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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MISSION STATEMENT

- To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness areas.
- To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various government, state and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- 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.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen's organizations.
- To cooperate with other BCHA organizations.

A Message from our BRBCH President

Spring Everyone!

Spring is really trying to show itself despite the snow, wind, and cold temperatures that we have been having lately! But I am sure it will come and with that we will begin our busy season here on the Bitterroot. If you have not signed up for any projects, it is not too late to do so. We are also starting recertification programs for Defensive Horsemanship, First Aid/CPR/AED, chainsaw, and crosscut saw. If you are interested in any of these certifications, please check with Bonnie Morgan to get on the list. And, starting with the April 21 membership meeting, we will be having our potlucks again! So, dig out some good old recipes and let us enjoy some tasty food before our meetings! Josh Lisbon from the MPG Ranch will be presenting a talk on the research going on there while we are enjoying our dinner. Several of our Board Members attended the Montana State BCH Convention held at the Three Rivers chapter. I have heard very favorable responses from those members that attended. If you are interested in what was discussed at the Convention you can check out the BCHMT Google Drive site in "Meeting Documents". There are several Expos coming up this summer that you may want to attend or help at. On May 7, the Teller Youth Expo which offers scholarships for camping, packing, hunting/shooting etc. will be held at the Teller Slack Barn. On May 16-18 Conservations Days takes place at Lake Como for local 6th and 7th graders featuring "Leave No Trace principles presented by Julie Schram. And don't forget our Wilderness Skills Weekend to be held at the Charles Waters campground at Bass Creek May 21 and 22. Montana Mule Days is coming back to Hamilton June 2-5 at the Hamilton Fairgrounds. The Montana Longears Association has taken the reins for this and hopes to have some great mule presentations. For those of you that like to camp with your horses, our National Organization would like our help in identifying non-horse people that are using designated horse campsites. This issue has become especially important to horse campers and the feelings are, that with lots of people moving into Montana, non-horse use of horse campgrounds and parking lots is only going to increase. We have forms that you can fill in for those reports. And with that I hope to see you at our April meeting and look forward to sunshine, flowers and warm weather in the very near future.

Your President, Jan Bullock

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APRIL 21st 2022 GENERAL MEETING

(*Potluck, bring a dish*!) BRBCH Monthly meeting

Thursday, April 21st, Corvallis School Cafeteria

Social: 6:30 pm Meeting: 7:00 pm

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 21st at the Corvallis School Cafeteria on Eastside Highway in Corvallis. The meeting runs from 7-8:30 p.m. *There will be a potluck!!* Socialize between 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

The guest speaker is Josh Lisbon, education director for the MPG Ranch, an organization that promotes conservation through restoration, research, education and information sharing.

Continuing sign up for the projects that are scheduled for this summer. Check our website at <u>www.bchmt.org/bitterroot</u>. Find us on Facebook at: **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen** (BRBCH).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Chris and Mikiko Roemer – Florence, Virginia De Leo-Corvallis, Judi Bradberry – Sula, Robin Lamely - Florence

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

The chapter has some leftover silent items from our canceled 2021 Convention. These items will be offered up to the membership in our own silent auction at our May general meeting. Included are: a tooled leather headstall, several framed pieces of art, fly rod & reel, granite cheese board, ceramic horse, and a rope halter set with 1-hr horsemanship session. Photos will be in the May newsletter!

BRBCH Training 2022

Defensive Horsemanship: Trail Obstacles: April 23rd, 9:00 AM-noon or 1:00-4:00 PM.

Bring your horse, mule, or donkey for a spring tune-up held at the C-Max Stables on Bass Lane in Corvallis. Some obstacles will test your equine's willingness to move left, right, forward, or backwards over or through unfamiliar situations. Other obstacles will test your riding or groundwork skills.

Members wishing to earn a DH card for the first time will have attended the March 26th demonstration (without the horse), then bring their equine to the April 23rd trail obstacle session. A DH card is good for 3 years. Members wishing to renew only need to attend one session. There are still spaces available. Bonnie will bring the sign-up to the April general meeting.

Wilderness Skills Weekend will be **May 21-22** at the Charles Waters campground (near Larry Creek) North of Stevensville. Need food coordinator(s), contact Bonnie Morgan. Save the date!

CALF CREEK WMA OPENS WITH RESTRICTIONS

The Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area, managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), is closed to all public access from December 2 through April 14. From April 15 through May 14, it is open as posted in restricted areas to non-motorized users from noon to sunset (and NO DOGS!). This is to protect the elk calving season. It then opens to non-motorized access entirely from May 15 through December 1. It is open to people with dogs from May 15 through October 14.

The area was purchased with revenue from sales of hunting licenses and firearms, and hunting is the featured recreational activity each fall. FWP works to maintain native plant life as habitat for wildlife species in the area, with special emphasis on elk winter range.

BRBCH members have completed projects at Calf Creek for years, installing water bars on trails, repairing fences and creating rolling dips, to name a few examples of our work, in one of the most popular riding areas in the Bitterroot Valley. We have made arrangements for portable toilet service at the site from April 15 to November 30. Funding for the service is being provided by our chapter, Bitterroot Backcountry Cyclists, Ravalli County Fish & Wildlife Association and the Rapp Family Foundation.

March 25th 2022 Defensive Horsemanship Demo





Bonnie Morgan leads pack mule

Betsy Rogan and assistant answer 1st aid question



Julie demonstrates leading the string

Travis Grinnell demonstrates barrel hitch



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TRANSITIONING HORSES TO SPRING PASTURE

Krishona Martinson, PhD, University of Minnesota



1. Spring grazing should be introduced slowly and delayed until grasses reach 6 to 8" in height to optimize health of the horse and pasture.

When pastures reach 6-8" inches, begin grazing for 15 minutes, increasing grazing time by 15 minutes each day

until 4 to 5 hours of consecutive grazing is reached. After that, unrestricted or continuous grazing can resume.

Feed horses their normal hay diet before turning them out to pasture during the first several grazing events of the season to avoid rapid intake of pasture grasses.

2. Change feedstuffs gradually. There are significant differences between hay and pasture forms of forages. Dried hay is approximately 15% moisture content, fresh pasture is 85% moisture. Horses are a fermenting herbivore that relies extensively on the microbes present in its gastrointestinal tract to be able to process forages. The microbes are a mix of different organisms that work together. If the foodstuffs the microbes are utilizing change suddenly, there may be to little time for the microbial populations to adjust to the change. Instead, large numbers of them die, while others flourish, setting up a situation where toxins may be absorbed by the horse, resulting in digestive dysfunction and possibly colic. A gradual

change from one feedstuff to another provides enough time for the microbial populations to adjust.

3. Manage pastures to reduce the chance of laminitis. Laminitis is a painful, disabling, common, and costly equine disease that has many causes. Annual incidence of laminitis in the U.S. is reported to be 2%, but rises to about 5% in the spring and summer. Nearly half of all reported cases in the U.S. occur in animals at pasture. During photosynthesis, green plants produce simple sugars. When sugars are produced in excess of the energy requirement of the plant for growth and development, they are converted into storage, or reserve carbohydrates. Storage of carbohydrates is commonly seen during the rapid growth of spring. The vegetative tissues of cool season pasture grasses (i.e.timothy, orchardgrass, bromegrass) accumulate fructan as a component of their reserve carbohydrate.. which is stored in the stem until required by the plant as an energy source. The sum of simple sugars, fructan, and starch comprises the nonstructural carbohydrate (NSC) fraction of the plant. There is some evidence of association, and even stronger evidence of causation between laminitis and rapid intake (and total intake) of NSC. Furthermore, administering high concentrations of fructan to horses has resulted in laminitis.

4. In European studies, fructan concentrations were highest in the spring, lowest in the summer, and intermediate in the fall. Because horses are selective grazers they find feedstuffs with elevated sugar content highly palatable. Avoiding or restricting grazing in the early spring can the reduce the chance of rapid NSC intake and laminitis. Seek veterinarian approval before grazing horses susceptible (or with previous episodes of) laminitis as some horses cannot tolerate any grazing.

5. Pasture health. Pasture grasses need sufficient growth before grazing is allowed. Photosynthesis occurs mainly with the leaves of the plants. If the leaves are grazed to early (prior to 6" tall) or too often, plants can lose vigor, competitiveness, and root structure due to the lack of photosynthetic ability. This will lead to eventual die back and overgrazed areas being replaced by noxious weed species. Grazing should cease when forages have been grazed down to 3 to 4". Grazing can resume when grasses regrow to 6 to 8". 2 to 3 acres of well managed pasture can provided forage needs for one horse from spring to fall.



Defensive Horsemanship Trail Obstacles: April 2nd, 2022











EASY PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE 12" CAMP DUTCH OVEN

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup butter
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 (20 oz.) can pineapple slices
- Juice from pineapple slices plus enough water to make 1-1/4 cups
- 8 maraschino cherries
- 1 yellow cake mix
- 3 eggs

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. In a 12 inch Dutch oven, melt butter. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Place pineapple slices over brown sugar. There should be room for 7-8 slices. Place a cherry in the center of each slice.
- 2. In a medium bowl, combine cake mix, eggs, and reserved juice and water.
- 3. Stir for 2 minutes. Spoon over pineapple slices.
- 4. Place oven over 6 coals with 18 on lid. Cook at 350 degrees 25-30 minutes.
- 5. When done, place serving plate inverted over the oven and carefully flip the oven.
- 6. Remove oven and replace any pineapple that may have stuck. Serve warm with ice cream or whipped cream.



SPECIAL THANKS TO JEREMY SHIELDS FOR FABRICATING THE LOGO SAW THAT BRAD PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION AS AN AUCTION ITEM!

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, MARCH 17, 2022

The March 2022 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by Vice President Christy Schram-Duggan at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis School Cafeteria. Approximately 26 members were present, with a Board quorum. Ed Duggan led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Chris Roemer, Virginia Deleo, Christian Katzman

PROGRAM

BR College: Gene Merrell introduced Torrey Clarke (Director of the BR College, UM) and Mike Cressler (BR Valley College Foundation). The UM branch campus was established 10 years and is currently underfunded by UM. The BR Valley College was approved by voters 2 years ago, which would be independent from UM, but the mill levy was not approved. Mike explained the new mill levy referendum that will be presented to the voters this year. If the mill levy passes, the college will become independent of UM and able to develop its own curriculum. A community college has a substantial return on the community as over 2/3 of the students remain in the area. Many programs will be added to the curriculum in 2023 if the mill levy passes. Currently, the college has 100 college students, while typical community colleges have 600 students. The community ed program would continue to be provided - the packing class that Ed Duggan is teaching this spring is through this program.

2022 **Convention:** BRBCH had great representation at the convention. BCH MT is working on a 5-yr volunteer agreement statewide with the FS. There is one legal question outstanding that will be amended later. There will be a cost share program with the entire state. BCH members can work projects with other chapters. Monture Creek Rendezvous (by Ovando) will be June 23-26. Folks can come any number of days. There were 940 memberships in 2020, 855 in 2021 (9% decrease). BCHA has a big public lands voice in Congress. The Leave No Trace program has been patented and copyrighted, so BCHA is changing to Light on the Land. The live auction raised \$5,815, and some auction items specifically for the youth program raised \$1300. The BRBCH live auction item tied for highest bid at \$475; it will be used as the BCH MT live auction item at the National meeting. Christy will be the chapter project reports person to send that info to the state and FS. There were 2 vendors and 3 organizations. Overall, a successful convention. Kalispell will host the 2023 Convention on April 14-16, along with the National Convention April 16-19 to celebrate BCH's 50th anniversary.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The February minutes were printed in the Nag News – there were no updates. **Karen Philips motioned and Julie Schram seconded to accept the minutes of the February 2022 general meeting as published. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Barb Walker presented the March treasurer's report – there were no updates. **Ed Bullock motioned and Gene Merrell seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety Moment: Kathy spoke about checking and replacing items in your personal and horse first aid kits before the riding season starts.

Coffee/Water Volunteers Signup Sheet: The signup sheet was circulated.

Conservation Days: This program for 6th-7th graders will be May 16-17th at Lake Como. Julie will teach Leave No Trace, and change to Light on the Land in 2023.

Teller Youth Expo: This will be May 7 at the Teller Slack Barn. Great opportunity for youth to win various scholarships for camping, packing, hunting/shooting, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol spoke about the FS Guidance on Use of Equestrian Campsites & the Horse Camp Incident Report Form to report use of horse camps by non-horse campers. Horse campers <u>cannot</u> camp in regular campgrounds, but nonhorse campers do camp in horse campgrounds. Data need to be collected to address this issue on a regulatory basis. The Rock Creek Horse Camp has 4 designated horse camp sites, but there is no signage directing other campers to not use the sites. FS trail funding has grown this year. There are 159,000 miles of trails in the national forests. The National Trail System received \$1.6 million increase in funding. The RAC is accepting applications for trail project grants; application deadline is April 29, 2022. NEPA projects include eastside forest improvement; Gold Butterfly Project is being reintroduced; Mud Creek (up the West Fork) is in the works. A New Travel Management Plan is in the works. Drones may become a new issue; they are not allowed in WSAs or wilderness areas.

Projects: Christy described the 2022 projects and anticipated work. Projects and Dates: Coyote Coulee May 28, Larry Creek June 11, Mill Creek July 1-3, East Fork Trails July 5-7, Boulder Creek July 15-17, Upper Fred Burr July 22-23, East Fork Corrals Aug 2-8, Gold Creek Aug 13-14, Two Good Cabin Aug 19-21, and St Mary pack support Jul 14 and 21, Aug 11 and 25, Sep 8.

State Directors: Christy presented an emailed report from Brad. Nancy Pollman is the chair for the State and National newsletter mailing list. Current MT membership is ~722. Brad working with smaller chapters to help maintain memberships. New social media folks to handle Facebook and Twitter. Working on statewide volunteer agreement - allows members to work in other forests and with other chapters. Working on a statewide challenge cost share agreement for reimbursement to all chapters; monies would come from the regional level and disbursed by the state, not from the local district. An added benefit for many chapters. Meeting with FS Region 1 in March to discuss issues. Brad re-elected as Montana's Alternate National Director. New State officers are: Chair Wade Murphy, Vice Chair Matt Pederson, Treasurer Sandy Himmel, and Secretary Keni Hopkins. Next BCH MT meeting is May 14.

Education & Training: Bonnie pointed out the signups for DHS, obstacles, and chainsaw certification. First Aid is April 9 for 14 members. Signup for DHS food was passed around. DHS is March 26, starting 9am at CMax Stables – several

fun topics will be presented. WSW is May 21-22 at Charles Waters Campground at Bass Creek Recreation Area. The WSW committee will meet in March. To carry a firearm for equine euthanasia on an FS project, submit a firearms application to the FS by April – let Bonnie know if you need an application.

Membership: There are 74 memberships and 118 members. See Leslie for membership cards.

Outreach: Karen noted that Susan Slemp sends info to the newspapers and onto Facebook. Mules on the Oval is March 29, 12-1pm at the UM Oval, with a mule packing demo using the 9-Mile pack train.

Program: Phil said Josh Lisbon at MPG Ranch will speak in April, and Sheriff Steve Holton in May. Let Phil know if you have a speaker suggestion.

Sunshine: If anyone knows of a member who needs a get well, congratulations, or condolence card, let Cindy Beck know.

OLD BUSINESS

Packing Scholarship Recipients: The six recipients are Candace Clark, Cheyenne Grinnell, Katie Harris, April Hale, Carrie Hunt, and Jessica Reyes. They are all registered with the BR College. The packing class topics were presented.

NEW BUSINESS

MT Mule Days/MT Longears Association: Christy said the event will be June 2-5 at the fairgrounds. She will set up volunteers to help with the grandstand and east gates. Events may include driving, packing, pulling, halter, races, and scramble. Lots of great fun.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: Apr 21 at the Corvallis School Cafeteria 7:00 pm. Coffee – Bonnie, hot water – Diane Duffie

Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) BOARD MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 7, 2022

The April 2022 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jan Bullock at the Daly-Leach Chapel. Present were President Jan Bullock, VP Christy Schram-Duggan, Secretary Kathy Stroppel-Holl, and Treasurer Barb Walker. Also present were Board members Dan Brandborg, Travise Grinnell, Carol Johns, Dan Maiyo, Karen Philips, Julie Schram, and Katie Williams; and State Director Brad Pollman. Absent were Board members Ed Duggan and Joe Kirkland; State Directors Taylor Orr and Chuck Miller; and Past President Gene Merrell. Karen led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan, Leslie Conner-Maiyo, Nancy Pollman.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The March 2022 meeting minutes were published in the March Nag News – there were no updates. **Travise Grinnell motioned and Christy Schram-Duggan seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Barb provided an update on the account balances – there were no questions. **Katie Williams motioned and Karen Philips seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conservation Days: Julie noted the event is now 3 days - May 16-18 at Lake Como, from 8:30-2. Expect about 400-500 students of 6th and 7th graders per day. They will learn how to be light on the land. Betsy Rogan and Barb Walker will be helping.

Fair Board Interview: Christy met with Melissa. She provided an invoice for our 2021 fair work, and this year will provide the invoice at the beginning of the fair so the check will be cut sooner. She talked about some updates including, every gate will have an iPad and Square for credit cards.

Mission Valley BCH Spring Ride: Kathy noted that the Mission Valley BCH is holding a fundraiser ride on May 22.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Katie spoke about the recently released FS draft climbing management plan; not much that concerns BRBCH. A daily use permit is being

considered, rather than a sign in at the trailhead. Carol noted Steve Brown (Stevi District Ranger) said there are no problems with horse use in the forest, but she pointed out there are parking problems at trailheads. Carol visited with the Selway-Pintler BCH about the issues with horse camps. Julie said there is no stock parking sign posted at Mill Creek. Once a sign is up, the FS can start policing it. Katie suggested doing a social media campaign to educate the public about TH parking. Brad suggested taking pictures of problems, offering to install parking signs once the FS gets them made, and the need for more forest orders so the FS can write tickets. An article in the paper may be helpful, too. The FS will issue a rule on e-bikes soon.

Projects: Dan B said the Larry Creek boggy area work is a go. The FS will provide gravel. More discussion on the Larry Creek work, including cleaning the bins. Dan will show up at the East Fork project!

State Directors: Brad spoke about the statewide volunteer agreement, signed by Regional Forester Leann Martin and to be signed by the BCH MT Chair. A packet with the agreement and instructions will be sent to Christy. The agreement allows BCH chapters to be covered working with other chapters and forests in Region 1. The agreement is good for one year. Brad will also help develop the cost-share agreement with the FS. Ian said the Bitterroot volunteer agreement is ready to go (if needed) pending signature, and we are waiting on the statewide agreement to be signed. Christy will keep a spreadsheet of members who have signed the 301 volunteer form. The Monture Creek Rendezvous is June 24-26, with good demonstrations, food, and comradery. Brad thanked Dan Maiyo for the artwork on the metal sign that BCH MT will donate to the BCHA auction at the national meeting. FS Regions are meeting via Zoom and are becoming more interactive. The FS is coming back into offices slowly, but they are willing to come into the field. The FS gun policy was discussed. Bonnie has the gun SOP; applications are due May 31.

Membership: Leslie provided the names of new and renewing members for approval. Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to approve the new and renewal **memberships. The motion carried.** There are 84 memberships and 133 members.

Outreach: Susan Slemp has been posting info on Facebook and in the papers. Thanks, Susan!

Program: Phil has scheduled Josh Lisbon from MPG Ranch for the April meeting. Sheriff Steve Holton will speak in May. The SBFC Foundation may speak in June. Brad will do a trailer safety program at an outdoor meeting.

Education & Training: Bonnie noted there were 26 folks at the Demo Clinic. The 2nd Obstacles clinic has a good sign up. Jan is teaching the first aid class to 12 folks on April 9. For future FA classes, folks may be able to watch videos ahead of time to shorten in-class time. Saw cert classes will be scheduled after FA is done. The organizational WSW meeting was held. There may dutch oven (chuckwagon) guys doing a demo and dinner. Need a food coordinator for breakfasts and lunches. WSW is May 21-22. Be sure to send Nancy an email for updates to the website calendar. Ed's BR College packing class has 21 students.

OLD BUSINESS

General Meeting Potlucks: Jan asked the Board whether the potlucks should start up again. The Board was in agreement to do so. Potlucks will start up at the April general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MT Mule Days: Christy will head up BRBCH participation. Waiting to hear back from the organizer.

Wilderness Pack Trip Class Scholarship: Karen passed on a request from Eva-Maria Maggi asking for \$1000 support of the UM packing scholarship for the class she teaches. BRBCH has sponsored this before. It fits the BCH mission statement. The trip is June 27-July 2. Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Julie Schram seconded for the Board to approve the \$1000 request for this packing scholarship and send it on to the membership for approval. The motion passed.

REC Power of Change Project Funding: Kathy spoke about the REC's Power of Change Program to consider using to fund a future project. Brad suggested putting together a subcommittee to handle funding/grants. Dan suggested the Calf Creek vault toilet would be a good future project for this funding. Calf Creek will open on April 15 this year, and Karen will look into getting a portapotty put in.

OTHER BUSINESS

First Aid Supplies: Jan has a bill for supplies for the FA course. Brad said BCH MT can reimburse her.

Higher-end Leftover Raffle Items: Kathy presented a list of leftover silent auction items. Bonnie suggested taking pictures to put in the newsletter and do a members silent auction. Present it in April, put in May newsletter, and hold it at the May meeting.

Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

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NEXT BRBCH MEETING Thursday, March 17, 2022 Location: Corvallis School Cafeteria Social at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:00pm

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