**Overview**

Join fellow pack stock volunteers as we help the US Forest Service and the Pacific Northwest Trail Association improve the Boundary Trail in the Pasayten Wilderness.

**About the area**

The Pasayten Wilderness covers over 530,000 acres, with 150 peaks over 7500’ elevation, 160 or more bodies of water, and just as many waterways. Open plateaus in the east and rugged ridges in the west await users itching to “get out there”. Deer, moose, mountain goats, bighorn sheep and the largest population of lynx in the Lower 48 may be your companions. Fir, cedar, western hemlock in the west to fir, pine and larch in the east will provide you cover at times.

**What to Expect**

We will be working closely with you to make sure that the trip you are supporting is a good fit and a great experience.  Providing pack support to our partners is critical to the success of maintaining trails.  The work you would be doing is making a difference and is appreciated by all users.

**Trip Description**

The ride to the Hilton camp is 19 miles with 5300’ elevation gain and 1400’ elevation loss over moderately steep terrain.  This is a gear pick up, so you will be going in empty.

**Driving directions**

From Winthrop, travel on State Route 20 turning right onto Okanogan County Road 1213 (West Chewuch Road). Drive 6 miles where county road joins Forest Service Road 51. Drive for 22 miles to the end of the paved road then turn right for parking at the Andrews Creek Trailhead (some parking to the left).

**Schedule**

* July 23 Meet fellow stock packers at Andrews Creek Trailhead
* July 24 Ride up Andrews Creek Trail to Spanish Camp (16 miles) and spend the night.
* July 25 Spend the day and night in the Spanish Camp area.
* July 26 Ride to Hilton Camp (3 miles), load the crew’s gear and head back to the trailhead.

**What it Takes to Do This Trip**

* Have your animals legged up and ready for a day on trail.
* You will be expected to pack 40 - 60 lbs. a side on your pack animal.  Some of this weight **might** be your personal gear.  You will be contacted after being scheduled to finalize trip details.
* Packing in this country is challenging.  There might be downed trees and changing weather conditions.  Be prepared and ready for an adventure.

**What to bring**

* Personal camp gear
* Appropriate clothing for changing weather conditions.  The Pasayten Wilderness is noted for extreme weather all season.
* Food to support yourself for the duration (plus little extra)
* Packer pallets for your stock…graze may be available situationally.
* Gear to manage your stock (highline, nosebag, fly spray, hobbles etc.)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact:

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