



Mountain High Hikers Newsflash February 1, 2010

February Trail Maintenance Plan

Feb 4th: Fires Creek: One team to go in at our Short branch access, work to Shinbone, Send a second team up Far Bald and work to Shinbone. WEATHER PERMITTING
Meet at Ingles at Haysville 9am

Feb 11th: Blast from the past, special weather make-up day with John Q leading the pack!!! His call on trip location, Might start on Lake Chatuge Project.
Meet at Bread of life / Maryanns 9am

Feb 18th: Lake Chatuge Project with BRD
Meet at Bread of life / Maryanns 9am

Feb 25th: Fires Creek FS road down to Leatherwood in Prep for hikes x 2 there in March, and if enough help, send a team to the Lake Chatuge Project.
Meet at Ingles at Haysville 9am

Report on the previous Trail Maintenance Effort

Thursday Jan 28th, with warm beautiful weather for a change, 10 hearty MMHer's ventured out to clear trail. We split into 2 teams. Team 1: Richard Sullivan, John Quinlan, Steve Sutherlin, Darlene Rothenay, and Jim Morgan, drove the mile up past the college gate and worked up the trail, clearing numerous winter blowdowns, lopping limbs, and raking

and repairing waterbars, also constructing one large new one. They worked up the trail @ 3.75 miles.

Team 2: Bob Stone, Wes Clonts, Don Chesebro, Tom Shope, and Steve Jersey Started on a journey to the top of Wagon Train Trail, little did they know the road was closed at Jacks Gap due to weather. But this did not stop this determined group, instead of going for a second coffee, they worked up the Jacks Knob trail for 2.3 miles, climbing over 1400 ft carrying equipment and working the trail, then they proceeded above and beyond the call ALL the way down Wagon Train Trail for an additional 6 miles down to the wilderness boundry and the waiting cars and cold drinks. A hearty thanks goes out to all!!