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# Idaho Horse Council Newsletter Dec.2023

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This is a new newsletter that you can expect to see monthly. In our continued attempt to keep you updated on the workings of the IHC and keep our group as cohesive as possible. The newsletter will be used to communicate with members to share what committees are working on, important issues, and any new information.

## Expo

Idaho Horse Expo is coming up April 5-7<sup>th</sup>. The Expo Committee (headed by Dixie and John) is working hard to make this Expo one of the best. As in previous years, we will have numerous presenters, clinics, the cow dog competition, Extreme Trail Sports as well as the Road to the Horse. A new event that the organizers are working hard to add is a break away roping clinic for young riders. If you know of anyone would be interested in having a vender booth at Expo or would be a good sponsor, let the office know by email [idahohorsecouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:idahohorsecouncil@yahoo.com), [morganidahohorsecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:morganidahohorsecouncil@gmail.com), or phone (208) 465-5477.

## Youth Committee

The Youth Committee is working diligently on starting an Idaho Youth Horse Council. Gail Duke has a vision of helping youth that are interested in the horse industry find profitable futures. This will be a state wide organization, the IHC will be looking for adults who want to work with youth throughout the state. If you know anyone interested, please reach out to Gail (208) 793-3274.

## Trails

The Trails Committee headed by Dan Waugh has been making head way on protecting recreational trails. The committee has been working on legislation to help with funding nonmotorized trails, and received an invite to present to the Governors outdoor recreation fund advisory council. As well as making headway on working with other groups of recreationalists, which is a challenge as many groups of outdoorsmen and women don't interact well with each other.

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## Membership

The Membership Committee is working on putting together a video to help generate interest in the IHC. It will be a short video giving a general overview of benefits of being a member of the IHC. The goal is to have a something to show everywhere in the state. A radio station will also run a public service announcement to garner interest.

## What else is the IHC working on?

Another exciting project the IHC is working on is a state wide directory. Our goal is to have a physical directory, think yellow pages, for the state of Idaho and surrounding areas, as well as post it on our website. This will be a go to guide for anyone looking for anything from stallions to hay producers and everything in between. If you know of anyone who would like to be listed in the directory, feel free to pass on our contact information, [morganidahohorsecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:morganidahohorsecouncil@gmail.com), [idahohorsecouncil@yahoo.com](mailto:idahohorsecouncil@yahoo.com), or (208) 465-5477.

The IHC is redoubling its efforts to bring information to members and nonmembers alike, part of that is posting events on our webpage calendar. If you know of any activities you would like to see on the online calendar, let us know at [morganidahohorsecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:morganidahohorsecouncil@gmail.com) or call the office with your event, 208-465-5477.

If you have any feed back please let us know!