

# Nag News



## Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

July 2022 Issue #07

## 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

## Hello Dear Friends!

Wow! We sure are getting a lot done this summer! Larry Creek, Mill Creek, East Fork Sign Creek, Boulder Creek and some pioneering have all been completed thanks to your help! We still have some projects to get done though. I encourage you to sign up, even if all you can do is check out what we are doing. There are always folks at the trail head preparing food and cleaning up parking lots. The Gold Creek project is coming up and project leaders, Katie and Gene, are looking for a few more folks to help with that. The East Fork corral project would be a fun one if all you can do is camp, socialize and take pictures! It is so nice up there at the Cabin along the creek. And those folks packing into the backcountry (the Schram/Duggans) can always use help with preparations! So, it's not only tough hard work that we do!

Don't forget about our Ravalli County Fair! We've been selling and taking tickets for them for years and we need lots of folks to take 1 or 2 four hour shifts to help with that. You only need work one shift to get into the fair for free for a day! It's a good deal and seems that you meet a lot of friends while there. Christy has been working hard to streamline the process, to make it easy for us to do this great community service, so don't be afraid to jump in - you get to eat scrumptious fair food!

I will be leaving for Mongolia for a month on July 20, so will not be at the next couple of meetings! But when I get back on August 22, I will be jumping right back in to finish any work we still need to do. Wish me luck on this trip of a lifetime and I can't wait to tell you all about it when I get back with pictures and videos, of course! Have a great summer and I will see you at the end of August!

Your President, Jan Bullock

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## <u>JULY 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 GENERAL MEETING</u> (*Potluck, bring a dish*!) BRBCH Monthly meeting Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Coyote Coulee trail head Social: 6:30 pm Meeting: 7:00 pm

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen host their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at the Coyote Coulee trail head. Potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own chair and drink. The meeting runs from 7-8:30 p.m. The guest speaker is member Brad Pollman who will describe and demonstrate necessary trailer maintenance. If you are a rider or hiker who wants to help keep trails open and meet like-minded folks, we invite you to attend. We welcome guests and new members. For more information, please call Gene at 208-310-6326 or check out the website at <u>www.bchmt.org/bitterroot</u>. Find us on Facebook at: Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH)

Continuing signups are available 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).** 

## EAST FORK CORRAL PROJECT, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

WELCOME NEW <u>MEMBERS!</u> Shawn Kern, Judy Mae and Ross Posey **Cook/food handlers needed to serve hungry workers!** Experience helpful but not necessary. Our cook trailer will be provided. We will meet at the site Tuesday morning with the arrival of heavy equipment provided by Bill Slemp and Dan Brandborg, briefing from project leader Dan Maiyo. Lunch and dinner to be served that day. We are planning breakfast, lunch and dinner Wednesday – Sunday, possibly breakfast Monday morning. Expect coffee, eggs, meats, greens, desert, refreshments, no tofu.

## Last First Aid Class

A well-attended last First Aid class was held on June 19 in the Stevensville volunteer Fire Dept. Thanks to Jan Bullock for conducting a professional and enjoyable class! Yours truly was thoroughly and efficiently packaged up by class participants for shipment to the ambulance – or the mummy's tomb!



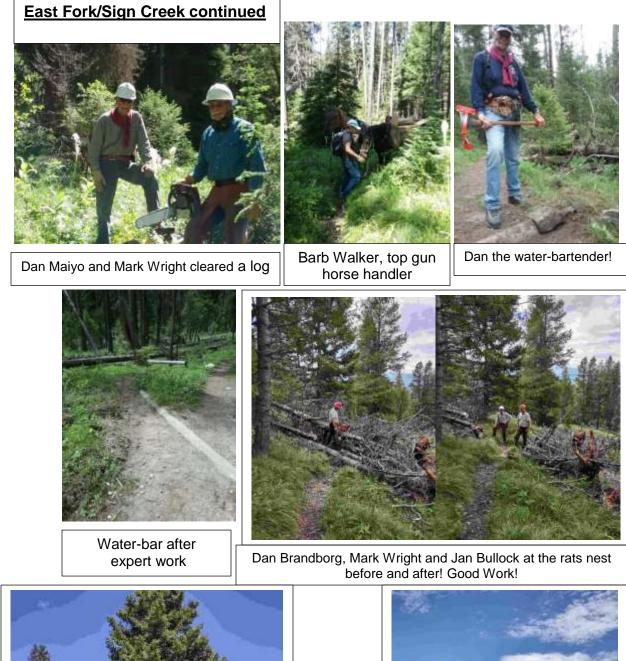
Work consists of replacing existing posts, rails, and jack fence, construction of 3 new holding pens within corral and gates.

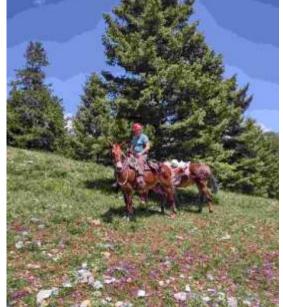
I will be sending out an email describing more particulars of the project. Contact Dan: 208-940-2887 (cell-text) and/or email: djmaiyo@gmail.com

## Summary of East Fork/Sign Creek Trail Project, July 5-6, 2022

A group of 3 riders (Dan Brandborg, Jan Bullock, and Mark Wright) and 4 walkers (Carol Johns, Dan Maiyo, Kathy Stroppel-Holl, and Barb Walker) met at the end of the East Fork Road 432 and headed up the Sign Creek Trail on July 5. The trail is not in the wilderness, so chainsaws were brought along to cut out the downed trees. Loppers handily dispatched smaller trees along the trail. The trail tread was comfortable and the grade was manageable for all. Downed trees were found about 200 yards in and continued to be encountered along the trail for the next 2.5 miles. Quitting time was at 3pm, and everyone met back at the East Fork Cabin for a delicious chicken fajita dinner prepared by Max Stroppel. No fireworks were heard in the area, which was a welcome relief for dogs, horses, and humans!

On July 6, the 3 riders headed back to Sign Creek to continue cutting out downed trees to mile 2.8. They encountered a rat's nest of trees that took a long time to remove, were stopped by a large blown-down area, and then donned slickers when the rain and hail arrived around 2pm. Meanwhile, 3 walkers went out on the East Fork Trail and cleared 11 water-bars. They skedaddled back to camp before the rains came and stayed dry. Timing your retreat is critical! A fine pulled pork dinner was enjoyed by all. Since we accomplished our project goals, everyone headed home after dinner. Thanks to all for a successful and well-fed project!





Dan B and Mark Wright Happy Packers! Just look at the view!



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## MEETING A HORSE ON THE TRAIL What to do when you meet a horse/rider on the trail:



Horses have the right-of-way, yield to them.

If you are on a bike, stop, get off your bike and stand still. If you are a hiker, do the same. Step off on the down side of the trail if practical. Give the horse plenty of room. Prey animals attack from above. Horses may kick with their their front logs if they feel

hind or strike with their front legs if they feel threatened.

Speak up and let them know you are there, especially if you are coming from behind the horse. It identifies you as a human, not a hungry predator.

It's easier safer for the rider to stay on a horse going uphill. If in a group, all the hikers/bikers need to be on the same side of the trail.

Stay in full view of the horse. Don't hide behind a tree or bush. Horses don't savvy ambushes.

Wait for instructions from the rider on what to do. Do not try to pet the horse unless you have permission from the rider.

If on a bridge, get off the bridge to let the horse/rider pass safely.



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## WHAT HORSES WANT

## Article by Leslie Conner-Maiyo, BRBCH

To train or work with a horse, all a person has to do is understand what works for the horse. We all dream of having a happy, co-operative, responsive horse. But few people really know how to head in that direction, so they get frustrated and think bigger "tools" will fix it, make a difference. The big commercial lie is that "correction" items will do the trick, bigger, fancier bridles, longer, sharper spurs, etc. They hope people will "buy" into their stuff. Whips, bits, and spurs are not meant for power. They are meant for a longer reach or better feel and for follow up as a last resort. They are so commonly used for power and "correction" up front, as a "training" tool.

All that horses want is THE RELEASE OF PRESSURE. And that is how they learn--what to do to get the release of pressure, however slight their try is. On the other hand, given too much pressure with no appropriate, timely release only makes them afraid of the predator that is applying it...an attack by a predator at worst, or just darn uncomfortable which leads to bad behavior.

If a person learns to recognize when the horse makes, or even starts to make the right decision or movement that the person is looking for, and instantly RELEASES the pressure, the horse has just learned to do that response, BECAUSE he got the release of pressure. Voila! The real problem is with the person, not the horse. Horses are very fast learners. When we have learned how to FEEL with our hands, and focus on EXACTLY what we are asking the horse to do, we will start seeing big strides in our training. That takes *training on our part*. Good horsemen have spent a lot of time training themselves to get it right. The better we are, the better the horse will be. If we are untrained in these techniques, the horse just becomes confused, defiant, and fearful. No training will take place under those circumstances. And neither you, nor your horse are having fun, and enjoying a trusting partnership. Bottom line: "It's in your hands"

HERE'S A SIMPLE EXERCISE YOU CAN DO TO START YOUR HANDS TO FEEL A RESPONSE FROM YOUR HORSE AND RELEASE THE PRESSURE. I LEARNED THIS FROM JOHN LYONS MANY YEARS AGO.

- 1. Sit on your horse using a halter, hackamore, or snaffle bit with looped or attached reins.
- 2. Sit straight and balanced, one rein in each hand. Start with one rein and very softly ask the horse to start to flex his head towards you, or to even think about a "give" on that side. The moment you perceive this, drop the rein.
- 3. Repeat this 200 times
- 4. Then go to the other side and repeat, 200 times. You will start to get the feel for the moment of softness or "try" and learn to respond instantly with a full release. Carry that "feel" through everything you ask the horse to do, always releasing instantly when appropriate.

## BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 15, 2022

The June 2022 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:03 pm. The meeting was held at the Three Sisters Group Site, Lake Como. Approximately 30 members were present, with a Board quorum. Jan led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting. Guests: Shawn Kern

#### PROGRAM

Ian Davidson, Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation: Karen introduced Ian Davidson, Program Manager at SBFC. The non-profit was founded in 2006 as a wilderness stewardship organization to work in four nearby national forests (Bitterroot, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Lolo), and two wilderness areas (Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church River of No Return). They run trail crews with professional staff, plus college interns. The SBFC does wilderness monitoring to assist the FS in keeping the wilderness character. Their volunteer programs clear trails in the forests and provide trailhead ambassadors, especially at the St Mary TH. They do emphasize stock use on the trails. The intern program has run since 2012 to teach folks how to be wilderness rangers. For 2022, there are 12 interns, 9-12 seasonal staff, and 4 full-time staff. They perform a couple thousand hours of volunteer work/year.

#### BUSINESS

Minutes: The May minutes were printed in the Nag News – there were no updates. Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Bonnie Duggan seconded to accept the minutes of the May 2022 general meeting as published. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jan presented the June treasurer's report – there were no updates. **Janice Belcher motioned and Bonnie Morgan seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried**.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Larry Creek:** Jan thanked everyone who came out in the rain to work the project. A lot of work was accomplished. See project photos in the Nag News and on the Facebook page. **Thank You Cards:** Hamilton Pack provided a 25% discount for the burgers used on recent projects. Darrell Reese contributed \$3K for project food. Thank you cards were sent around for members to sign.

**Safety Moment:** Christy reminded folks it is high water season, so keep dogs on leash during hikes, especially near creeks.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Issues:** Jan said 5 BCH members (Karen, Bonnie, Jan, Carol, and Kathy Hundley) and 4 FS staff (Erica Strayer, Sam Cook, Shannon, and Abbie Jossie) met on June 13 to discuss horse camp issues and did a Lick Creek reconnaissance at 3 sites. The BCH folks requested a water source be made available at Rock Creek and that the horse campsites are marked as such. The Lick Creek sites were checked out and discussed. The FS wants to keep us involved.

**Projects:** Larry Creek Project was cold and rainy. Two culverts were installed and a ditch was dug to redirect water flow. Mill Creek Project is July 1-3, with Christy as project lead. The trailhead start will be determined a week before, depending on high water. Base camp is at Hauf Lake. Will do extreme brushing and clearing to Mill Lake. Jan talked about the project leader handbook she put together. The volunteer signup was passed around. The volunteer agreement covers Region 1. Kathy talked about the East Fork Project, July6-8, and what will be done. An email will be sent out.

**State Directors:** Monture Creek Rendezvous is May 24-26, located out of Ovando. Links to the agenda are on BRBCH and BCH MT websites. Lots of camping spaces available and various clinics are provided.

**Education & Training:** Bonnie thanked all who helped with Wilderness Skills Weekend. Brad is doing saw training for new folks. First Aid class is on 6/19. Don't need FA to work on a project, but it is needed for saw training. Ed will do saw recerts on the Mill Creek Project. Christy spoke about project leader training, forms to fill out (safety meeting, mileage, and admin record). Keep track of water bars cleared and logs cut. Christy tracks all the data for BCH MT. The Two Good Cabin Project will be for project leader training. **Membership:** There are 87 memberships and 149 members. See Leslie for new member packets and membership cards.

**Outreach**: Susan Slemp is the social outreach person, and is doing an awesome job! WSW and Coyote Coulee photos are on Facebook. She will post Larry Creek and Monture photos next.

**Program:** The July speaker is Brad Pollman, who will cover trailer safety and maintenance. August will be fair ticket sales training. Josh Lisbon, MPG Ranch, may be the Sept speaker.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**MT Mule Days**: Christy said the Mule Days event (1st time in Hamilton in 10 years) went well. The event organizer learned a lot, with good feedback from BRBCH folks. Attendance was down, but ok since it wasn't held for 2 years. There were 80-90 entries.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

County Fair: Christy noted the fair is the main fundraiser for the chapter, which has covered the gates for 40 years. It is held the last weekend in August and is a family friendly event. Please sign up to work a 4-hr shift at a gate! Access the signup sheet on the BRBCH website; your shift gets you in that day and another day. More shifts get more access days. New info signs will be at every gate. Family, friends, kids can work the gates. Bonnie Duggan will call members mid-July to get signups. One more evening manager is needed. Managers will meet once in July and August for training. Ed Duggan will manage the East Gate. Gene noted gate volunteers will meet the most unique, friendly people coming thru the gates. Christy will train everyone prior to their shift. Folks can choose to handle ticket sales/money or just take tickets.

**Bitterroot Front Public Field Trip:** Jan noted there is a Bitterroot Front field trip on June 24, from 9-4. The FS needs an RSVP to set up transportation. Bonnie and Jan are attending.

**Calf Creek Update:** Jan spoke with Bob White, FWP staff, about Calf Creek. He asked if BRBCH was doing a project there since FWP is not doing their project this year. The water bars need work. Would like to add the project in the fall. Bob White is still the contact for this year.

**Ravalli County Advisory Committee:** Julie said 8 projects were given grants this year, totaling \$200K. There will \$180K for 2023, so if BRBCH has a project start consider what it will be. Jan suggested a committee be formed to brainstorm ideas. The application is due in December.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Fun Rides:** Jan said most of the summer weekends are full, and she asked if someone would like to take it over for weekday rides. Contact her if interested. Jan will be out July 20-August 23.

**East Fork Corral Project:** Dan spoke about the upcoming project, Aug 2-8. He met with Jake Long and scoped out the work. Jake will be ordering supplies. Bill Slemp will bring equipment for post hole pounding. If the project is done early, then consider camping and riding in the area.

**Mule Training Event:** July 7-9 at Five C Equestrian Center, with TS Evans trainer.

Next Meeting: July 21 at Coyote Coulee, 7:00 pm.

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

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

## BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JULY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

The July 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, Treasurer Barb Walker, and Secretary Kathy Stroppel-Holl. Also present were Board members Ed Duggan, Travise Grinnell, Carol Johns, Dan Maiyo, Karen Philips, and Julie Schram; State Director Brad Pollman; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were Board members Dan Brandborg, Joe Kirkland, and Katie Williams; and State Directors Taylor Orr and Chuck Miller. Dan Maiyo led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Leslie Maiyo.

## BUSINESS

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

Treasurer's Report: Barb provided an update on the account balances – there were no questions on the report. **Karen Philips motioned and Christy Schram-Duggan seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.** Semiannual income/expenses accounting was requested to be emailed or provided at the next Board meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan received a message from Taylor about his concerns for meeting in person and covid. Brad discussed how a state director interacts with BCH MT and their local chapter. Brad and Chuck have been representing BRBCH at the state.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Issues:** Carol noted another public Bitterroot Front Field Trip on July 22. Need to RSVP to attend. Julie is attending for herself. Carol is attending as a BRBCH member to gather info. Jan spoke about the first public BR Front field trip held in June. The FS transported attendees to Roaring Lion, Lost Horse conversion dam, and Lick Creek area; various FS specialists were available for discussion and questions; lunch was provided. The FS did a good job presenting their project. Leslie said a fire expert she knows could speak to the chapter at a future meeting. Discussion ensued about how BRBCH requires 3 members present for meetings with a government agency.

Brad spoke about the Ravalli Outdoor Recreation Opportunity Report by Public Lands Solutions (PLS); he attended the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting that PLS held to gather recreation input. PLS is a Utah non-profit organization contracted by the Ravalli County commissioners to perform a public recreation survey. PLS prepared and presented a draft report at a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, which Carol attended. A final report will be prepared and sent to the county commissioners. Jan wants the report sent to the membership to get feedback so BRBCH can respond to the survey. Ed noted that forest recreation proposals still have to go thru the FS and go thru the NEPA process. The Board determined that BRBCH needs to participate and have a seat at the table. Brad will provide a

summary and link to go into the newsletter, be put on the BRBCH website and Facebook, and be presented at the July general meeting.

**Projects:** Christy did not send a project email for the Mill Creek Project to the membership due to extreme trail conditions and unknown abilities of potential riders. There were 7 riders and 12 stock, base camp at Hauf Lake, and 16 trees cleared a mile from the lake. Water was coming down hard on the upper trail and the creek was uncrossable. Discussion ensued on using the Garmin and/or Spot for backcountry projects for safety and timing of exit. Gene wants to be able to meet projects coming out to provide support at the end.

The Board discussed how to share info on downed trees on trails BRBCH has already cleared. Can contact Steve Bull or handle the downed tree and add the time to the project data. Project leads need to send project data to Christy to send on to Steve Bull and be used for the BCH MT project data summary.

East Fork/Sign Creek Project went well, with 3 riders, 5 stock, and 4 walkers; base camp at East Fork Cabin; and ~34 trees cleared and 11 water bars cleaned. Sign Creek Trail was cleared up to 2.8 miles and East Fork Trail water bars cleaned to 0.8 mile. The FS will be notified that Sign Creek needs more work about 4 miles in to get thru a blowdown area.

Joe K will be leading the Boulder Creek Project July 15-17. There are 4 riders for the weekend, and 2-3 walkers will clear brush on July 15 for ~1-2 miles. The project was posted on FB on July 5. St Mary's pack trip volunteers will be emailed when the trail is open for stock, hopefully by July 14. Snow covers upper parts of the trail. The road is currently being improved. Dan M spoke about the East Fork Corral Project August 2-7. The August Board meeting will conflict with and several Board members will be at the project. Karen Philips moved and Dan Maiyo seconded to cancel the August Board meeting. The motion carried. Gene had a discussion with Katie on the Gold Creek Project. With the numbers signed up and the unknown project objectives, it may get cancelled.

**State Directors:** Brad said the Monture Creek Rendezvous had a lower turnout than 2021, but went well. Good horse demo clinic by Wade Murphy (BCH MT chair). BRBCH had 14 members there, with several new members showing up who thoroughly enjoyed the event. BCHA has signed a contract with a firm to get a trademark for Light on the Land and for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.

**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 89 memberships and 152 members. An updated membership list will be emailed.

**Outreach:** The Calf Creek portable toilet has been tipped over, and the supplier was contacted about it. The monthly rental has increased from \$85 to\$110.

**Program:** Brad will talk about trailer maintenance at the July meeting. Gene will bring his trailer to use for talking points.

**Education & Training:** Dan B and Brad will have first timer's chainsaw training on Fri, July 22, 6-9pm for classroom training at the Etna Firehall (Willoughby Lane) and Sat, July 23 for hands-on training at Coyote Coulee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Fair Sign Ups:** Christy said there are more sign ups at this point this year than last year, she has all day and evening managers lined up, and there are only 3 spots left to fill on the East Gate. Bonnie Duggan will start calling members July 8.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Equipment Sign-Out Sheet:** Kathy presented a revised equipment sign-out sheet. Additional info was suggested to be added. **Ed Duggan motioned and Christy Schram-Duggan seconded to accept the revised sign-out sheet with noted additions. The motion carried.** 

**Garmin In Reach:** The Garmin In-Reach Mini had past approval to be purchased. Barb will purchase one using the BRBCH debit card.

**Trailer Cover:** Barb said Big Sky Canvas in Missoula can do custom canvas covers. Dan M will take the trailer cover up for an estimate on July 13.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**FS** Radio: Discussed the need for using the FS radio on future projects since it doesn't always work at some backcountry sites. The FS likes the Garmin In-Reach, but it has to be used consistently on projects. Dispatch would need to be one of the recipients of the message. After the Garmin is purchased, Gene will speak to Dispatch about the future use of that equipment rather than the FS radio. After purchase, BRBCH will need to subscribe to the service, and determine who the contact parties will be. Travise suggested a portable battery pack also be purchased for the Garmin.

**Post-meeting Note:** Karen put up Summer Packing Camp for Kids posters at Lakeland Feed, Tammany Veterinary Hospital, Valley Irrigation, and Cowpoke. One more poster will be placed at the Country Store in Stevensville or Tractor Supply in Lolo.

Karen Philips motioned and Ed Duggan seconded to cancel the September Board meeting due to conflicting date with the County Fair. The motion carried.

Travise Grinnell motioned and Christy Schram-Duggan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

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# Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen



**NEXT BRBCH MEETING** 

Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Location: Coyote Coulee Trailhead Social at 6:30pm Meeting at 7:00pm Visit our Website:

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