

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: OCTOBER 1, NOVEMBER 5

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BOARD MEETING : OCTOBER 20, 6:30 PM

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GENERAL MEETING : OCTOBER 20, 7:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Crisp nights, beautiful colors and short sleeve weather. Fall is here and there are a few more opportunities to get out and about with your favorite stock. However, time is running short so dally, unless it is your lead rope around the saddle horn!

It has been another successful season clearing trail, fixing up corrals/cabins and enjoying barbeque food for the Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horsemen. As we enter a slower time of the year for riding, please remember to enter your mileage and time for trail work on the volunteer reimbursement forms and submit to Dan Marsh. We also have officer and Board member elections coming up so consider supporting your chapter in other ways than clearing trail and riding.

The Christmas holiday party is being planned for the second full weekend in December, hopefully at Eagle Mount again. We also will have a number of good presentations for the monthly meetings as well as lining out new projects for the 2023 season. Time flies with 2023 around the corner and we sure hope you use some of that valuable time to support Backcountry Horsemen and the mission of promoting and encouraging the use and enjoyment of the backcountry trails around the Gallatin Valley.

Take care and stay warm, Chris



Roll Call: Chris Nygren, Kathy VanDyke, Jim Wing, Dan Porter, John Mutter, Rich Inman, Laurie Connelly, Henry Glenn, Dan (proxy for Vern Campbell), Rich (proxy for Sid Boswell), and John (proxy for Lew Goodpasture).

MEETING MINUTES

Jim moved to accept the minutes as published; Kathy seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim reported on the checking and savings accounts. Our chapter has received a \$250 grant from Fidelity Charitable. We were nominated by Swep and Brenda Davis, past chapter members. Sid and Stacie have submitted their reimbursement request for the convention earlier this year. Henry will be submitting his reimbursement request for the BBQ expenses.

Chapter Business

Chris will be meeting with the FWP to discuss the Ramshorn Lake corral project. They will discuss how the FS can help us with this project.

Christmas Party

We need to find out from Janice whether we can have the party at Eagle Mount again this year. It will be the first full weekend in December if that date is available.

Officer Elections

Vern, Lew and Kathy will be going off the board. Kathy is in charge of organizing the soliciting of candidates for the election.

MANY THANKS to Henry and Molly for the great BBQ once again.

Dan Porter is looking for a volunteer or two or more to paint the anti-cribbing paint onto the corrals at Buffalo Horn. Please let him know if you are interested.

Henry moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathy seconded the motion; the motion passed. Chris adjourned the meeting at 7:02.

—*Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*

Mike Duncan from the FWP gave an informational and educational talk about establishing native fish back into their historic habitats. He is in charge of the Gallatin and Madison rivers in Region 3. It was a very informative talk and he answered many questions from the members.

Chris called the meeting to order at 8:08 pm

Meeting Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Christmas Party

Janice stated she has not yet confirmed with Eagle Mount. She will request the date be December 9th or 10th. She will report back at our next meeting.

Officer Elections

We will be electing officers in December. Please consider volunteering for the chapter in this way. Vern, Lew and Kathy all will be going off the board. Board meetings are once a month, 30 minutes before our general meetings. It is a great way to contribute and to meet more members!

Ramshorn Lake project

We are tentatively going to have a project next year to repair the corrals up at Ramshorn Lake. Chris will be meeting with FWP and FS to see how they may be able to help us logistically.

Buffalo Horn Corrals

Early this summer, our chapter did a full days work repairing and replacing corral rails. They now need to be painted with anti-cribbing paint. We are looking for a few good members to volunteer for this project. If you are able and willing please connect with Dan Porter to get the paint.

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

Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

—*Respectfully submitted by Laurie Connelly*

It really does matter if you clean your cinches of prickly pieces of plant material (after every ride) and you pressure wash (or hard hose stream) your cinches to get rid of the sweat and grime after every few rides. Cinches won't dry by tomorrow? Step up and buy a second one to rotate. Hard, sweaty, and prickly cinches can lead to big problems on the trail. These photos are after only one easy ride that started with a clean cinch.—Janice Cartwright



SEPTEMBER 3 : FUN RIDE TO HYALITE LAKE

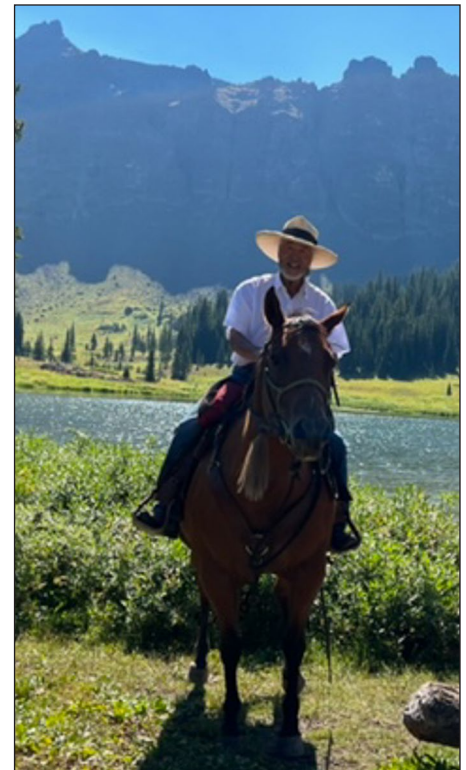
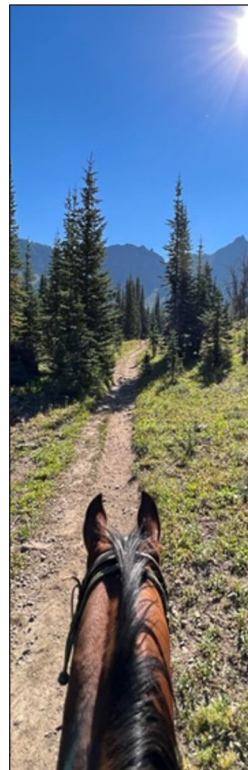
Kenji and I trailered up to the Trail # 427 trailhead on the last weekend of the "Time Share" for that trail. Getting an early start ahead of the forecast high temps, we were in the saddle and on the trail to the left up the ridge rather than the wheel chair accessible route by 8:40 am. This portion of the trail is in fair condition and well traveled but we had it to ourselves this morning. There is much opportunity for limbing of head high branches along this first portion of trail and the water bars appear to be older than I am and in similar condition (worn to a frazzle!) When we reached the jct with the main trail following the creek we began to meet hikers, many with children and/or canine friends. All were courteous and accomodating in yielding to equestrians and we reached Hyalite Lake at approximately 11:15. A light breeze at the lake made for an enjoyable lunch break and we returned passing the many water falls and clearing only 3 small deadfall that

were partially blocking the trail ,as matter of principle. The silky saw sufficed although we had brought the Stihl along just in case.

Many hikers noticed the chain saw positioned on the side of my saddle and thanked us for clearing the trails.—DP



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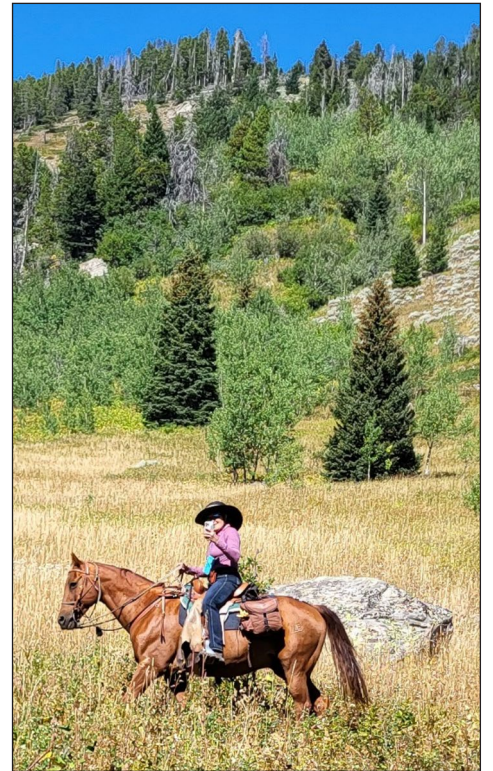


SEPTEMBER 9 & 10 : GVBCH GET TOGETHER BBQ

Just a few pics of the Saturday night BBQ at Spanish Creek cabin. Several members got a nice ride in on Friday and Saturday. Thanks to all who brought delicious sides and desserts!! Happy Fall!!

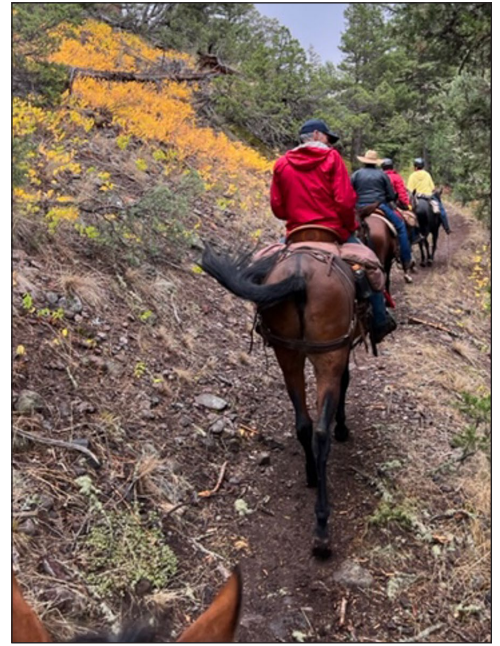


Janice & Friends



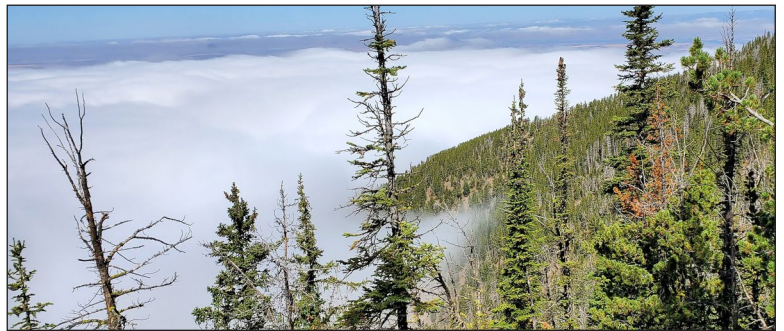
SEPTEMBER 17 : CLIFF CREEK TRAIL

Six GV BCH members went "over the hill" and up the Paradise Valley headed for Big Creek for a day of riding and trail maintenance. Leaving the trailhead at Big Creek Station at 10:30 am with Marianne on "Rachel" in the lead we took the fork up Cliff Creek and rode until 3:00 pm stopping only to clear the frequent virgin timber deadfall. Most were over 10" diameter and many 15" or more. At 3pm, with two dead batteries on the Stihl and a unanimous decision it was time to go home , we turned back, reaching the trailhead at 4:15 with Rachel setting the pace again for an estimated 5 miles each way. During the ride we saw blue sky and sunshine, a short hail storm, and as we rode out a lot of high elevation thunder and light showers. Thank you Kenji, Larry, Carmen, Lew, and Marianne for a great ride thru an incredibly beautiful canyon and for helping "Wild Montana" to reopen the Cliff Creek trail.—DP



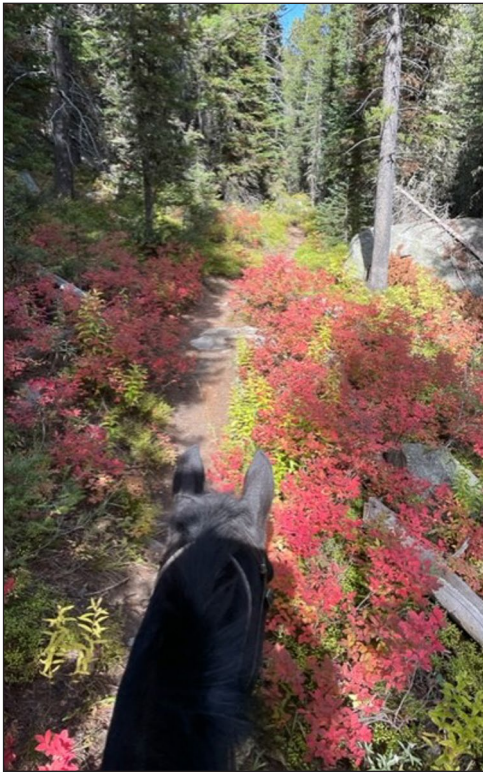
SEPTEMBER 21 : LITTLE HELLROARING TRAIL TO INDIAN RIDGE TRAIL

Three members, Lew, Laurie and Bruce met at Spanish Crk trailhead with the plan to get there earlier than usual and do a long ride up the North Fork trail and then back on the Camp Crk trail, a 21 mile loop. Unfortunately, Laurie got caught up in a line of southbound traffic that was held up due to an 18 wheeler crashing and blocking the northbound lane of Hwy 191. She crept South slowly and it took her 1 hour and 45 minutes to go from Gateway Exxon to the turn toward Spanish Crk TH. An 8:30 departure turned into a 10:15 departure so we decided on a shorter ride onto Little Hellroaring Trail. We left the trailhead in a very thick fog, allowing about 200 ft visibility. We cut 10 small trees from the trail as we rode up. After about an hour of riding, we climbed above the fog which resulted in a spectacular sight, looking down on this blanket of fog. We had lunch near the junction of Indian Ridge trail in a small clearing, mostly sunny. We turned back at the junction and walked about a mile to mile and a half and used loppers and Silky saw, cutting small trees and brush away from the trail. We travelled a total of 10 trail miles and were on the trail for about 6 hours. Thanks to Laurie and Bruce for helping out this week.—Lew



SEPTEMBER 25 : 407 TRAIL

Larry, Carmen, Larry Bill, and I rode up the 407 trail on a beautiful fall day. At the Mirror Lake Y, we turned towards the Spanish Lakes then crossed the stream and farther along turned up the Hermit Creek/High Lakes trail. Massive recent tread repair by the Forest Service there has made this trail much safer for equestrian use. Thank you, Josh for getting this project completed. At 1pm we reached the Falls Creek divide where we stopped for lunch with views of snow covered slopes in the area and warming sun to make a pleasant break. We then dropped in to the Falls creek drainage, riding past Upper Falls Creek Lake which lies in an idyllic basin meadow at timberline along the trail. We continued on, taking the trail's right fork to head down the Falls Creek trail where the fall colors became more evident. We enjoyed great company on a beautiful ride as we returned to the Spanish Creek trail head having only cut one 8 inch deadfall on the entire 18 mile loop ride.—DP



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