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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.

Editor's Note: No message from Jan, our BRBCH President. However, many of you may know the May 14th First Aid/CPR training was canceled due to concerns of covid. We pray for a speedy recovery for Jan Bullock and Bonnie Morgan. Thank goodness they have been vaccinated!

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Alt State Director: Chuck Miller (2022)

May 19th 2022 GENERAL MEETING
BRBCH Monthly meeting, Corvallis School Cafeteria

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

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 19th 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 Sheriff Steve Holton who will talk about the impact of changes in the Bitterroot Valley on outdoor recreation. Wilderness Skills Weekend organizers will review the May 21-22 event. Trail project leaders will discuss upcoming projects at Coyote Coulee and Larry Creek.

- Continuing sign up for the projects that are scheduled for this summer.
- Upcoming 2022 projects and dates: Coyote Coulee May 28, Larry Creek June 11,
- Wilderness Skills Weekend (WSW) is May 21-22 at Charles Waters Campground at Bass Creek Recreation Area.

Other upcoming events:

- **MT Mule Days/MT Longears Association:** June 2-5 at the fairgrounds.
- **Conservation Days:** May 16-18 at Lake Como, from 8:30-2.
- **Mission Valley BCH Spring Ride:** Mission Valley BCH is holding a fundraiser ride on May 22.
- **Bitterroot Front Project EA:** Comments are due May 23.

Check our website at www.bchmt.org/bitterroot. Find us on Facebook at: **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH).**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kathleen Edman, Darrel & Jessica Lee, Rick & Veronica Russell,
Mark & Jenna Wright, Doug & Rebecca Lovejoy

CALF CREEK WMA OPEN

The Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), managed by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP), is open to non-motorized access public access from May 15 through December 1. It is open to people with dogs from May 15 through October 14.

Congratulations to one of our youth members, Colter Kirkland.

Colter was nominated to the Naval Academy and recently learned he was accepted. That is a huge accomplishment because the Naval Academy's acceptance rate as of 2020 is 9.1% (ranking it in the top 22 U.S. educational institutions with the lowest acceptance rates). Since his family moved to the Bitterroot Valley several years ago, Colter has been piling up awards and accomplishments. He and his cross-country team won back-to-back state championships in 2020 and 2021. Along with his track and field team, he has won multiple state championships and awards. Colter and his father Joe, a BRBCH board member, have worked on many trail projects together and have cut out lots of trees. We are so happy for Colter and his family!

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

The chapter has 9 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. 6 items shown below.



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Coggins Test - Why

Written by Sue Stuska, Ed.D. This article originally appeared in Eclectic Horseman Issue No.13 and was prepared with material from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

You probably already have had your horse tested for EIA. This article will explain the importance of Coggins testing and describe the challenges of Equine Infectious Anemia.



State Regulations. Each state has, and enforces, its own regulations for Coggins testing and Coggins test timing. Until uniform methods and rules were published in 2001, there were even more variations. Now, generally, you are required to have your horse tested for EIA within six months prior to gathering with other horses in exhibitions or competitions, shipping between states, or changing ownership. Clinic management and boarding facilities may or may not require testing, but it is safer for your horse if you attend only gatherings where testing is required. Why?

Equine Infectious Anemia. EIA affects horses and their relatives in the Equidae family including mules, donkeys and zebras. It does not affect other ranch animals or people. It is infectious, meaning that it can be transmitted from horse to horse—but it requires a vector to transport the virus. The most common vectors of EIA transmission are flies with relatively large mouth parts (like horseflies and deer flies) and used hypodermic needles. Anemia is a drop in red blood cells, which can be a clinical sign of EIA but is not limited to EIA.

No Vaccine, No Cure. While EIA has been around for a long time—it was first identified in France in 1843, and first tentatively identified in the USA in 1888—no vaccine against the disease is currently available. Research is ongoing. In 1984, increased attention and funding resulted briefly when the EIA virus (EIAV) was found to be related to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). This interest was brief, and attention by non-horse owners has waned. No cure for EIA has been found, perhaps in part because the virus can change its

form (like the AIDS virus can). Once infected with the EIAV, the horse remains infected for life. Treatment is dictated by the individual animal's condition; there is no specific treatment.

Acute EIA. While acute responses to EIA infection are rare in natural situations where blood-feeding insects transmit low doses of the virus, it is useful to describe this scenario. Unfortunately, the clinical signs of acute EIA are rather nonspecific. The predominant symptom is fever, which may appear rapidly but last less than 24 hours. Even vigilant horse owners and veterinarians might miss or incorrectly diagnose the fever because it can be short-lived and because fever is also a response to many other equine diseases (like influenza, also known as flu, and equine encephalitis, also known as sleeping sickness). In some cases death can occur within two to three weeks. Possibly the horse will survive this first acute attack and appear to recover, maybe even without having been diagnosed as ill. If the horse escapes detection at this stage of the infection, he may continue to move freely among other horses; this is risky. The first indication that the horse was exposed to and infected with EIAV may well be a positive test result on a routine annual test.

Chronic EIA. The horse that survives the acute phase may have recurring episodes of the disease. These bouts are thought to be caused by new mutant EIAV strains generated in the infected horse. Signs can include very high fever (105 – 108 degrees), tiny spots of hemorrhage on the mucous membranes, depression, weight loss, edema of the lower body, irregular heartbeat, and anemia. It is during the acute phase or recurring episodes that the horse is most infectious.

Inapparent Carriers.: By far the majority of horses who test positive for EIA are carriers that appear healthy. They may have low or high amounts of the virus in their blood (and it is not easy to determine which is the case). In general, the chances of transmission from an inapparent carrier are lower than from a horse with clinical signs of EIA.

Inapparent carrier horses, when stressed, can begin to exhibit clinical signs. Stressors may include the environment (severe weather or drought), hard work (overexertion over time), or by other disease (encephalitis, etc.). Prediction of which inapparent carrier is likely to exhibit clinical signs is difficult. When exhibiting clinical signs, inapparent carriers pose an increased risk to other horses.

Transmission Chances. Exposing your horse to an EIA positive horse is clearly dangerous, but the level of danger is unpredictable. In general, a horse's chances of becoming infected increase when: more flies are present; the insects are interrupted in their feeding (often by the horse's defensive action) and carry infected blood on their mouthparts; larger amounts of blood are carried; more carrier horses are present; and the horses are in close physical proximity.

Chances decrease when: fewer flies are present (in winter, for example); the flies finish their meal on the same horse; the blood dries on their mouth parts; flies don't bite another horse within 30 minutes; and the original host horse has a low concentration of the virus in his bloodstream.

For reasons of EIA transmission, and exposure to other insect-transmitted diseases, fly control practices around the farm are advised. Minimize fly habitat by removing manure and ensuring that the land is well drained. Use appropriate insect repellents. Use single-use disposable needles and syringes once and dispose of them safely; use a "sharps" container. Never use any potentially blood-contaminated instrument on more than one horse. Sterilize any instrument that is designed to be reused.

Quarantine. Since the transmission risk of EIA for any particular horse is unknown, we tend to treat all EIA positive cases the same. There are very few options available to owners of EIA positive horses. Consult your local veterinarian for specific information as needed.

A few states allow lifetime quarantine in a facility meeting state standards and undergoing periodic inspections. Research has shown that an infected horse (in any phase of the disease) cannot transmit the virus to another horse standing more than 200 yards away. While quarantined horses are absolutely restricted to the quarantine property, they can live out their lives there. They should be current in their

vaccinations for other diseases and kept in good health to decrease the chances of death due to disease. As long as they are not unreasonably stressed by exercise, they can be used; one site in Florida had an active riding school for many years.

In the absence of a quarantine facility, some of the few research facilities across the nation might take in EIA positive horses. In the absence of quarantine or research facilities, euthanasia is the remaining option. The latter is controversial, and seems unfair to the affected horse and owner, but is necessary to protect other horses and their owners from loss.

Testing. The Coggins test was developed in 1970 by Dr. Leroy Coggins. It is the most commonly used test, and many horse owners are familiar their vet drawing blood and filling out the form detailing the horse's identity (including white face markings, hair whorls, scars, brands, etc.) for this test. This test (and the other three official tests, all of which require a subsequent Coggins to confirm any positive results) detects antibodies that the horse's system has produced in response to the virus; these tests do not test for the virus itself. This is why a recently exposed horse may not have a positive test; his immune system has not had the time to respond to the infection in a measurable way.

It's a good idea to test your horse for EIA annually as part of your routine health program. This lets you know he's negative for antibodies at that time. To be more certain of his health status, you also need to know the EIA status of the horses he's been in contact with during the last 60 days.

You can also require that any horse coming onto your property be tested beforehand and have a negative Coggins when he arrives. To be safe, he should not have been exposed to potentially EIA positive horses since the test.

As long as untested horses—which might have EIA—mingle with tested horses, there is a danger of EIA transmission. Since transmission chances depend on so many variables, and the disease has the potential to be fatal in itself or result in euthanasia, mingling with other horses is a high-stakes gamble. You can choose not to take it.



RUBARB BREAKFAST CAKE

CAN ALSO USE 12" CAMP DUTCH OVEN

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup half and half, cream, or buttermilk
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
- 1 cup granulated sugar plus 2 tsp for sprinkling
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups all purpose flour, saving out 1 Tbsp to toss with rhubarb

Instructions

- Set oven to 350F. Lightly butter a 9x9 square baking pan. line the pan with parchment paper with overhanging ends to easily lift out the cooled cake for cutting. That's optional.
- Stir the lemon juice into the half and half and set aside.
- Cream the soft butter and sugar in a stand mixer, or with electric beaters, until fluffy and pale yellow.
- Beat in the egg and vanilla, scraping down the bowl as necessary.
- Take 1 Tbsp of the flour to the rhubarb and toss well.
- Whisk together the remaining flour, baking powder, and salt.
- Add half of the flour mixture to the bowl and blend in. Add half and half, blend in.
- Finally add the rest of the flour and blend just until combined, don't over mix. Fold in the rhubarb. *Note: the batter is on the thick side.*
- Spread the batter into the prepared pan and sprinkle the top evenly with a little sugar. Bake for about 40-45 minutes, or until the cake is turning golden and a toothpick in the center comes out without wet batter clinging to it (moist crumbs are fine).

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 21, 2022

The April 2022 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis School Cafeteria.

Approximately 35 members were present, with a Board quorum. Jan led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Kathy Edmund, Christian Katzman, Jessica Lee, Dennis & Janice Anderson

PROGRAM

Josh Lisbon, Education Director, MPG Ranch: Phil introduced Josh, who spoke about the ranch's recent mountain lion documentary that is in the International Wildlife Film Festival – it will be live streamed in May. The resident lions on the ranch are not collared, so filming over a 10-yr period was a challenge. The ranch stewards 15,000 acres to figure out best practices for rangeland and wildlife restoration. Talk to their rangeland specialist if you have questions about how to manage your own land. Check the MPG website (mpgranch.com) to learn more about the ranch.

BUSINESS

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

Treasurer's Report: Barb Walker presented the April treasurer's report – there were no updates. **Karen Philips motioned and Julie Schram seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety Moment: Jan reminded folks that our saw kits need to be checked.

Conservation Days: This program for 6th-7th graders will be May 16-18th at Lake Como. Expect over 600 kids will learn Leave No Trace. See Julie to help her out, from 8:30-3pm, at the Lake Como beach.

2022 Fair Update: Christy noted the chapter was paid. She has some action items to present to and be approved by the fair board.

Thank You Card: Karen passed around a card for Jeremy Shields who fabricated the metal crosscut art made that Dan Maiyo had made for our convention. It was purchased by the 3 MT national directors at the 2022 State convention for \$450. It was auctioned for over \$1000 at the BCHA convention!

Horse Camp Incident Report Form: Jan has forms if you need one.

Equine First Aid: There is an equine FA class at Mountain House Stables April 29, 9-4.

Calf Creek Update: Jan spoke with Rebecca Mowry about the schedule at Calf Creek. There are no signs up with the regulations. A mountain lion was heard there recently and tracks were seen.

Larry Creek Update: The FS will be doing rappelling work from helicopters, so be aware if you ride there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol and Julie found info on building the Rock Creek Camp dated back to 1991. She will ask the FS (Erica Strayer) if an MOU was established with BRBCH for the horse camp. The FS is looking for public comment on the Bitterroot Front Project. There is a video on the FS website that explains the project. Parking is still a problem at most trailheads – need to document non-stock vehicles in stock parking. Rattlesnakes are out at Rye Creek.

Projects: Check out project signups on the chapter website.

State Directors: No update.

Education & Training: Good participation at the Demo and 1st obstacles clinic. Bonnie has a couple spaces open for the 4/23 obstacles class. New members contact Bonnie to arrange for DHS. WSW is 5/21-22, open to the public, with free lunch. Rebecca Banks and Susan Slempp will handle lunch on 5/21; need another person to handle dinner. Also need someone to do a Dutch oven demo. First Aid class taught by Jan will be scheduled for 4/30 or in May. Folks who need FA for their saw certification class will be considered first. Class runs 6 hours. Online learning and hands-on training will be considered for future classes.

Membership: There are 88 memberships and 139 members. See Leslie for membership cards.

Outreach: Susan Slempp contacted the Ravalli Republic newspaper to do a Calf Creek story. The portable toilet is in and the Backcountry Cyclist and Ravalli County Fish and Game will be asking their members to put up \$200 for the rental.

Program: Phil said Sheriff Steve Holton will be the May speaker. Need a June speaker, may be the brand inspector. 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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Wilderness Pack Trip Class Scholarship: Karen spoke about the Wilderness Policy and Packing class taught at UM by member Eva-Maria Maggi. The class ends with a pack trip into the Bob. Eva has asked BRBCH to again fund a \$1000 scholarship for the pack trip. The Board has

approved this and is asking the membership to approve the packing scholarship. Two students who received 2021 scholarship funding spoke at a BRBCH meeting about their experience. **Bonnie Morgan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to approve the \$1000 scholarship for this program. The motion carried.**

BRBCH Google Drive: Tim spoke about setting up an account on non-profit Google drive. He provided a handout about how to access the drive and walked us through the process. If you have photos from rides or projects, they can be

uploaded to the drive under Historian/Member Submission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: May 19 at the Corvallis School Cafeteria 7:00 pm. Coffee – Christy Schram-Duggan; Hot water – Diane Duffie

Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stoppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) BOARD MEETING MINUTES, MAY 5, 2022

The May 2022 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:01 pm by Jan Bullock at the Daly-Leach Chapel. Present were President Jan Bullock, VP Christy Schram-Duggan, and Secretary Kathy Stoppel-Holl. Also present were Board members Dan Brandborg, Ed Duggan, Travise Grinnell, Carol Johns, Joe Kirkland, Karen Philips, Julie Schram, and Katie Williams; State Director Brad Pollman; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were Treasurer Barb Walker; Board member Dan Maiyo; and State Directors Taylor Orr and Chuck Miller. Jan led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan, Nancy Pollman.

BUSINESS

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

Treasurer's Report: Jan relayed Barb's update on the account balances – there were no questions. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell 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 Phil Walker will be helping. Kathy will help one day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Stock Parking Only signs are up at Mill Creek; a fast response from the Stevi District to post the signs. The BR Star recently carried an article about stock parking at trailheads. Carol spoke about the proposed Lick Creek Horse Camp area that she recently hiked; spring flowers are blooming and she found a survey marker online at the Cadastral site. She will plan a future field trip to the area. There was further discussion about working with FS on this area, then presenting the info to the membership with a PowerPoint and maps. Christy will help Carol with that.

Projects: Dan B noted the first project, Coyote Coulee, is May 28. Julie has 2 pack animals lined up. Ed, Travise, and Dan will go thru the lower loop. Brad and Dan had a short discussion on saw recerts that they will handle. Mark Smith will be at the May 19th meeting to talk about FS radios. Dan spoke with Mark about using a tractor at Larry Creek for moving gravel and culverts provided by the FS. The rest of the trail system is in good shape, so more people can be slotted to the boggy area work. Brad has cleaned out the manure bin and replaced a fork. The FS is losing their packer in late May, so they need packing help with some of their trail work hitches. Need commitment for the following: 1) Kurtz Flat at East Fork on July 5; 2) Fred Burr on July 23-24 - Julie will coordinate with Steve Bull; and 3) Gold Creek Trail 311 on Aug 13-14 - Katie will coordinate with the FS. The trail to Two Good cabin will be cleared before

8/13 by the bicycle group; we will be doing project leader training at the cabin on Aug 19-21. Brad suggested we revisit what project paperwork is needed since there is now a statewide agreement – the project leader form and trail mileage may be the only forms needed now. Christy and Brad noted what info is needed for BCH MT and BCHA. Dan said there are 5 forms per a conversation a year ago with the FS – dispatch, tailgate safety, volunteer, project leader, and trail mileage – which may change. Brad said the cook trailer needs to be used more on projects.

State Directors: Brad said there is a BCH MT meeting on May 14; they will discuss the cost-share agreement, especially the driving mileage (i.e., each chapter would turn in mileage for reimbursement, which is budgeted for \$40k). The 301B volunteer signature sheet needs only be signed once to cover all projects around the state. Gene noted the form should be brought to the general meetings for project volunteers to sign ahead of time. It is a 1-year agreement for now, with plans to be a 5-yr agreement. More discussion on liability, coverage, and the new agreement. The 2023 State and National Conventions will be in Kalispell April 14-16 and April 17-20, respectively; will celebrate the 50th anniversary of BCH.

Membership: Kathy provided the names of new and renewing members for approval. **Karen Philips motioned and Ed Duggan seconded to approve the new and renewal memberships. The motion carried.** There are 92 memberships and 146 members.

Outreach: The toilet is up at Calf Creek, with all contributors donating rental funds. Karen will post the sign. Karen put together an article on Colter Kirkland (a member that has been accepted to the Naval Academy) that went on the BRBCH Facebook; it has gone viral. She also put together a Facebook article on the mountain lion video from MPG Ranch.

Program: Sheriff Steve Holton is scheduled for the May meeting. Mark Smith will also be speaking on radio training. The SBFC Foundation may speak in June. Christy will also speak on project leader training at the June meeting. Brad will do a trailer safety program in July.

Education & Training: Bonnie said there are 2 First Aid classes taught by Jan scheduled for May. Brad and Nancy will follow up with BCH MT re Jan's FA/CPR expenses. Brad suggested that the chapter cover the expenses and be reimbursed by BCH MT. **Ed Duggan motioned and Katie Williams seconded that BRBCH reimburse Jan**

for all her FA/CPR training costs incurred and the chapter will be reimbursed by BCH MT. The motion carried. More discussion incurred on using the chapter debit card to cover expenses. Bonnie expects more new members to need DHS training. She spoke about Wilderness Skills Weekend; she is posting a flyer at various locations. Steve Brown will provide FS folks to talk about trail clearing and do a demo. A bear biologist will speak on bear behavior, how to react to an encounter, and how to use bear spray. Susan Slem and Rebecca Banks will organize the Sat lunch. There will be a small Dutch oven cooking display on Sat. She spoke more about topics and needs for the event. The wall tent and the big tent will be set up.

OLD BUSINESS

MT Mule Days: Christy heard back from the organizer. We are needed Thu, June 2 at East Gate and Fri, June 3 at Main Gate under the grandstand. Will be paid \$300. She'll request volunteers at the next general meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

BCH MT Volunteer Agreement & Volunteer Sign-up Sheet: Jan sent all forms in an email to the Board. She spoke with Mark Smith and we will not need to do the BR Forest volunteer agreement. Christy is the chapter contact for the FS/BCH MT agreement.

Bitterroot Front Project EA: Jan spoke briefly on the project. Comments are due May 20 (update: now May 23). Carol said if we don't provide comment(s), then we can't be a future commenter. It was suggested we do a general comment that we want to be involved but there isn't enough information to respond, and we have concern about the impact to equine trail use and trailheads. It also needs to follow our mission statement. Carol will check with Steve Brown for more info, email the Board, and prepare a comment.

Daly Days: Gene said the Hamilton Downtown Association asked if the chapter wants to participate in Daly Days in downtown Hamilton, Fri-Sat, July 29-30. He noted how busy July is and we need to prioritize our activities. It is good press, but in a crowded area to bring stock. The Board determined there is too much going on at this time to participate, and Gene will let the Downtown Association know.

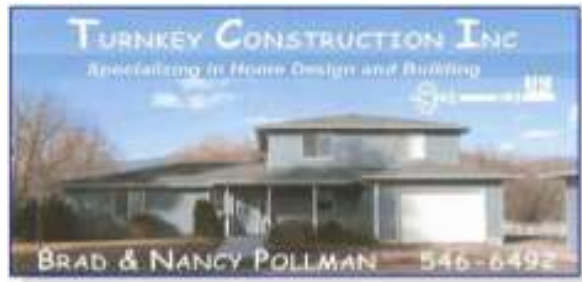
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Katie Williams motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

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Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen



NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Location: Corvallis School Cafeteria

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

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