

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:**

SATURDAY TRAIL CREW: NOVEMBER 5

Contact Dan Porter, 406-539-0879

BOARD MEETING : NOVEMBER 17, 6:30 PM

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GVBCH CHRISTMAS PARTY : DECEMBER 2

Eagle Mount, 6901 Goldenstein Lane

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

As I write this, Bozeman just received a foot of snow and six weeks of a beautiful Indian summer has ended. Experiencing four seasons is one reason many of us live in the Gallatin Valley, but it doesn't mean that a sudden seasonal change is always easy to take! For many of us, heavy snow in the mountains shuts down trail riding for the next several months.

However, to brighten up the next couple months anyway, we have the popular FWP biologist for Region 3, Julie Cunningham, speaking at the November meeting. Julie always gives a great update on the status of big game animals in southwest Montana and her work with them throughout the year. This is probably the most well-liked presentation we have every year so you can't miss it.

Also, in November we will finalize the ballot for election of at least three Board members, the Officer positions as well as a State Board representative and an alternate. Please consider joining the team to become more active in GVBCH and promote the safe use of equines in the back country. Voting will occur at the December BCH meeting on the 15th.

At that same meeting we will also have a meeting to discuss trail crew activities for next summer, ways to improve it and the reporting of it. It should be a good discussion and help create a better trail crew team moving forward. Finally, the Christmas party is set for Friday, December 2nd at Eagle Mount.

A lot going on in the next couple months with BCH and before you blink, it will be 2023, the 38th year of the Gallatin Valley chapter of BCH with many more years to come.

Stay warm, Chris

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20**

Sid Boswell, Jim Wing, Dan Marsh, Dan Porter, Chris Nygren, Lew Goodpasture, Vern Campbell, Henry Glenn, Kathy VanDyke, John Mutter, Connie LeHocky, Laurie Connelly, Dan Porter (as proxy for Tom Lamb.

Chris called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**MEETING MINUTES**

With no offered changes Kathy moved to accept the meeting minutes as published; Lew seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jim reported on the checking and savings accounts. Dan Porter will be submitting receipts for a sharpener for the chainsaw, \$59.99; a wedge, \$8.99; business cards for the club, \$62.77; and a quart of oil for the chainsaw, \$9.99. Kathy moved to reimburse Dan for these items; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed

**CHAPTER ELECTIONS**

Elections for Board of directors and officers is coming up in December. We would like to have a slate of eligible candidates by November's meeting. Kathy, Lew and Vern will divide up the membership and try to reach everyone by phone to invite them to volunteer for the Board.

**VOLUNTEER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

Dan Marsh has been compiling these hours but each member is responsible to give him your odometer readings and miles traveled for work days. There has been some confusion around this because the process changed this year. We will have a discussion at our December meeting with all the frequent trail crew members so we can clarify the process and hopefully have great participation. It is good documentation for how much work we are doing and the Forest Service needs this information as well.

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

Henry reported that our Facebook page is getting a lot of traffic. Hopefully this will start to help encourage people to become members and volunteer with us.

Buffalo Horn corrals were in need of anti-cribbing paint. Dan Porter has done that job. Thank you Dan!

Connie moved to adjourn the meeting; Laurie seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Chris adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

*—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*

Program: Ashley Phillips, Backcountry Medical Supplies, gave an informative presentation on her company and showed us her medical emergency kit designed for equestrians. Thank you Ashley.

Chris called the meeting to order at 7:43pm.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Janice moved to accept the meeting minutes as published; Molly seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Jim reported on the checking and savings accounts. Henry moved to approve the report; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Janice has secured Dec 2, a Friday, at Eagle Mount for our annual Christmas party. Molly will head up the food and will ask for assist as the time gets closer. Decorating starts at 4p, appetizers at 5p. dinner starting at 6p.

**BOARD AND OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Kathy, Vern and Lew will be calling members to encourage people to 'run'. Please thoughtfully consider volunteering in this way. It is not much of a time commitment and it's a great way to get to know more members. We hope to have a slate of eligible candidates by the November meeting and vote at the December meeting.

**TRAIL CREWS MEETING**

We will have a gathering of members that are frequently part of the trail crews at our December meeting to help better coordinate how and why we need to document our miles worked. It has been a new system this year and there has been some confusion. So if you plan to work the trails with us next year, please try to make this meeting. We will incorporate this meeting into our regularly scheduled general meeting, Dec 15.

[Just a reminder: membership expires Dec 31, 2022.](#)

The State Convention will be in Kalispell, April 14-16. 2023. It's the 50th Anniversary so it will be a big deal and lots of fun. It is followed by the National Convention April 17-19, also in Kalispell. We encourage everyone to attend!

Dan Marsh presented our chapter volunteer hours. We have donated 1894.5 hours in the service of our Forest Trails. Good job everybody.

Dan Porter had business cards for the chapter made. All are welcome to take some to have for when you're out and people have questions about the GVBCH. Thanks Dan.

Henry reported that our Facebook page is getting a lot of traffic.

Henry moved to adjourn the meeting; Janice seconded the motion; the motion passed.

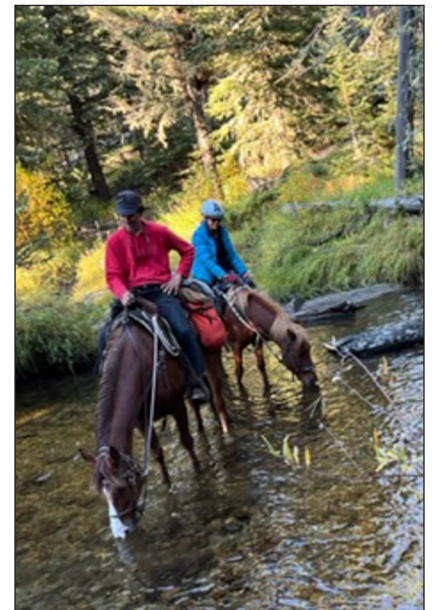
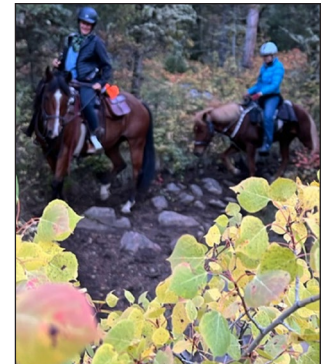
Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm

*—Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*



## OCTOBER 5 : NORTH FORK OF SPANISH CREEK

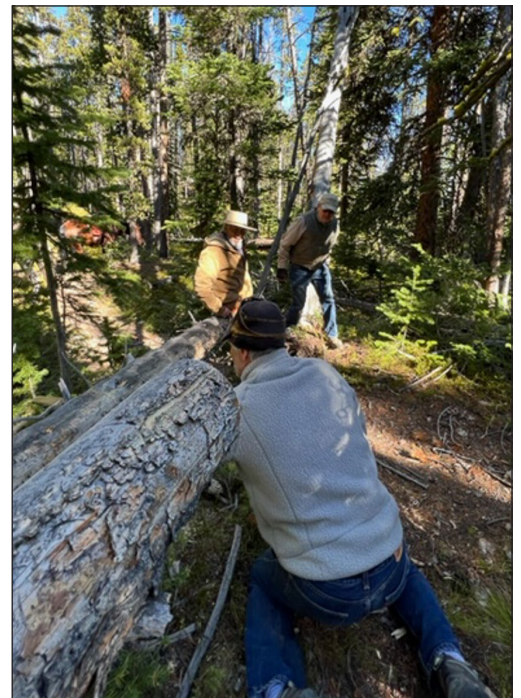
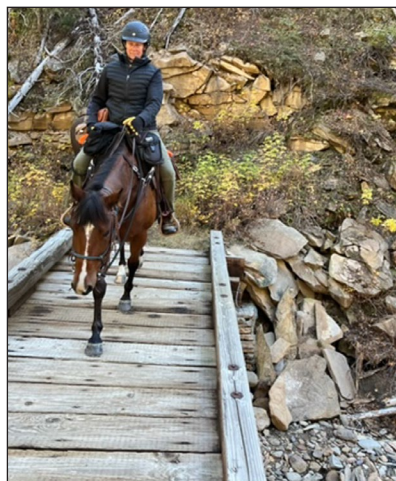
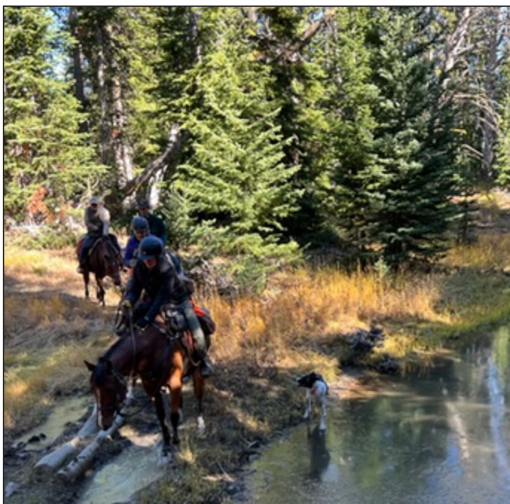
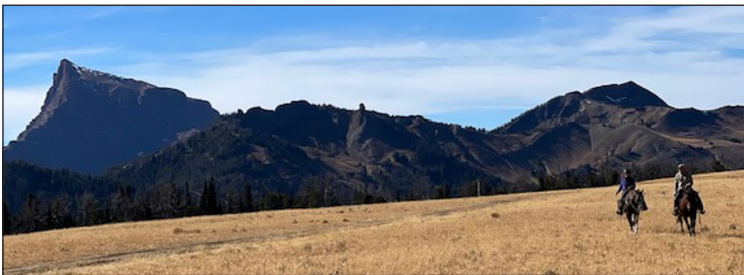
Six members, Lew, Laurie, Connie, Curt, Mark and Kenji, met at Spanish Crk trailhead, departing TH at 8:45. What a beautiful day for a long ride. We rode up Trail 401 about 5.4 miles to the junction with North Fork Trail #446. We rode up #446 to junction with the High Lakes Trail #413 which we rode until we made it to Cherry Lake. The workload on these trails was light with only a few small trees and some brush cut from the trail. We had lunch in the sun at Cherry Lake then backtracked 1 mile to the junction with Placer Creek Trail #405. We rode that trail to the junction with Cherry Creek Trail #401 and headed back to the trailhead. On the Placer Creek Trail we encountered more blowdown trees across the trail and cut 10-15 small 4" to 8" trees to clear the trail. Two to 4 trees had blown down in a couple of places causing quite a tangled mess. Lucky for us, the USFS crew had been on all these trails in the last 45 days and had already cleared them. What we got into had blown down since they cleared those trails in late August. It was a good day, riding about 26 miles. All the riding and pack stock performed well. We arrived back at the trailhead about 7 pm. Thanks to the volunteers. You're a productive and fun bunch. —Lew



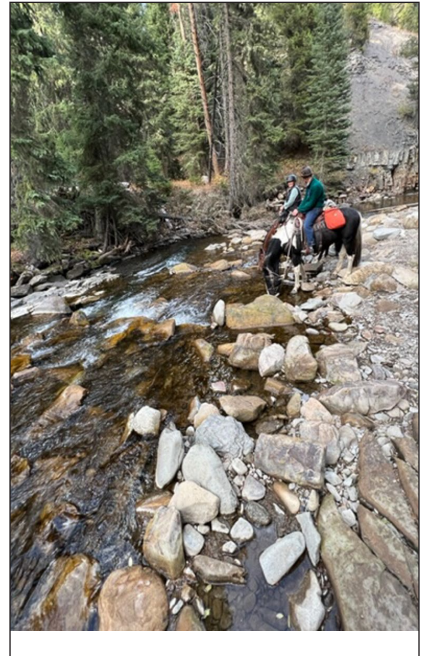
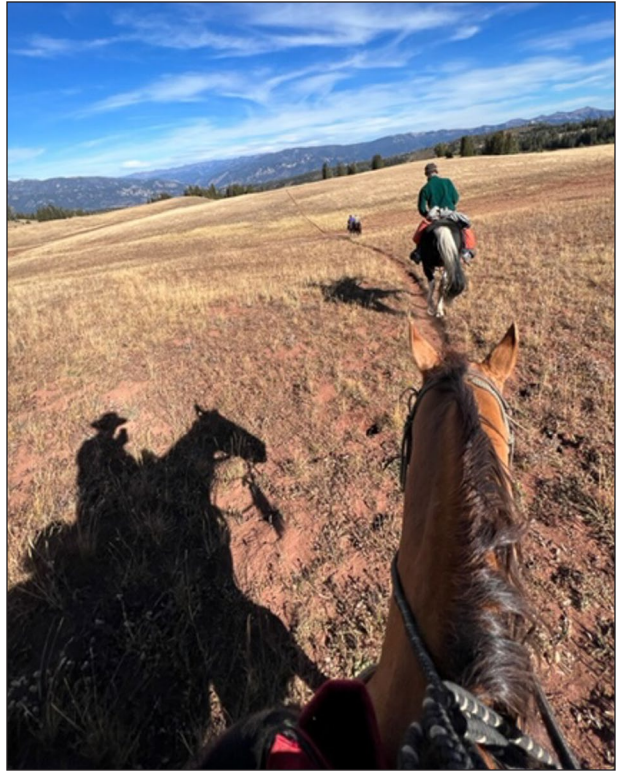


## OCTOBER 14 : SECOND MULE TO FIRST YELLOW MULE

Five GVBCH members rode the loop up Second Yellow Mule, across Buck Ridge, and returning via First Yellow Mule and the Ousel Falls Trail. Larry and I rode in the first 3.5 miles at which point I sensed the horse I was riding was having difficulty walking. After some consultation Larry and I decided it was best to lead the horse back to the trailhead. He and I returned to the trailhead with no delay and spent the next 4 hours discussing world affairs and the pressing issues of the day, until our riders returned at approximately 5pm. Photos by Kenji...worth a thousand words! —DP



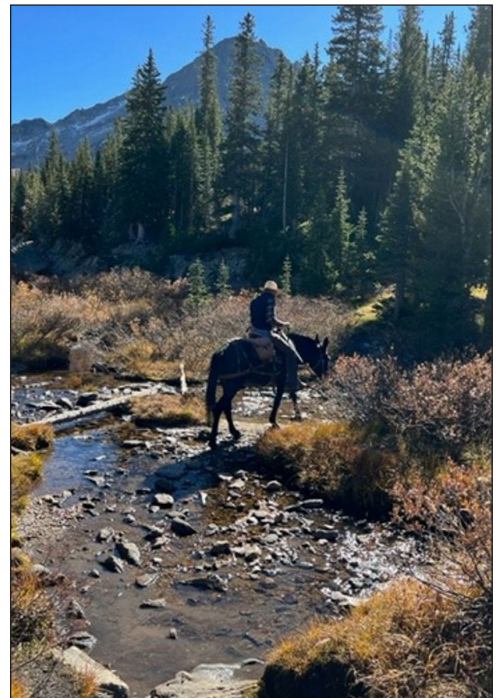
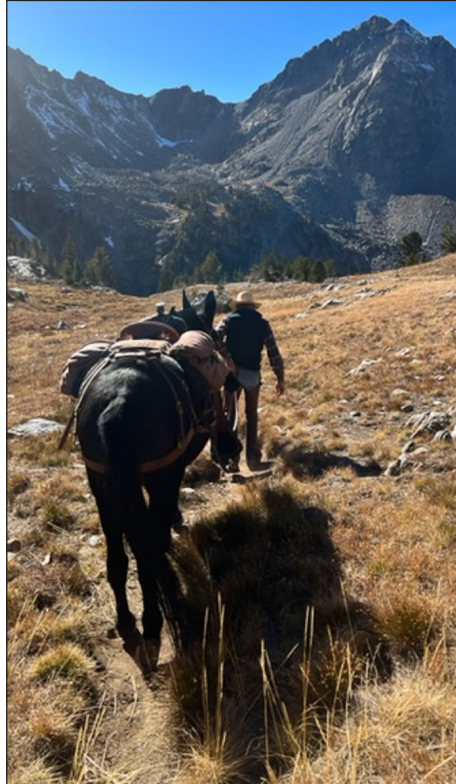




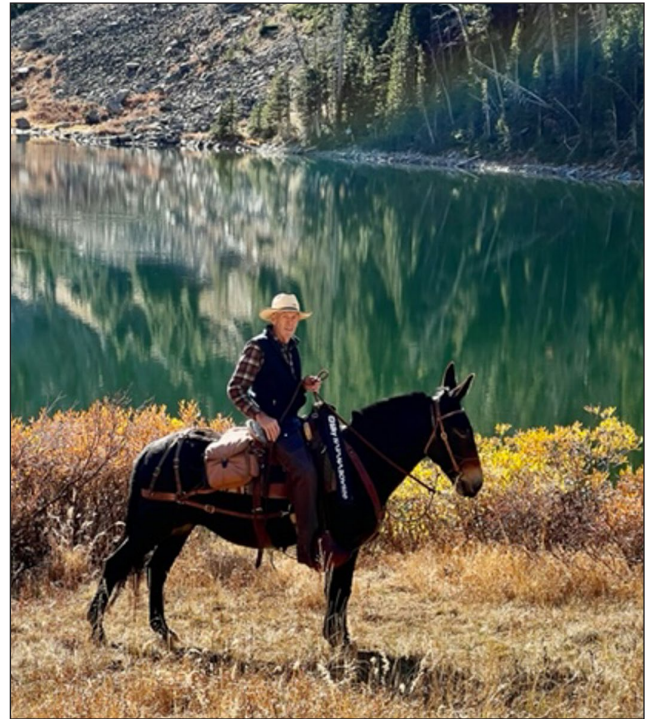
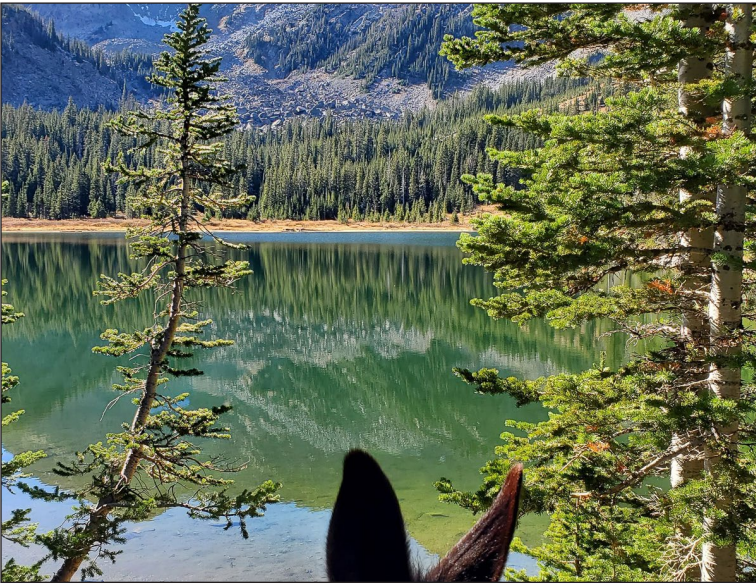


## OCTOBER 17 : MIRROR LAKE

Another pleasurable trail day! Our intention, when we decided Sunday night to ride on Monday, was to do a trail that neither of us had done in a while and really had no anticipation that it would be anything but a pleasure ride. But, as usual, we carried a saw just in case we got into a jam. Sure enough, the Mirror Lake trail had some new blowdowns so we ended up sawing 6 trees and cleared them from the trail. It was a beautiful day so after a lunch in the sun at Mirror Lake, we decided to ride on to the ridgetop and see Summit Lake. The trail was very rocky and steep with lots of switchbacks. It took about 2 hours to ride the 2 miles. There were two very big dead trees that had fallen onto the trail but the ride around was easy. With just the Silky Saw, we made no attempt to cut those out. Once at the lake and heading back down we decided to walk the rocky, steep section and made it back to the trailhead about 5:45. Really a nice day and thanks to Kenji for the company and the help. — Lew and Kenji









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