

BOARD MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:  
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church  
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

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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:

WEDNESDAY TRAIL DAY : SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26

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FUN RIDE : SEPTEMBER 8

HELLROARING CABIN : SEPTEMBER 10-14

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 20, 6:00 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : SEPTEMBER 20, 7:00 PM

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BCHMT BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 22, 10-3

Dinner Bell 469 Gold Creek Rd, Goldcreek, MT



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello to everyone:

We have had a busy month. Lots of packing and trail clearing going on. If you can please volunteer wherever you can. Dan, Vern and I had a great trip into Slough Creek and finished up the tack shed. See attached pic. We had a great time at the BBQ ride, it was smokey and hot but the fellowship was great. If you missed it be sure and put it on your calendar for next year. I want to thank Dr. Stacy Boswell for the informative presentation she gave at the August meeting. I also want to thank Chris for filling in for me while I was in the back country. Better enjoy the rest of riding season because we had frost and ice in the wash basin in Slough Creek so it is winding down. Oh, and while we had little time to fish and explore in Slough Creek I caught a couple of nice Cutthroats.

May the smoke clear soon.

*Henry, President*



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 16

Role Call: John Mutter, Tamara Erickson, Dan Porter, Rich Inman, Chris Nygren and Molly Glenn were present. Rich Inman stood proxy for Vern Campbell, John Mutter stood proxy for Carl Blaskovich and Molly Glenn stood proxy for Marianne Meyer.

Chris Nygren brought the meeting to order.

Dan Porter noted an error in the July meeting minutes. Carmen Matzick stood proxy for Dan Porter at the July meeting, which was not recorded in the July board meeting minutes.

Motion to pass the July meeting minutes with the above noted correction was made by John Mutter, Rich Inman seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### FINANCE REPORT

Carmen Matzick was not in attendance, so a full report was not made. However, Rich Inman stated that the food bill from Town and Country for the poker ride was paid last month.

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Marianne Meyer was not present, so a full report was not made. Chris Nygren asked if anyone was aware of any new memberships, but none were reported.

### POKER RIDE REPORT

Dan Porter received feedback and notes from Jehnet Carlson, who helped at a pop stop station. A brief discussion was held. One issue Jehnet brought up was a lack of communication on what to expect in working the pop stop. It was agreed that a written job description for each poker ride position would be helpful, especially when a new person was filling a spot or task they have never performed. Rich stated that at one time a description of each task was prepared and that it would be included in the poker ride bible.

Nanci and Dave Marx joined the meeting and also made a brief poker ride report. Nanci stated that she and Dave are willing to chair the event again next year unless someone else volunteers to take the job, although there is a possibility of a conflict for her.

Nanci also thanked the board for the card and money given in appreciation of their hard work but declined to accept the money. Dave agreed, stating that it is a voluntary organization and they were happy to donate their time.

### TRAIL CREW REPORT

Rich Inman reported that the trail crew helped replace the third bridge up Buffalo Horn. Treated planks were packed in and used to rebuild the bridge. Rich also stated that the Forest Service crews have done a lot of work on the trails this summer and that the trail crews expect to continue to work through September, or as conditions allow.

### FUN RIDE

Dan Porter led a fun ride on August 4, 2018 and four members joined him. The next fun ride will be on August 25th. Please contact Dan if you are interested in riding.

### STEAK RIDE

Molly Glenn explained that approximately 20 members joined Henry and herself for dinner, but that only 2 members chose to ride that day, possibly due to the high temperatures. She said that everyone had a great time visiting and that there was an abundance of good food, as usual.

A discussion was held regarding the event, focusing on the lack of members riding before dinner. A suggestion was made to move the steak ride back to a trail head, such as Spanish Creek, so that it would be easier for members to ride before dinner and also to move the date later in the year to avoid the hot weather. Another idea was proposed to split the steak ride into two separate events; to hold a social event/dinner at the Glenn's ranch as long as they are willing to host and schedule a separate ride at a trail head. It was then suggested that the ride and dinner possibly be held at the Spanish Creek Cabin during September after school starts when availability will possibly be more open for reservations.

Molly Glenn made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rich Inman seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Tamara Erickson





GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16

**PROGRAM**

Veterinarian Stacy Boswell presented an interesting and very beneficial program on emergency first aid for stock in the backcountry. She spoke on how to deal with a variety of situations, gave a demonstration on how to properly bandage a horse's leg and provided bandaging material for everyone present to practice. Janice provided horses for members to practice bandaging and they were all very patient and well behaved.

Chris Nygren brought the meeting to order.

A motion to accept the July general meeting minutes was made by Larry Thomas, Janice Cartwright seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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Molly told the group that a discussion was held regarding the event at the board meeting and a suggestion was made that the steak ride possibly be split into two separate events: a social dinner at the Glenn's ranch and a separate ride later in the year. It was also suggested that the steak ride possibly be held at the Spanish Creek Cabin during September after school starts when availability will be more open for reservations.



**TRAIL CREW REPORT**

Larry Thomas reported on the trail crew's hard work and told the group about the previous outing. There was a short debate regarding how many trees were cleared that day but there were so many trees cleared that they ran out of gas for two chainsaws.

Larry also said that Tim McWilliams joined the trail crew last Wednesday. Tim is a member as well as a professional photographer and he captured many beautiful scenes. Tim plans to print some and post others on the cloud to share with the club.

Larry anticipates the trail crew will work through the season as weather condition allows.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

RTP Grant: Rich Inman shared that the club received an RTP grant on August 8, 2018 in the amount of \$8000 to help cover expenses over the next two years.

**MISC DISCUSSION**

Janice Cartwright asked if a decision was made regarding the purchase of a new trailer. It was explained that a discussion was held at a previous board meeting but no decision was made and the issue has been tabled for further discussion.

It is anticipated that the September meeting will be held at Springhill Church.

Rich Inman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Janice Cartwright seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

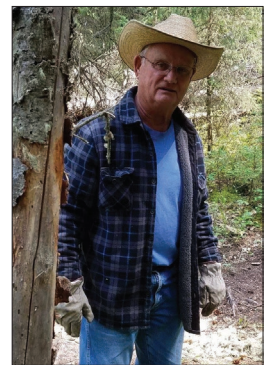
—Submitted by Tamara Erickson





## WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, AUGUST 1

The Trail Crew led by Larry Thomas with crew Rich Inman, Dan Marsh, Ron Rohletter, Wayne Frederickson, Mark DeOpsomer, Lew Goodpasture and Vern Campbell cleared the Elkhorn Trail. We cleared around 25 trees on the 11+ mile route starting at the Twin Cabins trailhead to the Twin Cabin Trail #46 to the Porcupine Trail #199 to the Elkhorn Trail #165. We went from 5900 feet to 8200 feet in the first couple of miles so we had some wet blankets to deal with when we got back. Rich's mule Mandy jumped near some brush and Dan's horse Merlin thought the world was coming to an end and stuck his head down and ran backwards 10 feet then did a 360 pirouette on his hind feet. Needless to say Dan didn't make it to the 8 second count and ended up in a pile amid the rocks and sage brush. After not finding any bones sticking out we resumed our clearing. We had a few sprinkles of rain and the flies were strangely absent for most of the ride. We spent about 7 hours and ended up at the Red Cliff Campground where we let some of the horses graze while Wayne took the other drivers back to Twin Cabin to get their rigs. When Dan got home he discovered the horse had spun so hard Merlin twisted a brand new clipped shoe plumb off his hind foot. The pictures are from Dan Marsh and Lew Goodpasture.





## WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, AUGUST 8

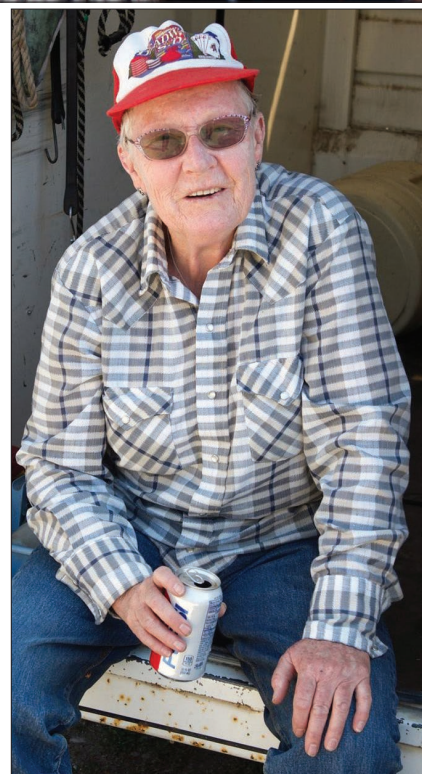
The trail crew led by Larry Thomas along with Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Bonnie Hammer, Lew Goodpasture, Mark DeOpsomer and Wayne Frederickson cleared 12 miles of trail starting at the Porcupine Creek trail head and went up the First Creek trail to the top of the pass. We logged out over 17 trees with some of them about three feet in diameter requiring a bunch of cuts. We were glad it wasn't in the Wilderness requiring a misery whip. We went a little past the top toward hidden lakes and found another big tree that had fallen across the trail in two places so we cleaned it out and decided to head back. We gained about 2000 feet in elevation. When we got back to the trail head we ran into Tom Lamb and his wife. Tom was recovering from knee surgery and hasn't been able to come on our last couple of trail clearings.





WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, AUGUST 15

Larry's merry band of wood cutters headed for the Buffalo Horn loop. The band consisted of Larry Thomas, John Mutter, Bonnie Hammer, Lew Goodpasture and Rich Inman. As we left the trail head, there was recent evidence of new blowdowns. The FS crew had cut several large trees that crossed the trail in the first half mile. All was well until we turned off trail #1 and headed up trail #39 toward the Buffalo Horn cabin and Teepee Pass. We cleared several large lodgepole that blocked the trail. At Teepee Pass, we took trail #161 to Dailey Pass. Only sawed a couple of trees near the rock bluff on this section of trail. It mostly is in the open with grand panoramic views. It is a little steep in places so the horses had a good work out by the time we got to the lunch spot on a high knob not far from Dailey Pass. From Dailey Pass we took trail #57 headed toward the junction with trail #1. Had to clear numerous large lodgepole along this piece of trail. From the junction of trail #1 and 57 it was clear sailing back to the trail head. No one kept count but we figured we cleared 20+ trees on this 13 mile loop. This probably is the most scenic loop of trail clearing that we do. The photos were furnished by Tim McWilliams.





## WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, AUGUST 20

Trail boss Larry Thomas along with Dan Marsh and Rich Inman packed a Forest Service Crew in about 4.5 miles to work on the Mirror Lake trail. We packed in some monster hammers and mauls along with picks and other implements of destruction. We met the Forest Service crew at the Spanish Creek campground at 8:30 AM and after balancing the loads we headed out at around 9:30 and when we reached their campsite we unloaded had lunch and were back at the campground by 1:30 PM. Larry and Rich plan to pack them out on Monday the 27th. A gal from the Guardian was there to take pictures and write up a story on people "loving the trails to death". We hope to add some pictures later.



Janice Cartwright

## WEDNESDAY TRAIL CLEARING, AUGUST 22

Larry Thomas along with Rich Inman, Dan Marsh, Ron Rohletter, Bonnie Hammer, Wayne Frederickson, Lew Goodpasture and Vern Campbell, along with his grandson Caden went into Cinnamon Creek to Buck Creek. A trail crew that went in before us had done a lot of tread work and tree removal. We still cut out 9 trees and Rich walked back the last mile or so cleaning water diversions. The temperature was perfect for a ride but the smoke haze was a little thick.





## SLOUGH CREEK, AUGUST 13-17

Henry Glenn, along with Dan Marsh and Vern Campbell went to the Slough Creek Ranger Station in the AB Wilderness through YNP. We started by meeting up with Henry at the Gardiner Ranger Office at 9:00AM where Henry had already picked up the materials to pack in to the cabin and got the paperwork to get us into the park. We navigated through the tourists to the Slough Creek campground. We packed up the personal gear and boards to fix up the tack shed. After a little excitement while Vern's horse got used to the pack horse behind him we headed down the dusty trail 13 miles to the ranger station. We met a lot of hikers and fishermen along the way but not much in the way of wildlife. Once we got to the cabin, we fixed up the fence around the cabin and unpacked the gear. The next couple of days we patched up the main corral, cleaned the water filter, filled the wood box and put the rest of the siding up on the tack shed. Vern and Henry had good luck fishing after work a couple of days. Henry fed us well with brisket, pork shoulder, chicken, ribs and sourdough pancakes. After Henry put back on a shoe that Flash lost the first night, we cleaned up the cabin and packed out a propane tank and garbage and headed home.



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