

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 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:

HORSE SAFETY CLINIC : MARCH 30, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

VL Arena, 350 Spain Bridge Rd, Belgrade

CUSTER GALLATIN FOREST PLAN REVISION : APRIL 3, 6:30-8:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EVENTS/262625358002195](https://www.facebook.com/events/262625358002195)

MSU SPRING RODEO : APRIL 11-14

BOARD MEETING : APRIL 18, 6:30 PM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello Fellow Horsemen,

Well, the calendar says that Spring is here and the Bluebirds have arrived so I guess that makes it official.

Hope everyone is ready for the flooding and sloppy weather that is Spring in Montana. Now is a good time to get tack ready for the Summer riding season. All members are welcome to come to the Safety Clinic this Saturday, details elsewhere in the newsletter.

We had a good BCHMT convention in Great Falls be it a cold one. Lots of trucks would not start at -27F.

Thanks to Carmen and Dan Porter for heading up the poker ride and so far things are running smoothly. Please help by volunteering where you can. This is the only fundraiser we do each year so it is very important for us to be successful.

The Draft Forest Plan is out for the Custer-Gallatin National Forest and you can comment up until the First of June. If you have any questions as to where our Chapter stands ask John Mutter he has graciously attended all the meetings on our behalf.

Kick the mud off your boots before you go in the house.

—Henry, President

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 21

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Rod Wilson, Rich Inman, Vern Campbell, Marianne Meyer, Tamara Erickson, Lew Goodpasture, Rod Wilson, Dan Porter, Dan Marsh, John Mutter

CALLED TO ORDER BY HENRY GLENN

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING

Carmen moved to approve the minutes with a correction to "Old Business" (the PLWAA meeting is not a fundraiser but rather the annual meeting); Carl seconded; the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

August 15 meeting: Henry suggested having the meeting and BBQ Ride as a single event. A suggestion was also made that the meeting be held at the Window Rock cabin and include some corral repair work. Kathy will check on cabin availability on that date.

OLD BUSINESS

Convention Expenses: Henry proposed that directors' convention be paid by the club including payment of the IRS mileage rate for travel and payment of actual costs of the motel; he also suggested that the alternate director to convention always be the president or his assignee. Henry tabled this issue following some discussion.

Poker Ride: Dan Porter reported that planning is moving along. Henry has prepared the final permit application. Carmen has received and paid the insurance premium for the Ride.

Fall Event: The Spanish Creek cabin has been reserved for Sept. 13-15.

Club Promotion: Lew is working on a proposed club promotion poster to increase public awareness.

Trail-clearing: Dan Porter and Lew are going to plan some Saturday trail-clearing events. Henry noted that they should check with Larry to ensure no duplication in trail-clearing efforts and to make sure we're doing work that the Forest Service needs/wants done.

Trailhead sign: The club has purchased one sign stating "Trail clearing work done by GVBCH" for placement at any trailhead where work is currently being done. Tamara moved that we obtain a second sign (cost = \$52); Carmen seconded; the motion passed.

Henry adjourned the meeting.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21

PROGRAM

Tom Griffith was honored as a Hometown Hero Outdoors by Scheels and he requested that the donation he received go to the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen. A short video was shown and Tom presented a \$500 check from Scheels to Henry.

CALL TO ORDER

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Janice moved to accept the February 2019 minutes as written, Chris seconded and the motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carmen reported on the club's checking and savings accounts. She paid \$729 for insurance for the year. Rich moved to approve the report, Dan Porter seconded and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

State convention: Henry and Molly presented a Convention report, noting that it was very cold in Great Falls so attendance was lower than usual:

Two resolutions brought to floor: (1) the Washington State BCH proposed reducing the number of directors sent to the national convention to one from each state and (2) the Oregon BCH proposed doing a study re: increased utilization of the Forest Service for certain tasks. Both resolutions failed. Regarding the latter, members encouraged greater communication with district rangers to work better together.



The youth program is very strong.

The saw and 1st aid trainings conducted by the Forest Service are specifically for people who are working on the trails and not for members' convenience or personal benefit. The Forest Service has asked that people only take the training if they'll use it for BCH.

The next state board meetings are May 18 (Gold Creek), Sept. 17 (Gold Creek) and Dec. 7 (Missoula). The next annual meeting is March 22-24, 2020 in Hamilton. The 2021 meeting will be in Dillon. GVBCH will host in 2022 if no other chapter expresses an interest.

Molly announced that the Society for Wilderness Stewardship offers wilderness skills workshops in Idaho in May. She has the info if anyone is interested.

Flathead chapter has invited everyone to Challenge in August.

Fall Event: The Spanish Creek cabin area has been reserved from Sept. 13-15. There will be room for horse trailers and animals, lots of food and fun. Rumor has it there might also be music.

PLWAA donation: Henry will present a \$1,500 check to PLWAA at their annual meeting. This group works on access to public lands issues.

August meeting / ride: Henry proposed that the August 15 meeting be a combined BBQ / ride. It could be held at the Glenns' property, the Window Rock cabin, or another location if anyone has other ideas.

Horse Safety clinic: The clinic is set for March 30 at VL Arena. Registration starts at 8:30 am, with the clinic running from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Topics covered will be horse safety and packing safety. Attendance is required every 3 years for anyone doing Forest Service work that involves stock.

Summer cabin work: Henry is planning 2-3 trips (5-7 days each) in to the AB Wilderness. More info will be provided as planning proceeds.

National Forest Plan: Dan Marsh will send emails re: meetings and info sources. The Plan is currently in the comment period for the draft. GVBCH aligns with Alternative C (along with Gallatin Forest Partnership). April 6 is a public meeting.

Rich moved to adjourn the meeting and Marianne seconded.

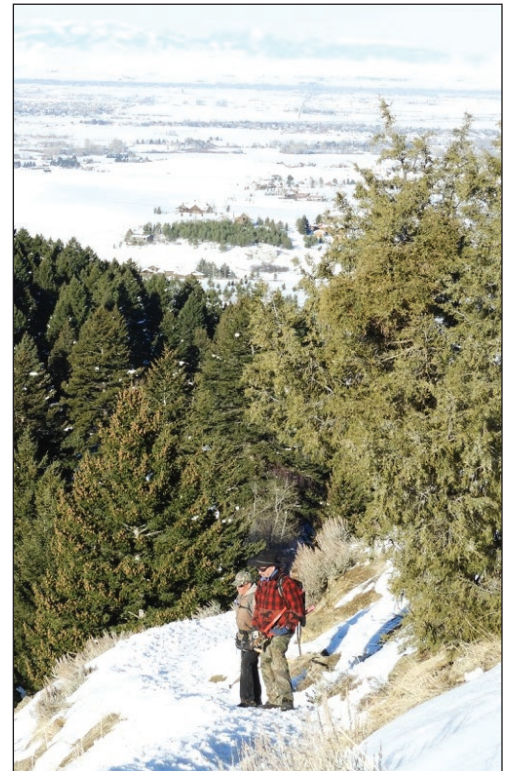
The meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

SYPEs CANYON TRAIL PROJECT

On Saturday March 16th, Rich Inman, Janice Cartwright, and myself were able to log a combined 16 man hours trimming shrubs along the Sypes Canyon trail, extending the work to approximately 2.5 miles and a total of 30 man hours spent. The “maiden voyage” of a new BCH sign went well at the trail head as 26 hikers passed us on the trail to take advantage of the beautiful day and our efforts at making the trail safer for all users. Thank you, Rich and Janice! — Dan Porter

Dan Porter, Rich Inman and I trekked up Sypes Canyon on Saturday, March 16. It was around 10 degrees at the start but we warmed up quickly as layers started to come off. We appreciated the first 1/4 mile that Dan had already cleared. After reaching over far enough to sink into the deep snow, hip high, the rule was keep one foot on the “trail”. Easier said than done, as demonstrated in the photo of Rich “all in”. I had to head back early but Rich and Dan made it almost to the first view point of the valley. It was a good effort with a bonus exercise session built in. Horses are permitted on this trail and there are no “tires” allowed on Saturdays. —Janice Cartwright



TIMESHARE TRAIL

SYPEs Trail #531 (Sypes TRHD to “M” TRHD)

TIMESHARE SCHEDULE IN EFFECT JUNE 16 through SEPTEMBER 4

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY

(Middle Cottonwood Tr. #586 closed to mtv, bikes)

SEPTEMBER 5 through JUNE 15:

- Open to all Non-Motorized Uses
- Timeshare NOT in effect

YEARLONG:

- Closed to all Motorized uses

REFER TO THE GALLATIN MOTOR VEHICLE, AND OVER SNOW TRAVEL USE MAPS

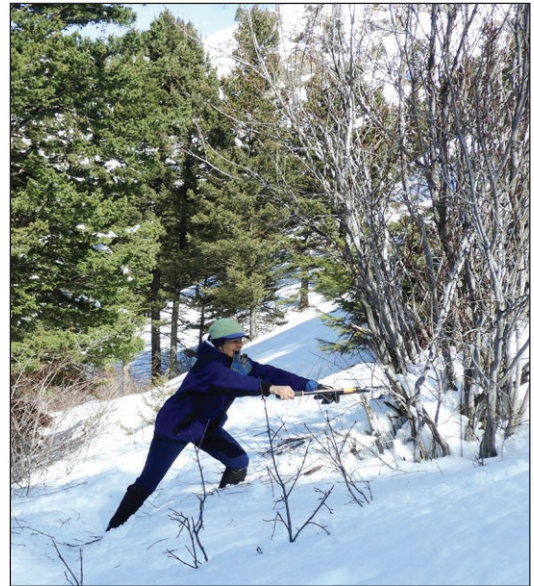
Before



After



working hard





Trail Class Matrix (FSH 2353.142, Exhibit 01)

Trail Classes are general categories reflecting trail development scale, arranged along a continuum. The Trail Class identified for a National Forest System (NFS) trail prescribes its development scale, representing its intended design and management standards.¹ Local deviations from any Trail Class descriptor may be established based on trail-specific conditions, topography, or other factors, provided that the deviations are consistent with the general intent of the applicable Trail Class.

Identify the appropriate Trail Class for each NFS trail or trail segment based on the management intent in the applicable land management plan, travel management decisions, trail-specific decisions, and other related direction. Apply the Trail Class that most closely reflects the management intent for the trail or trail segment, which may or may not reflect the current condition of the trail.

Trail Attributes	Trail Class 1 Minimally Developed	Trail Class 2 Moderately Developed	Trail Class 3 Developed	Trail Class 4 Highly Developed	Trail Class 5 Fully Developed
Tread & Traffic Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tread intermittent and often indistinct. May require route finding. Single lane, with no allowances constructed for passing. Predominantly native materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tread continuous and discernible, but narrow and rough. Single lane, with minor allowances constructed for passing. Typically native materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tread continuous and obvious. Single lane, with allowances constructed for passing where required by traffic volume in places where there is no reasonable opportunity to pass. Native or imported materials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tread wide and relatively smooth, with few irregularities. Single lane, with allowances constructed for passing where required by traffic volume in places where there is no reasonable opportunity to pass. Double lane where traffic volume is high and passing is frequent. Native or imported materials. May be hardened. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tread wide, firm, stable, and generally uniform. Single lane, with frequent turnouts where traffic volume is low to moderate. Double lane where traffic volume is moderate to high. Commonly hardened with asphalt or other imported material.
Obstacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obstacles common, naturally occurring, often substantial, and intended to provide increased challenge. Narrow passages; brush, steep grades, rocks and logs present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obstacles may be common, substantial, and intended to provide increased challenge. Blockages cleared to define route and protect resources. Vegetation may encroach into trailway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obstacles may be common, but not substantial or intended to provide challenge. Vegetation cleared outside of trailway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obstacles infrequent and insubstantial. Vegetation cleared outside of trailway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obstacles not present. Grades typically < 8%.

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Trail Attributes	Trail Class 1 Minimally Developed	Trail Class 2 Moderately Developed	Trail Class 3 Developed	Trail Class 4 Highly Developed	Trail Class 5 Fully Developed
Constructed Features & Trail Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures minimal to non-existent. Drainage typically provided without structures. Natural fords. Typically no bridges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures of limited size, scale, and quantity; typically constructed of native materials. Structures adequate to protect trail infrastructure and resources. Natural fords. Bridges as needed for resource protection and appropriate access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures may be common and substantial; constructed of imported or native materials. Natural or constructed fords. Bridges as needed for resource protection and appropriate access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures frequent and substantial; typically constructed of imported materials. Constructed or natural fords. Bridges as needed for resource protection and user convenience. Trailside amenities may be present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structures frequent or continuous; typically constructed of imported materials. May include bridges, boardwalks, curbs, handrails, trailside amenities, and similar features.
Signs²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route identification signing limited to junctions. Route markers present when trail location is not evident. Regulatory and resource protection signing infrequent. Destination signing, unless required, generally not present. Information and interpretive signing generally not present. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route identification signing limited to junctions. Route markers present when trail location is not evident. Regulatory and resource protection signing infrequent. Destination signing typically infrequent outside wilderness areas; generally not present in wilderness areas. Information and interpretive signing uncommon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route identification signing at junctions and as needed for user reassurance. Route markers as needed for user reassurance. Regulatory and resource protection signing may be common. Destination signing likely outside wilderness areas; generally not present in wilderness areas. Information and interpretive signs may be present outside wilderness areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route identification signing at junctions and as needed for user reassurance. Route markers as needed for user reassurance. Regulatory and resource protection signing common. Destination signing common outside wilderness areas; generally not present in wilderness areas. Information and interpretive signs may be common outside wilderness areas. Accessibility information likely displayed at trailhead. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route identification signing at junctions and for user reassurance. Route markers as needed for user reassurance. Regulatory and resource protection signing common. Destination signing common. Information and interpretive signs common. Accessibility information likely displayed at trailhead.
Typical Recreation Environments & Experience³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and unmodified. ROS: Typically Primitive to Roaded Natural. WROS: Typically Primitive to Semi-Primitive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and essentially unmodified. ROS: Typically Primitive to Roaded Natural. WROS: Typically Primitive to Semi-Primitive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural and primarily unmodified. ROS: Typically Primitive to Roaded Natural. WROS: Typically Semi-Primitive to Transition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be modified. ROS: Typically Semi-Primitive to Rural WROS: Typically Portal or Transition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be highly modified. Commonly associated with visitor centers or high-use recreation sites. ROS: Typically Roaded Natural to Urban. Generally not present in Wilderness areas.

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