

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:

~~BBQ @ SPANISH CREEK EXTRAVAGANZA : SEPTEMBER 11-12~~
~~RSVP Molly or Henry Glenn 578-2084~~ **CANCELLED**

WILD MONTANA WORK DAYS : SEPTEMBER 11 & 18

Cliff Creek

BUFFALO FORK : SEPTEMBER 13-18

Contact Henry Glenn, 578-2084

BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 16, 6:30 PM

Springhill Church

GENERAL MEETING : SEPTEMBER 16, 7:00 PM

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STATE BOARD MEETING : SEPTEMBER 25, 10:00 AM

Deer Lodge

FALL FESTIVAL PARADE : OCTOBER 2

Belgrade

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Now that the hot weather and smoke has broken, it is apparent that the summer riding season is nearing its close and Fall, with it various options, is upon us.

For your GVBCH Chapter, there are still fun rides occurring and one more pack trip in the Absarokee Beartooth Wilderness planned. The Spanish Creek get-together had to be cancelled for a number of reasons so the next chapter-wide event is the general meeting on September 16th at the Springhill Church on West Babcock Street in Bozeman.

Our new trailer is getting closer and closer to being fully decked out and the old trailer is now passed on from our hands to become someone else's problem. There have been approximately 25 different trail clearing rides, we had a successful Poker Ride after two years, the pasture fence has been completed at Slough Creek Cabin and Lew and his group have supported the USFS trail crews on at least three different occasions. A decision this week was made to stop the work crews until next year but fun trail rides will continue. 2021 is shaping up to be the best year ever for GVBCH!

Take care, squeeze the most out of the next couple months. As Winston Churchill said, "No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle".

—Chris



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19

Rich Inman, Jim Wing, Henry Glenn, Kathy VanDyke, John Mutter, Dan Marsh, Lew Goodpasture, Laurie Connelly, Dan Porter. Dan Porter is proxy for Vern Campbell, Laurie Connelly is proxy for Carmen Matzick.

Henry Glenn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of July 2021 meeting

Laurie moved to approve the minutes as published in the July newsletter; Kathy seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jim reported on the balances in our checking and savings accounts. He announced that we have an outstanding bill for \$667.25 for building materials for the new trailer. Henry motioned to approve paying this outstanding bill; Dan Porter seconded the motion; the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Henry reported that we have an offer 'on the table' for \$500 to purchase our old trailer. The title needs to be found to move forward with the sale. After discussion, Henry motioned that we should offer the trailer for sale to our chapter members first. We will give members 24 hours to offer a higher bid. If there is a higher bid, that bid will have 24 hours to be challenged. If there is no higher bid then the trailer will be sold to the gentleman offering \$500. Dan Porter seconded the motion; the motion passed.

RAC (RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE) GRANT

John Mutter offered that are several bridges that need repair or replacement. This would require the Forest Service architectural committees to get involved before we could present a cost estimate so the board felt this would not be reasonable for us to put forward.

Dan Porter suggested we present a case for pre-purchasing treated fence post to be used as needed for step and water bar rehabilitation. The board agreed that this would be a good idea.

Henry told us that he normally presents a request for \$5000 for travel expenses and work equipment. That is what he did this past year.

Henry motioned that our chapter apply for \$5000 for trail maintenance and equipment and also to apply for the funds to pay for 40 treated post to be used for trail rehabilitation. Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

GALLATIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP

John Mutter updated the board that the Forest Plan will be out in September. John is looking for another member to take his place on the collaborative committee. Henry suggested it should be two individuals so that one or the other would always be available to attend the meetings. This collaborative is a group of interested parties, approximately 16 different groups such as GVBCH, Montana Wild, Wild Montana, different Outfitters. The purpose of the group is to come to consensus on forest use. The group has to come to 100% agreement so it does foster compromise in order to get anything accomplished. Their recommendations guide the Forest Service in creating the Forest Plan. They meet once a month, often on second Tuesday, but decided by the members. Please let Chris Nygren, Henry Glenn or Laurie Connelly know if you would like to volunteer for this committee. The next meeting is before our Sept meeting so please don't wait until then to let us know.

John said that Barbara, the leader of the GFP would like to present the purpose and goals of the GFP to our club.

Henry adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 19

PROGRAM

Matt Skoglund, owner and operator of North Bridger Bison, came to describe his family run business that provides healthy, delicious, environmentally friendly, humanly field-harvested bison meat. The ranch is located in Shields Valley on the east side of the North Bridger Mt Range.

Henry called the meeting to order at 8:11.

MEETING MINUTES JULY 2021

Henry moved to accept the meeting minutes as published in the July newsletter; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Jim provided the checking and savings account balances. Rich Inman motioned to approve the report; Dan Porter seconded; the motion passed.

BUSINESS

Henry informed the members that we have a \$500 offer to purchase the old trailer. He motioned that we open the bid to members first. Any member who wishes to buy the trailer for \$500 may place that bid. We will provide 24 hours for anyone else to offer a higher bid. If another higher bid is offered they will have 24 hours for an additional bid to be presented. If no bids are offered, the trailer will be sold to the gentleman offering \$500. Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

RAC (RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

Please refer back to the board meeting minutes in this newsletter to read the information on this grant process and our chapters plans. Members were reminded that if they have suggestions for grant fund request projects to please let Chris know of your ideas. Henry will be applying for \$5000 for travel expenses and equipment for next year's trail work and also will be requesting funds to purchase 40 treated post for trail rehabilitation.

GALLATIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP

Again, please refer to the Board Meeting minutes from this newsletter for the discussion of this collaborative. The members had the same discussion. Henry and John requested that anyone interested in volunteering to be our representative on this collaborative please let Henry, Chris, John or Laurie know. The next meeting is the second week of September.

SLOUGH CREEK TRIP

Slide show was presented of the recent trip to complete the Forest Service fence at Slough Creek. Great trip! The fence is completed.

BUFFALO FORK TRIP

Will be September 13-18. Let Henry know if you are interested in going on this trip.

GVBCB BBQ

After discussion with the membership present, Henry motioned that the BBQ be canceled for this year for three reasons.

#One: The road to Spanish Creek Campground is in such poor shape that the BBQ cooker can not be brought in and many have stated they will not bring their trailers/trucks in on that road.

#Two: The fire conditions prohibit the use of a wood cooker.

#Three: We are unable to secure the entertainer, singer we had tried to obtain for the event.

Stacie Boswell moved to approve the motion; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

If anyone has suggestions for a different venue and time to gather please bring your ideas to the next meeting.

FALL FESTIVAL PARADE

The Belgrade parade has been rescheduled to October 2. Janice had been organizing and has stated she can continue to organize but cannot attend due to a prior commitment. The Belgrade Parade Organizers need to know if we will be in the parade by one week prior. If you are interested in being part of this please contact Janice Cartwright or Mark DeOpsmer. Henry did want to warn people that if you want to do this please be very sure of your horse's ability to participate. These can be very unpredictable events.

PET/HORSE/HOUSE SITTERS

Our Chapter would like to raise awareness of the need some members may have that in order to attend some events that are longer than a day, they need someone to take care of their animals at home. Please consider making yourself or someone you know available to provide this kind of service when you know the chapter is planning a trip that you cannot attend yourself.

COMING TRAIL WORK

Dan Porter announced that the Montana Wilderness Association is doing work on the Cliff Creek trail September 11 and 18. If anyone would like to volunteer on that work trip please let Dan know.

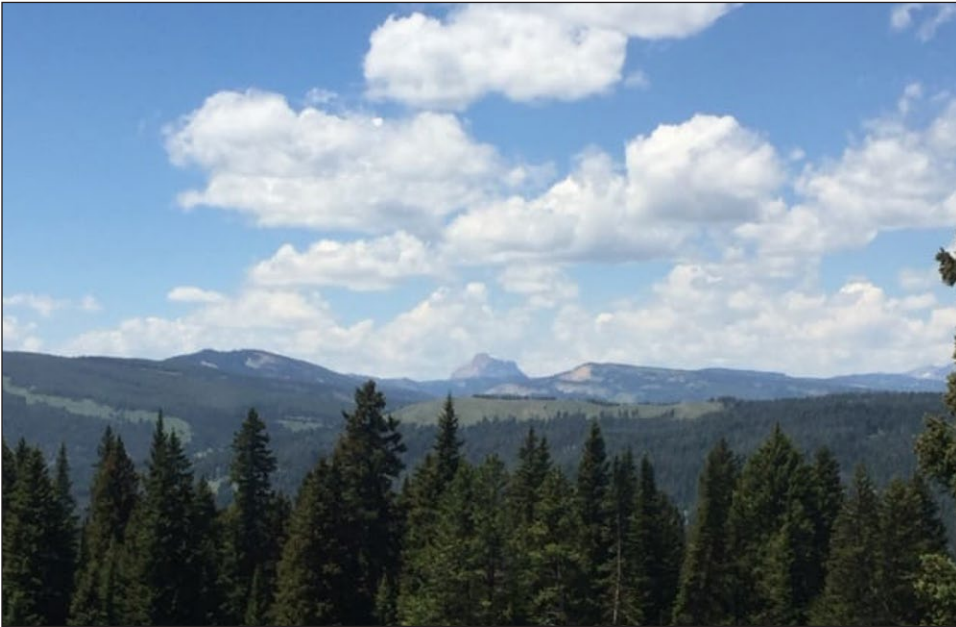
Dan will be working on water bars at the Bridger Bowl trails this coming weekend August 21 if anyone wants to join him.

Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting; Molly approved the motion; Dan Porter seconded the motion; the motion passed.

—Submitted by Laurie Connelly

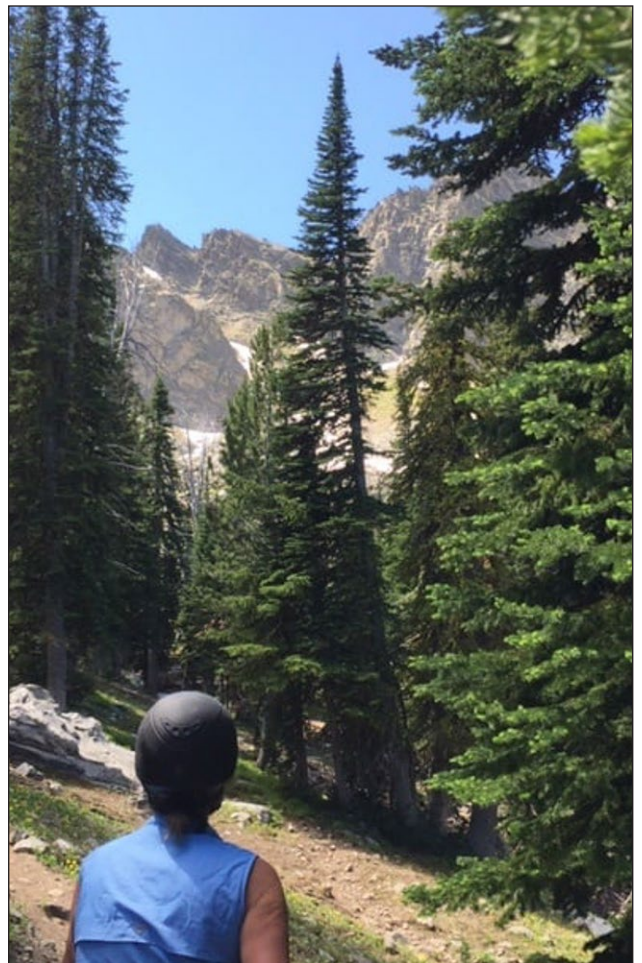
JUNE 23 TRAIL CLEARING

Connie filled in for Lew again and at 9:00 am until 5:00 pm, the crew consisting of Connie LeHocky, Wayne Fredrickson, Darren Streets, JoAnn Kish, Laurie Connelly worked from the Spanish Creek trail head up trail #407 to trail #411 to Spanish Lakes and cut 11 trees from trail.



JUNE 30 TRAIL CLEARING

Connie filled in for Lew while he was down South. One crew started at 9:00 am and got back at 5:00 pm consisting of Connie LeHocky, Wayne Fredrickson and Kenji Aoki met, at the Buffalo Horn trail head and worked up Buffalo Horn #1 toward Buffalo Horn Pass but didn't quite get to the top. They cut out about 35 trees in the 9 mile round trip. The other crew started at 9:00 am and got back at 5:00p pm consisting of Laurie Connelly, Jim Wing, Bruce May and Tim Butler worked Buffalo Horn Trail #1 to trail #39 to Teepee Pass. They cut 42 trees from trail and traveled 8 miles round trip.



AUGUST 4 TRAIL CLEARING

The Wednesday crew, led by Lew, along with Dan M., Kenji, Wayne, Connie, Mark and as a guest former member, Ed Long, started at Spanish Creek trail head and went up Cherry Creek #401 and then to North Fork Spanish Creek #446 up to High Lakes #413 then down Camp Creek #409 and back to the trailers on Cherry Creek #401. We saw a FWP and Forest Service truck parked at the Cherry Lake junction and noticed a bunch of orange flagging along the way. It turns out they are finishing up a fish poisonings on the North Fork of Spanish Creek. Yes, if that seems like a long day you are right, we got back around 7 pm! It was a 20 mile loop with a whopping 74 trees cut along the way. We saw Blue Grouse and a Cinnamon Bear along the way. The original plan was to carry 2 chainsaws and stay on Forest Service and Flying D property but instead we spent a good portion of our ride in the Wilderness with our 2 foot Silky saws. We did run across one 2+ foot tree we left as it was past 4 pm and we had a long way to go. We were all tired at the end of the day but it was very enjoyable and productive.



AUGUST 6 FOREST SERVICE TRAIL CLEARING—PACK IN

After our marathon ride on Wednesday, we got up to the Spanish Creek trailhead at 7:00 am to pack in tools and food to Mirror Lake for a Forest Service crew that will be spending a week up there cleaning trails. They are going to do a lot of rock work so the tools consisted of pry bars, pick axes, sledge hammers and other heavy implements of destruction. The crew consisted of Lew, Dan, Mark and Kenji (riding shotgun). We normally go in with the Forest Service crew but we were going to be at Slough Creek on Monday so we cached their tools and food for them early. It took us a couple hours to get all their gear packed up and we left the trail head at 9:00 am. We got to Mirror Lake at 11:30 am and had lunch and stowed away the gear. On our way up and back we had a little excitement when we kicked up a bunch of bees in the middle of the switchbacks near the Lake. Lew's mules did not like the bees much! We got back to the trailhead at 3:00pm and back to Bozeman in time for Sweet Pea.



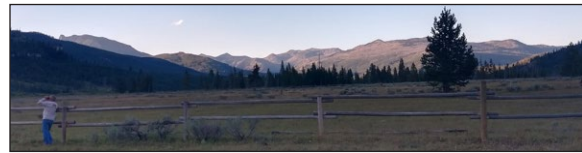
AUGUST 8 TRAIL CLEARING

Larry, Tom, Kenji and I rode to Arrow Lake on Sunday. After a 3 hour ride and a quick lunch at the lake we rode on up to the top of Indian Ridge. The smoke was intense but we could still make out the outline of surrounding peaks. We also spotted Grayling Lake far down below us in the Hell Roaring Creek canyon. Strong winds and the approaching weather convinced us to head for home. We cut three deadfall from the trail and noted much needed tread work, steps, water bars, and trimming along many portions of the route. This blue flower was also growing along the Hellroaring trail. Maybe someone can identify it.—DP



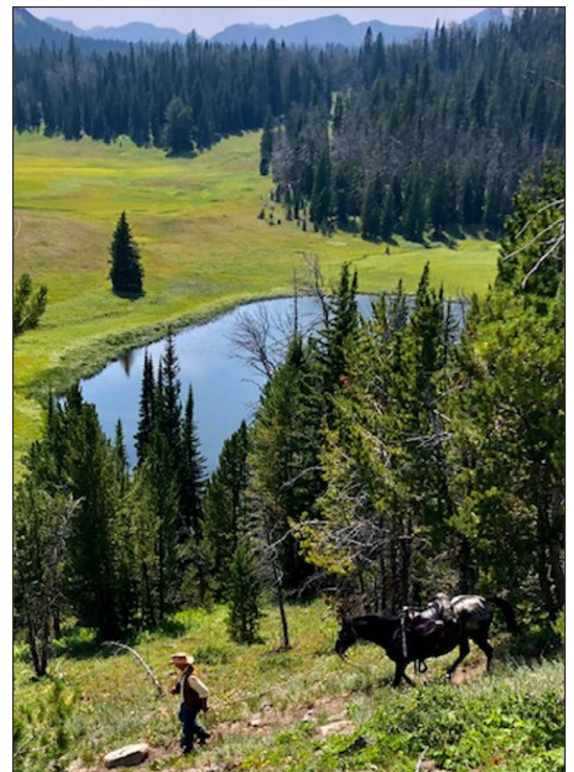
AUGUST 9-14 SLOUGH CREEK

Members of the Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen packed supplies into the Slough Creek Guard Station to complete work on the pasture fence. The crew consisted of Henry and Molly, Dan M., Laurie, Jill, Chris and Lew. We were able to finish the pasture fence on Thursday at 4 PM ahead of schedule. We put in over 50 posts and 100 rails. We took the morning off on Friday while Dan and Chris did some fishing; the rest of the gang mounted up and went to Frenchie's grave to the North. In the afternoon we replaced the remaining old rails in the fencing surrounding the cabin area. It was hot most of the time but we had pleasant weather for the ride in. Everyone was tired at the end of the day's work but we all were well fed by our 5 star camp chefs Henry and Molly.



AUGUST 15 TRAIL CLEARING

Three awesome days... Kenji, Tom and I rode up the Inspiration Trail and had a nice day and a great ride. Hellroaring to Thompson Lake, Little Hell Roaring to Indian Ridge, and the ride to Lizard Lakes and the Inspiration Trail. Wish you could have been riding with us. —DP



AUGUST 16 FOREST SERVICE TRAIL CLEARING—PACK OUT

At 0900 on Monday, Kenji, Lew, Henry and Rich left Spanish Cr trail head enroute to Mirror Lk to pack out a Forest Service trail crew that had been working out of a camp there for the last 10 days. Three hours later we arrived at Mirror. The trail crew had the tools and gear all laid out and ready for us to pack. We packed and balanced six pack boxes, loaded them on our three pack animals and headed back down the trail. Despite the steep rocky nature of the trail and the intermittent hornets nests, we arrived back at Spanish trail head about 4p.m. where we enjoyed ice cold drinks provided by Pepsi and iced in Rich's cooler. We even got to smell a little rain on the way back. Another great trip in God's back country.



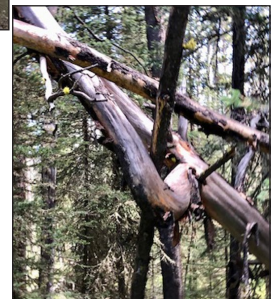
AUGUST 25 TRAIL CLEARING

Hello, for all but 7 of us you missed a great day in the woods on the Cherry Creek trail, Sweden Crk trail, and Placer Crk trail. Connie, Wayne, Netsy ? (Wayne's friend), Bruce, Laurie, Kenji and I left the Spanish Crk TH at 9 am (after a slow drive on a horrible road) and rode fast up Trail 401, Cherry Creek trail, and then on to the North Fork. From there we went up and over into Willow Swamp. That stretch of trail had several trees down which we cleared. All of this route is on Flying D property or USFS so we were using the chain saw. We traveled up Willow Crk trail and onto the Sweden Crk trail #406 and then onto Placer Creek trail, #405. Somewhere along the Sweden Creek trail our chainsaw heated up and became inoperable so, after discussing the options, decided to keep going, using Silky saws for the rest of the ride. As it got late we decided to ride around down trees and cut only the ones where there was no way to get around. We cut about 15 trees with the chainsaw and about 40 with the Silky saws but we rode around at least another 15. The day's ride totalled about 24 miles and we arrived back at the trailhead about 7 pm, beat and hungry. But, we were all satisfied that it was a productive day given the chainsaw problem. Pics on FB.



AUGUST 28 SAGE CREEK FUN RIDE

Six GVBCH members met at the Sage Creek trailhead on Saturday August 28th. We rode in just over 8 miles with cool temps, blue skies, and mostly soft, easy trail. The middle portion of Sage Creek was dry but farther upstream was flowing well. A dozen teal circled as we rode by their preferred section of the stream and other birds including Stellars Jays and Clarks Nutcrackers were seen. Outfitter trails are well worn in the area and can make following the official trail a bit tricky. We returned to the trailhead at 4 pm and talked with Dick Haines and Jane Huffine. They were planning to ride in the area for the next 4 days. All agreed it was a great day to be on the trail and a super fun ride in the mountains.—DP



INDIAN RIDGE

All.

Some of you have already seen these photos taken by Kenji on July 31 on the Hell Roaring Creek Trail #110. For those that haven't, check out the rock formation. I wonder if anyone knows the origin of the name "Indian Ridge" and if maybe this was it, but lost to the memory of the old days. I asked Larry Thomas. He had never noticed this formation and never questioned the origin. Look closely at lower portions of the formation and with a little imagination you can pick out additional "faces" in the stone. —DP



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