

## **SHASTA-TRINITY BACKCOUNTRY TRAIL CREW**

### **APRIL 2011 OVERVIEW**

#### **DAVID WEAVER: SUPERVISOR**

Well, at long last we have reached the kickoff to the 2011 Backcountry season. After much anticipation, ambiguity, and a week long delay, we 17 folks are meeting with smilin' faces, loaded backpacks, and a chaffing itch to get the season underway... But First, One solid week of training!! We are undertaking a long, hard, treacherous enterprise worthy of rigid preparation. We learned the Backcountry standards and expectations, stock use (horses and mules), and journal writing, among other things. We also got supplied with a great stock pile of books with which to make our Backcountry library! We are now feeling well prepared and chompin' at the bit to strap on our packs and head for the New River area of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Long days, short nights of sleep, wet weather, hot weather, mosquitoes, rattlesnakes, and poison oak await us but we will not be deterred. It is our destiny to push through the pains and discomforts and reap the benefits of intangible lessons and skills learned, along with some serious fun and adventure. So without further adieu, we're off to meet Mike McFadin and his gang of Forest Service folks who will be our liaisons for the season!

**CURRICULUM:** EEO, Violence in the Workplace, Health and Safety, Journal Writing, and Stock Safety