

Greetings Montana Nightriders:

I can't believe it's already time to start thinking snow again. I hope that this writing finds you all well and having good summer/fall(?).

Last spring we got the exciting news that money was available to expand the shelter. The initial thought was to at least get the materials purchased and probably wait until summer 2009 to actually do the building. But, Good News!! Carole found enough resources to have the basic structure contracted and built this summer. Now, this still wouldn't come to fruition without our volunteer help. So far, Don G., Tom A. and a few others (I don't know who) contributed to getting the concrete poured. Mark S. has taken care of picking up and delivering all the lumber to the site. Last weekend was scheduled to build trusses but I think that kind of fell apart so this weekend, Saturday, Sept. 13 is rescheduled to get that part done. Call Mark S. if you can be there 208-682-4963 or show up at the shelter at 10:00 MST to help. We will still need to put the sheeting and tin on the roof, put the siding on, and build the fire pit. To closely quote Carole, "This is a great example of what can get accomplished with the good partnership between the Club and the Forest Service." Let's get 'er done!!!

Also, there have been volunteers up there nearly every week cleaning the SST. The shot-out plexiglass has been replaced and it has been painted. Side note: SST stands for "Sweet Smelling Toilet," if you can believe that!!

So, the schedule reads like this: First meeting of the year is October 4. We still need a wood-cutting day. We are going to try to get this all done in one weekend. I'm quite sure we can't get everything done in one day so, please plan on volunteering the whole weekend.

Saturday, October 4:

Meet at shelter at 10:00 MST for construction

Club to provide lunch. Bring potluck salads, snacks, etc. to go with burgers and snack on throughout the day. BYOB

Catered dinner at schoolhouse at 5:00

Please RSVP to me at 406-678-4242 or blincoln@blackfoot.net so we can have a close count of how many to feed. BYOB. You don't have to come to the work day to come to dinner and the meeting but all hands on deck would be ideal. Burger flippers welcome.

Meeting at schoolhouse 7:00

Sunday, October 5:

Time to meet for shelter construction and finishing the job TBA at meeting.

Since this is also officially wood-cutting, it would be helpful if everyone just brings a truckload with them. Time will be best spent getting the shelter completed. Be sure to bring your work gloves.

On another front: Avery has purchased their own groomer!! They are asking that riders, in or out-of-state, register their sleds this season in use area 40 (Shoshone County) and use area 440-B (Shoshone County-Avery) starting with the 2009 season. This will help them become part of Idaho's state groomer system. They are asking for donations. Send to Avery Groomer, Box 66, Avery, ID 83802. For more information you can call Ben or Melissa Scheffelmaier at 208-245-4410. I am thinking that it would be a lot of fun to do reciprocal rides with their club meeting at each others shelters for "meet and greet." There's a new shelter on their side too so it might be fun to show off to each other.

So, until next time, I look forward to hearing from lots of you for dinner before the meeting October 4.

Brooke

