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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.

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A Message from our BRBCH President

Well, our projects are done, the Fair has come and gone, and we can now rest, relax and enjoy the beautiful Fall colors. Fall is my favorite time of the year and a great time to get out to ride, hike, bike or just enjoy the warm colorful days and cool, crisp nights. But we do have some administrative matters that need to be done! First, our elections are coming up. Several positions are open, and I encourage you to step up if vou are so inclined. And if you may be concerned about the duties of a position, there are always experienced folks in our Chapter willing to mentor you and help you learn. Becoming an Officer, Director or Board Member is an enlightening endeavor as the folks in those positions are the first to know of issues and what is happening in our area! And we all know how important it is to be aware of those issues and how they may affect our equine trails and camps. We will be calling for nominations at our forthcoming membership meeting and if you are interested in running, please let me know. I encourage you to give it a try. Open positions include Secretary, State Director, Alternate State Director, 5 Board positions, Parliamentarian and Nominating Committee. Elections will be held at the November meeting. And please sign up to bring a dish to our next meeting in November which will be our Annual Thanksgiving Day feast! And finally, I hope you will enjoy our presenter for the upcoming membership meeting, Me! I will be showing pictures of my trip to Mongolia and talking a bit about my horse trek and the beautiful country and people that live there. So, I hope to see you at our meeting for good food, camaraderie and my presentation about a special place called MONGOLIA!

Best Regards, Your President. Jan Bullock Committee

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH 2022 GENERAL MEETING

(Potluck, bring a dish!) BRBCH Monthly meeting Ravalli County Fairgrounds in the 1st Interstate building. Social: 6:30 pm Meeting: 7:00 pm

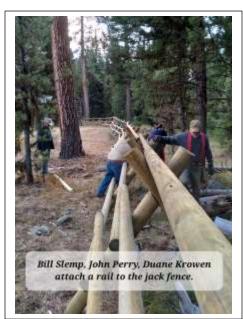
The Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen will host their monthly meeting on Thursday, October 20th at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds in the 1st Interstate building. Potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The meeting runs from 7-8:30p.m. The guest speaker is our President, Jan Bullock. Jan recently returned from a month-long trip to Mongolia. She will share some of her wonderful experiences in this Central Asian- country. Jan will also have a photo presentation. We welcome guests and new members. For more information, please call Gene at 208-310-6326 or check out the website at www.bchmt.org/bitterroot.

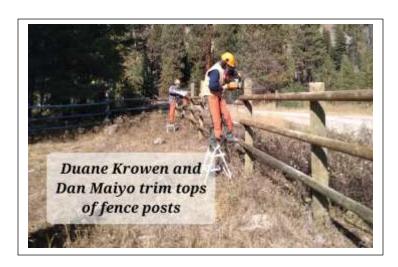
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East Fork Guard Station Corral Reconstruction Project Summary, September 17^{th,} 2022.

Report from Project Leader Dan Maiyo. At 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 17th, BRBCH volunteers met at the historic East Fork Guard Station to complete reconstruction of the livestock corral that began in the first week of August. The work could not be completed at that time due to a shortage of fence rails.

BRBCH members Gene Merrell, Bill Slemp, Duane Krowen and John Perry met with project leader Dan Maiyo and Jake Long – Recreation Specialist for the USFS, to discuss safety protocol and the scope of the project to be completed Chain saws were used to trim the tops of the fence posts, and rails were secured to the remaining jack fence. The work was successfully completed by 12:00 noon. Congratulations and thank you to all BRBCH members who volunteered for this project! I was proud to work alongside you!









Editor's Note: In recognition of the 58th anniversary of passage of the WILDERNESS ACT, the following is the 2nd installment of the ACT. Further installments are to be included in upcoming issues of Nag News. Also, it can be viewed in its entirety via the BRBCH website link.

WILDERNESS ACT

of September 3, 1964,

(P.L 88-577, 78 Stat. 890; 16 U.S.C. 1 1 21 (note), 1 1 31-1136)

To establish a National Wilderness Preservation System for the permanent good of the whole people, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Short Title

Sec 1. This Act may be cited as the "Wilderness Act" (16 U.S.C. 1 1 21 (note))

EXTENT OF SYSTEM

Sec. 3 (a) All areas within the national forests classified at least 30 days before September 3, 1964 by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Forest Service as "wilderness", "wild", or "canoe" are hereby designated as wilderness areas. The Secretary of Agriculture shall –

Within one year after September 3, 1964, file a map and legal description of each wilderness area with the Interior and Insular Affairs Committees of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, and such descriptions shall have the same force and effect as if included in this chapter: Provided, however, That correction of clerical and typographical errors in such legal descriptions and maps may be made.

Maintain, available to the public, records pertaining to said wilderness areas, including maps and legal descriptions, copies of regulations governing them, copies of public notices of, and reports submitted to Congress regarding pending additions, eliminations, or modifications. Maps, legal descriptions, and regulations pertaining to wilderness areas within their respective jurisdictions also shall be available to the public in the offices of regional foresters, national forest supervisors, and forest rangers.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within ten years after September 3, 1964, review, as to its suitability or nonsuitability for preservation as wilderness, each area in the national forests classified on September 3, 1964 by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Forest Service as "primitive" and report his findings to the President. The President shall advise the United States Senate and House of Representatives of his recommendations with respect to the designation as "wilderness" or other reclassification of each area on which review has been completed, together with maps and a definition of boundaries. Such advice shall be given with respect to not less than one-third of all the areas now classified as "primitive" within three years after September 3, 1964, not less than two-thirds within seven years after September 3, 1964, and the remaining areas within ten years after September 3, 1964. Each recommendation of the President for designation as "wilderness" shall become effective only if so provided by an Act of Congress. Areas classified as "primitive" on September 3, 1964 shall continue to be administered under the rules and regulations affecting such areas on September 3, 1964 until Congress has determined otherwise. Any such area may be increased in size by the President at the time he submits his recommendations to the Congress by not more than five thousand acres with no more than one thousand two hundred and eighty acres of such increase in any one compact unit; if it is proposed to increase the size of any such area by more than five thousand acres or by more than one thousand two hundred and eighty acres in any one compact unit the increase in size shall not become effective until acted upon by Congress. Nothing herein contained shall limit the President in proposing, as part of his recommendations to Congress, the alteration of existing boundaries of primitive areas or recommending the addition of any contiguous area of national forest lands predominantly of wilderness value. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the Secretary of Agriculture may complete his review and delete such area as may be necessary, but not to exceed seven thousand acres, from the southern tip of the Gore Range-Eagles Nest Primitive Area, Colorado, if the Secretary determines that such action is in the public interest.



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Cold Weather and Laminitis



Cold weather often seems to trigger laminitis – there is an increase in laminitis cases as soon as the weather turns cold (snow/ice/frost) each winter.

Frosty weather may be beautiful but sunny days with cold frosty nights cause sugars to accumulate in the grass. People often think that laminitic horses shouldn't graze frosty grass until the sun has melted the frost, but that's not exactly correct they shouldn't graze the grass until there has been a return to night time temperatures above 5'C and/or overcast weather.

During sunny weather grass makes and stores sugars (photosynthesis), at night when grass is able to grow these sugars are used up (respiration), but when

environmental conditions such as low temperatures (below around 6'C), lack of rainfall or poor fertility prevent growth, sugar (ESC) levels can continue to accumulate in the grass, making it unsuitable for horses and ponies with insulin dysregulation and increasing the risk of laminitis.

Ideal conditions for high NSC concentrations are clear skies to maximize photosynthesis, and low night temperatures to minimize loss of carbohydrates through respiration.

Other reasons for horses to show signs of laminitis/foot discomfort in cold weather may include:

- circulation damage, or ongoing damage in the feet from rotation that hasn't been corrected making feet more sensitive to hard frozen ground,
- horses with PPID lose their ability to thermoregulate, therefore get more stressed by extreme temperatures, which could increase cortisol,
- horses tend to get less exercise/turnout in cold/frosty/snowy weather.

What you can do:

- -Prevent or limit access to grass during and after sunny frosty weather until the weather changes to milder nights and overcast days, and feed analyzed hay with sugar and starch levels below 10% instead. It is not the frost itself that is the risk, it is the weather conditions that cause the frost, so do not allow horses to graze once the frost has melted with the sun wait until the grass has been able to respire and use up some of its sugar.
- -Keep feet warm and protected use leg wraps/bandages, pads and boots on feet, warm deep bedding. Thick wool hiking socks can be great for keeping pony feet and legs warm. There is no good time to turn out laminitis-prone horses during weather that is sunny but mostly below 5 'C overnight. Keep horses off grass, or restrict their access to grass, and feed hay/haylage.
- -Wait until the weather becomes cloudy/rainy during the day and/or temperatures stay mostly above 5'C overnight, before turning out, if possible. Whether grass has frost on it or not is irrelevant to the sugar levels it is just a good warning to owners that the weather is causing sugar levels to become and remain high. If you have to turn out during a period of sunny days and cold nights, then it's likely sugars will continue to increase during the day with late afternoon having the highest sugars, so turn out overnight or early morning may be better in terms of slightly lower sugar but sugar levels are likely to be high at any time.

Grass facts

Green plants create sugar through the process of photosynthesis. carbon dioxide + water + sunlight = sugar + oxygen

Plants use the sugar for growth and reproduction - this process is called respiration. glucose + oxygen = carbon dioxide + water + energy for growth/respiration

When sugar production from photosynthesis > sugar required for growth/reproduction, the excess sugar is stored as fructan or starch (carbohydrates) for later use.

Plants respire all the time, in darkness and in light, but only photosynthesize in light. Increased light leads to increased photosynthesis (up to a point).

No light/darkness: respiration > photosynthesis (there is no photosynthesis without light).

Dim light: photosynthesis = respiration.

Bright light: photosynthesis > respiration.

Grass hardly grows (respires) when temperatures are below 5 degrees C.

Plant carbohydrates are classified as:

Ethanol Soluble Carbohydrates (ESC) - this is the sum of the simple sugars, particularly glucose, fructose, sucrose. ESC causes glucose and therefore insulin to rise when eaten by horses.

Water Soluble Carbohydrates (WSC) - this is the sum of ESC plus fructans. Fructans do not affect glucose and insulin when eaten by horses.

Starch - horses digest starch in the stomach and small intestine to glucose, and glucose causes blood glucose and therefore insulin to rise when eaten by horses.

Non-Structural Carbohydrates (NSC) - this is the sum of WSC plus starch.

Only ESC and starch are important when talking about horses and endocrinopathic laminitis.

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN (DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2022

The September 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 32 members were present, with a Board quorum. Julie Schram led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Ina Jordan (friend of Bonnie Morgan), Friend of Diane Duffie & Dennis Hardman

PROGRAM

Carolynne Merrell – Indian Trees in the Northern Rocky Mountains: Univ of Idaho archaeology/anthropology graduate, Carolynne Merrell, spoke on how native Americans used tree cambium. She worked on the Passport of Time project in the Clearwater National Forest, where trees with scars were noticed. When horses came into the tribes around 1730, it was noticed how horses browsed on trees. In mountain passes or dense forests, the lodgepole

pine bark was cut and the trees peeled to reach the phloem and cambium. Ponderosa pines and western red cedar have also been peeled. The peeled cambium was scraped and made into cakes for humans or cut into strips for horse feed. From her research, over 1000 dead and living peeled lodgepole pines were found along the Lolo Creek Trail at 12 sites. Trees with scars ranged from 1788 to 1913. Oldest peeled tree dates to ~1788 on a live 258-year-old lodgepole. The Bitterroot Mountains have trails where peeled trees may be found.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The Sept minutes were printed in the September Nag News. There were no updates. Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Joan Scheffer seconded to accept the minutes of the Aug & Sep 2022 general meetings. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Barb presented the Sept treasurer's report – there were no updates. Katie Williams motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the Aug & Sep 2022 Treasurer's reports. The motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety Moment: Carol said to "look up" when sawing, riding, and when picking up heavy items (engages the abs). Gene noted that fires are pushing wildlife out to the WUI. Jan said our horses are breathing smoke and to give them 4 days to clear their lungs before going on a heavy ride. Provide fresh water!

Open Lands Bond Program: Jan said information is available for members to learn about the program, and noted a fact sheet and FAQ is provided. The Corvallis Civic Club will host a presentation on this at the Corvallis High School library.

Ravalli County Fair Volunteer Award: Jan noted that Ed and Christy are being awarded volunteers of the year for their fair work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol followed up on the Bitterroot Front Project. She attended a field trip and has a lot of confidence in the FS local level staff commitment to perform this project in an environmentally sound manner. Problems/pressures may from come Washington, politicians, and/or timber companies.

Projects: Jan was contacted by the Calf Creek manager back in June to talk about BRBCH's "contract" to pull weeds there, which is an erroneous assumption. BRBCH does trail work there, and will consider a project for 2023. An FWP person was seen spraying for weeds in 2022. The Ravalli Co Weed District and the

State does provide funding to help with the weeds. Dan Maiyo spoke about finishing work on the East Fork Corral Project on Sat, Sep 17 at 9am. Lunch will be provided. Several members have stepped up to help. The cabin and grounds are available to use from Sep 15-18.

State Directors: The Scapegoat Wilderness is having a 50-yr anniversary on Sep 16-17 in Lincoln.

Education & Training: Some new sawyers and DHS trained folks were certified over the summer. Project leader training will be in early 2023.

Membership: There are 90 memberships and 154 members.

Outreach: Karen noted the outfitter who bought the Long's outfitting business will be around in Oct. Discover Bitterroot has linked into the BRBCH Facebook postings. The new sheriff's app also posts BRBCH projects.

Program: The Oct meeting will feature Jan speaking on her Mongolia trip. No speaker at the Nov mtg. Josh Lisbon, MPG Ranch, will speak at the Dec mtg and provide the mountain lion research video.

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

OLD BUSINESS

County Fair Recap: Christy thanked all the volunteers who helped at the fair. Volunteer gave 1,242 hours. Ticket sales totaled \$191K. Fair went very well. The fair folks were asked to buy 2 more iPads to cover all ticket windows. A wish list for each gate was compiled. Funding for these wishes will come from donations or a budget from the fair. A memorial bench for Bill Black by the West Gate is proposed. More discussion from members about topics to bring up with the fair folks. A dog policy will be discussed with the fair.

NEW BUSINESS

Oct Meeting Location: Jan will contact the fairgrounds to use a building for the Oct meeting.

Nominating Committee: Jan asked for members to consider working on the nominating committee. Contact Jan, Christy, or Kathy to help.

OTHER BUSINESS

Coffee/Water List: Jan passed around the sign up list.

Fun Rides: Not many happened this summer. If the smoke clears, some fall rides will be considered.

Bitterroot Humane Association: Photo fundraiser was presented again.

Next Meeting: Oct 20 at the Fairgrounds (postmeeting update), potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm.

Gene Merrell motioned and Julie Schram seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 6, 2022

The October 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, Joe Kirkland, Karen Philips, Julie Schram, and Katie Williams; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were Board members Dan Brandborg and Dan Maiyo; and State Directors Brad Pollman, Taylor Orr and Chuck Miller. Joe Kirtland led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan

BUSINESS

Minutes: The July 2022 meeting minutes were published in the July 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. Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried. Barb provided the semi-annual income/expenses report, which was discussed. It crosschecks to the 2022 budget well.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen said Susan Slemp is retiring from the Social Media position after 6 years. The position meets with Todd McKay at the FS, and posts info to Facebook and the newspapers. The busiest time is April when clinics are scheduled. Travise stepped up to take on the position. Susan will meet with Travise to transition the job.

Jan will be presenting her Mongolia trip on Oct 14, 6-8pm, at the Bitterroot Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Issues: Carol spoke on the Public Lands Solutions (PLS) final report on Ravalli County outdoor recreation opportunities. The main suggestion was a separation of uses to reduce

conflicts. Lake Como has a lot of multi-use. The report recognized that BCH was an important partner with the FS. Some equestrian recommendations include signed parking at Lake Como, promote developed amenities that cater to horsemen, and highlight various outfitters and guide services. The county commissioners are more aware of public use of public lands and the economic benefits. There was further discussion on the Bitterroot Front Project and how it would tie into this report's information. BRBCH needs to remain active in the BR Front Project decisions. There was discussion on working some projects with the Backcountry Bicyclists in 2023, such as a waterbar at the top of the trail on the 2nd loop at Coyote Coulee. Calf Creek is another area to work together.

Projects: Gene spoke about finishing up the East Fork Corral Project with the jack fences. It was a very successful project with good teamwork. Carol would like an acknowledgment list of those members who worked on 2022 projects printed in the Nag News. Fall scouting trips were postponed due to fires and logging at Mill Creek.

State Directors: Jan spoke about the two BCHA webinars in October. The Legacy Trails Grant Webinar is Oct 12 and the E-Bike Webinar is Oct 22. Carol will try to attend the Oct 12 webinar. Jan will check with Brad about the Oct 22 webinar.

Membership: No update to member numbers – 89 memberships and 152 members. Renewals are now being accepted for 2023.

Outreach: Karen will post the final East Fork report on Facebook.

Program: Jan will present her Mongolia trip in Oct, no presenter in Nov since voting will be conducted, and Josh Lisbon from MPG will be a possible Dec presenter.

Education & Training: Bonnie will determine what clinics are needed for 2023. Project leader training and First Aid training are targeted for Jan/Feb. The Adult Ed classes at Bitterroot College have been cut, so the packing class may be run thru another venue. Liability

insurance will need to be checked if the chapter sponsors the class — Barb will check with BRBCH insurance carrier about this as well as coverage for the Stevensville parade that the chapter hasn't done in several years. Bonnie said a campout practice is a possibility for 2023. Training signup will be after dates are determined.

OLD BUSINESS

Garmin Mini In-Reach Registration: Christy discussed plans available for the In-Reach. She suggested the unlimited plan at \$64.95/mo is the better one to use as it has many options that are useful for backcountry work. It is \$5/mo to suspend service for those months it is not used. Karen Philips motioned and Joe Kirkland seconded to accept the unlimited plan to be used as needed, at \$64.95/mo and \$5/mo service suspension to keep the account active. The motion carried. The chapter email address will be used to activate the account. Christy will create the account and contact Tim to get the chapter email access. Christy and Ed will keep possession of the Garmin to keep it out of the cold.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill Black Memorial at Fairgrounds: Christy spoke to Melissa about this memorial. A tree is not an option as there is no irrigation water at the West Gate location. A memorial bench is another option, with a cement slab poured where there is currently rock. Karen noted that Trapper Creek could be an option to build the bench. Mike Costanzo will be asked if he could make the memorial plaque. Travise Grinnell motioned and Karen Philips seconded to move forward with pursuing a bench and cement work. The motion carried. Christy will pursue this action with Melissa and ask her to contact Trapper Creek.

Thanksgiving Meal Signup Sheet: The sheet was passed around. Jan will bring it to the Oct general meeting.

Christmas Santa: Gene was contacted by the Hamilton Downtown Association as to whether BRBCH would do the Cowboy Santa in Nov 2022 at the tree lighting. Jan said Ed would do the event again. Jan will be the point of contact. The Association is open to suggestions as to what to do, such as a pack string. Insurance is covered by the Association. Gene relayed the story from the 2021 event regarding a young boy who gave his Christmas list to the Cowboy Santa (Ed Bullock).

Pantry Partners Food Pack: Gene will be the lead to contact Pantry Partners.

Nominating Committee: Katie Painter, Kathleen Edmund, and Candice Clark will be contacted by Jan to see if they can run the committee. Gene will mentor the committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Cook Trailer Locate: The trailer is currently at the Maiyo home. It can't be stored at the fairgrounds as there is no security camera at the West Gate, which is left unlocked. Karen will contact Dan Brandborg as to whether there is space at his place.

October General Meeting: The meeting will be at the Fairgrounds First Interstate Building. Leslie will be asked to email the chapter and Travise will post it on Facebook.

Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH

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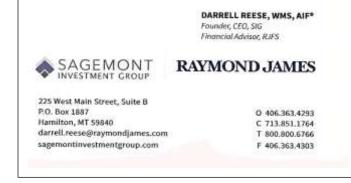




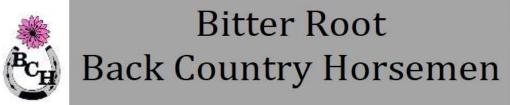














NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, October 20th, 2022

Location: Ravalli County Fairgrounds First

Interstate Building

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

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