

Ride Journal

Bayhorse Dedication Ride — September 12, 2009

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Six members of the Idaho Trail Riders attended the Bayhorse ATV Dedication Ride in Challis, Idaho on Saturday, September 12. About 60 were in attendance from all over the state. Below is a photo of the Salmon River across the street from the Challis Visitor's Center.



Photo on left is looking down the main street of the old town site of Bayhorse. Photo below is Ernie Lombard, retired architect from Con-

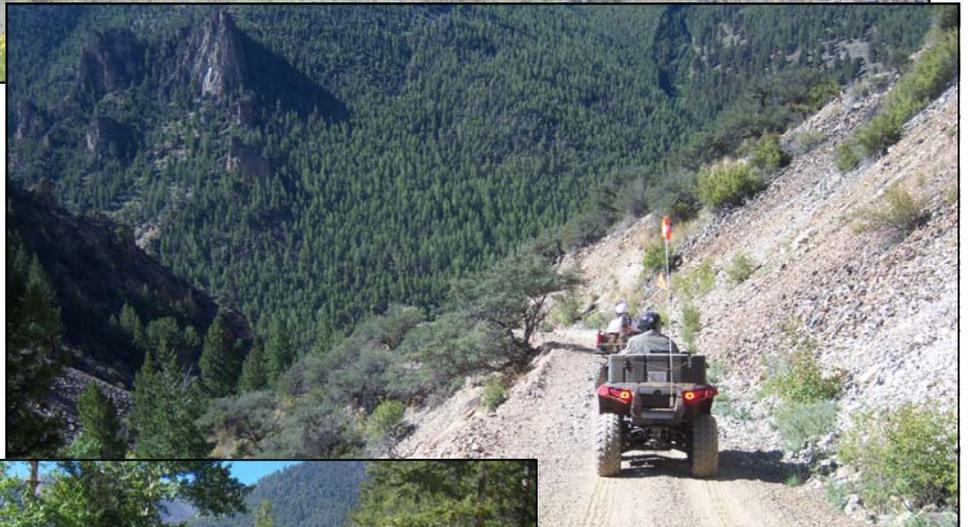
rad and Lombard Architects in Boise, and Dan Smith. Ernie an old-time dirt biker had a dream of converting the old Bayhorse town site into an



historical park and off-highway vehicle trail system using the old mining roads for trails. Ernie is a member of the Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation (IDPR) Board of Directors and was instrumental in seeing his dream come true. Dan works for the IDPR and manages the Challis's Visitor Center. He has also been a big supporter of developing the whole project.



Photo on left was taken from the trail overlooking Bayhorse (second photo). The trail above Bayhorse passes by several old mines (third photo) which have been fenced off; nevertheless, you can still see many of the mining structures. Interpretive signs are



posted along the way and throughout the town site. Brochures and maps are available. Ride difficulty is between beginner to expert. IDPR and the city

of Challis have done an excellent job in developing the area. They are in the process of building a connecting trail from Challis to Bayhorse from the Visitor's Center. Photo on right is Bayhorse Lake which is a great fishing lake (no boat motors allowed). There are campsites near the lake, but RVs cannot be any longer than 25 feet—road too steep and winding for vehicles any longer. Good job to everyone who helped with the project.

