



Nag News

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen

February 2023 Issue #2



BACKCOUNTRY 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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th 2023 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING **Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road**

Pot Luck Dinner: 6:30 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

The Grange Hall is located on the north side of Dutch Hill Road, just west of the intersection of Dutch Hill Road and Hwy 93 North. (West of Woodside Crossing)

A potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by our monthly meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm. This month we are pleased to welcome Adam Onsurd of Bitterroot Weed Management. He will discuss noxious weeds, as well as biodiversity and preparing livestock prior to heading into the backcountry. 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. Find us on Facebook at: **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH).**

HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE

- President's Message
- Bonnie Morgan, Defensive Horsemanship Safety
- Rally For Public Lands
- Horse Sense
- 6th Installment of the Wilderness Act
- January General Meeting Minutes (Draft)
- February Board Meeting Minutes (Draft)

**DEADLINE FOR THE
MARCH 2023
NAG NEWS is
Thursday, March 9, 2023**

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A message from the BRBCH President

Hello fellow Members,

I hope this finds you all in good spirits and good health. Our winter this year seems to be a long one, a bit gloomy and icy, but better days are ahead! Already, we are planning our spring and summer trail work and training. We have two First Aid/CPR/AED classes under our belt and chainsaw/crosscut training classes are being set up by the US Forest Service for those needing certification. Our Defensive Horsemanship will be starting in March, when it seems that Old Man winter is reluctantly saying his goodbyes, as we start to get our horses and mules tuned up for those long days of summer. On March 18th, we will be holding an informal and fun meeting on how to become a Project Leader! The location of this meeting will be

announced soon. We have gotten our heads together and are putting together a handy booklet that will explain all the ins and outs of what a project leader does. This will be a kind of "cookbook" for new Leaders (and some of us old leaders!) and will contain timelines for when the Forest Service needs to be notified when we will be in and out the woods; how and when to use the Forest Service Radio and Garmin In-reach; what tools will be needed and where they are located; how to plan for food and possibly cooks on our overnight trail work; all the forms needed, maps, and some special information pertaining for that particular trail. I would like to encourage anyone interested in attending this meeting to contact Christy Shram-Duggan. We are excited to be able to put this booklet together and it will make for an easier introduction to being a Project Leader. The goal is to encourage new members to take on just a little more responsibility in caring for our wonderful trails here in the Bitterroot Valley. New Project Leaders will always have help from those of us who have been doing this for years. You will never have to walk alone! It is fun to be the Big Boss with a willing crew once in a while!

Celebrating 50 years of BCH service, the Flathead Chapter will host both the BCHMT State Convention and BCHA National Board Meeting April 14-19 in Kalispell this year. Our delegates are ready to go. If you have any issues that you think should be addressed by Backcountry Horsemen of Montana please let me know so that those issues can be brought up and discussed. More information on this event can be accessed the BCHMT and BCHA websites.

Our member meetings and potlucks will continue to be held at the Corvallis Grange until we start with our outdoor summer meetings. We are still looking for a permanent place for our winter meetings that will not be very costly (or even free), has lots of room and parking, has a kitchen to use for our potlucks, and is in a central location in the valley to accommodate those north and south of Corvallis. I know that some of you have been looking for such a place and I do appreciate all your efforts. I feel confident that we will find a nice place that meets our needs.

So, for now, enjoy the sun when it shows its lovely face and hopefully starts to melt the ice, think about becoming a Project Leader and I will see you at our next meeting at the Corvallis Grange on February 16th!

Sincerely,
Your President, Jan Bullock

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2023 Chairs & Members

Joe Kirkland, Shawn Kern, Judy Posey, Bonnie Morgan

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(Position Open)

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Christy Schram-Duggan

Ed Bullock

Christy Schram-Duggan

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Dan Maiyo

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Rebecca Jones

Philip & Pam Torgerson

Dan Brandborg

Travise Grinnell

Cindy Beck

Jan Bullock

Bonnie Morgan

Nancy Pollman

Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen 2023 Officers & Board

Chapter Officers

Position

President

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Term

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2022-23

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State Director

Chuck Miller

Term

2023-24

Alt. State Director

Ed Duggan

2023

Past President

Gene Merrell

BCHMT State Chairman

Wade Murphy



Defensive Horsemanship Safety
March 4 at the C-Max Stables
Bonnie Morgan –Training Committee Chair

The DHS (Defensive Horsemanship Safety) program was designed in collaboration with the Forest Service, Smoke Elser, and BCHMT to introduce volunteers of Forest Service projects to the safety aspects of working around stock on trail projects.

Who needs it? You need it if you plan to bring your horse, mule, or donkey to a trail project (to ride or lead with packed gear) or work in the proximity of the stock on the project (helping load/unload pack animals, clear trails near stock). Some projects need both DHS stock folks and those on the ground who will be working in different areas. How do you get a DHS card? For people not formerly completing the program, you need to attend Part 1, a “Demonstration Day” which covers topics such as tack selection and fit, equine behavior, trailering, safety on the trail, and First Aid for stock. There will be a special presentation on packing so that you can learn to pack your own animal or be safe and effective helping pack stock on the trail.

This year it will be March 4 at the C-Max Stables from 9 am to approximately 2 pm, with a chili lunch intermission. Additional salads, desserts, or finger foods are welcome! A sign-up will be sent around for members to sign up for the food they would like to bring.

Part 2 is a practical test demonstrating skills handling your horse, from grooming and tacking up, warming up, mounting, and negotiating obstacles set up in the arena to test skills moving your stock forwards, backwards, and laterally, as well as going through obstacles. The two trail classes are scheduled for March 25 or April 1 at the C-Max Stables. There are limited spots for each class, and preference will be given to those riders who have not completed the program. There has always been enough room to accommodate anyone wishing to “tune up” their stock for the summer by offering am or pm classes each of the days.

Bonnie needs volunteers for these events to bring coffee and donuts, help sign in participants, and set up and take down the trail obstacles.

Rally for Public Lands

Thursday, February 23
Noon - 1 PM

Montana State Capitol Rotunda in Helena

A public gathering at the 2023 Rally for Public Lands will be held at the Montana State Capitol Rotunda in Helena on Thursday, February 23rd at noon. The 2023 Montana Legislature is considering changes to public lands policy.

A round trip bus will be provided to and from Helena from Billings, Bozeman, Missoula, and Kalispell. For Website information www.rallyforpubliclands.com. You can RSVP the bus ride on the website and share the event on Facebook. Deadline to RSVP a seat on the bus is Sunday, February 19th.

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Thermoregulatory System of a Horse's Skin

Dr. vet. med. Hiltrud Strasser from "A Lifetime of Soundness"

In the horse, the temperature regulation mechanisms in the skin consist of four major components:

- a) The actual skin which, through its relative thickness, works as an insulating layer.
- b) The coat which, by changing twice a year, adapts to the different seasonal base temperature. In addition, the horse can, via small muscle filaments attached to the hair shafts, raise, lower, or turn in a different direction the hairs in its coat, changing thickness of the insulating layer and varying the amount of airflow to the skin surface. These muscles must, like any other muscles in the body, be "exercised" regularly in order to work properly.
- c) Arteries in the skin which, through muscle actions, can be greatly enlarged or constricted when necessary. Constriction prevents body heat loss by reducing the amount of warm blood brought to the cooler body surface. Dilation allows for a larger amount of blood from the overheated (due to muscular action) interior of the body to access the body surface for cooling. The cooled blood, in turn, lowers body temperature as it returns into the interior of the body. In this way, proper internal temperature can be maintained.
- d) Sweat glands which, when the environmental temperature is too high for the air to cool the blood brought to the skin surface, will secrete fluid. Evaporation of this cools the skin surface, and as such the blood in the surface arteries; this way, internal temperature can be lowered even in hot climates. The horse stops secreting sweat as soon as the internal body temperature is correct. It must then dry fairly quickly, since otherwise cooling would continue and push the body temperature below normal (a state which could lead to the horse "catching a cold"). In order to avoid this undercooling and facilitate quick drying, a sweaty horse, after exertions, will usually seek a windy spot and turn its hairs into various directions, as can be seen by the patterns the coat forms on a sweaty horse.

It should be noted that the sweat glands, too, function via muscle action. Shivering or moving could be considered other internal temperature regulating mechanisms (not of the skin, but again dependent on muscle action). In its natural environment, it is rare that a horse's body temperature sinks too low ("colds" are unknown among naturally-living horses), since the skin and hair insulate so well. If the horse does become chilled, it can either move to generate body heat through muscle action or, if it cannot or does not want to move, will shiver, which accomplishes the same thing without the effort of moving. But rather than cold, the horse (which gets chilled about twenty times harder than a human) is usually far more concerned with dissipating the heat produced during muscle action, since it is, by nature, in virtually constant motion.

Editor's Note: In recognition of the 58th anniversary of passage of the WILDERNESS ACT, the following is the 6th 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))

SPECIAL PROVISIONS

(d) **(Continued)** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, until midnight December 31, 1983, the United States mining laws and all laws pertaining to mineral leasing shall, to the same extent as applicable prior to September 3, 1964, extend to those national forest lands designated by this chapter as "wilderness areas"; subject, however, to such reasonable regulations governing ingress and egress as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture consistent with the use of the land for mineral location and development and exploration, drilling, and production, and use of land for transmission lines, waterlines, telephone lines, or facilities necessary in exploring, drilling, producing, mining, and processing operations, including where essential the use of mechanized ground or air equipment and restoration as near as practicable of the surface of the land disturbed in performing prospecting, location, and, in oil and gas leasing, discovery work, exploration, drilling, and production, as soon as they have served their purpose. Mining locations lying within the boundaries of said wilderness areas shall be held and used solely for mining or processing operations and uses reasonably incident thereto; and hereafter, subject to valid existing rights, all patents issued under the mining laws of the United States affecting national forest lands designated by this chapter as wilderness areas shall convey title to the mineral deposits within the claim, together with the right to cut and use so much of the mature timber therefrom as may be needed in the extraction, removal, and beneficiation of the mineral deposits, if needed timber is not otherwise reasonably available, and if the timber is cut under sound principles of forest management as defined by the national forest rules and regulations, but each such patent shall reserve to the United States all title in or to the surface of the lands and products thereof, and no use of the surface of the claim or the resources therefrom not reasonably required for carrying on mining or prospecting shall be allowed except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter: Provided, That, unless hereafter specifically authorized, no patent within wilderness areas designated by this chapter shall issue after December 31, 1983, except for the valid claims existing on or before December 31, 1983. Mining claims located after September 3, 1964, within the boundaries of wilderness areas designated by this chapter shall create no rights in excess of those rights which may be patented under the provisions of this subsection. Mineral leases, permits, and licenses covering lands within national forest wilderness areas designated by this chapter shall contain such reasonable stipulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture for the protection of the wilderness character of the land consistent with the use of the land for the purposes for which they are leased, permitted, or licensed. Subject to valid rights then existing, effective January 1, 1984, the minerals in lands designated by this chapter as wilderness areas are withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the mining laws and from disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral leasing and all amendments thereto.

Within wilderness areas in the national forests designated by this chapter, (1) the President may, within a specific area and in accordance with such regulations as he may deem desirable, authorize prospecting for water resources, the establishment and maintenance of reservoirs, water-conservation works, power projects, transmission lines, and other facilities needed in the public interest, including the road construction and maintenance essential to development and use thereof, upon his determination that such use or uses in the specific area will better serve the interests of the United States and the people thereof than will its denial; and (2) the grazing of livestock, where established prior to September 3, 1964, shall be permitted to continue subject to such reasonable regulations as are deemed necessary by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Commercial services may be performed within the wilderness areas designated by this chapter to the extent necessary for activities which are proper for realizing the recreational or other wilderness purposes of the areas.

Nothing in this chapter shall constitute an express or implied claim or denial on the part of the Federal Government as to exemption from State water laws.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as affecting the jurisdiction or responsibilities of the several States with respect to wildlife and fish in the national forests.

BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN **(DRAFT) GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 19TH 2023**

The January 2023 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by President Jan Bullock at 7:06 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis Grange. Approximately 45 members were present, with a Board quorum. Trish Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance to start the meeting.

Guests: Shane & Karen Yaskus

PROGRAM

Shane Yaskus, FWP: Phil introduced Shane Yaskus, a Fish, Wildlife & Parks Game Warden in the north Bitterroot. He spoke about bear safety in the back country and other topics. The FWP has a horse program for the wardens for stock use in the backcountry. Calf Creek (FWP area) has the only food storage orders in the Bitterroot; the FS has none. Bears typically want your food, not you, but a bear that gets your food will be more aggressive. A group of 5 people is best for defense. Carry bear spray and know how to use it. If a bear has claimed your animal, do not attempt to haze it away. FWP recommends: give bears space, back away slowly; if a bear is huffing/jaw clacking, stand ground, prepare bear spray, speak calmly; if a bear charges, use the spray; if a bear follows you purposefully, get aggressive, shout; if a bear contacts you, cover neck and head, play dead (grizzly) or fight back (black bear). In the backcountry, report bear attacks within 24 hours to FWP. Can shoot a bear attacking or attempting to attack you. Cannot shoot a bear that has claimed your dead game animal.

BUSINESS

Minutes: The Dec minutes were printed in the January Nag News; there were no corrections. **Christy Schram-Duggan motioned and Julie Schram seconded to accept the Dec general meeting minutes. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Barb presented the January treasurer's report – there were no updates. **Karen Philips motioned and Travise Grinnell seconded to accept the Jan treasurer's report. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Safety Moment: Jan spoke about Life Flight Network. A discount is available to BCH members, \$75/yr. BCHA offers Equisure, a liability policy for horseowners. This info is on the website and will be put in the newsletter.

Lee Metcalf Wilderness Ranger Volunteer Position: There is an open position for a summer ranger; see handout.

A past member, Rich Miller (who provided his place for DHS training) passed away in December.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Barb has the books ready for review, and the audit committee will meet at Joe Kirkland's home on Tue, Jan 24.

Budget: Gene is working on a rough draft of the budget. He and Cheyenne will meet in January and present the budget to the Board in Feb.

Issues: Carol handed out a brief summary of the NEPA review process. More projects are being done as categorical exclusions, so the FS doesn't have to go through the NEPA process. As an example, the Holland Lake Project on the boundary of the Bob Marshall Wilderness garnered enough public outcry that its original categorical exclusion was denied by the District Ranger. The NEPA booklet is available online.

Projects: Dan presented a preliminary project list. He meets with the FS on Jan 25. Brad, Jan, and Ed volunteered as project leaders for Larry Creek, Calf Creek, and St Mary's Lookout Pack Support, respectively. Jan will talk with FWP about Calf

Creek about what needs to be done, when it can be accessed, and if equipment can be brought in.

State Directors: Brad spoke about the Dec state meeting. BCH MT is gearing up for the 2023 Convention. Raffle tickets are available from Barb. Prizes are: Smoke Elser pack saddle, homemade quilt, Henry rifle, and In-Reach Mini Garmin. A chapter display can be put together. He noted that BCHA is looking at a \$5 rate increase to “help keep the lights on” that will be further discussed at the Convention. Light on the Land material is being worked on – need to copyright the term first. Taylor Orr spoke to BCH MT about a repeater station on Odell Mountain; the State chair will discuss this with the Regional Forester. Any questions about State or National BCH, contact Brad or Ed D.

Education & Training: Bonnie explained what training is needed to work on a project. If a person just walks and doesn't use a saw, no training is needed. If stock is brought on a project, DHS certification is needed. She explained what takes place during DHS training. DHS certification is good for 3 years. The DHS demonstration is March 4, and DHS obstacles are March 25 and April 1 with 40 slots available. Jan B. will conduct first aid training on Jan 21 and Feb 4. Crosscut saw and chainsaw training are TBD (April/May) after the trainers' certs are updated. Christy has project leadership workshop on March 18 (9-2 or 10-3), location TBD. All are invited who wants to learn about projects, with lots of components to leading one. Jan B let folks know that she will be emailed the FA cards for those who took the class in 2022.

Membership: Leslie reported there are currently 48 memberships and 84 members.

Outreach: Karen thanked Dan M for the East Fork Corral Project article for BCH MT and BCHA newsletters, plus the upcoming Larry Creek Project article for BCHA.

Program: Phil noted that a canine officer may be available for the Feb program.

Sunshine: If anyone knows of a member who needs a get well, congratulations, or condolence card, let Cindy Beck know. Also, if a member gets a card, let Cindy know via text that it was received.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

State Convention Raffle Tickets: Barb has 180 tickets for folks to buy/sell - \$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets

2023 State Convention Delegates: Board and Officers volunteered to go to the State Convention in Kalispell. The delegates are: Brad, Ed D, Chuck, Jan, Barb, Christy, Carol, and Travise; with Nancy as the alternate. If a member has an issue, contact one of the delegates. Brad noted that a resolution can come from any chapter prior to the convention, and it is brought to the members beforehand so the delegates know how they should vote on it.

Indoor Meeting Location: Jan said the Grange is available for the next 4 months to hold the meeting, at \$90/use. If someone knows of another place, let Jan know. **Joe Tenzer motioned and Julie Schram seconded to hold the next 4 meetings at the Grange and to pay in advance to lock in the rate and dates.** Rebecca noted the price is good and the location is convenient. Brad asked that additional time be allocated to look into more places, especially for the fall meetings. Leslie liked the consistency of having one place for the next 4 meetings. The motion was called. **The motion carried with one dissent.**

Outdoor Meetings: Outdoor meetings will be 6/15, 7/20, and 8/17. They are typically held at Lake Como, Coyote Coulee, and Larry Creek.

Fair Committee Work Party: Christy is starting a new committee to get work done far in advance at each gate, rather than doing it the week before fair. The committee will start meeting in Feb. See Christy for more info.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board Pins: Jan presented silver pins to Julie Schram and Ed Duggan for their past work as Board members for the chapter. Katie Williams (Board) will also be given a pin.

Next Meeting: Feb 16 at the Grange, potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm. Coffee: Jan Bullock, Hot Water: Candice Clarke

Karen Philips motioned and Joan Scheffer (and everyone else!) seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Kathy Stoppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH



BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
***DRAFT* BOARD MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 2nd, 2023**

The February 2023 Board meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jan Bullock. Present were President Jan Bullock, VP Christy Schram-Duggan (via phone), and Treasurer Barb Walker. Also present were Board members Diane Duffie, Travis Grinnell, Dennis Hardman, Carol Johns, Joe Kirkland, Dan Maiyo, Karen Philips, and Brad Pollman; State Directors Brad Pollman and Ed Duggan; and Past President Gene Merrell. Absent were Secretary Kathy Stoppel-Holl, Board Member Dan Brandborg, and State Director Chuck Miller. Carol John led the pledge.

Committee Chairs present: Bonnie Morgan and Leslie Conner-Maiyo

BUSINESS

Minutes: The January 2023 meeting minutes were published in the January Nag News – there were no updates. **Brad Pollman motioned and Karen Philips seconded to accept the minutes as published. The motion carried.**

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

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haven House Thank You Letter: BRBCH received a thank you letter from Haven House, and Jan read it to the Board.

Project Leader Notebook: Jan put together a Project Leader binder and is looking for it. Anyone sees it please give it back to Jan.

A past member and a relative of a current member recently passed away in Dec. Condolence cards were sent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit: Joe K reported that the Audit Team completed the audit and it was successful, nothing was amiss.

Budget: Gene provided the draft 2023 budget. The Board reviewed the budget and found some minor adjustments to be made. **Joe Kirkland motioned and Karen Philips seconded to approve the budget with the minor adjustments.** Budget will be presented to the general membership to be voted on.

Issues: Carol discussed the BNF is looking to amend the forest plan. State Legislature Bill 261 is saying E-bikes are not motorized and as such will be allowed on state land. Leslie to send out an

email to the general membership to make them aware of Bill 261.

Projects: Joe K discussed the upcoming project season. The recent FS project meeting went well. The FS will be working on Mill Creek, Blodgett Creek (only in the area where the fire burned), and Upper Big Creek. The chapter will be getting an updated radio. The Calf Creek project will be May 6th.

State Directors: Brad reported that Texas has a new chapter and is added to the BCHA. There are no resolutions at this time for the state convention.

Membership: Leslie provided the names of members who are new and renewing. **Gene Merrell motioned and Karen Philips seconded to accept the new and renewal members.** There are 59 memberships and 101 members.

Outreach: Karen reported that the Rapp Foundation sent the BRBCH a \$1000 check. The public lands rally is Feb. 23rd at the state capitol in Helena.

Program: The February speaker is Adam Onsrud with the Bitterroot Weed Management.

Education & Training: First Aid will be Jan 21, Project Leader Workshop will be March 18, DHS Demo will be March 4, and DHS Obstacles will be March 25 & April 1. Saw training dates are TBD.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 State Convention: Bonnie Morgan is donating the chapter's live auction item, a handmade mohair cinch.

NEW BUSINESS

Statewide FS Agreement: No updates at this time.

First Aid Kits: Looking for a committee to go through, inventory, and order supplies if needed for the project FA kits.

Chainsaw Maintenance: Dan Maiyo and Travis Grinnell will do maintenance on the saws.

Bear Containers: Ed brought up that the chapter should start thinking about getting some bear resistant containers. The BNF does not have that requirement now, but the policy is coming. The chapter should be proactive on this.

Eva-Maria Maggi, Wilderness Policy and Packing Class at UM: Karen discussed that Eva is requesting a \$1000 donation for this class again. **Brad Pollman motioned and Travis Grinnell seconded to approve donating \$1000 to the Wilderness Policy and Packing Class.** This will

be taken to the general membership to vote on, too.

OTHER BUSINESS

Karen Philips motioned and Diane Duffie seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. The motion carried.

Christy Schram-Duggan (for Kathy Stroppel-Holl, Secretary BRBCH)





Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen



NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, February 16th, 2023

Location:

Corvallis Grange Hall, 130 Dutch Hill Road

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

Visit our Website:

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