 10. Fly from Kathmandu to Lukla to begin the hike. The medium-slow pace and 6 or so miles per day with plenty of time to acclimatize are promised as we approach Base Camp at 17,598 ft. All food, lodging, porters, guides and flight from Kathmandu to Lukla is included in the \$2500 price. Tips are extra. Round trip airfare from Boise to Kathmandu is not included. Please contact Wendell or Janette at [janettey99@gmail.com](mailto:janettey99@gmail.com). Hike With Sherpa website: <https://hikewithsherpa.com>

## MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY HIKES** Email announcements are sent each week for location and time. Hikes are of moderate difficulty, 4 to 6 miles, lasting approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Starting time varies with time of year and weather conditions. Lunch after the hike for those interested. If you have questions contact Pat Dailey, 208-272-0639.

**WEDNESDAY HIKES** begin at 10 AM winter, earlier in the summer. Hikes are fast-paced, of challenging difficulty, 5 or more miles and lasting 3 or more hours, depending on trail and weather conditions. Challenging difficulty means that you'll need to be in good hiking condition because of significant elevation gain and/or increased mileage. Watch for an email announcement for meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

**THURSDAY KAYAKING** Watch for paddle plans by email. Information about location, weather and paddle distance will be included in the notice. Thursday kayak trips are planned with club members in mind. For more information call Winnie, 208-631-4065.

**THURSDAY HIKES** and other miscellaneous activities will be posted via email. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-385-0100

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EMAILS** Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are announced through email. If you have questions about sending or receiving e-mails, please contact Kay Stoll at [teksas2steppe@gmail.com](mailto:teksas2steppe@gmail.com). Group emailing is not to be used to advocate for any political issue, whether national or local. Messages that provide only factual information, such as the time and



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place of a meeting, or an issue of likely interest to members are welcome.

**MWOC ACTIVITIES** Planning a MWOC excursion? Or thinking of an excursion where you would like to invite like-minded souls? For publication in the newsletter send details to [clg83706@yahoo.com](mailto:clg83706@yahoo.com).

**MWOC WEBSITE** You don't have to login to visit most of the MWOC pages, including the calendar of events, news, and resources. The pages that require login are your own profile, membership directory, and Gallery. If you haven't already created a password for the website, click on Login at the top of the page, enter your email address, and click "Forgot password." You will receive an email message with instructions. Please address questions to [laura.jenski@gmail.com](mailto:laura.jenski@gmail.com).

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