



### TRACKS TRAIL CREW (TC)

*By Jerry Good*

The trail crew has been busy. Our crews are small; however, the work done has been very, very good. We are restoring trails and there is plenty of work. The work has been great and difficult as the trail has not been worked on for years. Again, the crew is doing a very good job. Very proud of the work and the crew. Join us if you would like to be outdoors and experience a worthwhile time.

THE TRAIL CREW. 🦋

#### WHITE MOUNTAIN NATURE CENTER (WMNC)

The WMNC is open Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10am – 12pm each week. The WMNC holds special programs throughout the summer to provide family-oriented fun with a discovery focus on increasing awareness, understanding and responsible action towards nature.

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| May 7  | 9 AM Forest Ecology Hike | R Miller |
| May 14 | 10 AM Kite Festival      |          |
|        | 6 PM Forest for Monarchs | R Miller |
| May 21 | 9 AM Nature Hike         | R Gagnon |

*Note: All events are held at the Nature Center on Woodland Lake Road*

Future Events: Geocaching Treasure Hunt, Bird Shows, Honey Extraction, Annual Dinner

Please contact the WMNC to confirm events.

The WMNC is a non-profit organization and donations are also gratefully accepted. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with our center and programs and for board members! Please contact us if you are interested at: (928) 358-3069. For more information, please visit our website

<https://whitemountainnaturecenter.org/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WhiteMountainNatureCenter/> 🦋

### SPOTLIGHT – SAVE THE DATE

*By Nate Kear*

For the 26th annual Tour of the White Mountains bike race. The event is scheduled this year for Saturday Oct 1, 2022. Epic Rides of Tucson manages the event, and riders can choose rides of 9, 35, or 50 miles on our White Mountains Trail System single-track or a 30-mile forest road ride.

This year, Epic’s goal for total participants in the event is 1200!

TRACKS volunteers mark the course, sweep the riders, help with packet pickup/registration, serve at aid stations, guide riders at critical turn points and road crossings, help at the kids’ ride in the venue, direct campers to sites in the start/finish area, etc.

For our efforts, Epic Rides makes a sizable donation to TRACKS that helps support our activities throughout the year. The earlier you can volunteer, the easier it is to make a total volunteer plan. Let me know if you wish to be at the same location as last year.

**HELP WANTED:** Volunteer(s) to represent TRACKS at 2022 Halloween Trunk or Treat event hosted by the town of Pinetop Lakeside. The town and TRACKS provide the candy so it will only take 4 to 5 hours of your time with an assistant. Kay Alderton is retiring from this position but will help you get started and will donate the car decorations. Contact Kay Alderton at 928 367-7003.

**TRACKS BIKING**

*By Nick Lund*

TRACKS group biking will begin soon for this coming season. Rides are social, not competitive, and are mostly on forest roads. Helmets are required and riders need to make certain their bike is in good, rideable condition. To get on the email notification list, send your email address to Nick [nplundaz@gmail.com](mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com) or use the join form on the TRACKS website to become a member and select which email lists you want to be on.

**White Mountain Happenings**

**May**

- 4<sup>th</sup> White Mountain Audubon Society
- 6<sup>th</sup> Wild land Steak Cook off, Show Low
- 7<sup>th</sup> Derby Day Greer
- 7<sup>th</sup> BBQ Throwdown, Show Low
- 13<sup>th</sup> Arrival of Hashknife Pony Express, Pinetop
- 14<sup>th</sup> Opening Day of Show Low Farmers Market
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sunrise Park Resort Open
- 28<sup>th</sup> Dutch Oven Cook off, Taylor

**June**

- 1<sup>st</sup> White Mountain Audubon Society
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sacred Circle Workshop, Unity of White Mountains
- 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> White Mountain Balloon Festival

For more information on the above events and other events that are happening in the White Mountains, please visit the respective website and/or Visitor Center for more information:

**Pinetop/Lakeside**

<https://www.VisitPinetoplakeside.com>

**Show Low Chamber of Commerce:**

[www.showlowchamber.com/](http://www.showlowchamber.com/)

**Snowflake/Taylor Chamber of Commerce:**

<https://snowflaketaylorchamber.org/calendar/>

**White Mountain Audubon Society:**

<http://www.whitemountainaudubon.org/>

**White Mountain Apache Tribe:**

<http://whitemountainapache.org/>

**Sunrise Ski Resort:** <https://www.sunrisepark.com/>

**UP THE HILL GANG (UTHG)**

*By Susan High*

**Wednesday morning Up the Hill Gang May schedule**

- May 4 Springs/Old Hatchery Trail. 4.5 miles. Difficulty rating 1.5. Meet at 7:45AM at \*GDE. Rideshare donation \$2.
- May 11 Country Club/Pat Mullen. 4.5 miles. Difficulty rating 2. Meet at 7:45AM at \*GDE. Rideshare donation \$2.
- May 18 Timber Mesa/Flume Connector. 5 miles. Difficulty rating 2.5. Meet at 7:45AM at \*GDE. Rideshare donation \$2.
- May 25 Panorama, long loop. 6 miles. Difficulty rating 2.5. Meet at 7:45AM at Golden Dragon Express (old KFC) in Pinetop Safeway parking lot. Rideshare donation \$2.

**AND TUESDAY TREKKERS**

*By Jim Meeker*

Spring is here, Summer is coming, and the Tuesday Trekkers are getting ready for their first hike May 10. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the south side of the Pinetop McDonalds, for a hike of the Billy Creek Connector trail and a portion of the Blue Ridge trail. This will be an easy hike of about 2.5 miles. For these hikes, please remember to bring water and a snack, and wear plenty of sunscreen. Hikes planned for the remainder of May include:

- May 17 Country Club Trail No. 632. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the south side of the Pinetop McDonalds. This hike is about 3.25 miles, rated Easy.
- May 24 Springs Trail No. 633. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the south side of the Pinetop McDonalds. This hike is about 3.6 miles, rated Easy.
- May 31 Chipmunk Connector No. 631A, from the Corral. Meet at 8:00 a.m. on the south side of the Pinetop McDonalds. This hike is about 3.5 miles, rated Easy.



## Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest — Lakeside Ranger District News

*By Lorna McNeil-Cox*

Spring is here and it's shaping up similar to last year's fire conditions. Not only do we have drought conditions and we are already in high fire danger on Lakeside, we also have more fine fuels on the ground than last spring due to the exceptionally wet monsoon last summer. Please be very careful with fire as we go into the windy spring season.

One of the questions most asked during fire season is about Red Flag. A Red Flag Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when warm temperatures, very low humidity, and strong winds are expected to combine to produce an increased risk of fire danger for a 24-hour period. To reduce fire risk during Red Flag Warnings, activities like campfires, smoking, burning, and some equipment use should be temporarily suspended during the time frame of the warning.

In contrast to Red Flag Warnings, Fire Restrictions are issued by the Forest Service during periods of high to extreme fire danger and stay in effect until the risk has been lowered by enough rainfall. Fire restrictions are of longer duration than Red Flag Warnings and include campfire, smoking, burning, and some equipment prohibitions to reduce fire risk until the high fire danger is past. We are not yet in fire restrictions on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, however, that could change at any time. Please watch for changing conditions, potential fire restrictions, and current information at the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest website <https://www.fs.usda.gov/asnf> and <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/asnf/fire>. ❗

### Northern AZ Game and Fish Report

#### TWO HIGHWAY CLEANUPS SCHEDULED

The TRACKS mile will be Tuesday April 26th meeting at 8AM at the Fun Park in Lakeside (near the light at Lockwood and 260). For the wonderful, generous TRACKS members who like to clean the highway, the Nature Center mile is scheduled for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 8AM at the Lakeside Forest Service office.

Wear sunscreen, boots, gloves, and a hat and bring water. Snacks will be provided after both jobs. ❗

#### WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE RESERVATION NEWS

Current fire prevention, prescribed burns and other relevant information for the White Mountain Apache tribe can be found by visiting the WMA Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/BIAFAAFireMgt/> or by contacting Candy Lupe at (928) 338-5425. ❗



**TRACKS MONTHLY SCHEDULE – May**

| DATE   | EVENT   | LOCATION / DETAILS  |
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| Trail Crew: No official schedule for spring. Some work will be done depending on weather and trail needs.  | Trail Crew (TC):<br>Beautify the Trails<br><i>Weather permitting</i>  | To volunteer, visit our website, <a href="http://www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe">www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe</a> , and tick the checkbox for Trail Crew, or email Nick Lund at: <a href="mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com">nplundaz@gmail.com</a> . See page one of newsletter for information about Trail Crew news. |
| Biking: Tuesday through Saturday beginning in April  | Biking<br><i>Weather permitting</i>   | To receive biking information visit <a href="http://www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe">www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe</a> and tick the checkbox for Biking or email Nick Lund at <a href="mailto:nplundaz@gmail.com">nplundaz@gmail.com</a> . See page two of newsletter for more biking news.                       |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAYS</b></p> May 4 Springs /Old Hatchery Trail<br>May 11 Country Club Trail<br>May 18 Timber Mesa/Flume Connector<br>May 25 Panorama               | Up the Hill Gang (UTHG) and Tuesday Trekkers hiking:<br><br><i>Weather permitting</i><br><br>See page two for specific hiking schedule information. | To get UTHG WEDNESDAY information please check box on the website for “Hiking” on “Join” form and/or email Susan High at <a href="mailto:shigh118@gmail.com">shigh118@gmail.com</a> .   |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAYS TREKKERS</b></p> May 10 Billy Creek Connector<br>May 17 Country Club Trail #632<br>May 24 Springs Trail #633<br>May 31 Chipmunk Connector #631A | See page two for specific hiking schedule information.  | To receive UTHG & TUESDAY TREKKERS information visit <a href="http://www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe">www.trackswitemountains.org/subscribe</a> and tick the checkbox for Hiking or email Jim Meeker at <a href="mailto:jmeeker@azsunshine.us">jmeeker@azsunshine.us</a> .  |
| BOARD MEETING: Thursdays before the General Meeting at 1:00pm<br><br>May 12th<br>June 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | TRACKS Board Meeting<br>Members and visitors welcome  | White Mountain Nature Center (WMNC)<br>425 Woodland Lake Rd, Lakeside   |
| GENERAL MEETING<br>Second Saturday of the month<br><br>May 14 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am at Darbi’s<br>June 4 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 am   | TRACKS General Meeting (visitors welcome)<br><br>National Trails Day  | Summer meetings are potlucks held at the big ramada at Woodland Lake.   |

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