



Mountain West Outdoor Club Newsletter

December, 2021

November 5 & 8, 2021

Cheers for **Kim Tsuda** and **Steve Schaps**, group leaders, and all the MWOC volunteers who planted hundreds of Bitterbrush plants along the Rabbit Run and Big Spring trails as part of the restoration work in that area following the October (Goose) fire.



Monthly Meeting and Potluck

Monday, December 6, 2021

Maple Grove Grange 11692 W President Drive

5:00 PM Leadership Meeting (all welcome) 6:00 PM Socializing,

6:30 PM Eating and Speaker, Michael Devitt

Our December presentation is a real treat for us bikers! Michael Devitt is a notable bicycle adventurer who lives in the Boise area. His credentials include the Great Divide Mountain Bike Race (from Banff, Canada to the Mexican border) as well as numerous endurance bikepacking races, most recently the Smoke 'n Fire 400 race this September. His topic will be around bikepacking techniques with highlights from his recent adventures.

During the business meeting the nominees for officers for 2022 will be announced and the proposed dues change will be discussed. An email ballot for election of officers and advisory vote on the dues initiative will be sent to members after the December 6 meeting. Dues for 2022 will be due beginning in January.

We again need six members to arrive at 5:30 to help set up tables, chairs, screen etc. We also need a clean-up "manager" to direct activity and make sure all is OK before departing. Please contact Wendell

wendellmartin2@aol.com, 208-888-2858, if you can assist this month. Wendell will provide setup drawings and clean up information.

We will continue with Covid precautions at the December meeting. Please wear a mask when not eating and don't come if you are unwell or unvaccinated. Thank you for looking out for yourself and others.

November 13, 2021
MWOC members made a difference at **Rake Up Boise**. Thanks to Mary Brown for organizing this community service activity.



November 9
Ponderosa Point

A little precipitation didn't stop these hardy MWOC members. Hikers reported being totally soaked by the end of this "awesome and enjoyable hike" and seeing the season's first snow. Led by Gary Daily



Club Activities

MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the first Monday of the month at the Maple Grove Grange. We will return to outdoor meetings May, 2022. Bring a dish to share, your own table service and a non-alcoholic drink

TUESDAY HIKES email announcements are sent each week with 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. 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 of meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

THURSDAY CASUAL HIKES begin at 10 AM, are slower-paced, less than two hours and involve minimal elevation gain/loss. Watch for emails announcing Thursday hikes and other misc. activities. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-891-0426

THURSDAY SKIING/SNOWSHOEING

Hello Nordic skiers and Snowshoers! We will be starting our annual drive up to Bogus each Thursday at NOON beginning January 13th and ending February 24th. *** But note*** Jim Wolf offered to lead this event in December and early January "as posted" when he can.

Typically we meet at Camel's Back Park parking lot in time to head up the hill by NOON. They rent ski and snowshoe equipment and afternoon rates start at 1:00. Ski lessons (offered at another time) are a good idea if you are new to Nordic skiing.

Car pooling is left up to each person's discretion. I will be happy to drive and car pool with others as long as they are 2 weeks past their COVID-19 booster vaccination.

Masks will be required inside the Frontier Point Nordic Lodge. Outside food will be allowed inside as long as you are eating at a table. No leaving bags or equipment inside the lodge.



Watch for emails about Thursday skiing and snowshoeing starting in December or January.

Ruth 208-891-3146

Long time member, **Vilate Gee** is settled into her new home in Montana and looking forward to staying in touch with her MWOC friends. vilategee4@gmail.com
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MWOC hikers show off their **new club shirts** (which they were wearing under their jackets this chilly November morning).



General Announcements

EMAILS Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are announced through Wild Apricot emails. If you have questions about sending or receiving e-mails, please contact Kay Stoll at teksas2steppe@gmail.com. Planning or thinking of an excursion where you would like to invite like-minded souls? Any officer will help you post an email or for inclusion in this monthly newsletter send details to 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.

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