

# Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association Winter 2022-2023 Newsletter



## *Greetings and Happy New Year!*

With the 2022 mountain biking season now behind us, we'd like to reflect a little on the last season and look ahead to the next one. In our first year as an IMBA local chapter, we are growing as an organization and starting to reach our stride, with some big plans for 2023. We wish you a most excellent winter whether you're sliding on P-Tex, packing down trails on a fat bike, or headed south for some sun. Happy New Year!



## THE LATEST SIMBA NEWS

**CDT Segment Adopters.** In June, SIMBA officially adopted three segments of the Continental Divide Trail in a cooperative agreement with the Continental Divide Trail Coalition and the Salmon-Challis National Forest. Segment 460 (Flume Creek), Segment 453 (Bannock Pass to Grizzly Hill), and Segment 451 (Deadman Pass to Elk Mountain) comprise some of the most epic rides high on the Idaho/Montana border along the crest of the Beaverhead Range. We'll be having periodic work days between June and September to clear deadfall and do basic trail maintenance on this spectacular trail.



**Thanks to our volunteers.** We appreciate all those who helped out on the 2022 trail work days, including projects on the Discovery Hill Trails, the CDT-Deadman Pass reroute, the Middle Fork Little Timber Creek Trail, and the CDT realignment north of Big Hole Pass. It's amazing what can be accomplished with a crew of motivated volunteers, along with our partner organizations such as Youth Employment Program, Salmon Valley Stewardship, North Fork Trail Alliance, the Student Conservation Association, the BLM, and the USFS. Our trail networks are getting better and better every year!



**LVCF Grant Winner.** We're stoked that SIMBA was the recipient of a \$1000 grant from the Lemhi Valley Community Foundation for the purchase of trail tools. We intend these tools to be used during group and individual trail work days. Need a hand saw to clear your favorite trail? We're planning to set up a system in 2023 to lend out tools for individuals to use for trail stewardship.



**Membership Drive and Raffle Winners.** Thanks to all who became members of SIMBA in 2022 - you rock! During our Fall membership drive, SIMBA raffled off some amazing artwork by our very own local artist Dr. Deutchman, along with some prizes donated by Odd Fellows' Bakery. And the winners were... Britney Miller, Eric Aiello, Bill Baer, Bill Baer (yes, he won 2 times), and Shae Kosmalski. Thanks everybody for helping to support SIMBA!

## TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

***CDT - Bannock Pass to Elk Mountain.*** The newest section of CDT singletrack is just east of Leadore, between Bannock Pass and Deadman Pass. Last summer, the Youth Employment Program completed the 2-year project, funded by an RTP grant in partnership with Lemhi County, resulting in an 6.3-mile section of machine-built singletrack to replace the previous CDT route along a steep, rocky 2-track. Check it out on [Trailforks](#).



What this means is that the ride from Bannock Pass to Elk Mountain is now primarily high quality, rideable singletrack with huge views! This challenging 11-mile route climbs over 3,000 feet, and it may leave you sucking wind at 10,098 feet, as you've just reached the highest point along the CDT on the Idaho/Montana border. Descend the way you came up, or drop down into Hawley Creek with a shuttle. Ride Leadore!



## COMING UP IN 2023

**January 21: Mid-Winter Mountain Bike Film Fest and Bike Party.** Join SIMBA on January 21 for the Mid-Winter Mountain Bike Film Fest and Bike Party, 6-9pm at the Sacajawea Center in Salmon. No better time than the middle of winter to celebrate trails, community, and epic rides! More information to come, but expect there to be food, drink, inspiring movies, bike events, and prizes.

**May 13: The Nine-and-a-Half Hours of Disco.** After a 3-year hiatus, we're bringing back the Disco mountain bike endurance race! We will be modifying the original 12 and 24 Hours of Disco format to a new, slightly shorter format. This year's event will be in conjunction with the annual Spring Flowers celebration. Stay tuned for more details.

**Women's Mountain Bike Clinic.** SIMBA will be holding a 2-day women's mountain bike clinic in 2023, dates TBD. Stay tuned for more information.

**SIMBA monthly group rides.** SIMBA will be holding monthly group rides, starting in April 2023, at various locations around Salmon. This is a great way to learn some new trails and meet other local mountain bikers.



**Trail Work Days.** A number of trail work days will be scheduled for 2023 - stay tuned. Join us for a trail work day. We'll provide the tools and endless conversation about bikes and local mountain bike trails in generally awesome locations. Maybe even food.



## GET IN TOUCH

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***Interested in becoming a member?*** Join us for the ride! Your membership helps to fund operating costs and equipment, and makes this all possible. When you join, you become a member of the SIMBA local chapter of IMBA. Most of your membership dues stay right here with the local community, and you will get some nice perks from IMBA as well. To join, visit [our website!](https://salmonidahomtb.org)

## ***Have a great riding season in 2023!***

And we wish you many, many epic rides! See you on the trails!



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