



## LCBCH Meeting – February 4, 2026

Montana Wild – 7:00 p.m.

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

#### February 2026

As your newly elected president of the LCBCH, it is my pleasure to share this first message with the club.

A little about me – I started my career as a highway/bridge engineer back in 1980. Since retiring in late 2024, I have devoted my time and energy in doing whatever I darned well please, and that includes naps whenever necessary. I joined the LCBCH back in summer 2024 and have tried to participate in as many events as possible. When not riding or puttering around the house, I spend time with my two daughters and son. I'm a fledgling grandfather with a new grandbaby on the way.



This year has produced some very unusual meteorologic phenomena's: Gale force winds, springtime like temps, and very weird combinations of snow and rainstorms. Judging by the downed trees just here in town, the local trails will be a mess. It goes without saying that LCBCH will be very busy this spring and summer clearing trails in the Big Belts and Elkhorn mountains. The Forest Service recently provided us with their trail priorities list and are desperate for our help.

Looking to the future, I am working with the Board to keep this club active and to build up our membership. We will be instituting a few organizational changes including: Aggressive 2026 trail planning, bring in wildlife/forest/equine related speakers, and soliciting input from membership via survey questionnaires. Consistent communication is key to our organization's health; we need to hear from you members. Please reach out to me or the other board members if you have comments, questions or concerns.

I want to personally thank our outgoing President and Vice President, Jason Hughey and Jason Funkhauser for their dedication to this club. And welcome to our new Vice President, Mike McDaniel who brings valuable knowledge and energy to LCBCH. Last but not least, I look forward to working with Terry Hutton (Secretary/Alternate State Director), Ali Kenny (Treasurer), Sherri Lionberger (State Director), and Katy Donnelley (State Director).

John Pavsek, President

Agenda for February 4, 2026 Membership Meeting: Please Attend!

- Introduce guests/new members
- Approve January meeting minutes
- Treasurer's report
  - Audit financials for 2024 & 2025; committee needed
- Old Business
  - 2025 USFS/RAC Reimbursement: mileage and stock rates; pay or donate
  - 2026 Planned Projects: have \$23,360 grant to be used in 2026
    - Eagle Guard Station – Elkhorns; June 5 – 7
    - Thompson Guard Station – Big Belts; July 10 – 12
  - 2026 Proposed Projects
    - Gates Wilderness – May, weather dependent
    - North and South Belts (Boulder Lakes-Belt MTN Divide); late June
    - Other trails in Elkhorns and Big Belts; dates TBD
  - 2026 State Back Country Horsemen Rendezvous: June 18 – 21, Monture
- New Business
  - BCHMT State Convention
    - Per by-laws, members to annually vote on reimbursement for delegates (8 delegates allowed)
    - LCBCH to donate auction item, \$100 value
    - LCBCH Display board
  - Executive Board: planning for survey/questionnaire
- Other Business
  - First Aid/CPR certification; chain & crosscut saw certification
  - Conex: need someone to monitor and keep up maintenance on all saws in prep for 2026 work
  - Annual membership dues reminder for 2026; Single: \$35, Family \$45