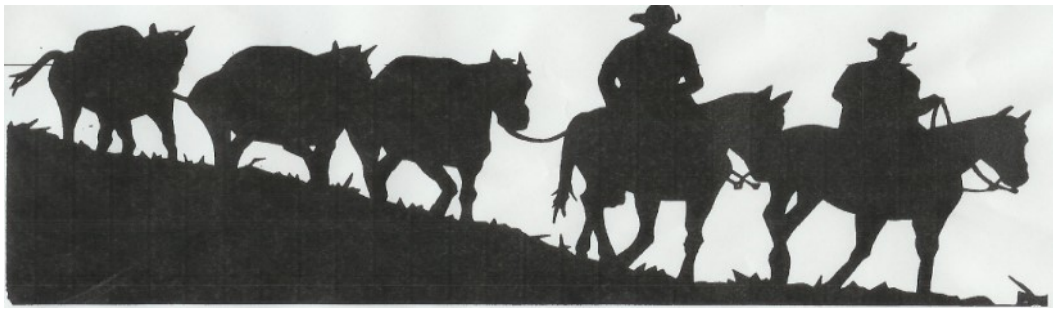


SEPTEMBER

2022

Last Chance Back Country
Horsemen

HORSE TRACKS



LAST CHANCE BCH SEPTEMBER 7th. MEETING 7:00 PM



***MEETING September
7th.***

***At Montana Wild
7:00 PM***



LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TONY

Almost a year after the fire, we finally convened on August 12th to pack in bridge planks for the Woods Creek fire project. The Forest Service trail crew had cut out the trail (a couple of times), recon of the road and trail were complete, and 23 LCBCH members with multiple trailers, 24 mules and 5 horses got to work.

Lyndsay, Martin Bulukas, and myself made an initial trip the weekend before to check out the trail and deliver a couple loads of planks. It was 43 degrees and raining when we arrived which was a welcome relief from the last month's heat. After 3 very treacherous crossings where the bridges had been, a puncture wound to a mule's face, and an encounter with an old telephone wire from a lookout, we decided to drop our loads and that all the other loads would have to be left just before the first bridge so we didn't get an animal or person hurt.

For the most part the weather was pleasant with afternoon rainstorms and it was not scorching hot. Krissy Gillespie, Fred Benson, and I went up early on Friday to get some initial loads in. Two FS trail crew members went up in front of us to widen the trail while we packed up. It turned out to be not such an early start, but we made it in and out with 6 mule loads and no issues while the rest of the crew worked on camp setup. That evening, loads were bundled, dinner was cooked, and plans were made for the next day.

On Saturday the packing went off without a hitch. Sherri Lionberger, Mike Cannon and Will Trimbath headed in early to get to the unloading spot. Multiple mule strings left not long after in a staggered fashion. People grabbed lunch when they got back and waited out a rainstorm. Then Bob and his string, myself, Lyndsay, and Jordan (on a mule!) headed back in with the last loads. Saturday concluded with a delicious dinner, beverages, dog antics, and another shot of rain.

Thanks to everyone who made this project go off seamlessly. Things like this are always a team effort and between logistics, food, packers, camp crew, cooks, and unloaders there is a lot of moving parts.

A huge thank you to Neil for coordinating everything from materials, porta potty, trailers, loads, etc. and Darlene and Deb Tomaskie for planning a lot of the most important thing: the food.

And it's always dangerous to list people and if I miss anyone I apologize but thanks to everyone who was there and/or helped with loading or setup:

- **Fred Benson**
- **Lyndsay Smith**
- **Martin Bulukas**
- **Russ Wattnem and Sherri McGuire**
- **Mike Cannon**
- **Katy Donnelley**
- **Nicole Anderson**
- **Terry Hutton**
- **Deb and Bob Tomaskie**
- **Sherri Lionberger**
- **Krissy Gillespie**
- **Lynda and Gary Wiles**
- **Jason/Jordan/Ellery/Brenna Hughey**
- **Neil and Darlene Horne**
- **Alan Rowley**
- **Mandy Alvino**
- **Deb Remiard**

Forest Service Trail Crew:

- **Travis Johnson**
- **Thomas Buresh**
- **Gary Bauman**
- **Mandy Alvino**
- **Will Trimbath**
- **James Helsley (water deliverer extraordinaire)**
- **Lucas Parriman**
- **And the MCC crew**



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