

Owyhee Clean-up Ride Journal

Saturday, April 22-25, 2010

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I was able to attend the Earth Day cleanup sponsored by the Kuna Club in the Murphy area from April 22-25. The Kuna, Boise, Canyon County, Emmett and Mountain Home clubs all had members come forward to assist in trail maintenance and cleanup of the area encompassing BLM land and Joyce Ranch property. Due to their cleanup efforts in the past two years they did not have as much trash to pick up and we were able to do more riding along with the cleanup. Beth lead the Kuna club with a ride up to the cabin on Paul Nettleton's ranch where they stocked the cabin with provisions donated by club members. They also gave the cabin a thorough clean up. Saturday night the Kuna club provided bird meat for a BBQ. Washington of the Mountain Home club prepped and cooked the chicken and we all consumed vast quantities of bird meat and trimmings. It was a gastronomical delight of the highest order. Saturday night we were all treated to a special visit by rancher and Boise club member, Paul Nettleton of the Joyce Ranch. He acknowledged his appreciation of our efforts in cleaning up the area with a secret special presentation of liquid libations which were enjoyed by all of our members present. M. J. Byrne of the Boise District BLM was also present to thank us for our efforts in the cleanup. Those photographed below are Ray Ingram, Haden Claiborne, Paul Nettleton, Rusty Faircloth, Travis Tyson (and son Trace), Elizabeth Gilman and Mary Byrne.

