

RAVALLI COUNTY OFF ROAD USER ASSOCIATION

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AUGUST 2015

Calendar of 2015 Upcoming events:

The rides listed on the Calendar are hosted by a club member and are not "club sponsored" rides unless they are stated as such.

NOTICE: THE BOARD MEETINGS WILL BE THE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH AND THE at GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE THE 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH, all meetings to be held the BRR Groomer Shed, 663 Grantsdale Road Hamilton.

August 3rd. Board Meeting, 6 PM

August 10th General Meeting 7 PM; Darby Lumber Project update and Travel Plan update

August 27th & 28th: Salmon Area Ride Sponsored by the Western Montana Trail Riders Association. Contact Don Miller 961-3874, Don has planned a ride to Leesberg for one day and the Goldstone Mine for the other day. (Both of these rides are a lot of fun and interesting _ Marsha)

No Board meeting on Sept.7

Sept. 14th—Board Meeting 6 PM and General Meeting at 7 PM

Overwich Trail as of 7/29/15

Overwich is in bad shape, The 3 steepest (longest) sections of the trail are eroded badly, washing a large amount of gravel down the trail. Two water bars are washed completely out leaving deep ruts.

If you plan on riding Overwich in the near future please take care and watch for any downed trees and the badly eroded sections.

Brent has alerted the Forest Service of the damage and they and the club are working on a plan of attack for the near future. Water Bars need maintenance on an on going basis—Please clean them or let Brent know of any that need maintenance so we do not lose anymore trails! Also turn in your time to Dan.

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Forest Seeks Input on Roads Analysis

Hamilton, Montana (July 30, 2015) – The Bitterroot National Forest seeks public input on an analysis of its road system. The roads analysis includes the identification of risks and benefits on National Forest System Roads (NFSR) as they pertain to safe and efficient travel, and the protection, management, and use of the national forest.

An interactive mapping tool reflecting the initial results of the analysis is available on the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/bitterroot. This is the primary tool for the public to view the analysis and provide input. Public comments are due by August 31, 2015.

“The roads analysis is not a proposal or decision, but is intended to help inform the public about possible future road management planning,” said Bitterroot National Forest Supervisor Julie King. “We are seeking public input to help shape the analysis, but this will not be a formal public comment process”.

Any future road proposals will involve close work with local communities and the public. When actual treatments are considered including road construction, reconstruction, decommissioning, or maintenance, they will be subject to more detailed, site specific analysis and the public will have the opportunity to provide input and comments under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Stay in touch with us through www.facebook.com/DiscoverTheBitterroot and www.twitter.com/BitterrootNF.

The BNF is also in the process of doing a “Westside Collaborative Vegetation Management Project.” For more information on this and how to comment on these and other projects go to the Bitterroot National Forest Website.

The Bitterroot Star’s August 5, 2015 edition had articles on both projects.

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Honda's 2016 Models

by Marsha Waliser

Note: Honda's website does not list what is new or changed on the 2016 Models that I could not find... so here are a few things I thought might interest the membership. Marsha

From the website on what is available for the 2016/foretrax-foreman-rubicon-4x4

	FOREMAN RUBICON 4X4	FOREMAN RUBICON 4X4 EPS	FOREMAN RUBICON 4X4 EPS DELUXE	FOREMAN RUBICON 4X4 DCT	FOREMAN RUBICON 4X4 DCT EPS	FOREMAN RUBICON 4X4 DCT EPS DELUXE
TRAXLOK 2WD/4WD	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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ELECTRONIC FUEL INJECTION	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
MANUAL TRANSMISSION	✓	✓	✓			
AUTOMATIC DCT TRANSMISSION WITH DRIVE/LOW				✓	✓	✓
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The **Rubicon** is the only manual-shift ATV with Independent Rear Suspension on the market and the revolutionary automatic dual-clutch transmission that's fast-shifting and features strong steel-gear internals. Also available is electric power steering on the EPS models, easy-to-use reverse lever, an inboard rear disc brake along with several colors to choose from.

They also have the 2016 **FourTrax Rincon** with a 675cc liquid-cooled OHV semi-dry-sump longitudinally mounted single-cylinder four stroke, the **FourTrax Foreman 4x4** with a 475cc liquid-cooled OHV longitudinally mounted single-cylinder four stroke and the **FourTrax Rancher** 420cc liquid-cooled fuel-injected OHV wet-sump longitudinally mounted single-cylinder four-stroke.

In side by sides they have the all-new **Pioneer 1000-5**. It has a 999cc twin-cylinder engine, the first and only fully automatic 6-speed Dual Clutch Transmission and Honda's exclusive Quick-Flip seating. It also has a fully-selectable driveline that lets you choose between 2 and 4 wheel drive and open or locked differentials front and rear with a high/low dual-range subtransmission. It has fully-independent suspension in the front and back and a hauling capacity of 1000 pounds with a towing capacity of a ton.

Our web site at www.ravallioffroad.org has photos, a calendar of events, ride info, the newsletters and much more. You can email your photos, ride info or other items to: kathy.transue@gmail.com Log on often to see what is happening!

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Our mission is to bring together on and off highway enthusiasts to enjoy, promote and protect responsible Off Highway Vehicle Use and other recreational activities.



Ajax Lake 6/23/15 Great ride, fishing and views. End of Swamp Creek Road in the Big Hole Valley. Picture taken by Karli Eslinger.

Membership Application / Renewal

2015

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