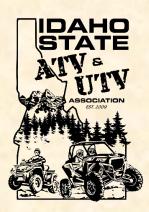
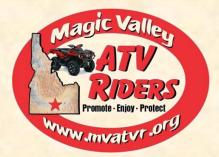
# Idaho State ATV & UTV Association Annual Meeting



# Hosted by the Magic Valley ATV Riders



Porcupine Campground July 24 - July 27

#### Idaho State ATV & UTV Association Meeting July 24 – 27, 2025 Sawtooth National Forest, Hansen, Idaho Cassia Division

Welcome to the 2025 Idaho State ATV & UTV Association meeting hosted by the Magic Valley ATV Riders. Our event this year will be based out of the Porcupine Springs Campground in the South Hills of the Sawtooth National Forest, southeast of Twin Falls.

## Right off the bat, we need to make sure everyone is aware that we are going to have to limit the number of participants for the following reasons:

- 1. To make sure everyone has a place to camp. The South Hills are extremely busy, especially on weekends. Our special use permit does not allow us to tell a member of the general public that they cannot use a site we have asked for on our special use permit. The trails and roads are also VERY busy.
- 2. To ensure that the small group of our club members that are cooking can have time to cook on the day of the meal.
- 3. To make sure that rides have a reasonable number of machines.
- 4. To make sure we have enough room at our group site for those that are participating in the main event on Saturday.
- 5. To somewhat equally represent those clubs that focus on 50" machines like ours, as well as clubs that focus on the over 50" UTV folks.

Our criteria for choosing who can participate will be as follows:

- 1. Those in our club who are helping with the event and rides.
  - a. To add to that, we are also maximizing space for YOU by not allowing our own members to come on any of the rides.
- 2. Board members of the ISATVA\UTV organization.
- 3. Guest speakers, representatives of Parks and Recreation, and other government organizations that are participating in any way.
- 4. A somewhat equal representation of 50" machines and also those of you with machines larger than 50"

Right now we do not know how many we can adequately accommodate. We must make sure that those that are helping are accounted for, those from the ISATVA & UTV are accounted for, IDPR, and other state organizations are accounted for, and then we can go from there.

We hope that everyone understands the position we are in. The cutoff to fill out the Google Sheet will be May  $12^{th}$  at midnight. We will notify you as soon as possible via

email if you were selected. You have until June 6<sup>th</sup> to have your paper registration form as well as a check in our mailbox in Twin Falls.

These deadlines are necessary for the following reasons:

- 1. I, the Club President, and one of our board members, are leaving for a African Safari on June 6<sup>th</sup> and are not returning until June 17<sup>th</sup>. I need to decide who can come, notify you, and give you enough time to return your registration packets *before* leaving on this trip.
- 2. The two club members that are responsible for the t-shirt orders and distribution are going to Europe on June 18<sup>th</sup> and not returning until July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Therefore, they must turn in the shirt order before they leave and that is why the packets are due on June 6<sup>th</sup> as well.

This information packet should contain all the information you will find necessary to plan on attending this event.

We will have a reception area in the Porcupine Springs Campground. In order to assist you in finding the Porcupine Campground we will have Magic Valley ATV Riders (MVATVR) signs set to guide you. At the reception area, you will receive a welcome package with information about the weekend and possibly some trinkets.

We will have rides on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You may either join a ride with a ride leader or we can provide you with some GPS tracks to follow on your own.

Friday night we will provide a dessert for those in attendance.

Saturday evening we will have our meeting. Dinner will be on your own, or, if you wish to purchase a dinner ticket, it will be provided. We will also have our raffle drawings for those that purchase tickets.

We have commemorative T-shirts available for you to order on the registration form as well.

Upon arrival, you will receive a welcome bag. Included in this bag, will be a map of all the ride departure points. Each ride will explore the trails of the forest and surrounding area.

Wildlife in the area ranges from elk to deer to all kinds of birds and small critters. Be aware that if you leave the event and did not see half a dozen moose, you were looking at the sky!

See you in the South Hills of the Sawtooth National Forest,

Aaron T. Larson (President) as well as the Board of Directions of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, Inc.

# Blue Ribbon Coalition



The Idaho State ATV & UTV Association and the Magic Valley ATV Riders would like to recognize the <u>Blue Ribbon Coalition</u> as an important advocate of our outdoor hobby.

As such, we would like to announce that every penny generated from our T-shirt sales, Saturday dinner sales, and our raffle on

Saturday night, will be donated to the <u>Blue Ribbon Coalition</u> this year to help them keep our trails open.

The Magic Valley ATV Riders is proud to be a member of this organization and we have donated thousands of dollars to them over the years.

We encourage every ATV club, motorcycle club, jeep club, and any other motorized group to join their organization to help support our recreational opportunities and to avoid seeing more of what we see in the graphic below.

We could not possibly fully tell you about them, and encourage you to visit their website and learn more about them and see what they are doing for our recreational areas.



# Event Location

Everything for the meeting and events will center around Porcupine Springs Campground in the Sawtooth National Forest, Cassia Division. So where in the world of Idaho is that?

You can go to Google Maps and enter "42.168369, -114.260011" for the location. If you are coming from eastern Idaho, take I-84 exit 182 and turn left on highway 50. If you are coming from west of Twin Falls on I-84, take exit 182 and turn right on highway 50. Signs will direct you to Hansen, ID, which is around 3 miles from I-84.

Once in Hansen, you will head south out of town on Rock Creek Rd or G3 as it is labeled (the only road headed south out of town). 14.7 miles later you will enter the Sawtooth National Forest and the road becomes Forest Rd 515. 13 miles further down the road the blacktop ends. You will be at Diamondfield Jack Campground. Another mile or so on the gravel will put you at the entrance to Porcupine Springs Campground. Turn left and you will find us about half a mile in.



As soon as you leave the asphalt you will see the following three signs. They will direct you to our location.





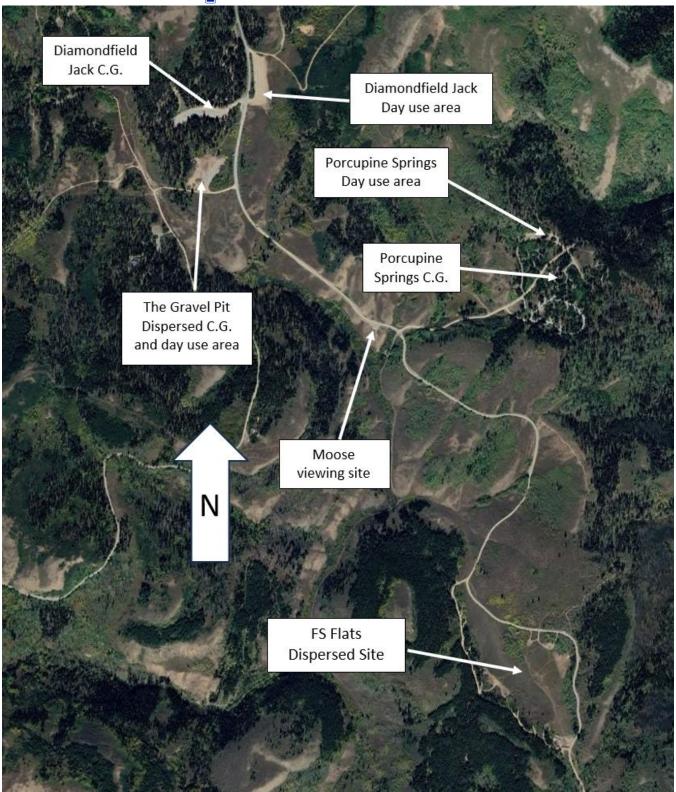


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Go Straight

Turn Right

## Map of the Location



# Schedule of Events

#### July 24, 2025 - Thursday:

- 9:00 a.m. For those folks that arrive early and don't want to twiddle their fingers all day, Aaron will lead a **50" only** "Early Bird" ride. We will depart at 9:00 a.m. from the Porcupine Day Use Area Loop B parking area. Where will we go? Whichever way his handle bars point. How long will it be? No idea, but we will be back sometime between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. maybe? What skills should I have? Be able to handle anything the trail throws at you! If anyone with big machines wants to go riding, meet at the same place and as long as someone with a larger machine volunteers to take everyone else to go explore you guys can have fun as well.
- 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Pick up welcome packages and meet and greet at Porcupine Springs Campground Loop B.
- 5 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Dinner will be on your own tonight, but after you eat, you are more than welcome to come hang out at the large group area in Loop B of the Porcupine Springs Campground. Provided we are not under fire restrictions, we will have a campfire, and we will visit with one another.

#### July 25, 2025 - Friday:

9:00 a.m. – Rides depart from their staging area. Arrive early enough to greet the ride leader and verify your machine is ready to go.

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. ISATVUTV Board of Directors Meeting for those involved. It will be held at the Porcupine Springs Campground Loop A (the upper loop) site.

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Dinner on your own. Save room for dessert!

8:00 p.m. – Dessert Social: Anyone that is interested may gather at the Loop G group site for a dessert social. It will be kept simple. Cookies and the like. Though, if you want to, you are more than welcome to bring Dutch Oven cobbler to share with everyone.







#### **July 26, 2025 - Saturday:**

9:00 a.m. – Rides depart from their staging area. Arrive early enough to greet the ride leader and verify your machine is ready to go.

6:00 p.m. - Saturday evening's meal will cost \$25 per person and must paid for ahead of time to allow those that are preparing the meal to have plenty on hand. You will get your meal ticket in your registration packet upon arrival.

Our own club members will be cooking our meal, and you may pick from either smoked tri-tip or smoked chicken as the main entrée.



Sides will include Dutch oven au gratin potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and Texas sheet cake for dessert (we do reserve the right to slightly alter the menu if necessary).



Bottled water and iced tea will be available. You are welcome to bring other beverages of your choice. If you choose to have an adult beverage, that is fine, but a polite reminder of moderation and the setting we are in.

7:00 p.m. +\- - Guest speakers to be announced.

 $8:\!00$  p.m. +\- - Raffle to support the Blue Ribbon Coalition.

Rest of the evening – Visit and enjoy everyone's company. The last one at the campfire has to put it out  $\bigcirc$ 





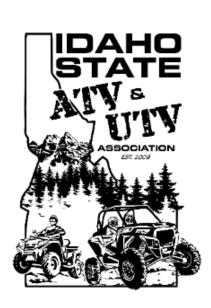
Quickdraw Embroidery will be printing our T-shirts. We have been using them for years and we appreciate their quick service. They are located at 3790 N. 3386 E., Kimberly, ID 83341. Telephone: (208) 735-8804 - <a href="https://www.qwkdraw.com">www.qwkdraw.com</a>

T-shirts may be ordered on the registration form. They are available in aquatic blue and sand are available in both short and long sleeve versions.

\$20 for any short\long sleeve shirt from size small to XL. \$22 for any short\long sleeve shirt from size XLL on up.



They will have the ISATVUTV logo on the front chest and the following design on the back (after Quick Draw cleans it up obviously!)





## Raffle Items

Raffle items are a work in progress. Our dealers host one of our meetings and also provide raffle prizes for our various events, along with other donations.

To avoid us burning out our local dealers on their generous donations, we would politely ask everyone that comes to try and bring at least one raffle prize from their local area to help with our raffle. Beggers cannot be choosers, so we won't turn anything down.



As previously mentioned, ALL money earned from raffle ticket sales will be donated to the Blue Ribbon Coalition to assist in keeping our trails and other recreational opportunities open.

Tickets can be purchased at the event for cash or check or purchased ahead of time on the registration form. They are available in the following price groupings. As you can see, the more you spend, the more free tickets you get!

Also, we obviously like money, especially since it is all going to a good cause! If you have friends in your club that cannot go, feel free to squeeze some money out of their wallets and bring it with you. We are not here to judge, so it is up to you to keep track of the tickets that you bought and which are your friends. If you tell them they lost, what do we know about it?  $\odot$ 

\$20 for 4 tickets – No extra tickets - \$5 each \$50 for 11 tickets – 1 extra ticket - \$4.55 each \$100 for 25 tickets – 5 extra tickets - \$4.00 each \$150 for 39 tickets – 9 extra tickets - \$3.85 each \$200 for 54 tickets – 14 extra tickets - \$3.70 each \$300 for 83 tickets – 23 extra tickets - \$3.55 each



## Trail Difficulty Guide

Riding ATV's/UTV's in the backcountry is by its very nature dangerous. The number of things that you can't control or that can go wrong is significant (rain, snow, wind, flash floods, rockslides, thunderstorms, lightning etc.). Our ratings are subjective and conditions of a trail can change in a minute. A trail we might rate as EASY could turn into a DIFFICULT trail in driving rain or snowstorm. You must NOT ride beyond your capabilities, and you are always the final judge of any trail if you wish to proceed on it, even if you're with a group. When we rate a trail, we rate it on the most difficult part of the trail even if that section is very short, say 10 feet.

Read our descriptions carefully. If you have questions, contact the ride leader for a better understanding of the ride difficulty. If you ever find yourself on a trail that you feel is beyond your capabilities stop and tell the ride leader. If you're riding a trail on your own (no ride leader) and don't feel comfortable, simply turn around and go back.

EASY — Probably a forest service road or a nice gravel / dirt road with mild rocks and limited sharp turns. The grades will normally be gentle. Creek or river crossings should be low except for periods of heavy rain and/or runoff. There should be adequate room to pass other riders (but passing is not recommended on our rides). Where the trail is steep or a shelf exists, the trail should be wide and well maintained and fairly easy to navigate. Sideways tilts will be minor. Most trails in this rating will be drivable even when wet; however certain types of soils can become impassable under wet conditions. EASY trails are best suited for novice riders.

MODERATE — Rougher and rockier surfaces requiring slower running speeds. Some riding experience is needed for steeper climbs and descents. Rock- stacking may be necessary to get over the worst spots. Considerable weight shifting may be necessary to offset sideways tilt. Mud can be deep and you may get stuck. Certain types of soils can become impassable when wet. Sand can be soft and steep. Water may be too deep for smaller ATVs. Larger ATVs can usually get through except during periods of heavy runoff. Aggressive tires needed for two-wheel drive machines. Four-wheel-drive is usually best. Have a winch and knowing winching techniques is advised.

**DIFFICULT** — Not for the faint of heart —Bring your "A" game! You should have considerable experience to do these rides. Very rough and rocky surfaces require careful tire placement. Slopes may be extremely steep with scary sideways tilt. Trail may have hair pin turns and multiple switchbacks. Skillful riding is necessary in places, and the worst spots could require assistance from other people (a spotter). Various soils (sand, shale, gravel, etc.) can be very soft and steep. Shelf roads can be very narrow with daunting cliffs. Water and mud can be very deep. Wet soils surfaces can be impassable. Good four-wheel-drive machines with low-range gearing is highly recommended. Must have a winch and must understand proper winching techniques.

In this region of the forest I would probably rate nearly every 50" trail as easy to moderate. About the only 50" trails I would rate as difficult would be the 847/Willow Creek and that is due to it being on a rolling mountain and there is a deep rut through a portion of it. Maybe the 885\Deadline Ridge ATV trail since it has a couple off camber spots and steep climb\descent on the southern end.

## Rides Introduction

The rides that are currently scheduled are in this section. We recommend that every rider wear a helmet, bring appropriate clothing for hot weather, have plenty of water, and bring a lunch. We also suggest you have a pair of binoculars to check things out, bring your GPS if you have one, as well as your radio. The club uses channel 6. Some ride leaders may use an alternate channel so we don't overlap with the other groups.

50" rides are ONLY for 50" machines. They will take you on a combination of 50" ATV trails, roads that are more like jeep trails, and main roads.

The UTV's rides for over 50" machines will NOT go on 50" trails and will stick to jeep trails and forest roads.

The ride leaders will hold a brief meeting, ask someone to volunteer to ride in the back of the group, and head out onto the trail.

All ride leaders will generally have a brief break every hour. Lunch will be sometime between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for about 30 minutes. Although we try and have breaks in the shade, that is not always possible.

Watch for wildlife. Moose are prevalent and sometimes just stand in the road. Although they are acclimated to people, they are still wild and will stomp you flat if you irritate them. Also watch for the remnants of the Badger fire of 2020 that burned 90,190 acres.

Please be aware that ride lengths are simply estimates based on current ride outlines and are subject to change between now and when we actually have the event. If a ride advertised as 50 miles, it could actually be between 45 and 50ish miles long.

#### **Ride Departure and Return Times**

8:30-8:45 a.m. – Arrive at designated starting locations and do one final machine check

8:50 a.m. – Ride meeting

9:00 a.m. – Ride will depart

**Unknown** – Return to camp

#### **Ride Rules**

- 1. No alcohol.
- 2. Wait at intersections for the person behind you or watch for cones (your ride leader will tell you which system they will use the MVATVR uses the wave method).
- 3. Keep with the pace. We need to get back to camp on time.
- 4. We leave no one behind. If you break down someone will get you back to camp.
- 5. Give the ladies some space to go check the bushes....
- 6. Be nice to everyone, we are here to have fun!
- 7. No whining about the dust!



Thursday Rides								
Width	Ride Name	Ride Leader	Length	Skill Level	Start\Return Location			
50" only	Early Bird	Aaron Larson	Who knows?	Difficult?	Porcupine Day Use Area			
Over 50" UTV's	None at this time	None at this time						

Friday Rides								
Width	Ride Name	Ride Leader	Length	Skill Level	Start\Return Location			
50" only	Hummingbirds	Aaron Larson	61 ± 5 miles	Moderate	Porcupine Day Use Area			
50" only	Weather Station	Ted MacNeil	57 ± 5 miles	Moderate	FS Flats East Outhouse			
50" only	Deadline to Pike	Ron Mothershead	51 ± 5 miles	Difficult	Moose Viewing Area			
Over 50" UTV's	Fuller Peak	Rusty or Shawn	60 ± 5 miles	Moderate	Diamondfield Jack Day Use			
Over 50" UTV's	Pucker Hill	Rusty or Shawn	54 ± 5 miles	Expert	The Gravel Pit			

Saturday Rides								
Width	Ride Name	Ride Leader	Length	Skill Level	Start\Return Location			
50" Only	Ooh Aah	Aaron Larson	62 ± 5 miles	Moderate	Porcupine Day Use Area			
50" only	Weather Station	Ted MacNeil	57 ± 5 miles	Moderate	FS Flats East Outhouse			
50" only	Swanty Peak	Jacob Metcalf	56 ± 5 miles	Expert	Moose Viewing Area			
Over 50" UTV's	Cottonwood	Rusty or Shawn	67 ± 5 miles	Moderate	Diamondfield Jack Day Use			
Over 50" UTV's	Hummingbird	Rusty or Shawn	62 ± 5 miles	Moderate	The Gravel Pit			

#### **Thursday Rides**

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If anyone with big machines wants to go riding, meet at the same place and as long as someone with a larger machine volunteers to take everyone else to go explore you guys can have fun as well.

#### **Sunday Rides**

o rides are planned for Sunday. We are leaving this day free so everyone can go explore for yourself. If you need suggestions as to where to go, let us know.

## Rides for 50° Machines

A s Gandalf said in *Lord of the Rings* to the Balrog in the Mines of Moria, or somewhat close, "Machines over 50" shall not pass through 50" gates on these rides!" These rides are going to take you on 77 miles, yes 77 miles of 50" ATV trails in the Porcupine area! We are blessed to have such a high concentration of 50" trails in the Cassia Division of the forest and this is why our club caters to the 50" machines.

## **50" Ride Descriptions**

#### **Early Bird Ride**

Staring Location: Porcupine Day Use Parking – Directly north of Loop B

Ride Leader: Aaron Larson

**Ride Rating:** East to Difficult? Be prepared for anything!

Ride Distance: No idea!

Ride Description: Aaron is going to go wherever his ATV points him. All he guarantees

that is that we will be back to camp before dark...

#### Ooh Ahh Ride

Staring Location: Porcupine Day Use Parking – Directly north of Loop B

Ride Leader: Aaron Larson Ride Rating: Moderate Ride Distance: 62 miles +\-

**Ride Description:** On our tour of the forest, Aaron will show you some of his favorite spring riding areas. The ride will consist of a combination of ATV and forest roads, and we'll see many of our forest valleys. We will see several water crossings, one of which might cause some wet feet, as well as an old sheep herder cabin. We will also be able to see the entire Magic Valley from our ride and the neighboring mountain ranges (including Mt. Harrison).

#### **Hummingbirds**

**Starting Location:** Porcupine Day Use Parking – Directly north of Loop B

Ride Leader: Aaron Larson Ride Rating: Moderate Ride Distance: 60 miles +\-

**Ride Description:** Hummingbirds? Don't let this fool you, although we will stop to see some hummingbirds, we are going to see a slew of other cool stuff as well! We are going to see two of our newest ATV trails, some beautiful vistas, and a wide variety of our riding area.

#### **Weather Station**

Starting Location: FS Flats East Outhouse – Just outside the FS Flats Group Site

Ride Leader: Ted MacNeil Ride Rating: Moderate Ride Distance: 57 miles +\-

**Ride Description:** This ride will maximize the use of the Porcupine Springs ATV trail system between Porcupine Springs and Bostetter. You will see some of our favorite trails such as Martindale, Third Fork, and Trout Creek just to name a few. We will also stop and see the Bostetter Snowtel site. We will also see some of the aftermath of the Badger fire from several years back since it went through this section of the forest.

#### **Deadline to Pike Mountain**

Staring Location: Moose Viewing Area (just outside Porcupine Springs on the main road)

Ride Leader: Ron Mothershead

Width Restrictions: 50" wide ATV's or UTV's only

**Ride Rating:** Difficult – Off camber area and some steep hills to go on.

Ride Distance: 51 miles.

**Radio:** Radio channel will be provided before we leave.

**Ride Description:** The ride will start by taking us over Deadline Ridge, eventually passing by an old cabin then back up on the ridge riding South where we will briefly enter the State of Nevada. Heading back into Idaho, we will wander towards the Pike Mountain view point, finishing at the Diamond Field Jack Campground. Bring your FRS Radio for communications during the ride.

#### **Swanty Peak**

Staring Location: Moose Viewing Area (100 yards before you turn into Porcupine)

Ride Leader: Jacob Metcalf

Width Restrictions: 50" wide ATV's or UTV's only

Ride Rating: Difficult. You will have one trail that is very steep going uphill.

Ride Distance: 50-60 miles

Radio: Radio channel will be provided before we leave.

**Ride Description:** We are going to hit some of the closer of our favorite trails, and then also head south for a sweet loop consisting of the Willow Creek ATV trail. This is a doozy. A long climb on a mountain ridge that will gain 2,000 feet of elevation in three miles with spectacular views to go along with it. Make sure your machine is capable of a long uphill climb and you might also plan on using low gear. I wish I could go on this ride, but I am leading a different ride that day...

## Rides for the Big UTV's

**S**o, you have a big machine and can't fit on our 50" gate on our ATV trails? These are the rides for you. The Cassia Division has quite a few roads that provide you will some things to see and places to go. Enjoy these rides!

#### **Over 50" Ride Descriptions**

#### **Fuller Peak**

Starting Location: Diamondfield Jack Day Use Parking – Meet on the south end

Ride Leader: Rust or Shawn from the Mountain Home ATV Club

Width Restrictions: Any width is welcome

**Ride Rating:** Moderate **Ride Distance:** 60 ± 5 miles

**Radio:** Radio channel will be provided before we leave.

**Ride Description:** This is almost, but not quite, the same ride at the Ohh Ahh ride for the 50" machines. You will just be routed another way and will also see a few areas that the Ohh Ahh riders will not get to go to. Views will be fantastic and you will get to see beaver dams, canyons, have two water crossings, and have a stop at the Bostetter Campground which burned during the Badger fire. This ride will also take you on one road that quite honestly, no one ever goes on. It has so little use that if you don't follow the GPS track you would swear you are going off trail! This should be a fun ride!

#### **Pucker Hill**

Starting Location: The Gravel Pit - Meet on the south end by the road

Ride Leader: Rust or Shawn from the Mountain Home ATV Club

Width Restrictions: Any width is welcome

Ride Rating: Expert

Ride Distance: 54 ± 5 miles

**Radio:** Radio channel will be provided before we leave.

**Ride Description:** This ride is named because of Pucker Hill, the hill your ride leader will either take you up, or down, at their choosing. Why is it called Pucker Hill? Well, because it is steep, and this author will NOT ever take his Grizzy up it again. Bigger machines? No problem. Have at it. You will also get a nice tour of the southern portion of our riding area. You will also get to ride on Dads Hump, a really cool road across the top of the mountain range. You will also drive right next to where the Badger fire started as well. If you ride leader feels there is time, they can also take up on the Red Bluff Jeep trail which is a dead end road with some cool views, but it would add 6 miles to your ride.

#### Cottonwood

Starting Location: Diamondfield Jack Day Use Parking – Meet on the south end

Ride Leader: Rust or Shawn from the Mountain Home ATV Club

Width Restrictions: Any width is welcome

Ride Rating: Moderate to Expert

Ride Distance: 67 ± 5 miles

Radio: Radio channel will be provided before we leave.

Ride Description: This ride is going to mostly consist of nice wide and smooth roads. We will take you down FS Spring and connect to Little Piney. From there you will go down Trapper Creek Road and then head up the jeep trail. Last fall this trail had a washout during a rain storm and has not been ridden by our group since. It was passible, but according to them it was sketchy so that is why this ride is rated Moderate to Expert. You will then head down toward Oakley and then back up a road system that gets little use. In one area you will wonder if the road even exists but if you follow the GPS track you will be just fine. You will get to take a break at a cool spot that gives you an awesome view of Cottonwood Canyon. If you look 1.7 miles North, you may be able to see some folks on the opposite side of the canyon at their lookout spot on the ATV trail. You will then head back to camp via the Oakley\Rogerson road.

#### **Hummingbirds**

Starting Location: The Gravel Pit – Meet on the south end by the road

Ride Leader: Rust or Shawn from the Mountain Home ATV Club

Width Restrictions: Any width is welcome

**Ride Rating:** Moderate **Ride Distance:** 62 ± 5 miles

Radio: Radio channel will be provided before we leave.

**Ride Description:** Yes you will stop and see the Hummingbird Station. Don't let that fool you though, this is a pretty sweet ride. You will get to visit the south-west portion of the forest. You will be in a trees and desert and will get to see some of my favorite

spring riding areas.

Your ride leaders will be Rusty Faircloth and Shawn Heckathorne of the Mountain Home ATV/UTV Club. We do not know which rides each of them will lead right now, but from what I hear, no matter what ride you go on, your ride leader will be awesome!

Also, make sure you give them both a HUGE high five, because without them, we would not be able to offer any rides to those with the bigger machines this year due to the lack of ride leaders from our own club.

## Road and Trial Information

The following road and trail descriptions are in the area we are camping or riding. The descriptions are the opinion of Aaron Larson. Everyone should download the <u>Cassia Division</u> of the Sawtooth National Forest MVUM to your smartphone. If you have a Garmin GPS (Oregon or Montana serries) you can download and install <u>a custom map</u> of the area created by Aaron Larson.

#### Roads

Rock Creek Road – 28 miles: The paved road from Hansen to Diamondfield Jack.

- 500 Oakley Rogerson Road 50 miles: This a main road that is not paved. Ok for most regular vehicle traffic.
- 512 South Fork Shoshone 5.2 miles: This road is great for vehicles.
- 533 Trapper Creek 26 miles: One of the main gravel roads. Ok for most regular vehicle traffic.
- 538 FS Spring 1.7 miles: Although it is good for vehicles, I wouldn't pull a trailer on it. It has some long narrow sections that would be a bit tricky for trailers should another one meet you on the road.
- 647 Upper Deadline 5.2 miles: DO NOT take your personal vehicle on this road. It is ROCKY. They grow well on this road. They are also large... Deep ruts as well.

#### **50" Trails**

These are some of the main trails we will be riding. We are leaving out a bunch, but anything in the porcupine area is a great trail!

- 002 Martindale 3.4 miles: A trail for the more advanced rider. Very narrow and little passing areas are on this trail. Morning travel in the southerly direction is recommended.
- 004 Third Fork 2.5 miles: A really nice trail that is pretty busy. It is the home of "The Spot." Southern travel recommended in the morning due to the limited passing areas. We also suggest you ride this trail in the morning.

- 015 -Trout Creek 4.7 miles: One of our favorite trails. Unfortunately, most of it burned a few years ago. Pretty busy and some areas don't have much passing opportunities for a bit. Probably suggest going north to south on this one.
- 116 Kirkham-Shoshone Creek 3.4 miles: A sweet trail. A must visit. Has one steep section at the creek crossing which is between two boulders barely 50" wide.
- 163 Little Fork 2.8 miles: A really nice trail. Lots of trees!
- 239 Pike Mountain 3.0 miles: Do you like rocks? You will like this trail. Lots of passing opportunities so have at it.
- $241 \text{Trail Canyon} 1.7 \text{ miles: A nice trail. Has a few sections of narrow areas with no passing opportunities, but don't let that keep you from going on it.$
- 812 Cave Canyon 5.8 miles: One of Aaron's spring favorites. Something for everyone!
- 846 Electric Springs 2.6 miles: A nice trail through trees and open areas.
- 856 Goose Creek 1.7 miles: A dead end, but beautiful. Lots of moose to see!
- 867 Jones Creek 1.8 miles: One of our newest trails. Unfortunately it burned several years ago. Still a really sweet trail.
- 874 Willow Creek 3.2 miles: Not for a novice. Three miles of either steep climbs or descents. Also as of this writing, it has some deep ruts to navigate. Jacob will take you on it on his ride!
- 885 Deadline Ridge 3.4 miles: An off-camber area or two. Also lots of steep climbs and descents. Not for a novice.
- 872 Swanty Peak 2.0 miles: A nice trail that connects two roads.
- 911 Blind Creek 1.3 miles. A sweet little trail. Go on it.
- 913 Pine Loop .8 miles: Located on the west side of FS Flats. A nice trail!
- 920 Telephone Canyon 8.2 miles: An old road that goes from Porcupine to Bostetter. Basically a two lane highway for ATV's. Has really nice views of the valleys.

### Local ATV Dealers

We are pleased to provide a list of our local ATV\UTV dealers in the Twin Falls and Burley area. Each take a month during the year and host one of our monthly club meetings. Each provides dinner to the club and they always donate prizes to our annual banquet that we hold in April.



2540 Addison Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301 – 208.736.8118 www.actioncyclesnsleds.com



2469 Kimberly Rd, Twin Falls, ID 83301 - 208.733.5072 www.adventuretf.com



270 ID-24, Rupert, ID 83350 - 208.678.3858 www.letsride-idaho.com



111 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho 83318 - 208.243.8814 www.youngpowersports.com

## Campgrounds

#### **Cassia Division Campgrounds**

The Cassia Division is comprised of many campgrounds (We would recommend either Diamondfield Jack Campground, Pettit Campground, Porcupine Springs Campground, or Lower Penstemon Campground as these are more geared toward toy haulers and longer campers. The other campgrounds along Rock Creek Road are more geared toward tent camping due to their age.

There are two additional areas, FS Flats and the Gravel Pit, that are not regulated and are marked on the map below).

We are also hoping to have permission from the folks at the Magic Mountain Ski Resort and may be able to allow you to set up your trailer in their parking area. This is yet to be determined.

All events will center around the Porcupine Springs Campground. To obtain reservations go to reservations.gov and enter the campground you wish to stay in. The website will give you all the information about that campground as well as rates and how to reserve the site.

#### **Diamondfield Jack Campground**

Diamondfield Jack Campground and Picnic Area is located at the end of a paved road in Rock Creek. The campground is suitable for motor homes, trailers, and tent camping. This area is accessible year around. Reservations are NOT available and are on a first come first served basis. It is our understanding that since the county owns the parking lot, you can set up your trailer diagonally in the parking lot to the west of the outhouses.

Campground amenities include drinking water, wheelchair accessible toilets, picnic tables, warming shelter, parking area, and fire rings. Pike Mountain and Eagle Trails (#239 and #243) are easy multi-use trails nearby. See the map in the next section for its location.

The map on the following page will show you where this campground is located.



#### **The Gravel Pit**

The Gravel Pit. It is a large, dispersed area that is mostly used as a huge parking and camping area. It is free to camp there and is a first come first served area. There are no fire pits, unless you count the rock fire rings. There isn't an outhouse, but there is a path that connects The Gravel Pit to Diamondfield Jack Campground. With a little walk, you can use the outhouse there.

We suggest that if you camp here, start in the upper right corner and park so your nose is to the west and the back of your trailer is to the east. This will allow us to fit as many trailers as possible in this location.



#### **Porcupine Springs Campground**

Porcupine Springs Campground is a developed campground composed of 12 individual units and 3 group units. One group area can accommodate up to 100 people and 1 group area can accommodate up to 50 people.

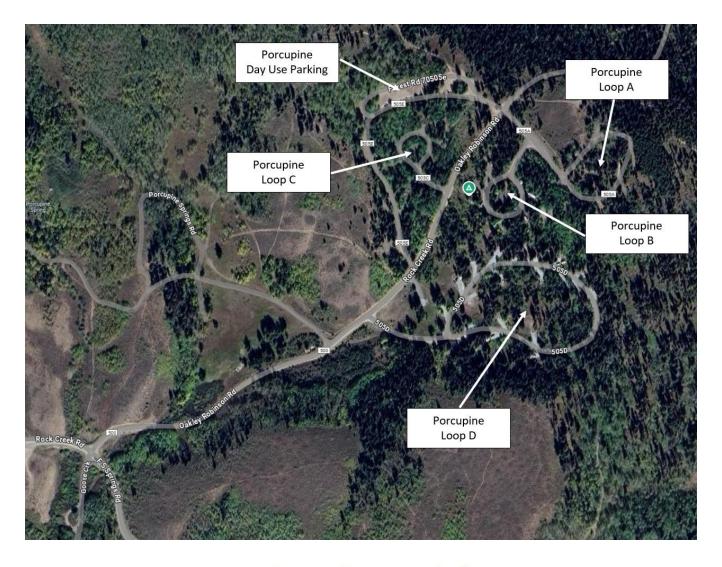
This is a fee campground and reservations are required for group camping only. Fee envelopes and a collection box are provided near the campground entrance. This area is suitable for trailer and tent camping and it is accessible for a season that varies usually between June and September. Campground amenities include water faucets, toilets, and an accessible Stock Transfer Station. Little Fork Trailhead (#163) is located at the campground and is an easy multi-use trail that accesses an extensive trail system. There is an additional trailhead at the end of Forest Road 504.

- Loop A Composed of 4 single and 2 double sites and one 2 unit toilet. This reserved members of the Magic Valley ATV Riders, ISAVA members, and guest speakers. It also has a large group area in the middle should we need it.
- Loop B Composed of 4 single and 2 double sites and one 2 unit toilet. It also has a large group area in the middle where our main meals and meetings will be held. This is where most events will be held. All sights are currently reserved for the MVATV members helping to run the event.
- Loop A & B overflow parking The parking lot can accommodate a large number of vehicles or ATV's and is in between loop A and loop B.
- Loop C Currently reserved by some members of the public.
- Loop D The main campground. This has 18 back in spots. Four are reservable, although they are currently reserved. All the other spots are on a first come first served basis. This is a pay campground as well. 2 unit outhouses are located in several areas. Water is available.
- Play Area In-between loop D and loop B you will find a volleyball pit and horseshoe
  pit if our memory is correct.



Loop B Group Site

Parking area between Loop A and Loop B



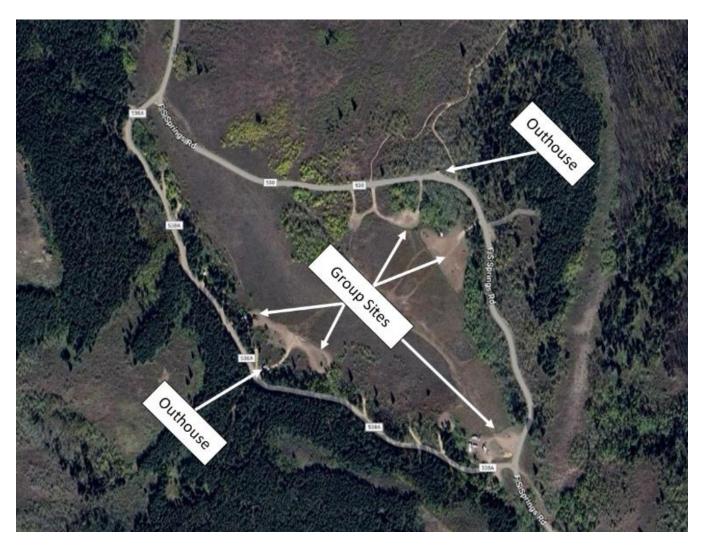
#### **FS Flats Dispersed Site**

S Flats is a dispersed camping area about 1 mile south of Porcupine Springs Campground on the main road. You will come to a Y in the road. If you take the left turn at the Y, you will come to some group sites along with an outhouse on the road.

There is one large group site that we hope to have set aside with our special use permit. This site can accommodate about 20 trailers if you park carefully. It has three fire rings and picnic tables. No water is available, but the outhouse is nearby.

If you take the right turn at the Y, you will come across multiple back in sites. Halfway up the road you will come to an outhouse and a turn-in spot that takes you to two group sites. Each site can only hold three or so trailers. Further up the road you will find some more sites.

Both the left and right forks re-converge back into the main road. At that locations there are some more sites and a larger open area. It is very important NOT to go past where the roads merge together as the road gets very narrow and is very rocky for a bit. Your only opportunity to turn around is several miles up the narrow winding road.





Moose often wander through the meadow in the morning and in the evening!

#### **Pettit Campground**

Pettit Campground and Picnic Area is composed of 8 individual units. The area is suitable for motor homes, trailers and tent camping. To be honest though, if you trailer is much past 14 feet long or so, you won't fit in any spots. This is a fee campground. Fee envelopes and a collection box are provided near the campground entrance. Campground amenities include toilets. A campground host manages the campground and visits the area weekly. No water is available at this site.

#### **Lower Penstemon Campground**

ower Penstemon Campground is located 27 miles south of Hansen, ID on Rock Creek Road/County Rd. G3. The campground is located next to the Fourth Fork of Rock Creek (the main fork). There are 7 single family/individual sites in the campground. Camping fees are \$8.00 per night. Sites can be reserved through Recreation.gov. Individual sites reserved through Recreation.gov will be posted. Sites that are not reserved are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Be sure a site is not reserved before you occupy it. First-come first-serve customers must pay within 1/2 hour of occupying the campsite.

Some sites are ADA accessible. Lower Penstemon is generally open from late May through October. Picnic tables, fire rings, and 2 double vault toilets are available. The campground is well suited for medium sized motor homes, trailers and tent camping. This area is popular in summer for trout fishing, hiking, and wildlife watching. OHV vehicles can be used to enter or exit the campground. Recreational riding within the campground is not permitted. Many miles of ATV/ORV trails can be accessed to the south. Consult the MVUM (Motor Vehicle Use Map) for roads and trails open to your type of ORV (ATV, Motorcycle, etc.) No water is available at this site.

#### **Upper Penstemon Campground**

Dependent of the pike Mountain Ski Area. This is a fee campground composed of 8 individual units and 1 group unit. Fee envelopes and a collection box are provided near the entrance and reservations are recommended. Sites are handicapped accessible, and campground amenities include a baseball diamond, horseshoe pits, and handicapped accessible toilets. The campground is well suited for motor homes, trailers, and tent camping. This area is popular in summer for trout fishing, hiking, and wildlife watching. There is a hiking trail at Elk Butte Spring that heads south to the Pike Mountain viewpoint. No water is available at this site. We would suggest that if you have a long trailer that you avoid this campground as most spots are short and will not accommodate you.

## Places to Visit

While in the South Hills, there are a few places you can go visit should the desire hit you. All of these are in riding distance of Porcupine Springs Campground or wherever you may be camping while at the event.

#### **Ross Falls**

Ross Falls is a small waterfall that is only a short drive from our camping area. The trail is only 1/3 of a mile in length and is rated as an easy hike. The trail begins at an incline but levels out briefly a couple of minutes later where a small stream presents itself. A wooden bench there invites hikers to enjoy the forest — so dense they can't see the vista beyond. Lush ferns reach for each other from either side, and sunlight filters through the trees. The reward for hikers at the end of the Ross Falls trail of course, a waterfall!

To get there, start at Diamondfield Jack Campground. From this location, just head north on the paved Rock Creek road and in 3.4 miles you will come to a <u>parking area</u> on the west side of the road. The hike starts on the south end of the parking area. Although it looks like there is a hiking trail that starts on the north end of the parking area, it is mostly an animal trail.



#### **The Hummingbird Sanctuary**

Tucked away in the South Hills of Sawtooth National Forest you will find <u>The Hummingbird Sanctuary</u>. Located on private property right along the road, volunteers take care of the location and fill the feeders with gallons of sugar water every week.

Hummingbirds stop over to refuel during their migration from Mexico to Canada. When you first arrive at its location, you'll feel like you discovered a hidden garden in the middle of the forest. Just one wooden sign beside the road marks the entrance. Inside there is a picnic table and a couple of benches to sit and watch the hummingbirds. The whole area is very peaceful in the trees next to the babbling creek.

Amy Larson, one our event hosts, has to go there several times each year and states that it is a must see. Why? Because the weekend that we are hosting the ISTVA event is one of the prime migration weekends and you are sure to see hundreds, yes, hundreds, of little birds fighting for their favorite fake flower to get a sip of that sugary goodness.

To get there – Start at Diamondfield Jack Campground and head down the paved Rock Creek Road until you come to the Magic Mountain Ski Resort. At the resort, you will see the 500 Road heading West. Take that road and continue west for 8.6 more miles.

When you get there, you will see a sign with "<u>Home of the Hummingbirds</u>" with benches and picnic tables. You will also find a donation box. We suggest leaving them a few bucks to help pay for sugar. In the peak portion of the season these thirsty creatures will drink **30 gallons** of sugar water a week! As the season dwindles down, they start to remove some of the feeders and in the fall, they remove them all.

Also, you will find a path headed West. Follow that walking past a few hundred yards and you will see some more feeders and benches!



#### The Spot

A really long time ago, on the 004\Third Fork ATV trail, some folks hauled a picnic table onto the trail. Well, the Fores Service for some reason removed it. A while back, after we whined and complained, a new picnic table was secured, and we hauled it back down to the location where some nice anonymous folks put up a sign that says "The Spot" and in the box under the sign you will find a sign-in sheet. Stop and have a break and fill out the sign-in sheet. You will need a 50" machine to access this trail.



#### The View

About five or so years ago we were able to talk the Forest Service into building us a new trail to allow ATV's to bypass two main roads. The trail is the 867\Jones Creek Connector and you will need a 50" machine to get to it. It wasn't long after the trail was build that another anonymous group of folks picked the perfect spot with a view and built some rudimentary benches and posted a sign called "The View." If you find it, you will agree, it has a heck of a view!



#### **Eagle Loop Hiking Trail**

The Eagle Loop hiking trail is a 2.4-mile loop trail that is very close to our event. Generally considered an easy route, it takes about an hour and a half to complete. This is a popular trail for birding, camping, and hiking, but you can still enjoy some solitude during quieter times of day. Amy Larson and her friends hike it at least once a year.

The easiest way to find it is to start the Diamondfield Jack Campground and walk down the paved Rock Creek road to the north. A few hundred yards down the road off to the west you will see the trail about 10 yards off the road. Jump on the trail right there and follow the loop. Amy, my wife, says that it is kind of hard to find in a few spots due to it going through several campgrounds. A GPS track is available by clicking here. Put it on your GPS or phone and follow the track and you won't get lost. A website with more information and a ton of photos can be found here.



#### **Moose Viewing Area**

Do you want to see a moose? If you come to the event and you don't see a moose, or a dozen, you were not looking around very well. Moose are really plentiful in our area and although they may seem slightly tame, they will still stomp you to pieces if you make them mad or get in between mama and her baby.

They are most plentiful with a few miles of the Porcupine Springs Campground. As you ride on the trails just keep your eyes open as they often can be right in the middle of the trail.

A guaranteed spot to find them in the morning or in the evening is near the road just between Diamondfield Jack Campground and the turnoff to turn into Porcupine Springs.

Looking down to the west you will see the creek with the beaver dams. Moose are most often found here in the morning and in the evening munching away at the food they find in the bottom of the water. If you are lucky, you will probably even see a youngster or two with mama. The bulls are sometimes harder to find, but you may see them as well! Here is the link to the Google Map location.



- 1. When is my registration due: Before June 6<sup>th</sup> so we can have everything ready in time.
- 2. Payment methods: Check for t-shirts and dinner. Cash or checks for raffle tickets.
- 3. Can anyone attend: No, you must belong to a club that is part of the ISATVUTV association.
- 4. I didn't want to buy dinner on Saturday night but now I do, can I still pay? If we have enough notice, and we think we can accommodate you, and you mail us a check by early July that might work...
- 5. **Cell service:** Very limited. Somewhat spotty at the following locations: At the top of road 507. The top of trail 017. On road 525 halfway between the intersection of trail 867 and the intersection of road 671.
- 6. **Fuel:** Bring what you think you will need. The only gas station close to camp is the <u>Rock Creek Store</u> located at the base of the mountain. You will pass it on the way. It is a 46 mile round trip if you run out of gas for your ATV\UTV.
- 7. **Water:** Although Diamondfield Jack Campground and Porcupine Springs Campground have running water, plan on bringing what you need in case the water is turned off for whatever reason.
- 8. **Outhouses:** Outhouses are located at every pay campground. They are also located on the east and west sides of the FS Flats dispersed camping area. We suggest bringing toilet paper due to the large number of folks that will be in attendance this weekend.
- 9. **Generators:** Allowed from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 10. **Dump stations:** None on the mountain. If you have a toy hauler or camper, plan accordingly. The closest one to the area is in <u>Hansen</u> and costs \$10.00 to use.
- 11. **Garbage.** Pack it in and pack it out is our official stance.
- 12. **Campfires.** Although we hope to have campfires, we may be under fire restrictions. Propane cooking and propane fire pits are always good-to-go.
- 13. **Dust:** Yes, it will be dusty. Unless it rains. Bring your mask.
- 14. **ATV gates:** Yes, most 50" trails are gated. If your machine is more than 52" wide with accessories you most likely will not be going through a few of the gates (most fit 54" though).
- 15. **Pets:** Pets are generally welcome, though, we do ask that you **do not bring them** to either the dessert social on Friday night or to the dinner\meeting on Saturday evening due to the large number of people that will be there. Other than that, they must be on a leash at all times. You must clean up after them.
- 16. **Alcohol:** Absolutely not tolerated during rides you will be asked to leave. Moderation is required at group events. Anyone close to being intoxicated will be asked to leave the event.
- 17. How do I buy raffle tickets: Cash or personal check.
- 18. **Behavior:** Proper behavior is requested. Remember, you represent your club. Please remember the two phrases "Please" and "Thank you!"
- 19. **Complaints:** The ride I went on was dusty, too long, too short, didn't see enough moose, not enough breaks, too many breaks, I didn't win a prize, my throttle thumb hurts, it was hot, my cell phone didn't work, I ran out of gas, I was late getting to my ride and they left me, etc. See item 18 ©

## **Contact Information**

#### **Primary Contact Person**

#### Aaron Larson - President

- **Email:** <u>aaron@atlcomputing.com</u> In the SUBJECT area use "State Ride" at the front with whatever else the topic is about so it gets filtered to the right folder.
- Telephone: 208-312-4867
  - Between May 1 to June 1:
    - Monday through Friday: Between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. due to work.
    - Weekends: Anytime between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
  - o June 2 to June 5:
    - Anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
  - o June 6 to June 17:
    - Do not call at all I will be in Africa Call the secondary contact person please! I will not even be able to check voice mail...
  - o June 18 to the beginning of the event
    - Pretty much between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- **Texting:** Any time except when I am in Africa. I'll reply when I can.

#### **Secondary Contact Individuals**

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## How to Reserve my Place in Line

Now that you have stuck with us this far, to add your name to the list, fill out our Google Form at the following link. We will notify you within the previously mentioned dates if we are able to accommodate your request to come to this year's event!

