

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

OUR PURPOSE:

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

SLOUGH CREEK CABIN PROJECT : SEPTEMBER 5-8

Contact: Henry Glenn 578-2084

BCHMT STATE BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 9

Broken Arrow Steak House, Deer Lodge

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 21, 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : SEPTEMBER 21, 7:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:



Hello everyone,

I'm sorry this will be so short and I was so slow getting it out. I've had some health issues and this week my oldest and very best friend came to visit for the week. To say it's been hectic would be an understatement!

As I write this, Dan P. and crew are up at Cache Creek installing steel hitch rails with the remaining monies from the RAC grant. This will be the third trailhead we've improved with hitch rails this summer. Besides the weekly trail maintenance, that's not a bad Summer's work for such a small group as ours! Henry still has plans for improvements to the Slough Creek Cabin but I'm not sure if a date has been set. There is a cabin to sleep in and the fishing is GREAT over there. Give him a call at 578-2084 for more info.

I mentioned at the beginning that this was going to be short. So... 'Till next time.

Happy trails and Via con Dios.

—John

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17**

ROLE CALL

John Mutter, Tamara Erickson, Carmen Matzick, Dan Porter, Carl Blaskovich, Dan Marsh, Rich Inman, Lawrence Van Dyke, Sharon Fraser and Henry Glenn were present. Rich Inman is standing proxy for Mike Haugan.

Motion to pass May meeting minutes was made by Dan Marsh, Rich Inman seconded the motion and the motion passed and the minutes were approved.

FINANCE REPORT

Sharon Fraser reported on the account balances. John Mutter made a motion to pay outstanding bills submitted to Sharon, Tamara Erickson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Two newsletters were received.

MEMBERSHIP

Three new memberships were received, Vernon Campbell and Mary Brauer, Swep and Brenda Davis and Josh Quinlan.

ISSUES:

A meeting will be held September 23rd for Forest Service revision feedback specifically for wild and scenic rivers.

TRAILS

Wednesday trail crew cleared a scenic portion of the Buffalo Horn trail.

MISC BUSINESS

Henry Glenn mentioned some changes in the Livingston area Forest Service. He also mentioned that because so many board members will reach their three year term limit this year, we get an early start on developing a good nominating committee this year and begin.

Carmen Matzick made a motion to give Tamara Erickson a gift certificate for help with the poker ride, Dan Porter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

GALLATIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP

Dan Porter reported that recommendations for different areas are still being hashed out. Feedback is still needed. Dan brought maps for consideration. A discussion was held and several ideas were passed around by the group.

RAC HITCHING RAIL PROJECT

The Cache Creek project is still underway and the date is set for August 26th. Dan Porter made a motion that if we run short of funding, the club supplement costs of up to \$100. Carmen Matzick seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Carmen Matzick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rich Inman seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Tamara Erickson

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17**

Carmen Matzick made a motion to pass the July minutes, Molly Glenn seconded the motion and the motion passed.

PROGRAM

Julie Cunningham of Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks presented a very interesting program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John reported on finances.

TRAIL CREW

Larry reported that the trail crew is winding down for the year. Larry and Rich reported on Forest Service packing trips and packing opportunities.

PROGRAM

Next Month's Program will be Bev Dixon speaking about the Forest Service Plan Revision. Travis Horton from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks will be speaking about invasive mussels in Montana in October.

GALLATIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP

Dan Porter and John Mutter have been participating in meetings, representing GVBCH. Recommendations for different areas are still being hashed out. Feedback is still needed. Dan brought maps for consideration. A discussion was held and several ideas were passed around by the group. Please contact Dan Porter or John Mutter if you have feedback to contribute.

RAC GRANT

Cache Creek Hitch Rail project date is set for August 26th. Please contact Dan Porter if you're interested in participating. The hitching rail installation should only take a couple hours and there are excellent opportunities for riding for those wishing to bring their horses.

POKER RIDE

Volunteers are needed to help write thank you cards. Dee Dee, Carmen and Dan agreed to help write thank you letters to Poker Ride sponsors. Please contact Carmen Matzick if you are willing to help write Poker Ride thank you cards.

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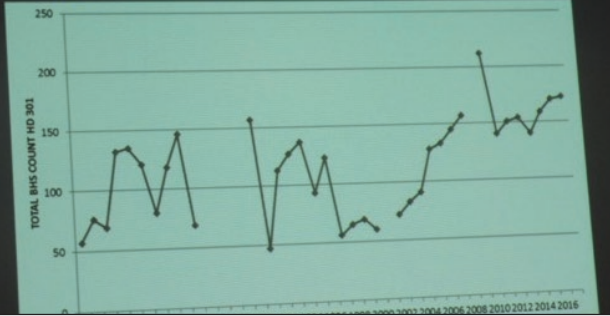
Henry Glenn reported that the Slough Creek project is on. It is an easy ride, 14 miles each way. A 3 day trip is planned. Henry and Molly will cook. Lawrence has agreed to help pack, but you may need to provide your own pack animal and will need to bring your own sleeping bag and other supplies. No dates have been set yet. Please contact Henry Glenn if you are interested in participating. The dates will be held before September 15th.

Henry Glenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Molly Glenn seconded the motion, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

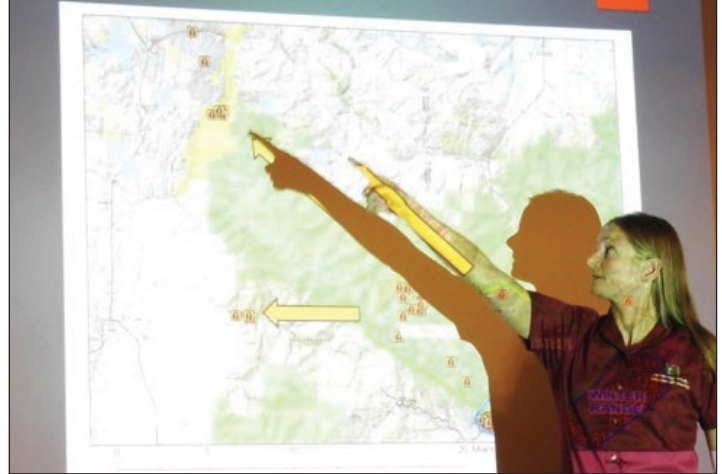
—Submitted by Tamara Erickson

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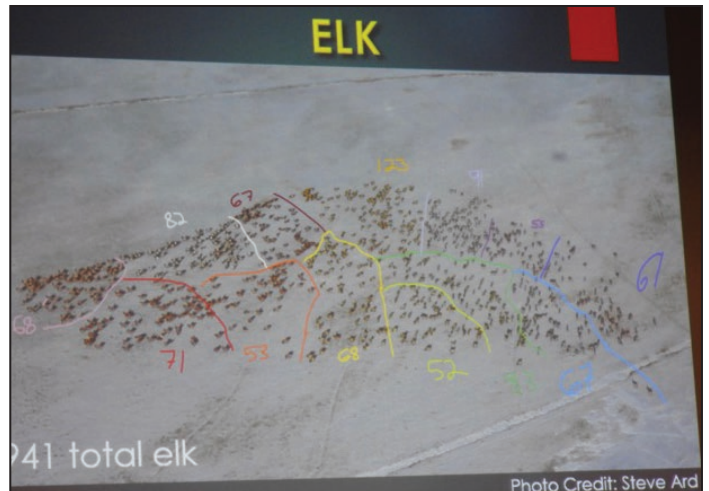
- Good count, 172 sheep with 47 rams (27 were 3⁺ curl or greater) and 23 lambs: 100 ewes
- 2nd highest count ever



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CACHE CREEK HITCHING RAILS

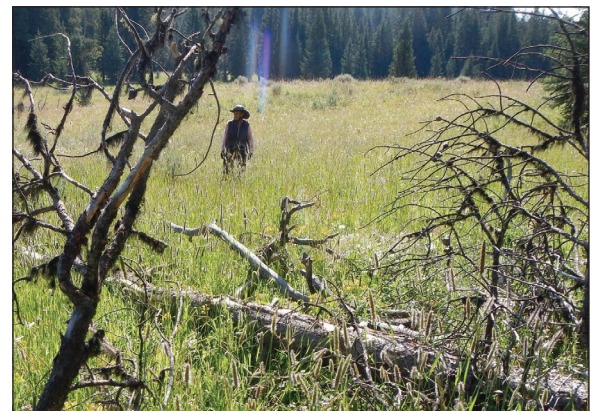
On Saturday August 26th a crew of eight GVBCH members used the rest of our Cache Creek RAC grant to install two hitch rails built by Mountainview Metalworks at a couple of designated camping areas frequently used by horsemen about a quarter mile from the Cache Creek Corrals. The crew consisted of Dan Porter who was in charge of the operation along with Rich Inman, Larry Thomas, Dan Marsh, Tom Lamb, Chris Nygren and Dal & Tamara Erickson. We were joined by William Bennet of the Forest Service who stopped by to inspect our work. We had a beautiful day and Dal and Tamara went on a ride after the project. On our way out we inspected the corrals at Cache and Sage to see how they were holding up. The Hebgen District put up some really nice signs to recognize us for the corrals at Cache Creek and Sage Creek. —Dan Porter





WEDNESDAY TRAIL CREW

On August 16 the Wednesday crew led by Larry Thomas with his small but enthusiastic crew of Rich Inman, Ron Rohletter and Dan Marsh cleared 12.5 miles of trail. We started on Buffalo Horn #1 to the strangely named Lindley Center to Highland trail that goes over to the cabin then on Dailey Creek #100 then to the Sky Rim Trail over to Dailey Pass #57 then back to Buffalo Horn #1. We cut out 25 trees and Rich walked back the last couple of miles clearing out water bars and diversions. We had lunch overlooking YNP and the view was spectacular and clear of smoke. We met two batches of motor bike riders on Buffalo Horn and they were nice and shut off their bikes as we moved to higher ground to let them pass. But unfortunately there was one biker that Rich ran across that dropped a gear and tore up the hill spinning his tire ripping out his freshly built water diversion.





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