

**Many THANKS for these recent generous contributions to FOBM!**

- REI for a \$10,000 grant to fund trail maintenance and upkeep. Support REI, they are the best!
- DelHur Industries for widening & grading the road to the Skyline Trailhead, and the volunteers who helped with this project.
- Eagle Scout Daniel Varnum-Lowry for building and installing two new bulletin boards at our trailheads.

**Badger Mountain Time Trial Event, Sunday, September 25, 12:00-3:00**

Watch cyclists zoom along 4 miles of your favorite mountain trails, with best viewing places being the finish line at the West Summit, the top of the Canyon Trail, and the end of the Sagebrush Trail. **Impact on trails:**

- Entire Skyline trail CLOSED from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, meaning "Trailhead Park Loop" is also closed.
- Canyon Trail is OPEN, as is the Sagebrush Trail (to the intersection with Skyline).
- All patrons should use CAUTION on the mountain and especially in the summit areas where there are a few blind spots (East Summit in particular, around the last corner).
- You can find further information at the [Benton County Web site](#) and at the [Chinook Cycling Club](#), where you can also register to enter the ride.

**Come on Out for Launch of Fall Trail Work - Saturday, Oct. 15**

*From our Trailmaster, Jim Langdon* -- Plans for fall trail work are to add rocks along the edge of the Sagebrush Trail and then top it with gravel. Also, to widen and do general maintenance on the Skyline Trail. There will be work parties every weekend as long as the weather allows, and there will be work going on mid-week, as well. On **Saturday, October 15th** we'll meet near the Trailhead Park restrooms at **9:00 AM**. As always, bring work gloves, water, and snacks, and dress for the weather. We'll provide the tools. I'll send out emails announcing all the work parties. To be added to my list, [send me an email](#). If you plan to join a work party, it helps that you sign up via e-mail so I can plan the work and have enough tools available.

The generous grant from REI will be used for various trail needs, to purchase a second gravel hauler, and to upgrade the drive mechanism on the Badger Tram. **If you know something about hydraulic drives get a hold of me.**

We had over 2000 wonderful hours of volunteer help for last season's trail work, but we still have work to complete. **I especially need helpers mid-week.** We'd very much appreciate your help. *Jim Langdon, [Trailmaster](#), 943-3992*

**Road Widened and Leveled**

No doubt you've noticed -- a great team came together recently to renovate and upgrade the driveway leading from Dallas Road to the parking area at the Westgate Portal (Skyline Trail). FOBM board President David Comstock, working with staff from Benton County, coordinated contributions from DelHur Industries and a host of

volunteers. They completed this long-desired project, leveling and widening this road to the parking area for the Skyline trailhead.

### Special Events Coming Up

- Saturday, September 24, 9:00 - 2:00 PM - National Public Lands Day. Hood Park Nature Area, intersection of Hwys 124 & 12, Burbank. Help create a new trail and build and install sun shelters and park benches in one of our area's special open spaces. For more information: <http://www.publiclandsday.org/>
- Saturday, October 15 9:00 AM - Launch of fall trail work, continuing as long as the weather holds
- Saturday, October 29, 10 AM - 1:00 PM, "Trick or Treat on the Trail." Come in costume and sign up after 9:15 AM at Trailhead Park with the [YMCA of the Greater Tri-Cities](#).
- December 10 - Alternative Gift Fair, CUUC, Noon - 4:00 PM. A great way to do your holiday shopping.
- Early Winter 2012 - 2nd Annual FOBM Celebration, GooseRidge Winery
- March 30 & 31, 2nd Annual "Badger Mountain Challenge" -- 15K, 50K, and 100 mile races!
- Spring -- look for walks with learning about our lovely wildflowers.

Look on our [Friends of Badger Mt. Web site](#) for more information on these activities.

### Support and Renew

Your membership or gift supports our work to:

- Preserve special ridge land in the mid-Columbia region
- Build and maintain trails for non-motorized recreation
- Undertake efforts to increase enjoyment of the ridges

You can [download a membership and contribution form \(PDF\)](#) and mail it in, or you can make a contribution online from the home page of [our Web site](#) (look for the Donate Now logo). Memberships, new or renewals, received after 10/1/2011 mean you're in good standing for 2012. If you're not sure of your membership status, contact our membership chairperson [Gretchen Makinson](#).

See you on the trails, and even better with a tool in your hand! With warm regards on behalf of the Board of Directors for the [Friends of Badger Mountain](#),

Sharon Grant  
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(Banner photograph: Sunset from the top of Badger Mt. on the fall equinox, 2007.)

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