



Hello trail enthusiasts! The sun has been shining, the temps rising, & the snow has been melting quickly (then dropping another foot on us... then melting again). While high-country adventures aren't in full-swing yet, BV trails are! Get out there & enjoy 'em! Other than riding, running, & rafting (the ever-important 3 R's), here's what we have going on this month:

Upcoming Events:

Strawberry Supermoon Hike

- Tues. 6/14, 8:00 pm. Join us for a ~5 mile hike up Midland Hill to view the Strawberry Supermoon! We'll meet by North Bridge & take South Whipple up to Midland Hill. This hike gains about 1,600 feet in elevation. Sturdy hiking boots/shoes & headlamps are highly recommended.

Trail Work Day

- Sat. 6/25, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. Join the Trail Maintenance Crew [HERE](#). There's more info below, but here's the gist - we want to ensure that our trails stay in great shape, & we like getting stinky, sweaty, & dirty. So if that's your jam as well, join out Maintenance Crew! We're planning on maintenance work days every final Saturday of the month, & will have additional opportunities as we begin construction on some new trails (once fully approved).

Other Happenings:

We've had a change in leadership. Craig Piefer has stepped down as Executive Director, & I (Jason Maher) have taken over as the Interim Director. Craig will still be involved w/ BVSC in a major way, helping lead many of our trail work days, & we can't thank him enough for the time & devotion he put into our organization. As for me, I will be working on continuing BVSC's mission of building & maintaining an amazing trail system, while promoting our wonderful town as well. We will be looking to hire a full-time Executive Director this fall (more details to come about this position later), but until then, I'm excited to keep building momentum for BVSC!

New trail developments: Building a new trail is a process & not as rapidly-moving as one might expect. One major step in trail production is conducting an archeological study to determine the environmental impact of a proposed trail. Through the generous donations of you all, as well as our 1% businesses & other local sponsors, we were able to speed up this process by hiring a survey team to come out & conduct this study. So a process that can take upwards of a few years was accomplished in a few months! Their report has been finalized & submitted to BLM for final approval. Once we get the go-ahead from BLM, we'll be ready to break ground!

Speaking of funding, huge shout-out to the Buena Vino Wine Fest! Buena Vino raised nearly \$10,000 that will be reinvested into our community, providing funding for both local trails & the BV Whitewater Park. Already looking forward to next year's event!

Have you purchased a bottle of Trail Forge whiskey yet? This potent potable is available at both Eddyline & Deerhammer Distillery. All proceeds are being donated to help us continue to grow our trail system! (And has been personally tested & approved by yours truly! - all in a day's work...)

We're looking for a Trail Maintenance Crew! Do you love swinging a pick, getting dirty & sweaty, & keeping our trails in pristine condition? If so, we want you!!! Starting Sat. 6/25, we'll be doing monthly rehab work on our trails every last Saturday of the month. If you're interested in joining the team (for this or future trail work days), please complete this FORM.

We want to hear from you! Please take a minute to fill out this SURVEY, which will provide us with valuable information about local trail usage & where we have opportunities to grow. Those that complete the survey by June 30th will be entered into a drawing to win a BVSC Swag Bag!

We're excited to announce that BVSC is now a member of the Colorado Mountain Bike Coalition! The CMBC is a collection of non-profit trail groups, working together to help expand trail access & bring a positive impact to our communities. While "Mountain Bike" is in their name, we are confident that this coalition will provide us with resources & support that will benefit all trail users, not just those of the two-wheeled variety.

New merchandise coming soon! Custom BVSC socks from Primal Wear will be arriving this month & will be available for purchase on our website! Stay tuned!

Did You Know?

Part of our mission is to build sustainable trails. What makes a trail sustainable? The Park Service defines a sustainable trail as one that:

- Supports recreation today and tomorrow with minimal impact on nearby ecosystems.
- Leaves soil intact, allowing vegetation to inhabit the area.
- May require pruning or removal of nearby plants to ensure proper trail construction and maintenance.
- Doesn't harm wildlife.
- Requires a minimal amount of trail maintenance.

While this does require additional time & money to build a trail, we at BVSC are happy to contribute to responsible trail use & our community, visitors, & trail systems continue to grow!

Thanks for all of your support!



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