

# Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association

## Summer 2025 Newsletter



### SUMMER VIBES

It's HOT out there, and we hope you've been cooling off in the high country with some epic mountain bike rides. No better time to ride your favorite trails and explore new ones. Keep scrolling for a few updates and upcoming events from SIMBA!



### SIMBA NEWS

**DISCO 2025.** The 2025 Nine-and-a-Half Hours of Disco Mountain Bike Endurance Race at Discovery Hill on May 10 was a wee bit warm, and the wind made things interesting, but what a great event it was! This was our biggest race yet, with 171 participants in the 9.5-hour race, 22 participants in the Kids Race, and 19 "Hot Lappers." CONGRATS to all, whether you did 1 lap or 10, kudos to all who brought the stoke and great costumes, and a HUGE thanks to all of our sponsors and volunteers who helped put this race on. Results and race photos are posted at the [Disco Race Website](#).



**DISCO SIGN PROJECT.** The Disco Sign Project is DONE! With the help of 17 awesome volunteers, all remaining trail signs were installed on our Earth Day Trail Work Day in late April and one final work day in early May. In addition to the new trail signs, a new trail map was installed at the Discovery Hill Trailhead, as well as a Bike Fixit Station, funded by racer permit fees from the Disco Race. YE SHALL NEVER GET LOST AT DISCO AGAIN!! Huge thanks to the volunteers who helped out, and to the BLM for their support!



**2025 TRAIL WORK.** SIMBA is continuing to focus on clearing and maintenance of non-motorized trails in the Salmon area. 2025 highlights so far include drainage work on the Discovery Hill trails, tread improvements on the Wagonhammer Trails and the Rattlesnake Ridge Trail (the Double R), and clearing of over 200 fallen trees (so far...) from various trails including Powderhouse Trail, Rattlesnake Ridge Trail, Thunder Mountain Trail, the CDT, and the Twelvemile trails. If you have a particular trail that you'd like to be cleared or maintained, let us know! If you'd like to help out, join us for a trail work day, or get in touch.



## TRAIL SPOTLIGHT

**Continental Divide Trail: Anderson Mountain to Big Hole Pass.** The 11-mile long section of the CDT from Anderson Mountain to Big Hole Pass is great and just keeps getting better. This section of trail has seen numerous improvements by the Salmon-Challis National Forest, its partners, and volunteers over the past decade. Sections of trail that used to follow the ridgeline, with needless steep climbs followed by steep descents and no net elevation gain, have been re-routed on sustainable contouring grades, and switchbacks have turned what used to be steep, eroded hike-a-bike grunts into enjoyable flowing singletrack.



This portion of the CDT goes through lodgepole forests, old burned areas, new burned areas, hillside meadows, and open ridges. Much of this section of trail burned during the 2021 Trail Creek Fire, and drainage work was implemented by the Forest Service following that fire to help minimize trail erosion. Recent work this summer by the Forest Service (and upcoming work in partnership with the Continental Divide Trail Coalition - SEE BELOW!) has included converting log drainage structures into grade reversals, resulting in not only better, more sustainable drainage, but better flow for mountain bikers as well. 4 years post-fire, the trail is in great shape, and the mid-summer fireweed is amazing.

Although recent improvements have made this section of trail easier to ride, it's still a challenging backcountry trail, with plenty of elevation gain and some steep climbs. The preferred riding direction is north to south, in order to avoid a section of hike-a-bike east of Nez Perce Ridge. Many riders use this trail to access the Threemile Ridge Trail from the Anderson Mountain Road, a classic shuttle ride ending in Gibbonsville. For a longer, but equally classic ride, use this trail to shuttle Sheep Creek Trail from Anderson Mountain Road. For a shorter ride with great views, try an out-and-back from Anderson Mountain Road or Big Hole Pass.

Keep in mind that this portion of the CDT is open to motorized use, so expect to see a few motorcycles. As always in this neck of the woods, beware of post-fire hazards, including falling trees. And enjoy the huge views down into the North Fork Salmon River drainage!

Check out TRAILFORKS for more info about this section of trail.

<https://www.trailforks.com/trails/cdt-three-mile-ridge/>

<https://www.trailforks.com/trails/cdt-big-hole-pass/>



## COMING UP!

**August 7-10, 2025: CDTC Volunteer Trail Event at Anderson Mountain:** Join the Continental Divide Trail Coalition (CDTC) for 3 days of trail work - improving drainage and tread on a classic section of the CDT south of Anderson Mountain. Visit [cdtcoalition.org](https://cdtcoalition.org) for more info and to register.

**August 16, 2025: SIMBA Trail Work Day: CDT Re-route South of Lemhi Pass:** Join SIMBA to help the Youth Employment Program (YEP) with the finish work on some brand new machine-built singletrack at 9,000+ feet in elevation. Please RSVP for more info.

**September 12-14, 2025: Lost Trail Bike Fest & Shuttle Extravaganza.** Join our neighbors, the Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclists, for backcountry shuttle-access riding on the Warm Springs Trails, along with camping, food, raffle, and music at Lost Trail Ski Area. Tickets available [HERE](#).

**September 27, 2025: National Public Lands Day.** It's hard to believe that Fall is right around the corner, but it is. Stay tuned for more info on a local SIMBA trail work day (and potentially a group ride), tentatively scheduled for National Public Lands Day on September 27. Get in touch for more info.

**The HUB of Salmon TAPROOM is now open!** Go visit SIMBA's long-time local sponsor, the Hub of Salmon. Bike sales, service, and now beer and wine on the outdoor patio. Visit [thehubofsalmon.com](https://thehubofsalmon.com) for info and hours.

## SUPPORT SIMBA!

Join us for the ride! There are many ways to support your local Mountain Bike Association - attend an event, volunteer at a Trail Work Day, make a donation, become a member, or just get in touch and let's chat trails. Membership dues help to fund operating costs and equipment, making this all possible. Membership is through the SIMBA local chapter of IMBA - if you choose to become a member, most of your membership dues stay right here with the local community, and you will get some nice perks from IMBA as well. THANK YOU MEMBERS!!

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***MAY YOUR SUMMER BE FULL OF EPIC RIDES! SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS!***

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