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- To foster and encourage the formation of new back country horsemen’s organizations.
- To cooperate with other BCHA organizations.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 2024 MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

Corvallis Elementary School Cafeteria

The next General Meeting will be at the Corvallis Elementary School Cafeteria. From Hwy 93 at the Woodside Cutoff light, drive east to the 4-way stop in Corvallis. Turn left (north), then an immediate right into the parking lot on the west side of the school. Additional parking is off 2nd Street at the NE corner of the school. A potluck dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by our monthly meeting from 7:00-8:30 pm. Guests and new members always welcome.

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Advertisers,

Our April Speaker is Steve Brown from the Darby/Sula Ranger District. His talk will be “An update of Bitterroot National Forest Activities.”

For more information call Gene at 208-310-6326 or check out our website at: www.bchmt.org/bitterroot. Facebook: **Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH)**.

Editor’s Note: On Sunday, May 5th, I will host a trail ride play day at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds. The purpose is to acquaint riders with trail etiquette skills, test the trail worthiness of their horse in a controlled environment, and to have some fun!

This is a non-reservation event, so each participant is responsible for signing a release form and paying a 1-day only user fee of \$15.00 to the Ravalli County Fairgrounds a few days in advance. Mellissa, Fairgrounds Manager, is aware of this event. In case of rotten weather, we will plan Sunday, May 19th as a backup.

Contact Dan Maiyo (208) 940-2887 (cell/text) or email: djmaiyo@gmail.com if you are interested. Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR NAG NEWS

Thursday, May 14th
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A message From Our President

Hello everyone,

The sun is finally shining and the spring flowers are blooming! What a beautiful time of year! So get out and ride, work with your animals, take a walk in the woods or just sit in the sunshine and let it warm you through!

This is the time of year that we get excited about our coming projects, training for those projects and enjoying camaraderie and fun. Our projects have been outlined and Project Leaders have stepped up. If anyone would like to learn the ins and outs of running a project, please join those Project Leaders as their Number two's. It's a great way to learn how a project is put together, what is needed for the project and what the Forest Service requires from us. You can be mentored by some great folks and hopefully run your own project next year!

First Aid classes are underway. Please check with Bonnie M if you need the class, especially if you plan on saw training which will be coming up soon. I will start doing fun rides again starting with our May 11 picnic at Lake Como. If you have never camped with your horse or mule this will be a great time to learn. Lots of us have tips and can show you how to camp and enjoy the outdoors! Or just come for the picnic on Saturday night and have some fun! Lake Como is beautiful and the flowers will be out!

We have had some members leave their positions as Officers and Board members and I am happy and proud to tell you that some awesome members have stepped up to fill those positions! More on that at the Members Meeting this coming Thursday.

Our speaker Thursday will give us some good information on upcoming Forest Service plans this summer. They are currently burning. You can check with the Sheriff's Office App to see when and where!

I hope to see all of you this coming Thursday for our meeting and potluck. Lastly, if you have some good tack that you want to sell, now is the time to polish it up and add it to our newsletter. Members may be looking for good tack this time of year and you might be able to pocket a little cash.

See you Thursday

Respectfully,

Your President

Jan Bullock

A message from Bonnie Morgan: 2024 Training- Como campout and First Aid/saw trainings

First Aid: Jan is teaching a First Aid/CPR class April 20 and there are still a few spots available for folks wishing to take saw trainings this spring.

Chain Saw training: Members wishing to renew their saw certifications will be able to do so on a project, so contact Dan Brandborg, Brad Pollman, or Travise Grinnell to arrange a renewal. Dates for a class for people new to the FS certification program will be held are currently set for Friday evening (classroom portion) May 3 and Saturday May 4 for the field practical portion. A second class is currently scheduled for June 7-8.

Crosscut training: As above, renewals for crosscut certification will be held during projects. Contact Ed Duggan and Travise Grinnell to arrange a session during a project. A date will be set to fit the schedule of the trainers and folks new to the FS crosscut saw program.

Lake Como Rock Creek Campground Campout: May 11-12

Our final training session will be a hands-on campout at Lake Como! We will have the Rock Creek campground reserved Saturday and Sunday, May 11-12. There is no fee at that time. The campground is a dry camping site, so you will need to bring water for your animals. We will meet Saturday, 10 am and have trail rides, lessons on high-lining, packing, and trailer safety. Since Nancy Pollman has volunteered to cook Saturday dinner for us, we need an accurate count. Kathy Stoppel-Holl volunteered to cook Sunday breakfast so you will only need to provide your lunch for both days. The campout is a great way to be sure your equine will be safe on a high line before getting into the back country. We will hold the campout rain or shine. More information will be given at the April general meeting.

For questions about any of the above, contact Bonnie Morgan 406-381-9021

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Disposing of Dead Equines, what you need to know

By Dan Maiyo, Nag News Editor

This article will supply you with the information you need when planning for or dealing with this difficult but necessary fact of equine ownership responsibilities.

Acknowledgement and appreciation to Dr. Kyle Kelly of Tammany Veterinary Clinic for his knowledge and resources, Jacob Long - Recreation Program Manager, USFS Bitterroot National Forest, BLM Recreation Specialist - Missoula Office, Bruce Montgomery - FWP Bitterroot Valley Bear Manager, Shane Waskus - FWP Game Warden, and Ravalli County Environmental Health for providing information for this article.

We've all had to face it. We never like to think about it. But, the reality is that horses and mules die, and not always at a place and time that is convenient. Worse yet, many horsemen may not be prepared how to deal with a dead 1000 pound animal. If your horse is euthanized at the veterinary clinic, your veterinarian has the resources to transport the horse to its final resting place. If the horse or mule goes down at home, off-site, or on public land, that is another problem.

Background: Recent changes in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) policies restrict the use of animals euthanized with a chemical substance in animal foods. Furthermore, there is currently no set tolerance for pentobarbital, the most common equine euthanasia compound. Any rendered product with detectable phenobarbital is considered adulterated by the FDA and condemned. Based on the zero tolerance for pentobarbital, rendering companies will not accept horse carcasses without knowledge or proof of method of euthanasia.

1. State and County Regulations

Montana Law, Relevant Statutes:

[Montana Code Annotated](#) : [75-10-212](#) ; [75-10-213](#) ; [75-10-214](#) ; [75-5-605](#)

[Administrative Rules of Montana](#) : [17.8.604](#) ; [32.3.125](#) ; [32.4.1002](#) ; [32.6.1102](#) ; [17.50.809](#)

Ravalli County Environmental Health regulations (pursuant to Montana Law)

You cannot:

- Dispose of an animal via open burning unless approved by Montana DEQ.
- Dump or leave the carcass in, upon or within 200 feet of any highway, road, street, alley or public property in Montana.
- Dump or leave any dead animal on privately owned property where hunting, fishing, or other recreation is permitted, unless the property is legally permitted by MT DEQ to accept and manage solid waste.
- Place all or any part of a dead animal in any lake, river, creek, pond, or reservoir, road, street, alley, lot, or field; or allow a dead animal to contaminate any surface water or groundwater.
- Place all or any part of a dead animal within 1 mile of a residence unless it is buried at least 2 feet underground.
- Allow carcasses to remain on the ground surface so as to become a public nuisance or a menace to livestock or poultry.
- Dispose of a dead animal in any Bitter Root Disposal waste container. (Continued next page)

You can:

Bury a dead animal at least 2 feet underground *on your own property*, provided the site is not in an area of high ground water. The activity of dumping or burying waste on any property other than your own is prohibited unless the property is permitted [by MT DEQ] to receive such waste – because it is solid waste management.

While not specifically addressed by state law, Ravalli County recommends the following:

- Dead animals be buried greater than 4 feet from the natural surface of the ground, covered with quicklime and then 4 feet of earth.
- Burial sites should be located greater than 500 feet away from any occupied or inhabitable building.
- Burial sites should be located greater than 150 feet away from any surface water, including ephemeral or intermittent drainages and wetlands.
- Burial sites should be located greater than 100 feet away from any drinking water supply source, preferably downhill from any well. A greater distance is recommended where conditions might increase the likelihood of contamination of a drinking water source.
- Burial sites should not be located on slopes greater than 12%.
- Burial sites should not be in an area where seasonally high ground water is 6 feet or less below ground surface or inside the 100 year flood plain. Contact Ravalli County Environmental Health if unsure.
- Sites with shallow bedrock or many stone layers at a shallow depth should be avoided.
- Don't place dead animals where they might attract neighboring pets or scavengers.
- Don't place animals where the odor of decomposition to neighbors would constitute a public nuisance.

Landfill: According to the Republic Services website, the Allied Waste Landfill located at 3737 Coal Mine Road in Missoula will charge you \$33.00 per large animal (cows, horses, llamas, mules) or \$13.60 per cubic yard for smaller animals (dogs, cats, goats, sheep, etc.). Call the landfill to arrange drop-off (before 2pm) at (406) 728-9572. The Victor Transfer Station will also take large animals. The fee is \$31.00/large animal. **Note:** Call for current fees as they are subject to change.

Incineration: Bitterroot Pet Crematorium at 817 South Shoshone Loop, off Skalkaho Highway provides for partial cremation of a large animal. Contact (406) 363-1650 for information.

Agricultural and Livestock Operations: Agriculture operations of more than five acres do not require you to be licensed to manage dead animals on-site. You may legally dispose of your own dead animals as long as the disposal does not create a nuisance or public health hazard or violate the laws governing the disposal of hazardous substances. You *cannot* dispose of an animal via open burning because that would be in violation of the Clean Air Act. Animals brought from other locations to be buried on your farm you may be subject to additional disposal regulations and permitting requirements. Contact the MT DEQ before burying dead animals on your property if the animals did not originate from your farm.

Contact:

Ravalli County Environmental Health (RCEH)

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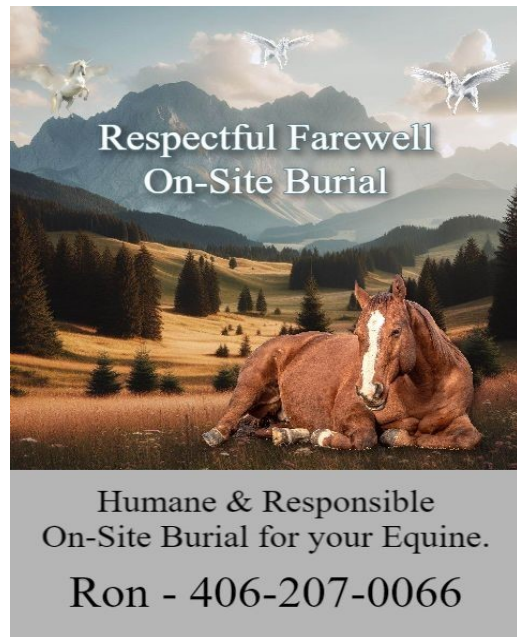
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2. Veterinarian Resources and Protocol:

Tammany Veterinary Clinic, Corvallis, MT 406-961-1321

Your veterinarian will consult with you options that are humane and available. You will be required to sign a release form prior to any action that is taken. Tammany Veterinary Clinic has resources available for transport to either the Victor Transfer Station or the Missoula Landfill. Contact Tammany for current handling and transport fees.

Penetrating bolt gun: Some landfills in the Montana will not accept the remains of a chemically euthanized animal. A penetrating bolt gun is now preferred after sedation. Approved by AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) and AAP (American Association of Animal Practice), this method does not result in drug residues in the remains that requires that the horse be disposed of in such a way that prevents scavenger animals from having access to the body or the remains entering any food chain. Horses euthanized in this manner can be rendered by some rendering companies, bio-digested, cremated, buried or composted as long as state and local regulations are followed.

Lethal injection: Lethal injection given intravenously to a sedated horse with a barbiturate overdose of Pentobarbital, a DEQ controlled substance, is commonly used for euthanasia, and can only be carried out by a licensed veterinarian. Because it is not fully absorbed in the bloodstream, the toxicity of the drug puts wildlife and pets at risk. Therefore, the blood trail in the environment must fully be addressed and the animal must go to a licensed landfill that allows such method of euthanization.

Potassium chloride given intravenously to anesthetized horses is the third method of euthanasia. This method can only be used in anesthetized horses in order for it to be considered humane. This process of euthanasia takes more time to perform and is considered humane because the horse is at a surgical plane of anesthesia, is not feeling any pain and is completely unaware of the process. Horses euthanized with potassium chloride can be rendered by some rendering companies, bio-digested, cremated, buried or composted as long as state and local regulations are followed.

3. Forest Service, BLM, FWP Regulations for Dead Livestock

Editor's Note: *The following F.S. regulations are also followed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks per (FWP) Game Warden, Missoula Regional Office.*

3. The death of the holder's stock on National Forest System lands shall be reported to the authorized officer as soon as practical. It is the holder's responsibility to assure proper disposal of the animal. In general, dead stock may be left to decompose in remote backcountry areas provided they are sufficient distances from trails (100 feet), campsites (300 feet), administrative sites (300 feet) and surface water sources (200 feet). In the event that a dead animal is located within the above distances or if otherwise determined by the authorized officer, the holder shall provide a proposal for disposing of the animal. The proposal shall be subject to approval by the authorized officer. If the dead animal is located in a roaded area the holder shall remove it from National Forest System lands; and

Pursuant to USDA Forest Service Food/Wildlife Attractant Storage Order R1-2023-02 Exhibit B, Information and Definitions

It Is Required That:

5. The responsible party shall report the death and location of any livestock to a Forest Service Official within 24 hours of discovery. In some very remote areas, it may not be possible to meet the 24-hour requirement. In these special cases, the responsible party shall report to a Forest Official the discovery of any dead livestock within 48 hours.

Conclusion: It is the owners responsibility to plan ahead for this event. If an equine goes down on public lands, it is the owners responsibility to notify the relevant public agency official in a timely manner, they will determine the method of disposal.

A copy of this article is available on request.

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BETTY SALAD

Ingredients:

- 1 head lettuce, torn into small pieces
- 1 10 ounce package spinach, washed, torn, stems trimmed
- 1 lb fresh bean sprouts
- 6 hard boiled eggs, peeled and diced
- 1 to 2 - 8 ounce cans water chestnuts, drained and diced
- 1 lb fried bacon, crumbled

To make dressing:

- 1 cup canola oil
- 3/4 cup sugar
- Salt to taste
- 1/3 cup ketchup
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 small onion, grated

Mix salad ingredients in a 6 to 8 quart bowl. Blend dressing ingredients together. Chill for a few hours for flavor to set. Shake before serving with salad.

Serves 4-6 main dish salads or 12 side servings.

Betty's salad is a regional, Midwest dish created by Betty Timko was featured as a menu item at her restaurant, Timko's Soup and Such, in Toledo, Ohio.



BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES,
MARCH 21, 2024

The March 2024 general meeting of the Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BRBCH) was called to order by Vice President Diane Duffie at 7:02 pm. The meeting was held at the Corvallis Primary School cafeteria. Approximately 30 members were present. There was not a quorum of officers. Chuck Miller led the Pledge to start the meeting. Annie Bernauer and her daughter were guests.

PROGRAM

Ted Hall, "Horseback in the Footsteps of Lewis and Clark": Monica introduced Ted Hall, who has spent many years searching for and documenting the overland route traveled by Lewis & Clark in the Bitterroot Valley, including a portion called Lost Trail Pass on today's maps. He spoke about the Gibbonsville to Sula stretch of 12 miles, which was the only area where they did not travel on Native American trails. He provided interesting info about the ascent and descent portions of the route. He noted the Shoshone provided a gift of 27 horses to go up the pass, starting in ID. The Salish provided a gift of additional horses in the Sula area on Sept 4, 1805 to continue the trip north. The Nez Perce provided the final gift of nursing the expedition back to health after they got over Lolo Pass. The Corps traveled over 4,000 miles from St Louis to the Pacific Coast and back.

BUSINESS

It was requested that the requirement for a Board quorum (Art II, Sec 6) of 3 officers be suspended so business can be approved at this meeting. **Karen Philips motioned and Joan Scheffer seconded to suspend the Constitutional requirement for a quorum of 3 officers so business can be conducted and approved at the meeting. The motion carried.**

2024 Budget: Presented by Gene. He noted the Calf Creek outhouse was cut out of the budget due to budgetary constraints. There isn't a lot of room for any additional expenses. If any member has a suggestion for the budget, contact Gene. **Travise Grinnell motioned and Dennis Hardman seconded to accept the budget. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: The March treasurer's report was provided. **Travise Grinnell motioned and Joe Kirkland seconded to accept the February and March Treasurer's reports. The motion carried.**

Minutes: The February minutes were printed in the March Nag News. **Travise Grinnell motioned and Bonnie Morgan seconded to accept the January and February minutes as published. The motion carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calf Creek Opening Date: Jan spoke with FWP regarding Calf Creek use. The opening date has been changed from April 15 to May 15 to align with other MT WMAs.

REC POC Application Submitted: Kathy said the Ravalli Electric Co-op Power of Change application to fund a porta-

potty at Calf Creek was submitted March 8. She recently spoke with one of the POC Board members and is hopeful our application will be selected. The POC Board met on March 20 to select recipients for this quarter.

Safety Moment: The grass is greening up earlier, so pull or limit your horses on the new grass.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grants: Presented by Diane. BRBCH was not selected for the RTP grant submitted for the Connectivity Project (Fred Burr to Mill Creek). Grant applications totaled \$2.5M for the \$1.5M they had to distribute. Other chapters write these grants for smaller amounts. Going forward the committee will break up the RTP grant and apply for another grant for a smaller portion.

Projects: Presented by Joe. He noted the Fred Burr project will continue with the Forest Service, but without the support of the MCC crew. A list of the 2024 projects will be sent via email. Riders and hikers are encouraged. Get the training required to work on projects.

Issues: Presented by Carol. A valley map showing the FS projects and new WUI was displayed. She explained the purpose of the WUI, and the resources available to protect homes in that area. The WUI will affect many of the trailheads where folks ride. A weblink was provided

State Directors: Presented by Chuck. He spoke about the State Board of Directors meeting. Rendezvous will be June 21-23 at Blackfoot Clearwater Game Range. BCH MT has 674 memberships and over a 1000 members. Greg Sholtz is handling the youth program; he is looking for gear. The FS Volunteer Service Agreement will be done again. The FS liaison for Region 1 is Carol Hennessy. Adam Washbeck is the Region 1 saw coordinator. The State approved the National dues increase of \$5. Brad and John Chepolis will be 2024 national directors. Travise said Chuck received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Convention - Congrats! Diane said it was impressive to hear Smoke Elser speak.

Education & Training: Presented by Bonnie. Defensive Horse Safety Demo is Sat, Mar 23, 9-2. She discussed the topics that will be presented, including camping in bear country. A potluck lunch will be provided. A signup sheet for DHS obstacles Apr 6, 9-12 and 1-4, was passed around - there are 10 slots for each time period. Both are at C-Max Stables in Corvallis. DHS training is good for 3 years. A signup sheet was passed around for first aid and saw training. Apr 12-13 will be crosscut cut training. May 3-4 and June 7-8 will be chainsaw training. Those renewing their crosscut training can do so on a project with Travise or Ed D. Folks with no training can still help on projects by clearing waterbars! Someone uncertified on crosscut saws can be on the other end of the saw with a B-certified sawyer. Horse camp out will be at the Rock Creek Horse Camp (by Lake Como) on May 11-12. Nancy Pollman will cook Sat dinner. It's a good opportunity to learn how to camp with your stock, highline your horse, and other activities. Rides will be Sat afternoon and Sun morning.

Membership: There are currently 60 memberships and 90 members.

DRAFT GENERAL MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Outreach: Presented by Karen. Chapter One will have book release at the Ravalli County Museum on April 4 for the Smoke Elser and Eva-Maria Maggi book "Hush of the Land." The recent UM book presentation was well attended.

Program: Presented by Monica. Let her know of any potential speakers. Steve Brown will speak at the April meeting. Jerry Fowler will speak about reining in May. Eric Gren will speak about snakes in June. A hunting horseman will speak in July.

Sunshine: If anyone knows of a member who needs a get well, congratulations, or condolence card, let Jenna Wright know. Send a get well card to Jan!

OLD BUSINESS

Trail Project Survey: Presented by Dan M. He provided forms at the beginning of the meeting, and will composite and present the results at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

FS Meeting: Bonnie, Joe K, Carol, Dan M, and Brad met with Mark Smith, Jake Long, and other FS staff on Mar 20, along with other partner groups. Over 300,000 hours of volunteer work was done in Region 1, with over 18,000 hours in the Bitterroots from the partner groups. Get project reports in ASAP to the FS.

Google Drive: Travise spoke about what is stored on the Drive and how to access it. Need a Google affiliated email to log on. Tim spoke about being the historian and not having any 2023 photos on the Drive! Please email 2024 project photos and project notes to him or Travise - they will be used in next year's convention presentation.

FS Form 301B for Trail Projects: Travise brought the form to sign if folks expect to work on 2024 FS projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting: April 18 at the Corvallis Primary Cafeteria, potluck at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 pm.
Coffee: Amy Greer; Hot water: Amy Greer

Travise Grinnell motioned and Joan Scheffer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. The motion carried.

Kathy Stroppe-Holl for Judy Posey, Secretary BRBCH

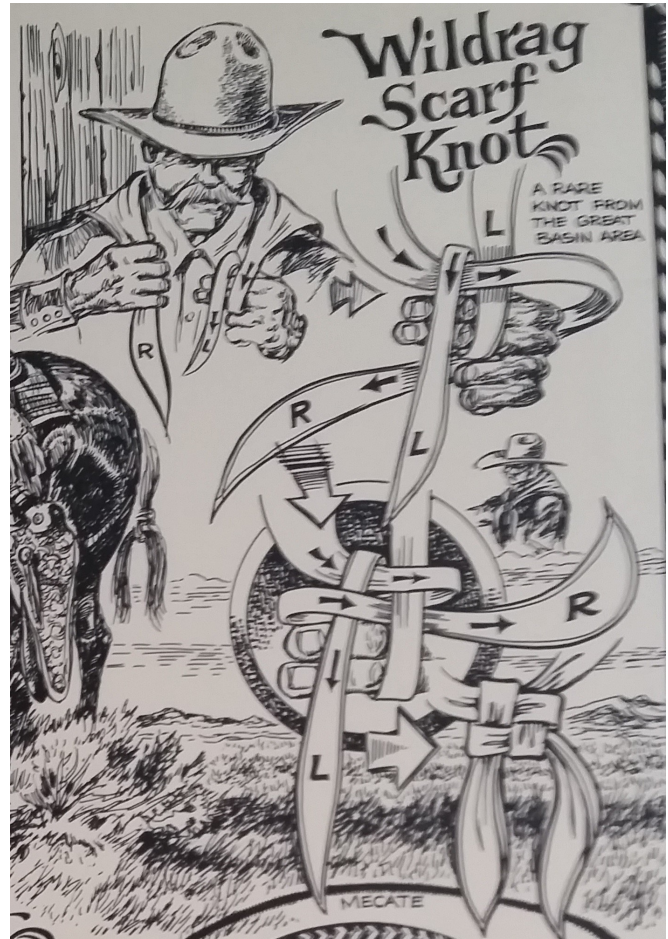
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**BITTER ROOT BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 4, 2024**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The secretarial position had not been filled at the time of the April board meeting. Therefore, minutes were not transcribed or presented for publication is this month's newsletter.



For those of you who asked me how to tie the "Buckaroo Scarf Knot" here it is!! Dan Maiyo

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Sunshine	Jenna Wright
Trail Rides	Jan Bullock, Dan Maiyo
Training	Bonnie Morgan
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Bitter Root Backcountry Horsemen Officers and Board

Chapter officers				
Position	Name	Term	Contact	
President	Jan Bullock	2024	907-242-9853	
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Secretary	Judy Posey	2024		
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Carol Johns	2023-24	Brad Pollman	2024-25	
Dennis Hardman	2023-24			BCHMT Vice State Chairman
Brad Pollman	2023-24	Alt. State		Mack Long
Joe Kirkland	2023-24	Director		
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NEXT BRBCH MEETING

Thursday, April 18th, 2024

Corvallis Elementary School Cafeteria

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

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