

# Ride Journal - July 29, 2005 - Black Warrior Clean Up

## Ride Leader - Bill Jones

**BLACK WARRIOR TRAIL SYSTEM - Saturday, July 29.** The Forest Service requested us in June to give them a helping hand on the Black Warrior Trail. They needed assistance in moving some rocks and blasting debris off two different trail locations. Not knowing exactly what the trail conditions would be, I requested help from experienced riders that could handle the worst trail in Idaho. I was not wrong. The wash outs and rock slides were the worst that I have ever seen in all the time I have been riding. Two miles of the old trail was completely gone.

Saturday morning we met five people from the Idaho City Ranger District at the trailhead. The crew (Max Teasdale, Ray Ingram, Carl Bloomquist, Rusty and Jodie Faircloth and their son, Scott Dickson, Zee Miller and myself) headed up the trail to work. The washouts and rocks from the blasts made the road very rough. Not only that, the trees that we cut were burned and very tough. Ray cut one large tree that took him well over a half and hour to cut through with a 20 inch blade. This is not typical for Ray!!!

The new trail is partially flagged and the Parks & Recreation's SWEKO trail dozer will return after the next set of blasting rocks in the trail bed. This means more hand work. The Dutch Creek Work center was made available for us to camp in for the weekend which made life a little easier. I certainly appreciate everyone helping with this project. I believe the Forest Service employees were surprised to see as many as we had. — *Bill Jones*



**The Black Warrior Worker Bees!**



**The Faircloths!**