

BCHA Member Makes Crosscut Saws Available

By Darrell Wallace

BCH Washington member Tom Faubion has a deal for you: he will **GIVE** you a crosscut saw if you agree to use it clearing trails – no hanging it on a wall for decoration! Tom collects old saws, cuts them down to a usable size, sharpens them and puts a “D” handle on them – all at his own expense. He has been sharpening saws since he attended Saw Filer training at Nine Mile Remount Station in Montana over ten years ago, and many Washington sawyers will testify to his skills.

Tom objects to the shipping costs of about \$100 per saw, so you may have to foot that bill; but if you can arrange for your National Director to bring it home to you, Tom and Darrell are arranging to bring saws to Casper, Wyoming this April for the NBM. Most of these saws are 42”, which cut 36” logs very well, and all have a helper handle for two-person sawing as desired. If you need a longer saw, you will need to indicate the reasons. Tom points out that these crosscut saws are useful not only in Wilderness; they can be started easily, need neither gas nor extra chains, and are light to carry.

Tom’s conditions for gifting each saw:

1. The saws are only given to a specific sawyer and not to an organization; it has been my experience that an organization’s equipment is not the responsibility of anyone and the care of that equipment is left to someone else with unfortunate results;
2. Each sawyer must be Certified to use the saw on a Land Manager’s property; the Certification must be achieved through an organization with a USFS Saw Agreement and must include the requirements for accountability set forth by the Uniform Saw Policy of the USFS;
3. Each saw is reconditioned and filed to pretty good specifications; that does not mean that they are perfect; they are only as perfect as I can make them;
4. Each Sawyer must commit to use the saw on clearing logs from public trails and not to just hang the saw on walls of barns;
5. Each Sawyer must commit to proper care of the saw as follows:
 - a. Do not cut dirt or rocks if it can be avoided;
 - b. Clean all wood debris off the teeth when you are through sawing for the day;
 - c. Oil the saw and hang it from a finishing nail so it hangs straight;
 - d. Do not leave the saw hanging in the rain or an unprotected area;
 - e. When it needs to be tuned up, make sure the filer has the expertise to file it;
6. If you quit working on trails get the saw to someone who will respect it or get it back to me and I will re-assign it to someone who will work on the trails;

7. Each of the saws was donated to me for the purpose of putting them back to work on the trails; that is my commitment to the donor and I will expect the same commitment from each of you;
8. Each Saw is identified with the name of the donor; I can provide contact information to you if a Sawyer wants to write to thank the Donor and assure them that the saw is working in the woods;
9. With proper care these saws will cut many logs before needing to be refilled; as your experience increases you will be able to tell when it needs to be fine-tuned;
10. These saws are going out to members of BCHA and partner organizations. and independent sawyers; greet all sawyers and trail workers as family and work in harmony with them; the saw they are using may just be the other half of your saw.
11. These saws are not on loan. They will belong to the Sawyer.

In order to apply for one or more saws, contact Darrell Wallace dlwallace700@gmail.com. If you wish to have the saw delivered to Casper, you will need to apply before March 8th.

