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Saw Cert.

Topic: Saw Cert.

Author: Simon Harding

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Simon Harding : 2/16/2009; 8:05:05 PM

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I do not want to be the one to do it, but do you think something should be posted here about the Saw Cert. class?

I also have an idea for a season kick off that same weekend....

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Re: Saw Cert.

Donovan : 2/16/2009; 9:35:58 PM

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I don't know. I don't think we will be seeing any new volunteers this year anyway. The work's too hard, I guess. At any rate, I think those who need to know are already in the loop.

As for a kick off, sure.
Private channel.

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Re: Saw Cert.

Pete Giordano : 2/20/2009; 5:37:32 PM

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O.K. I'll bite. What's involved with a "Saw Cert. Class"? Is this required to be an official volunteer or is it o.k. to go cut some stuff on your own on a trail without the cert?

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Re: Saw Cert.

Donovan : 2/22/2009; 5:02:40 PM

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The Cert is required when using a chain saw or crosscut (large). Class is a day long event, morning class, afternoon everyone runs up to the woods and saws. FS staff observe, comment, and decide what level to certify.

It is not necessary to Cert to have a Volunteer Agreement. Agreement volunteers are insured, receive a one year trail pass after 16 hours contribution, and are provided some equipment.

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Re: Saw Cert.**Simon Harding** : 2/24/2009; 7:17:58 PMReads: 304, Responses: 1 ([↩](#) view responses to this item)

You left out the part about having the tracking and "discipline" chip implanted in the left thigh muscle and the bar code tattoo on the back of the neck (for inventory purposes).

And we get all the cheap beer we want, provided we buy it, and transport and saws and saw gas and oil and chains and wedges and axes and chaps and boots and tin pants and coats and files and Pulaskis and McLeods and shovels and food and (non beer) drink, ourselves!

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Re: Saw Cert.**Donald Presley** : 2/24/2009; 10:14:41 PMReads: 310, Responses: 0 ([↩](#) view responses to this item)

The chip and the tattoo are to get us on track for the government's paperless agenda as well as keeping track of rogue volunteers who wander around aimlessly searching for the "lost trails" of the Clackamas high country.

The carrying of all the gear and more importantly the use of such gear in the maintenance of the district's trails gives not only a lean physique to die for, but the satisfaction of knowing that we are continuing the legacy of those who built the trails. Not to mention as an added bonus, we will be able to use the same tools as they did a hundred years ago (i.e. crosscut saws and axes) in the new wilderness areas of our district, soon to be designated by our politicians in the east. It is all 'for the greater good', a quote a read somewhere, but can't recollect from where.

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