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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MISSION STATEMENT

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness areas.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen's organizations.
6. To cooperate with other B.C.H.A. organizations.



A Message from Our President

Greetings Members:

As I groom my horses, I am sure that enough bedding is being produced for most of the birdhouses and nests in my area. Spring is here. Can summer be far behind? Carolynne has already spent time prepping the vegetable garden for the coming plantings and it appears that I may be mowing my lawn in the very near future. However, we could use a day of much needed rain.

But as you have seen from my recent letter, the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen's plans are on hold. Our April and May meetings have been cancelled. Our season's trail projects are on hold. Trainings are delayed and expiring certifications have been extended. We will continue to monitor restrictions on gatherings and the willingness of our members to gather as we look to future meetings and projects. Your safety and health are our top priority.

Also, as you are now aware, the 2020 BCH of MT convention was cancelled. Our chapter has been offered the opportunity to host it again in 2021. With many of our key supporters (Ravalli County Fairgrounds, food services, lodging, and vendors) supporting this move, your board has approved our hosting the 2021 state convention. Most of the preparatory work has already been done. All that said, it will still depend on any restrictions on gatherings that may be in place at that time.

Many of us are anxious to get out with our stock. Riding around the neighborhood may be the best we can do for a while. Please be safe and stay healthy.

Gene Merrell, president

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Presentation to Bitter Root Backcountry Horsemen, March 2020

General Meeting Cancelled for April

2020/21 BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN CONVENTION

The Convention has been **CANCELED** due to the pandemic. BRBCH will be hosting the 2021 Convention. At this point committee members are the same. More information to follow.

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Theme - 2020: Clear Trails Ahead			
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Due to the Covid-19 outbreak and social distancing rules, there will not be a printed, mailed version of the March issue of Nag News. If you are aware of a fellow member who doesn't have Internet access, please print up the web version for their benefit.

Thanks, from your editorial staff.

TRAINING UPDATE APRIL 2020

The Covid-19 virus outbreak affected many changes to our training schedule this spring. Here is a summary of the changes so far:

Saw Trainings: The Forest Service has asked that no saw trainings take place before the end of May. The class previously scheduled for April 25 is cancelled until we get the ok to resume classes. All certifications due to expire in 2020 have been extended until 2021, if First Aid/CPR is up to date.

First Aid/CPR: The American Heart Association has extended the date of expiration of cards due to expire in 2020 for 120 days. No classes will be taught until given the ok to resume teaching. If you have signed up for a class, you will be the first on the list to be contacted.

Defensive Horsemanship: At this point no extension for cards expiring in 2020 have been made by the Forest Service, since no projects will be done until the CDC gives the ok to resume. All trainings for this spring have been cancelled (Demonstration 4/4, Obstacles 4/25 and 5/2). The BCHMT site has a power point with training videos to watch for the classroom/demonstration portion of the Defensive Horsemanship training. When we can resume trainings, I can schedule a session on one of our trails to complete the training for a new card or renewal. Please send me a note telling me what you learned from the presentation if you would like to get your DH card.

While you are waiting to get back out on the trails, watch training videos while it snows and get out to do ground work with your horse/mule/donkey when it warms up again. We are lucky to be able to get in meaningful exercise and training during this time of self-quarantine. Be safe out there!



Clover and Your Horses Health

by Flossie Sellers | edited for length

(<https://equimed.com/news/health>)

Horses grazing in pastures where clover is present face health problems depending on the type of clover, how much is present in the forage, and

whether or not it is contaminated with fungus or other toxins. Hay can also be contaminated with clover if it is improperly put up or stored improperly.

Three of the most common problems found in horses eating clover involve:

1. The toxin slaframine in Red Clover infested with *Rhizoctonia leguminicola* which causes excessive salivation
2. A photosensitivity response created by Alsike clover (*Trifolium hybridum*) that is secondary to liver damage
3. Sweet clover poisoning that results from molds that grow in sweet clover silage or hay that is put up while too wet.

The red clover plant itself is not toxic. The toxin, slaframine, is produced by the *Rhizoctonia* fungus, which grows on clovers and alfalfa during periods of stress (high humidity, drought, and continuous grazing). Hay made from contaminated forages is also suspect, and the slaframine can remain in hay for several years.

When consumed while grazing or as hay, clover infected with this fungus will often cause horses to slobber excessively. This is known as Slaframine poisoning. The fungus infects red clover, white clover, alsike clover, and alfalfa. Slaframine poisoning is not life-threatening, but it can cause excessive salivation,

The slaframine stimulates the salivary glands and causes horses to drool. Although this is a nuisance, horses rarely suffer any health effects from grazing infected clover.

Other symptoms occasionally include tearing, skin lesions, difficulty breathing, increased urination and feed refusal. It is not uncommon for some horses in a pasture to be more effected than others, since horses vary in their preference for clover and sensitivity to the toxin.

There are several strategies to reduce drooling caused by *Rhizoctonia*:

- Remove horses from infected pastures.
- Mow pastures until brown spots are no longer present on the leaves.

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- Increase the concentration of grass by applying nitrogen fertilizer in spring and fall.
- Rest and rotate pastures to allow the grass to remain tall and competitive with the clover.
- Broad leaf herbicides, labeled for pasture use, can be used to remove existing clover plants from pastures.

Alsike clover creates a photosensitivity response secondary to damage in the liver caused by alkaloid in the plants. Chronic or nervous clinical signs and liver disease including biliary fibrosis and epithelial proliferation may occur.

This photosensitivity is caused by photo-reactive pigments in the plant that are absorbed into the blood when the horse eats the clover. In the presence of ultraviolet light from the sun, these then react in areas of non-pigmented skin and the horse's skin sunburns. Generally, a horse has to consume these plants for several months before the liver effects become severe.

The best strategy is to remove all alsike clover from pastures by using a recommended broad leaf herbicide labeled for pasture use and rotate crops to allow grass to be competitive with the clover.

Sweet clover poisoning occurs as a result of molds that grow in poorly managed sweet clover silage or hay that is put up too wet. The chemical dicoumarol in the molds blocks normal blood clotting in animals that consume large quantities. Commonly found in commercial rodent poisons, dicoumarol is readily eaten by animals.

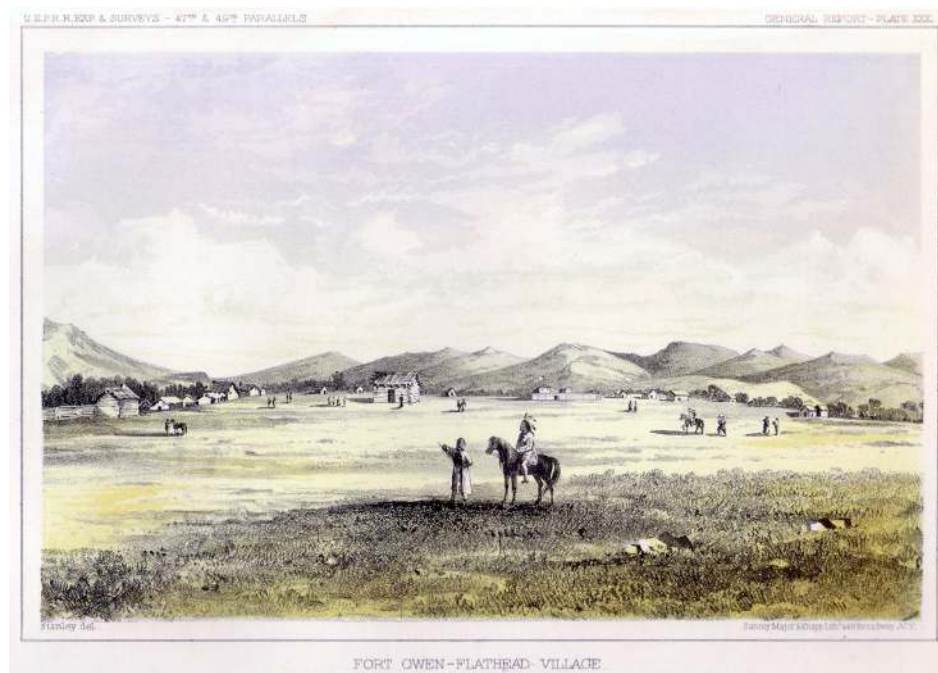
Signs of sweet clover poisoning include abnormal bleeding with spontaneous nosebleeds and black-tar-like manure. Swelling of joints, lameness and difficulty in breathing can occur if heavy doses are consumed.

Treatment consists of removal of the feed source and administration of vitamin K to restore normal blood clotting.

Again, proper pasture management can prevent sweet clover from becoming a major part of forage and proper management of hay storage to minimize presence of clover and conditions that allow mold to grow should be a priority.

FRONTIER LIFE AT FT. OWEN (From Ravallirepublic.com)

We read this article in the Ravalli Republic and thought it was an interesting historical snippet of the Bitterroot Valley during the mid-late 19th Century.



Perhaps one of the most interesting developments in early western Montana history was the arrival of the Bitterroot's first independent trader.

Major John Owen showed up in the valley in 1850, just as the Jesuit priests who had settled at St. Mary's were abandoning their Mission. For nine years the priests had toiled to build a foothold in the region when orders came from their superiors to relinquish their holdings and move to more suitable surroundings. Owen and his Shoshoni wife had just come up from Fort Hall in present day Idaho with a considerable amount of trade goods and livestock, and were encamped near the mission.

In what has since been called the state's first legal real-estate transaction, Owen paid the Jesuits \$250 for the buildings and property and almost instantly started making improvements.

He first built a stockade of upright logs about a hundred yards east of the original Mission site, which was located about a mile northwest of Stevensville, near the banks of the Bitterroot River. The palisade wall was considered necessary for protecting his property from the frequent raids conducted by the Blackfeet Indians, who harassed the Salish people and the Jesuits on a regular basis, and were probably at least partly to blame for the Mission's failure.

At one point Blackfeet warriors actually removed two or three logs from the wall in the middle of the night and made off with all of Owen's horses.

In the following years Owen had a thick adobe wall erected inside the palisade of logs as a more permanent defense against future incursions. Two heavy timbered doors allowed access through the southern wall, and a pair of bastions towered over the south-facing corners of the fort. In 1860 a howitzer was brought in from Fort Benton, and on the 2nd of October "it was mounted and fired five times, the first cannon shot in the Bitter Root Valley."

Owen not only kept a daily journal for most of the time he resided at the fort, but also kept a ledger of trade at the outpost with detailed information on who came and went and what items they purchased. He often went on buying trips to various trade centers such as Fort Benton on the Missouri, and Old Fort Walla Walla about two hundred miles east of Vancouver.

The major also frequented Hudson's Bay posts at Fort Connah in the Flathead Valley and Fort Colville on the upper Columbia. He was reported to have traveled 23,000 miles in all to acquire the goods he traded at Fort Owen, which is very nearly equal to a full trip around the world. During a number of these extended excursions, John's brother Frank was left in charge of the daily fort activities and he also contributed to many of the improvements made on the property. It seems likely that Frank had come to the Bitterroot Valley with his brother, and his name does appear as witness to the title transfer with the Jesuits, dated Nov. 5, 1850.

Frank kept the fort ledger updated and current while Major Owen was away, and he made many purchasing trips of his own, as well. In 1852 he was once again at Fort Hall where he engaged a young herder by the name of John Dodson. Less than two weeks after arriving in the Bitterroot, Dodson was killed and scalped by Blackfeet Indians within sight of the fort while he was bringing in a wagonload of hay. Just a few days earlier Dodson had almost prophetically written in his personal journal, "Mr. Owen had five horses stolen last night by the black feet Indians I suppose as they commit great depredations on the whites at this fort." Dodson was buried on Sept. 16, 1852 in the small graveyard originally established by the Jesuit priests.

The Blackfeet were the traditional enemies of the Salish Indians, and the whites living at Fort Owen were undoubtedly put in jeopardy through their friendly association with the Salish people. In fact, Major Owen was forced to temporarily abandon his fort the following spring due to continuous raids by the Blackfeet warriors, and the extensive financial losses associated with them. He returned to the Bitterroot later that summer with an army escort, who planned on building a provisional depot in the valley as part of a railroad survey project.

For the first couple of years most of the trade conducted at Fort Owen was with Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai Indians, who were almost always camped outside the walls of the fort, along with the occasional mountain man and fur trapper who happened to be passing through. At that time all of western Montana was part of the Oregon Territory, which had been established in 1846 when President Polk signed a treaty with Great Britain. Then, in 1853 that portion of Montana became part of the newly formed Washington Territory, and the fort became a sort of central headquarters for members of the Stevens Expedition as they mapped out the various passes and valleys for the proposed railway.

Isaac I. Stevens was the first governor of the new territory and Fort Owen at St. Mary's Village actually served as an unofficial capitol while he was residing there. A separate camp was eventually established several miles to the south known as Cantonment Stevens, where members of the survey crew built rough cabins and stables for their stock. Nearly all of the materials needed for the construction of this camp were purchased at Fort Owen. As luck would have it, the property Major Owen had purchased from the Jesuits included a small water-powered gristmill and a sawmill.

Major Owen was said to rule the Bitterroot Valley like a kind and benevolent king, and Fort Owen served as castle to his kingdom. The Salish Indians were especially fond of him, and claimed that he always came through on his promises and never treated them unfairly in trade. He built up the orchards and farms that the Jesuits had started and eventually constructed another gristmill and sawmill.

Owen also hired the first teacher in the region and opened a school to all the Native children who lived near the fort. His personal library was considered to be the best in the Pacific Northwest, and he made it available to all who visited his home. Many festive occasions were enjoyed by all at the Major's expense, with the full bounty of his gardens and farms providing the sumptuous fare. When Governor Stevens made him Indian agent to the Flathead Nation, the Major pressed the government for more usable goods which would help the natives improve their lives permanently and allow them ultimately to provide for themselves.

Fort Owen prospered through the 1850s and even into the early gold rush days of the sixties, however Captain Mullan's Military Road from Fort Benton to Walla Walla bypassed the Bitterroot Valley and consequently much of the local trade was diverted to Hell Gate. Still, items such as flour and fresh fruit and vegetables from Fort Owen and the surrounding farms were highly prized in the gold camps, and for many years afterwards the Bitterroot Valley was considered to be the breadbasket for the entire region.

Regrettably, by the early seventies the Major's health began to fail and his debts became overwhelming. The end of an era loomed ominous. In 1872 the sheriff of Missoula County was ordered to sell the property at auction. With all these setbacks the fort was still considered to be the most valuable estate in the area.

John Owen's friend and fellow Indian agent W. J. McCormick bought the holdings for about half of its estimated value. Washington McCormick had traveled to Virginia City as a young man in 1863, and had served as a member of the original Montana House of Representatives in 1864. He came to Missoula in 1868 and was the founder and first editor of the 'Gazette.' Unfortunately, the property at Fort Owen was allowed to fall into disrepair under his ownership, and the adobe walls soon buckled and crumbled away.

Sadly, in 1889, the same year that Montana gained her statehood, both Owen and McCormick died.

Owen passed away in his home state of Pennsylvania, and Major McCormick was killed at Fort Owen in a violent windstorm. The major was up on a roof that was about to blow off, while his employees handed him rocks to help hold the roof down. An eyewitness described the storm as a "hurricane." With a sudden ferocious gust, McCormick and the roof were both blown into the courtyard, where he was fatally crushed by the heavy rafters.

The ill-fated chain of events signaled the inevitable end of frontier life at Fort Owen. Now only dim shadows cling to the ground under the cottonwoods west of the old fort, and not a single building remains to mark the original location of St. Mary's Village. In 1956 the McCormick family deeded the Fort Owen property to the Montana Parks Department, and all of the profits from that year's Stevensville Creamery Picnic went towards preserving the historic site of western Montana's first and last independent trading fort.

The Ravalli Republic is teaming up with Ravalli County Museum to bring you a series of local history and photo features. If you would like more information on today's subject please contact the Ravalli County Museum at www.ravallimuseum.org. You can also find them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



No-Knead Dutch Oven Crusty Bread

This Requires a Dutch Oven as that enables the crust

Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 2-3 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry yeast (active dry or highly active dry work best)
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water

Special cookware needed: Dutch oven or any large oven-safe dish/bowl and lid.

Instructions

1. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, salt and yeast.
2. Add the water and stir using a wooden spoon until the mixture forms a shaggy but cohesive dough.
3. Cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap. Let dough sit at room temperature for 8-24 hours. Dough will bubble up and rise.
4. An hour and a half before you want to eat the bread, preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Place your Dutch oven, uncovered, into the preheated oven for 30 minutes.
5. While your Dutch oven preheats, turn dough onto a well-floured surface and, with floured hands, form the dough into a ball. Cover dough loosely with plastic wrap and let rest.
6. After the 30 minutes are up, carefully remove Dutch oven. With floured hands, place the bread dough into it.
7. Bake for 30 minutes covered. Remove cover and bake for 7-15 minutes more, uncovered (just keep an eye on it as cooking times will vary).
8. Remove the bread and place on a cutting board. Slice and serve



BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 2, 2020

The April 2020 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:10 pm via phone conference, by President Gene Merrell.

Roll Call was performed by Christy Schram-Duggan. Present were officers; President Gene Merrell, Vice President Dan Brandborg, Secretary Christy Schram-Duggan, and Treasurer Sandra O'Brien. Also present were Board members Ed Duggan, Mike Costanzo, Ed Bullock, Julie Schram, Lionel Lavallee, Jan Bullock, Tim Meyer, Jan Bullock, Dan Maiyo, State Director Chuck Miller, Alternate State Director, Taylor Orr and Past President Karen Philips. Absent were Board Member Joe Kirkland.

The following Committee Chairs were also present: Bonnie Morgan, Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Nancy Pollman, and Brad Pollman

Gene led the pledge.

Minutes: Gene asked if there were any updates to the March 2020 Board meeting minutes. **Sandra O'Brien motioned, and Lionel Lavallee seconded to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter with the edit of putting Dan Maiyo on the present. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Sandra O'Brien provided an update on the account balances. Discussion took place **Lionel Lavallee motioned, and Ed Duggan seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

SAM (System Award Management) for the U.S. Government has been updated. Our DUNS information is incorrect and has not been updated with current information. Mike Foster is listed as the President and our current physical address has the Pollman's address listed. Montana State – A \$20 filing fee has been paid, and State of Montana filing is complete. IRS 1099N – Federal eFile has been filed and accepted. Gene, Sandra, and Brad to meet to go over the state and federal filings.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forest: They are planning to move to electronic mailing lists for their NEPA projects. The Bitterroot NF might be moving to electronic mailing list as well. Need to make sure the BRBCH contact info their mailing database is update.

Hay for Sale: Lionel has a neighbor that has 6 tons of hay for sale. How do we get that information out to

our members? Discussion took place. The BRBCH members can place a "Looking for hay" post on the BRBCH Facebook page. When responding to those members request please private messenger with a response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Lionel discussed the National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partner Funding which is a program organized to provide funding for defined Forest Service Projects for 2020. The program has been funded to the tune of \$200k as follows: Any non-profit group recognized by the IRS may apply for Trail Stewardship Funding, these grants are for work on any and all NF System terra trails, trail work is usually performed during the summer/fall field season (May – December), grants range from \$2K-\$10K, require either a non-federal cash or in-kind match of a least 1:1.

Projects: Dan reported that all projects are on hold until we learn timeline to safely meet. If we rescheduled at this time, we would probably have to change again so like to hold at present

State Director: Brad discussed that there are new documentation requirements coming for those wanting to carry firearms on projects. Not sure when it will be implemented on the Bitterroot Forest. Requirements include the following: Background checks (no fingerprinting), self-certify past firearm safety training, and self-certify no controlled substance use. Encourage members that do carry firearms on projects to email Bonnie to be put on a list for the application.

Westside Front FS Project: Dan discussed we had a great meeting at the end of February and did a quick summarization.

Membership: There are 80 memberships and 135 members. 1 Individual Renewals, **Sandra O'Brien motioned, and Ed Duggan seconded to accept the Renewal memberships. The motion carried.**

Training: The April 4 Defensive Horsemanship demonstration was cancelled due to the covid-19 outbreak. So far, six members have contacted me to verify that they have watched the DH DVD on the BCHMT site. As conditions improve, I will schedule individual trail rides with them to complete their card requirements. At this point the obstacle classes on 4/25 and 5/2 have not been cancelled but are likely due to the "shelter in place" order. The only other training scheduled at this point is a chain saw class on 4/25. The FS has extended saw certifications due to expire this year until 2021. The First Aid/CPR certifications for this year have been extended by 120 days. I look forward to guidance from the FS regarding trainings and projects.

Program: April program: No general meeting so no

program speaker.

Outreach: Karen discussed that no outreach report, other than all necessary media outlets for the convention cancellation have been contacted

2020 Convention: The 2020 convention committee is recommending we host the 2021 state convention. We ask the board to support this recommendation, which would then go to the chapter for final support. The chapter scheduled to host the 2021 convention has offered us this option. The tentative dates would be March 26-28, 2021, same location. An accounting report for income/expenses for the cancelled 2020 convention took place. **Sandra O'Brien motioned, and Ed Duggan seconded to host the 2021 State Convention. The motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

Wilderness Policy and Packing Class by Eva Maria Maggi: Has been postponed and the scholarship the

Board voted on that is required to go to the General meeting is put on hold

NEW BUSINESS

General Meetings: April and May General meetings to be canceled. Notifications to sent out via newsletter and email by Kathy. Gene to draft an email out to the members and requested for some folks to look it over – Kathy, Lionel, Bonnie, and Ed Bullock.

Board Meetings: Continue to do the conference call and the present format until further notice.

OTHER BUSINESS

Calf Creek porta-potty: We will need to know if FWP is going to open that area, and if so we need to decide if we're going to schedule the toilet and solicit donations from groups that supported its costs in the past. Do we provide this service? **Sandra O'Brien motioned, and Jan Bullock seconded to delay the Calf Creek porta-potty service. Action Item for Dan Brandborg to contact Bob White at FWP if Calf Creek is open on April 15th. The motion carried.**

***Took place after the Board Meeting. *** Dan Brandborg contacted Bob White at FWP and verified that Calf Creek still set for partial opening on April 15th at noon, all FWP outhouses are locked up, and he will stay in contact concerning any changes in outhouse openings.

Tim Meyer motioned, and Mike Costanzo seconded to agenda. The motion carried.

Adjourn 8:41 pm.

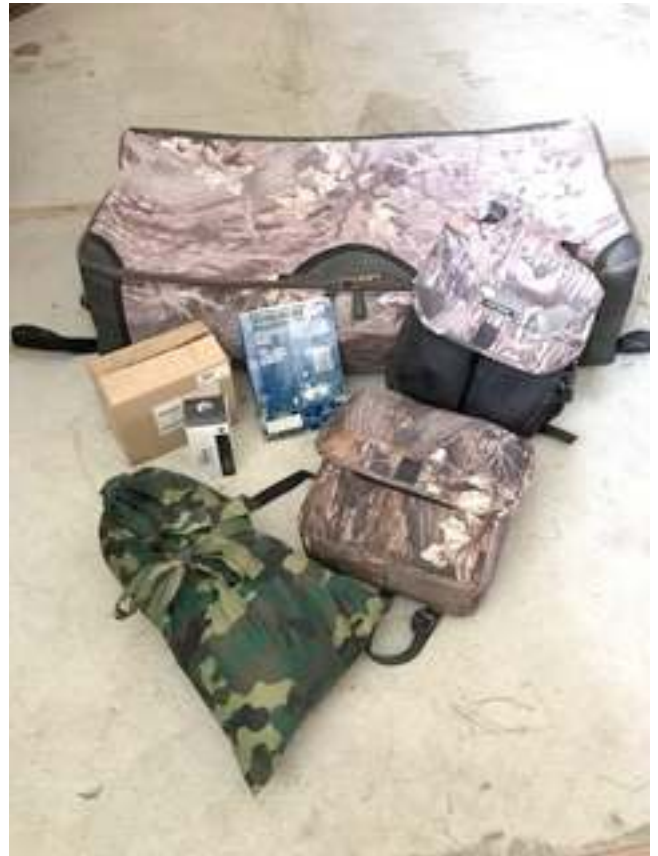
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NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, April 16th

Location: Corvallis High School Cafeteria

April Meeting Cancelled

Potluck at 6:30

Meeting at 7:00

Guests are welcome!

