

Beartooth Back Country Horsemen Trail Tales

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hello all,

Even though the warm weather days of summer are the most enjoyable time to spend riding, packing and mingling with friends; I try to spend a fair amount of time with my horses during winter's, cold weather time.



These winter days make it easier to educate your

equine friends on the virtues of keeping a connection with us, the owners, the folks who pay for their upkeep. This is a good time to work on catching them in a pasture. We all have seen the independent attitude of an equine that turns his tail when he sees you carrying a halter. They will become more comfortable, as soon as they learn that you will give them some grain or cake as a reward after allowing you to catch, halter and tying them up to a hitch rail. At this time, I also give them a quick brushing to look them over and many times I walk around and pick up each foot, front first then back. As a signal to being caught I will whistle, and call and I even have a dinner bell that I ring when I want to catch, I repeat this when they are eating the cake, grain or hay. This is a valuable lesson to teach, especially if you plan to spend time in the backcountry. I always take some horse cake with me, so I can give them at least 3 or 4 pieces when we stop to camp. Later If I picket or hobble them or if one or more gets loose. I have a much easier time to catch a hobbled or lose one If we have done the homework. In the high country there is no fence or corral to crowd them into and a hobbled horse is only caught if he wants to be, caught. Following the habit, I have taught them, after they are caught, I reward them with cake again or at least the brushing. The whistling is valuable so if they are out of sight, many times they will come to you.

I hope to see you all at the next general meeting we have lots to visit about relating to the up-coming State convention in Hamilton March 20-22. That should give us a kick start for the summer camp outs, packing, or any trail maintenance projects we choose.

Take care, & happy trails, John Simmons

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Potluck

Everyone Brings Something to the Table.

General Meeting ~ January 17th ~ Fishtail Community Center

Potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7 p.m.



2020 BBCH Dues – are Due!

Individual: \$35 Family: \$45

Business: \$50, which includes your Business Card in the Newsletter

Our Treasurer, John Jenkins, will gladly take your checks at the next General Meeting, or drop your check in the mail: BBCH, PO Box 614, Absarokee, MT 59001



Please send any submissions for the Newsletter to Robin Morris, junkerette@msn.com, by the 5th of each month. Thanks!

Backcountry Horsemen of America

Volunteer Hours Report

BEARTOOTH BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN

2019

	Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	426	\$25.43	\$10,820.47	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	357	\$38.15	\$13,598.69	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	25	\$25.43	\$629.39	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	12	\$25.43	\$305.16	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	18	\$25.43	\$445.03	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	74	\$25.43	\$1,869.11	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	297	\$25.43	\$7,540.00	Calculated per hour
Total Hours	1206.25			
Wilderness Trail Miles	45			
Other Trail Miles	95			
Total Trail Miles	140			
Personal Vehicle	2264	\$0.90	\$2,037.60	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	7130	\$1.10	\$7,843.00	Calculated per mile
Total Travel Miles	9394			
Power Equipment	15	\$26.00	\$390.00	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	0	\$81.00	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Total Equipment Hours	15			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	149			
Total Stock Days	175	\$100.00	\$17,500.00	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$3,447.21		\$3,447.21	
		Total	\$66,425.65	

WIN THIS PACKING OUTFIT

Larry Funk donated his packing outfit to BCHMT's youth program. We hope to pass Larry's gear on to a young person (target age is 18-25) to be used in the back country. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2020.

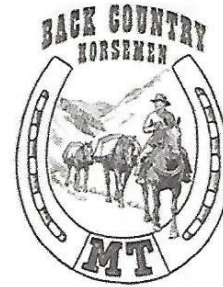
Questions?

Call or e/m Greg Schatz
406.261.5450

gregschatzbuilder@gmail.com

or Elle Eberts 406.253.0646

june.sabyr@gmail.com



Here is the list of gear included with the packing outfit donated by Larry Funk:

- Simco riding saddle
- sawbuck pack saddle
- 2 saddle pads
- 2 halters with lead ropes
- bridle with bit
- shoeing tools
- chaps
- saddle bags
- panniers
- lash cinch
- brushes
- lariat
- horses NOT INCLUDED

To apply:

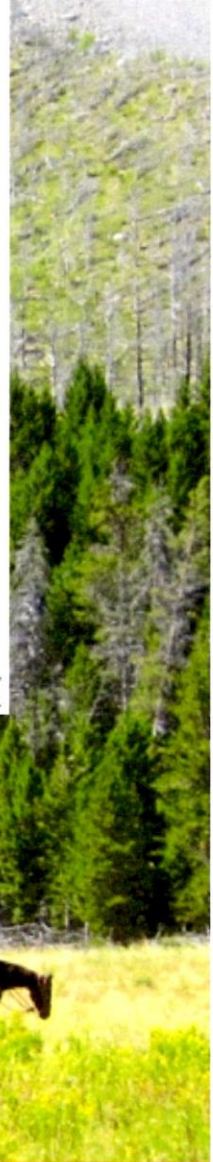
Include your name, age, address, email and phone number. Answer the three questions below in essay format and email your answers to: gregschatzbuilder@gmail.com and june.sabyr@gmail.com

Essay questions:

- 1) How much experience do you have with horses or mules?
- 2) What does wild country mean to you?
- 3) If you are the winner, how do you anticipate using this gear?

LARRY FUNK

As a young man Larry moved to Montana in the '70s to cowboy and pack in the mountains. He bought all the gear and although he cowboyled, he never used the pack gear because of circumstances beyond his control. Larry's last wishes are that his gear be given to a young person who will pack in the mountains.



NEW POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES
SUMMER 2020

WILDERNESS POLICY AND PACKING

Experience the wilderness, learn new skills
and make friends

our state voted to contribute \$2000 to help cost.



PSCI 360

Wilderness Policy & Packing
June 8 – June 26 (3 credits)

PSCI 360x

Wilderness Pack Trip
29 June – July 3 (2 credits)

Up for something new this summer? Learn how to pack! Register for these summer courses where you'll learn about wilderness policy and packing, then spend five days in the Bob Marshall Wilderness with other adventurers!

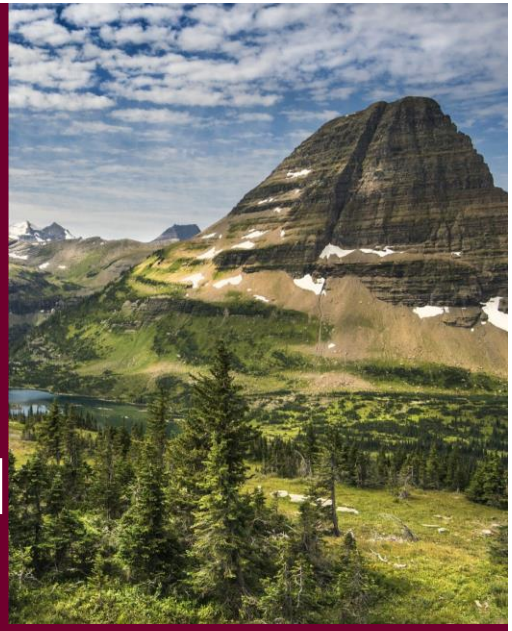


Email eva.maggi@umontana.edu for more info

SUMMER
2020

UNIVERSITY OF
MONTANA
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES
& SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Wilderness Policy and
Packing**



JUNE 8 – JUNE 26, 2020

3 CREDITS

Make a difference with your next outdoor adventure and learn about Wilderness policy, horse and mule camping and packing in Montana's wild back country. This class mixes campus and barn lectures by Wilderness policy experts with hands-on back country skills. Students will write their own policy papers and work on back country trails. Enrollment is limited to 20 undergraduate students. All majors welcome.



Wilderness Pack Trip

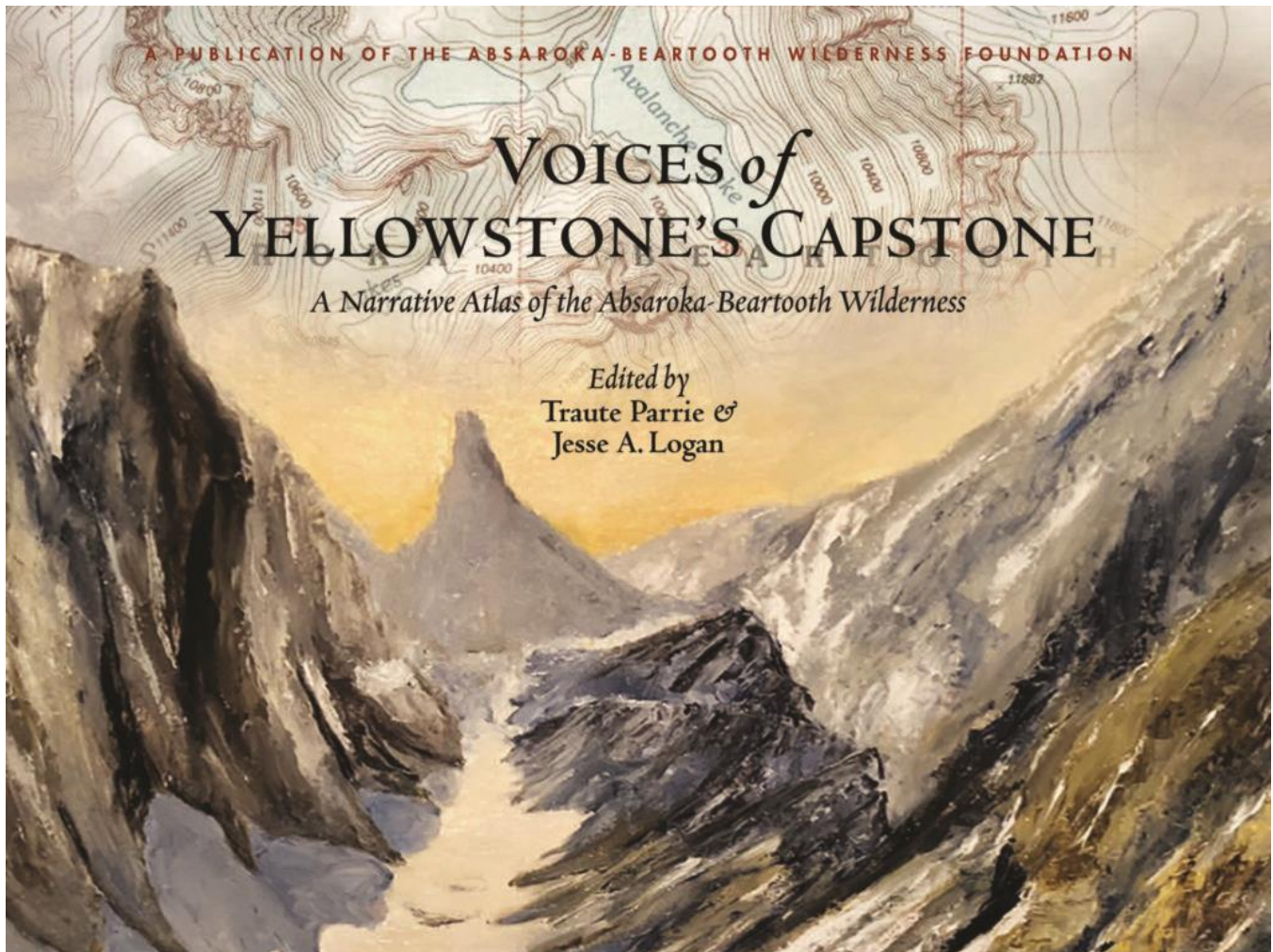
JUNE 29 – JULY 3, 2020

2 CREDITS

Take this five-day pack trip through the Bob Marshall Wilderness and earn credits on horseback. On this professionally outfitted trip, students will meet with Forest Service rangers, build trail, apply leave-no-trace principles with pack all while discussing their policy ideas around the campfire at night. Enrollment is limited to 10 students and successful comple



"A NARRATIVE ATLAS OF THE ABSAROKA-BEARTOOTH WILDERNESS"



Voices from Yellowstone's Capstone: A Narrative Atlas of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness has arrived and is available for purchase.

Editors **Traute Parrie & Jesse Logan** (both former Forest Service and Board members of the ABWF) have compiled and published a phenomenal new coffee table format book all about the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness! And it is BEAUTIFUL! Consisting of over 30 essays by noted authors from around the region, this labor of love by the authors/editors is devoted to the history, the landscape, the people, the wildlife and plant-life, and the natural history of the A-B Wilderness, one of the true crown jewels of wilderness anywhere in the world. The words here are enhanced by incredible maps produced by Jesse and other contributors (hence the Atlas designation), and, of course, the incredible photography and compelling artwork from many local artists. There has never been a volume like this devoted to just the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

We are so proud of this work!

Everyone who has contributed to the ‘Atlas’ as we call it for short, has done so as a benefit for the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation (ABWF). Proceeds from the Atlas’ sale (\$45) go to the ABWF, a non-profit dedicated to the stewardship of this amazing wilderness! It is available for pre-order NOW! on the website. Everyone should find essays of interest in this work (338 pp. 9” by 12”)! They will make great Holiday gifts! and help a good cause!

Copies of the Atlas, can be pre-purchased online: <https://shop.abwilderness.org/>, or in-person at the ABW Office, 122 S. Hauser Ave., Red Lodge, MT 59068, (406) 425-1944

Also...they are hiring!

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR & TRAIL CREW LEADER

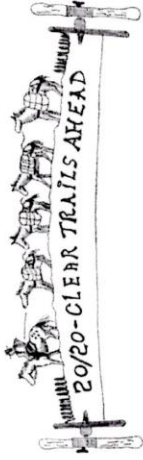
The Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation (ABWF) in Red Lodge, MT is seeking a seasonal, full-time individual for the summer to lead ~10-12 trail projects (single-day and multi-day projects) per summer, working with untrained volunteers on trail-building and maintenance, weed-eradication, and backcountry rehabilitation projects in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. We employ a workforce that is composed largely of volunteers from all over the region & country who are willing to join us in doing physically strenuous trail-work. We are a close partner with the Custer Gallatin National Forest on all work that we do.

The ABWF needs a capable outdoors person who will plan and organize the trips, help lead the trail work efforts and facilitate our volunteers’ experiences—providing leadership, and ensuring safety in a backcountry environment. Trip leadership is a must. We’re looking for someone with reasonable knowledge and experience in trail-work. Most important of all we’re looking for someone with great “people skills”; i.e. someone who is gregarious and willing to make the experience safe, fun, and fulfilling for the volunteer and who is passionate about Wilderness and capable of being ‘the face’ of wilderness volunteerism for the ABWF.

The full job opening is available on their website: www.abwilderness.org

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MONTANA 2020 STATE CONVENTION

Hamilton, Montana March 20-22, 2020
 Hosted by Bitter Root BCH



Your BCH Chapter _____

Attendee #1 Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Voting Delegate? _____ Yes _____ No

Position(s) Held, if applicable (i.e., Chapter President, State Director, etc) _____

Not attending Friday's State Board meeting? Join us for a free tour of the historic Daly Mansion, Friday 1-4pm (Limited slots - Sign up now) _____ Yes / No

FULL REGISTRATION

(includes registration packet, Saturday lunch and banquet, Sunday breakfast, coffee/snacks)

Payment made before March 1: \$95

Payment made on/after March 1: \$105

... OR ... **INDIVIDUAL CHOICES**

Saturday lunch: \$20

Saturday banquet: \$40

Sunday breakfast: \$20

Total for Attendee #1 \$ _____

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Total Paid \$ _____

Check # _____

Credit Card (online or by phone) _____

Make check payable to BRBCH. Mail form and payment to: Nancy Pollman, 3777 Eastside Hwy, Stevensville, MT 59870
 (Payment by check is preferred, but credit cards also accepted, at www.bchmt.org/bitterroot or by phone with Nancy: 406-546-6492)

REGISTRATION FORMS:

If not submitted in full online, mail or email registration form to Nancy Pollman

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All events take place at Ravalli County Fairgrounds

QUESTIONS? Please contact Nancy Pollman

406-546-6492 npollman20@aol.com
 3777 Eastside Hwy, Stevensville, MT 59870

Attendee #2 Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Voting Delegate? _____ Yes _____ No

Position(s) Held, if applicable (i.e., Chapter President, State Director, etc) _____

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... OR ... **INDIVIDUAL CHOICES**

Saturday lunch: \$20

Saturday banquet: \$40

Sunday breakfast: \$20

Total for Attendee #2 \$ _____

LODGING: Blocks of rooms are available until Feb. 20 under name MT BCH at:

- HOTELS:**
- Bitterroot River Inn 406-375-2525
 - Quality Inn 406-363-6670
 - Super 8 406-363-2940

- CAMPING:**
- Black Rabbit RV Park (full hookups) 406-363-3744
 - Ravalli County Fairgrounds 406-363-3411
- (Both dry camping and electrical hookups are available on the fairgrounds)



2020 Back Country Horsemen of MT State Convention Raffle Items

3 CHANCES TO WIN!

- TWO 2020 NATIONAL FINALS RODEO TICKETS + \$600 cash for travel expenses to Las Vegas
 - ✓ Taking place December 3rd – 12th, 2020 in Las Vegas, NV
 - ✓ Tickets will be for the last night



- 7 DAY PACK TRIP WITH BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS: August 2020, 1 person (value: \$2853)
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 - ✓ This trip has something for everyone.
 - ✓ For more information:
 - ✓ https://bobmarshallwildernessoutfitters.com/pack_trips/excellent-fishing-and-scenery-tour-2/



- 251 CC 18" BAR STIHL EZ PULL CHAINSAW WITH ALL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (Helmet, safety glasses, hearing protection, & chaps)
 - ✓ Valued @ \$500
 - ✓ What more could you want?



Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Draw Date: March 21, 2020

Hosted by Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen Chapter

www.bchmt.org/bitterroot

- Any questions please contact Christy Schram-Duggan @ 406-360-5947 (text) or email @ synbarranch@msn.com



2020 BCH of MT State Convention Photo Contest



Welcome and Thank you for entering your photo in our annual contest. Following are the contest guidelines. Please note that the convention attendees will decide the winner.

- Register your photo Friday evening or Saturday morning before 9:00 am
- Photo contest will have 5 (five) categories. Members limited to 2 (two) entries in each category.
- Categories
 - 1) **Stock & Wildlife:** Horses, Wildlife, Dogs, Cats, etc.
 - 2) **Montana Landscape:** Scenery, Mountains, Lakes, etc.
 - 3) **Kids Old/Young:** People Young, Old, Not So Old
 - 4) **Back Country Horsemen at Work:** Work Projects, Club Projects, Activities
 - 5) **Laugh Out Loud:** Comical, Funny, Make Ya Giggle

Photos are to be taken by amateur photographers only and must be BCH members. Photo size shall be 5 X 7 or 8 X 10 and must be mounted or matted (no frames, please). Photographer's name and address shall be attached to the back of the photo. Photos may also be mailed to:

Christy Schram-Duggan, 4780 Hoover Lane, Stevensville, MT 59870

**BBCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2019**

Meeting came to order at 7:14pm at Chepulis home.

In attendance: Randy Thomsen, Nancy Thomsen, John Chepulis, Bonnie Chepulis, John Jenkins, John Simmons and Cathy Reck

Minutes were not read

Treasurer's Report: Report in Minutes, Account Balance is \$23,090.16, deposits \$1025, debits \$1640

Discussion on the Montana License Plate Renewal, all paperwork is due in March.

Treasurer is trying to make contact with the State.

Discussion on Budget for 2020. Motion by John Chepulis/Bonnie Chepulis to add \$500 for 9 Mile Pack Clinic and \$500 more for Training/Education. Budget for 2020 will not be balanced.

An RPT Grant was recommended.

Board Elections

President: by vote, John Simmons

Vice President: by vote, Randy Thomsen

Treasurer: by acclamation, John Jenkins

Secretary: by acclamation, Nancy Thomsen

Review of By-Laws, shows no term limits

Discussion of membership list privacy.

Committee Chairperson volunteers-

Activities- John Chepulis, with John Jenkins and Randy Thomsen

Education- Bonnie Chepulis

Youth/New Membership- Randy Thomsen

Fun Rides- Cathy Reck, with Bonnie Chepulis

Issues- John Simmons

Newsletter- Robin Morris

No motion was made or vote was taken in the Limiting of Chapter boundaries. Instead John Simmons, future president, and John Chepulis, Activities chairperson, will use the boundaries that the Chapter voted on at the November meeting as "guidelines".

John Chepulis motioned to donate \$300 to the Absarokee Ambulance for a power stretcher. John Simmons seconded, motion passed

Allie Wood asked for a letter of intent from the Board for her RPT Grant application to fund a trail crew. The Board approved sending a letter of intent. Randy Thomsen will write the letter.

The Pryors Coalitions asks for sign on letter for the BLM travel plan. John Chepulis motioned to send a letter sign on letter to the Pryors Coalition and a letter of comment to the BLM voicing our concerns. John Simmons seconded, motion passed. Randy Thomsen will write the letter.

BCHMT- John Chelpulis and John Simmons will be attending the State Meeting in Missoula, December 7

John Simmons brought to the attention of the Board that the BBCH was not mentioned in the ABWF Newsletter for our help with volunteer packing trips this summer. Dave Kallenbach was contacted. Dave Kallenbach will be attending our banquet, he also apologized for the oversight.

BBCH may be getting a donation from Facebook because of "Giving Tuesday". Information was given to Treasurer.

Dues are Due- Dues remain the same \$35 for single membership, \$45 for a family membership, \$50 for a business membership.

Christmas party- Louise Jenkins with the Decorating committee will meet Sunday December 15 at 2pm at Fishtail Community Center to decorate for the Christmas party.

John Chepulis motioned to allow Board meetings to be held by teleconference. Cathy Reck seconded. Discussions about quorum, voting and by laws. Motioned passed

Meeting adjourned 9:25 John Jenkins/Randy Thomsen

Next Board Meeting January 2, 2020 7pm Simmons home
Chapter meeting December 16, 2019 6:30pm

**BBCH GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

Christmas Party

Dave Kallenbach, from the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation, spoke and wanted to Thank BBCH for all our efforts to help them with their most ambitious year yet. ABWF volunteers from all over were packed into the Wilderness by BBCH, Mr. Kallenbach said he asked a lot of BBCH, but BBCH got it done. He presented BBCH with a copy of the ABWF new book, Voices of Yellowstone's Capstone, a Narrative Atlas of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Randy Thomsen in return Thanked Dave Kallenbach and the ABWF for all the work their volunteers have done to keep trails opened and maintained.

Incoming President, John Simmons presented Outgoing President Randy Thomsen with a gift, a silk scarf, from the BBCH.

John Simmons then addressed the members. He spoke about the history of the Chapter, his past experiences and his ideas for 2020.

BCHMT state convention will be held in Hamilton, hosted by the Bitterroot BCH. They will be raffling off 2 tickets to the 2020 NFR in Las Vegas + \$600 cash for travel expenses, a 7 day Pack Trip with Bob Marshal Wilderness Outfitters for 1 person, and a Stihl ez pull chainsaw with all protective equipment. Board Members will be selling tickets.

An Educational packet was handed out to the membership, that included Dan Aaland's book, Train Your Horse for Backcountry Riding, and Mountain Manners, brochure from BCHMT.

Thank you to Marilyn Simmons for cooking the prime rib.

Thank you to Louise Jenkins and Nancy Schreiter for decorating the Community Center

Thank you to Jessy Erickson for the End of Year slide show

Christmas present exchange.

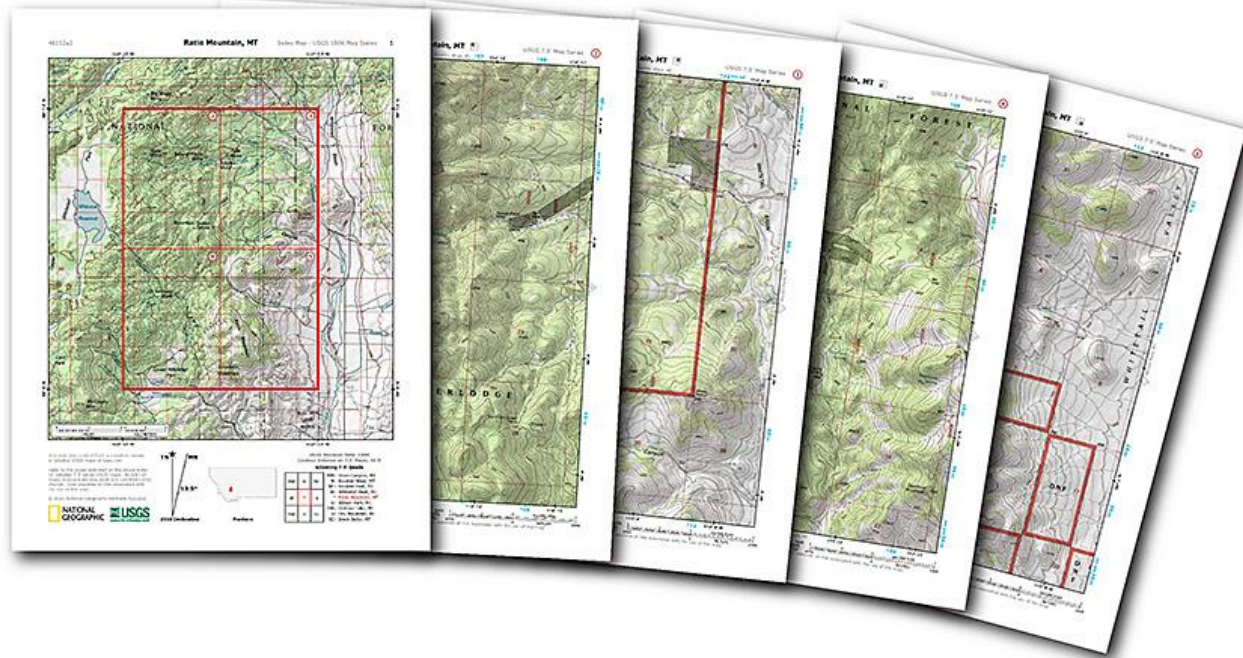
January 2, Board Meeting at 7pm at Simmons home

January 20, 2020 Fishtail Community Center, 6:30pm potluck

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