

2011

**BICYCLE TRESPASS IN THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS AREA AND
SURROUNDING WILD LANDS**

A resolution for the 2011 Back Country Horsemen of Montana convention.

Sponsored by the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead and the East Slope Back Country Horsemen.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Back Country Horsemen of Montana is to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness; and

WHEREAS, section 4(c) of the 1964 Wilderness Act strictly forbids the use of mechanical transport, including bicycles; and

WHEREAS, members of the Back Country Horsemen have witnessed ever increasing trespass from bicycles, which compromises the wilderness character of the Bob Marshall Wilderness and surrounding wild lands categorized as proposed wilderness areas in the Forest Service Management Plans; and

WHEREAS, these areas are mandated by law to be managed as Wilderness; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the 1128 members of the Back Country Horsemen of Montana urge the United States Forest Service; Forest Supervisors and District Rangers within the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex and proposed wilderness areas to enforce the law and stop any illegal trespass and use of any mechanized transport, including bicycles; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, Northern Region Forester and all of the above said land managers by the Chairman of the Back Country Horsemen of Montana.