

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:

BOARD MEETING : NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : NOVEMBER 15, 7:00 PM

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BCHMT BOARD MEETING : DECEMBER 1, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

The FairBridge Inn, Missoula



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello all

Well, Fall is here and we finally finished with cows yesterday so another year in the books. It is also that time of year when we need to nominate Board members and officers for next year. If you can serve, then please tell the nominating committee that you are available. The nominating committee will make nominations at the November meeting and the election will be held at the December meeting.

I want to thank the current team of officers and board members for their service and great team effort to have a great 2018.

Thanks to Dan Porter and John Mutter for working on the Forest partnership on our behalf I have had many positive comments about the finished product.

Since it is close to Christmas, I thought we would have a little party while the votes are counted and go home. So bring your favorite Christmas snack and non-alcohol drink.

Now it is time for a successful hunting season.

May God Bless the Trails you Ride.

Henry, President

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Dan Porter; Kathy Van Dyke; Rod Wilson; Jim Albright; John stood proxy for Vern Campbell

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING

Carmen moved to approve the minutes as written; Chris seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking account and savings accounts. She's received three membership renewals; she also presented a bill from the Montana Standard for \$114 for the "Poker Ride thank you" publication. John moved to accept the report, Marianne seconded, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dan Marsh reported on volunteer hours; we did more in 2018 than in 2017. The total "cash value" for the 2018 hours was \$94,116.81.

John Mutter reported on the Gallatin Forest Partnership meeting held on October 3. GVBCH is a partner; BCMT has endorsed the proposal. He provided a flyer, and the info can also be found at www.gallatinpartners.org.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Henry named the outgoing directors as the nominating committee. They are Carl, Vern and Dan Porter. Henry would like a slate presented at the November meeting, and he noted that the President's Letter in the newsletter will focus on asking for volunteers for the board.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The party will be in January, and Jim and Brenda will talk to Lee Hart about getting the venue for a lower fee. We discussed whether to have entertainment at the party. John suggested Archie Hunigar and will ask him if he'd be interested.

Henry talked briefly about the work on the Forest Service cabins. There's lots of work to be done and next year he plans to try to coordinate better with the Forest Service. Pasture fence condition at Slough Creek is critical and needs significant work. Buffalo Fork needs foundation work. Hellroaring needs significant pasture work, cabin work, and trail work.

The December meeting will be on December 20. We'll have Christmas goodies.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carl seconded, and it was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

PROGRAM

Mage Hultstrand, data collection officer with the USDA Snow Survey team, presented the program.

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Dan Marsh made a motion to accept the September minutes as written; Marianne seconded; the motion carried.

FINANCE

Carmen reported on the checking account and savings accounts. Molly moved to accept the report; Larry seconded; the motion carried. After the new year rolls around, Henry would like to talk about how best to spend the club's money.

OLD BUSINESS

John Mutter reported that the Gallatin Forest Partnership has flyers, and the website info will be put in newsletter. GVBCH is a partner; they're looking for supporters to give it "weight" in hopes the Forest Service will take the Partnership's recommendations more seriously.

Dan Marsh reported that the volunteer hours report is available on the website.

NEW BUSINESS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Carl, Vern, and Dan Porter will present a proposed slate at the November meeting. Anyone interested in serving on the board should contact one of them.

HOLIDAY PARTY

BCH is responsible for planning the party and one of the members will contact Lee Hart about using that facility.

The next meeting is on November 15th; the December meeting is on the 20th and will consist of a short business meeting and the election. Everyone should bring a "Christmassy" treat to eat, and it will be festive.

AB WILDERNESS CABIN PROJECTS

Henry extended his thanks to everyone that worked on the projects this year. Much work remains to be done on all three cabins, and one of his goals early next year is to figure out how to make the trips more "do-able" for more people.

Marianne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Larry seconded the motion, and it was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

The November General Meeting will host Task Force Heroes as our next program. They are located near the entrance to Bridger Canyon. I have pulled some information from their website.

Pastor Shane Yates will be our speaker. About him:

Pastor Shane Yates is the President of the Board of Directors and Pastor of Task Force Heroes. His ministry role to those served by Task Force Heroes is that of a pastor who is with them in the trenches. His favorite analogy to describe his commitment to the men and women of military and law enforcement and other first responders is this:

“I want to walk alongside them in the middle of the spiritual battle field. Our goal is to minister to them and to love them, not to judge them.”

Pastor Yates has 30 years of combined law enforcement and military service. He is a Veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom whose awards include a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and Combat Action Badge.

Mission Statement, with just a few of the programs that they offer:

Task Force Heroes exists to provide spiritual and emotional support for our military, law enforcement, other first responders and their families, combined with the love of Christ, to enable them to thrive in their challenging careers and to overcome the affects of trauma and stress as the result of front line action.



Cross Cut saws are useful for cutting 40 pound mineral blocks too!



Larry, Vern, and I made an exploratory ride up French Creek on Saturday 9/29. The trail was all old logging road and the views were limited due to the fog.



Larry and I rode the new trail built by the Forest Service from Johnson Canyon south to North Cottonwood on the west side of the Bridgers. It is a nice gentle grade with good tread and spectacular views. But it is basically 6 miles of steep sidehill across that western face.



Six members rode the 401 to Willow Swamp. The sky was cloudy and temps cool but the sunshine warmed us later in the day and we had a nice ride. No game was sighted but we did see wolf, elk, and moose tracks and one of Ted's bull buffalo was bedded at the swamp. Two hunters on horseback rode in ahead of us but we didn't see them until after we returned and no one else was on the trail.

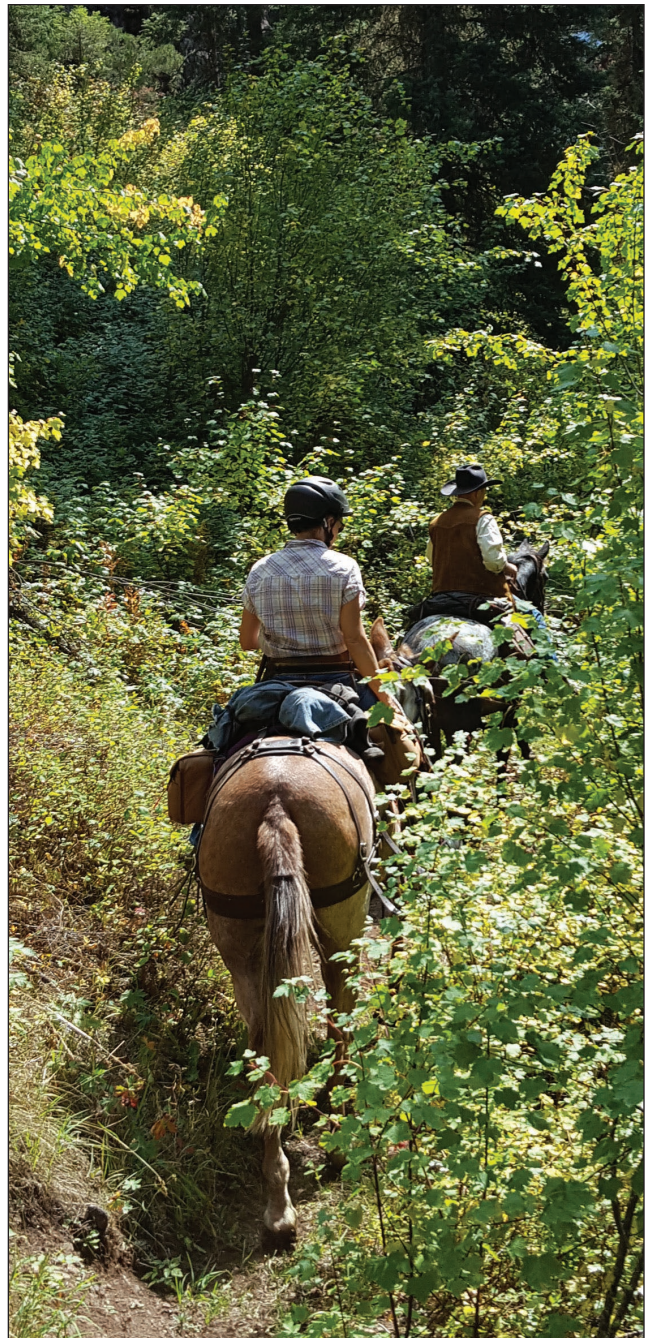


These are pics of a saddle I restored that was made by the Buffalo Saddle Company in Buffalo, Wyoming. The owner worked for the U. S. Forest Service. His saddle came with saddlebags stamped "US" and "Sears 1918".

Roger Herbrandson in Belgrade has a 1972 Hale stock trailer in good condition for sale at \$1,000 or best offer. It can hold four horses. 214-213-0276

CLIFF CREEK FUN RIDE—AUGUST 25

Dan Porter, Carmen and Marianne went on the fun ride to Cliff Creek (and Storm Castle, misidentified in last month's newsletter). Dan was on his white horse at Storm castle, the black appy at Cliff Creek.



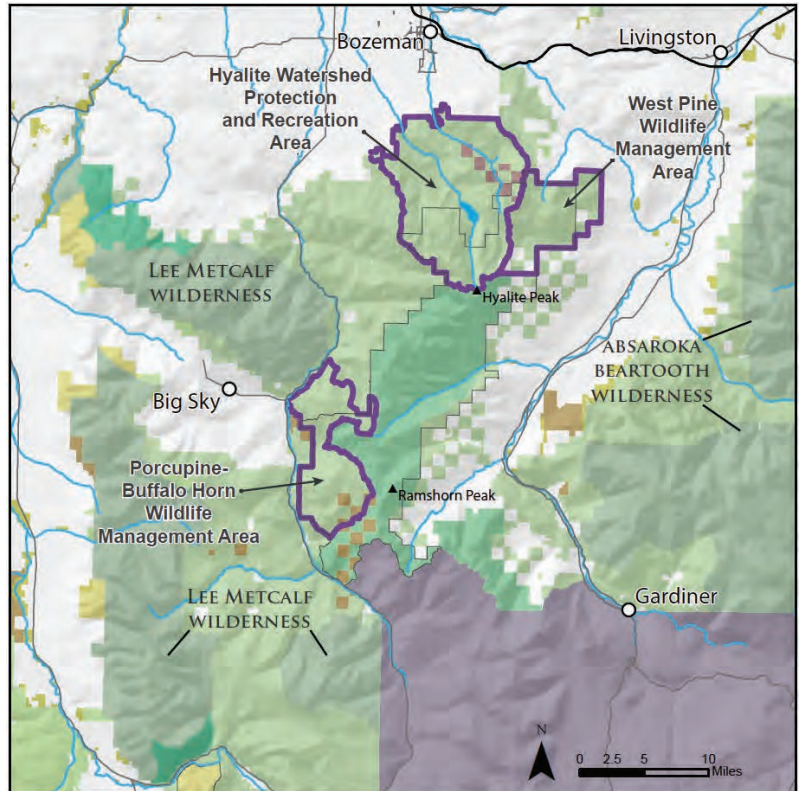


SOLUTIONS FOR OUR WILD BACKYARD

For the past several years the Gallatin Forest Partnership worked together to develop an agreement surrounding the Gallatin and Madison Ranges that supports existing recreational uses of these cherished lands, ensures wildlife have plenty of room to roam, and safeguards Bozeman’s drinking water supply.

We propose protecting 230,000 acres including the heart of the Gallatin Range to ensure healthy wildlife habitat, clean water, undeveloped wild lands and diverse recreation access. This agreement provides all of us – people and animals – trails, streams and places in the Gallatin and Madison Ranges to adventure and explore.

Our recommendations will be considered by Custer Gallatin National Forest officials during the ongoing forest plan revision.



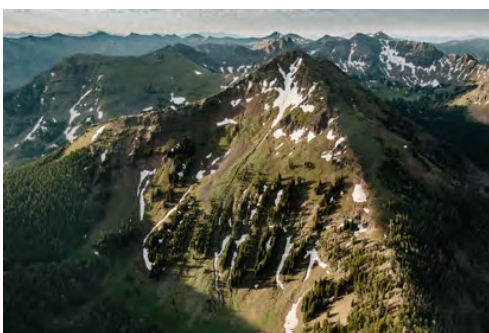
Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement

Land Management Designations

US Forest Service	National Park Service
Existing Wilderness	Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
Proposed Recommended Wilderness	Bureau of Land Management
Proposed Special Management Areas	City of Bozeman
Existing Recommended Wilderness	Private Lands

Map Created: January 2018
Gage Cartographics

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