



# ATV Starting Line

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## January 2012 Events

**Jan 10th - Members Mtg**  
Ironhorse Restaurant—CDA  
Dinner 6pm  
Meeting 7pm - 8:15pm  
*See page 3 for details*

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**Board Meeting**  
**McKenzie River Pizza**  
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**Meeting 7pm**  
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Eastern WA ATV's  
Ride schedule is  
available on their website.  
<http://www.ewatv.org/>



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**Welcome to our  
newest Member  
Doug Lynch**



*Jaki & Jo Ann were the smiling greeters during the Annual Christmas / Year end Party held at the Eagles in CDA.*



*Dick Frank shown on the right receiving his Cone head of year award.*

Congrats to the Member of the Year - Dennis Falconer, With Family of the Year going to the Schrader Family. Business Sponsor of the Year went to the guys & gals at Coeur d'Alene Polaris. The recipe for Slap Yo Momma Chocolate pie won Recipe of the Year going to Sue Loughlin. The Cone head of the Year award went to Dick Frank with the Fraternal Order of the Cone heads accepting some new members as well: Mary Piggott, Brian Dunham, & Suzi Koep were all sworn in during the party this year..

Thank you to all the Members & Business sponsors who helped raise funds for the Annual Charity Auction to benefit Honor Flight. We had some great items this year, just to mention a few, we had a generator donated by Dick & Debbie Frank, and the quilt Mary Piggott donated.



*If you haven't heard the "Southern Comfort Band" perform you've missed out. They really did a great job during the Annual Bash!*



## Kootenai and Idaho Panhandle Draft Forest Plans and Draft Environmental Impact Statements are out

The Forest Service is scheduling public open houses at local offices in January. Idaho Panhandle National Forest staff will be available to provide information on the forest plan revision process and how to submit comments on the draft documents. Planned dates and locations are as follows:

Coeur d'Alene, January 10, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Fernan Office  
St. Maries, January 11, 5:00pm-7:00pm, St. Maries Ranger District Office  
Smelterville, January 12, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Silver Valley Office  
Bonners Ferry, January 17, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Bonners Ferry Ranger District Office  
Priest Lake, January 19, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Priest Lake Ranger District Office  
Sandpoint, January 23, 5:00pm-7:00pm, Sandpoint Ranger District Office

### Public comment period opens on Jan 6th, 2012 and ends on April 5th, 2012

Those with internet access can access either the club website for more info or logon to the Forest Service website directly at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/kipz>

Brian and Frank will be picking up the Maps, CD's and Information available and bringing it to the Membership Meeting at the Iron Horse Jan 10th. 2012 for discussion.

**Message from the President**



Is this really January, 2012? It was 53 degrees when I got off work Wednesday afternoon. I can't believe the mild temperatures and lack of snow. Speaking with Al Beauchene this week, he mentioned "this is the only the second time he's been able to drive to his cabin on the bunco for New Years. The Bunco had maybe a foot of packed snow on the road when he drove in. He also said he could of used his 2wd pickup to get there."

I submitted a support letter to Park & Recreation for the Trail Maintenance grant requested by the Forest Service for maintenance to be done this summer (800, 801, 802, & 803.) Along with some single track work in other areas.

Hopefully, the Panhandle won't suffer the same closures that the Nez-Perce area did, or we may have very little area to ride in future. Plan to help out, and come to the meeting and get the information available, so you too can be informed on how we can best respond to the proposals and decisions the Forest Service has made in this DEIS. (Draft Environment Impact Statements)

On a happier note, I wanted to Thank our Sponsors for donating to the Christmas Party Charity Auction. I especially wanted to thank a non business sponsor FTI for donating 2 left hand Throttle controls. (\$110.00 value each) Members if you or a friend are looking for one, recommend they give them a call. It's a great product, that I think is also made right here in the USA! (See their phone and address info on the middle of Page 3.) Debbie at Empire Cycle donated Heat Packs for all the Board member gifts, Jeff at the Calder Store donated a Prime Rib Dinner for two for the charity auction, and CDA Polaris donated gift cards as well. Thanks again everyone.

Like Dan said below, I too wanted to send one more shout out to all the folks who helped make the Year End Party a success. Jo Ann and I really enjoyed spending the evening with all of you. It's hard to visit with 115+ people in that short a time with so many things going on, but none the less I think I managed to say hello to most if not all of you who attended.

Well not much to say this month, so I'll close with that. Just remember to try and attend the meeting Tuesday so you can be informed on how to help with the Forest Service DEIS. And if your not able to attend give me a call after the meeting date and we'll discuss how you can help.

Hope to see you at the meeting Tuesday, I'll have any information I have overlooked there. Have a Great & Happy New year!.

**Message from the Vice President**

*Frank*



Greetings to new members and old friends and a Happy New Year to all. Sue and I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that Santa was good to you all.

The Christmas party was again a rousing success with some great giveaways, trivia prizes, and an outstanding silent auction. Seems we came up short about 6 prizes for everyone in attendance to win something so Mike at CDA Polaris came to the rescue by donating gift certificates for the 6 folks who did not have their tickets drawn. All in all, not a bad night with good friends, dinner, prizes, and a live band. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success, organizing, decorating, shopping for prizes, and cleaning up after the fact. Without the efforts of those volunteers we couldn't have made it happen!

The silent auction was again a highlight of the evening. Great donations and competitive bidding made the proceeds exceed our expectations. The club will be making the donation to "Honor Flight" in early January. Thanks to all who donated auction items and to those who bid. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

I hope to see you at the January general membership meeting as we start a new year of events and club activities. We welcome any suggestions for rides, campouts, and events. Remember this is your club so your input is important to your elected club officers and board members. Finally, anyone in attendance at the Christmas Party who mistook my Tall Tale of how I broke my wrist as being accurate, let me set the record straight. Dick Frank did not get me into a bar fight! Just my own clumsiness and bad luck caused my injury. Thanks to Dick for being a good sport and going along with the joke.

Remember to wear your helmets while riding,

*Dan Loughlin*



**Events Scheduled for January 2012**

**Jan 10th — Membership Meeting**

Location: Ironhorse Restaurant—CDA  
 Dinner @ 6pm - Meeting @ 7pm to 8:15pm,  
 Located between 4th & 5th on Sherman Ave.  
 Parking located in the back or north side of the building  
 As stated on the front Page Brian Dunham & Frank Axtell will be picking up the information at the Forest Service Prior to the meeting to have available at the meeting.

**FOLKS YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO GET THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION.** The Completed Nez-Perce / Clearwater Travel Plan was also released this week. It unfortunately removed over 400+ miles of ATV trails and closed another 200,000 acres to snowmobiles.

We all belong to the Club to do our part by helping keep access open. So plan to attend Tuesdays meeting to see what is happening and how you can do your part to help.

**Jan 31st  
 Board Meeting—  
 McKenzie River Pizza**  
 Dinner 6:00pm,  
 Meeting 7pm

**MEMBERS: Do you have an idea of a Ride**  
 ATV Ride Leaders will be meeting during the latter part of January at Brian Dunham's to formulate a tentative ride schedule. So bring your idea's to the Jan Meeting.



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**Safety Tip**



Another safety issue. Our club has a problem with parking in the roadway when taking a break on roads. When we stop, seems like maybe several people in the group block the road somehow. We really should try to keep the roads open so others may pass at their discretion when drivers of autos or other ATV's arrive at our location.

This has been observed on the last several rides we've had. I think this may be especially important during hunting season when hunters may not realize that there is room in the forest for all users. All we need is for a speeder or possibly a drunk driver to come upon us and either not see us or going too fast to stop before hitting one or more of us.

This isn't a big problem and can be simply solved with a little forethought.

Just another idea to make our rides safer for everybody concerned. God forbid we have an accident. Have a Happy New Year and keep the dirty side down.

Jim Axtell  
 Board Member



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## Nez-Perce & Clearwater Forest Issues their Travel Plan Decision

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest Supervisor Rick Brazell has decided how motorized uses will be managed on roads and trails within the boundaries of the 1.8-million-acre Clearwater National Forest.

**As usual OHV Folks have lost riding opportunities. Early estimates show about 400 miles of motorized trails were closed. Overall this is about a 35% reduction in summer trail miles according to our sources.**

**About 200,000 acres of snowmobile opportunities gone as well. (This is being referred to as their "Great Burn")**

Brazell selected Alternative C Modified, an alternative based on Alternative C that was described as "Motorcycle Loop Trails and Wildlife Habitat" in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement released in July 2009. While the modified alternative is similar to the original Alternative C, Brazell said it responds to issues and concerns about opportunities for motorcycle loop trips to a greater degree than Alternative C. It also implements seasonal trail closures to protect key fisheries and wildlife habitat.

The decision:

- Permits motorized uses on designated routes, except for snow machines in winter. This change is consistent with national direction, and is a fundamental change from the current situation where travel is permitted except where specifically restricted.
- Restricts motorized travel (particularly over snow) and bicycle travel in areas recommended as Wilderness by the 1987 Forest Plan. An exception is summer motorized travel on Fish Lake Trail 419.
- Implements seasonal closures on some trails in Management Areas C1 (big-game summer range emphasis), C6 (fisheries habitat emphasis) and C8S (big-game summer range/timber management emphasis). This reduces opportunities primarily for backcountry motorcycle users.

"This was not an easy decision to make," Brazell stated. "While many commenters sought increased motorized opportunities, others passionately argued for the elimination of motorized uses in many areas of the Forest."

Brazell said he used four key considerations in making the decision: (1) the degree to which each alternative would provide well-distributed opportunities for motorized recreational uses and quiet, non-motorized uses of the trail system outside of Wilderness; (2) the degree to which each alternative would provide well-distributed opportunities for both snowmobiling and quiet, non-motorized winter recreation; (3) the degree to which each alternative would achieve desired conditions for other resources, particularly wildlife and recommended Wilderness; and (4) the degree to which each alternative was consistent with goals and objectives in the 1987 Forest Plan.

"I sincerely believe the selected alternative provides the best mix of motorized uses while protecting wildlife and fisheries habitat," he explained.

Brazell said individuals who drive full-size vehicles or off-road vehicles will not notice much change from the current situation.

Those who will experience the most change will be motorcyclists who use the North Fork Ranger District. While there will more loop opportunities than originally presented, there will be shorter seasons for the use.

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Individuals who ride bicycles and snowmobiles in recommended Wilderness will also be affected by the decision. The 1987 Clearwater Forest Plan recommended 198,200 acres for Wilderness designation in the Mallard-Larkins, Hoodoo (Great Burn), and Selway-Bitterroot areas.

Upon issuing the decision the Forest will focus efforts on creating a Motor Vehicle Use Map that will display the travel management decision for Forest users. That will hopefully be completed prior to the summer travel season.

The Clearwater National Forest initiated the travel planning process in response to national agency direction to designate roads, trails and areas where motorized travel will be permitted and to display them on a Motor Vehicle Use Map.

The Travel Planning Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision represent the culmination of more than four years work and incorporation of thousands of public comments.

All project documents are posted on the website:  
[http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=17992](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=17992)

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**All recommended wilderness areas are closed to motorized and Mountain bikes. The process used, doing the travel planning before forest planning, made it impossible for us to prevail in the Great Burn. This is so wrong in so many ways! ... Sandra Mitchell**

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# Club Kitchen

Recipe submitted by  
Jerry Dunnagan

## Beat your Brother Burritos

### Ingredients

- 3 lb chuck roast
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 chopped onion



### Directions

In a pot add all the ingredients and simmer for 3-4 hrs. (Be sure to add enough water to cover meat.)

Next >>>>

remove meat and transfer water into a large bowl. In the same pot chop 1 tomato, 1 bell pepper, 1 onion, 1 tsp salt, 1 tsp pepper, 1 tsp cumin, 2 tsp pasilla chili powder and a little water. Simmer until vegetables soften then add a 15oz can of tomato sauce, the shredded meat and enough of the meat water to moisten. Probably a couple cups. Simmer for about an hour. Put the mixture into a tortilla and top with your favorite burrito toppings. You can also laddle some of the hot meat sauce that you set aside earlier over the top. I will send out a good hot sauce and salsa recipe later...



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#### Mission Statement

North Idaho ATV club's focus is to promote the fun and enjoyment that the A.T.V. has to offer, and at the same time support our rights to the use of public lands. Responsibility, Respect and Common Sense are our goal.

All A.T.V.'s, UTVs & Motorcycles riders are accepted regardless of make, model, or power, while promoting SAFETY FIRST.

For meeting locations contact — Bob Leisenring 208-772-6848, Dan Loughlin: 209-3204, or Frank Axtell: 660-1170

In consideration of my/our participation in the events and rides of the North Idaho ATV Association, Inc., I/We hereby release and agree to hold harmless the North Idaho ATV Association, Inc., their officers, directors, committees, members, employees and agents from all claims. Our main function is to promote fun social activities such as monthly rides and campouts. However, there are times when the club has to take a proactive political stance to help keep our trails open. Membership in the club comes with responsibilities. Our club needs it's members to occasionally volunteer to assist in club activities. Which activity could you assist with? (Circle one or more please)

Assist with organizing club rides.	Ride leader	Club officer	ATV Safety training	Trail Maintenance
Write letters to Forest Service, Legislature etc, when needed,	Christmas Party Committee	Poker runs or Scoot n Shoot volunteer help	Writing club newsletter articles	Other

Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_