

BITS AND SPURS Apr-Dec 2019, SPWBCH Newsletter

Mission Statement:

Our purpose is to perpetuate the common sense use of horses in America's back country, wilderness and roadless areas; to assist various government and private agencies in their maintenance of said resources; to work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resources by horsemen and pack stock.



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NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 12 @ 6pm

Hamilton Forest Service

Christmas Potluck



President's Note –

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! The Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen have come a long way since September 2006, the year we officially formed. We've gone from nine founding members to over 50! Thanks for all the support and volunteering over the last 13 years. Every little bit counts, right?

As we look to the future, SPWBCH will need to make some decisions on how to volunteer as partners with the Forest Service by choosing the agreement that works best for all. Perhaps nothing will change, but the discussion is important. The December meeting will be the place and time to hopefully make those decisions.

The summer was a busy one for the chapter filled with trail projects and education. Enjoy the newsletter and take a look at some of our accomplishments.

I am looking for someone to step in and take over as publisher and editor for our newsletter in 2020. Please consider this opportunity as I know most members enjoy seeing all we do!

Happy Trails, *Kathy*



Health & Training



Sand Colic

Horses pick up sand as they eat hay fed from the ground or graze short grass in pastures. The granules then settle to the bottom of the intestines, specifically in the large colon, where their grittiness can irritate the intestinal lining.

Mild sand colic, which is often accompanied by diarrhea, may be transient, but eventually enough sand can accumulate to result in severe, ongoing discomfort. In the worst cases, the intestines may become twisted or displaced or even rupture.



One way to tell if your horse is ingesting sand is to do the "mason jar test," also called the "fecal flotation test." Take six fecal balls from the middle of a fresh pile (this assures they are not contaminated with sand from the ground) and place them in a quart of water. Stir the contents, let the concoction sit for around 15 minutes and then check the container to see if any sand has settled in the bottom.

If more than a teaspoon of sand collects at the bottom of the jar, your horse is probably ingesting a

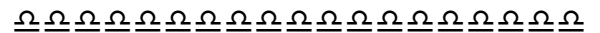


potentially dangerous amount of sand. However, the absence of sand doesn't necessarily mean he's home free: It's possible that sand has settled in his gut and is simply not moving through the digestive tract. If your horse shows even mild signs of colic,

call your veterinarian regardless of what you see at the bottom of the jar. Ultrasonic imaging can reveal an accumulation and aid in making a definitive diagnosis.



Removing sand from a horse's intestines can be difficult. Psyllium, a natural laxative, can help dislodge the granules, but surgery may be needed to manually remove large amounts of sand. It's far easier to keep your horse from ingesting sand in the first place by feeding hay off of mats rather than the bare ground and managing your pastures so that they do not become overgrazed. If you feed a psyllium supplement to prevent sand accumulation, be sure to follow the instructions on the label.



Training Tip

The Benefits of Training Your Horse Outside of the Arena

No matter which category a horse falls into — hot-blooded or cold-blooded — riding him outside the confines of an arena and taking him down the trail is one of the best things you can do for him.



Riding outside gives cold-blooded horses a reason to go somewhere. They're already unambitious as it is, so when you close them in an arena with four walls and they're forced to see the same four walls every



day, it demotivates them even more. But when you get them outside and actually give them a place to go, it motivates them and adds a little spark to their step.

Riding outside is also good for horses that tend to be grouchy or sour because it keeps things interesting for them. The worst thing you can do with these types of horses is drill on the same exercises in the same boring arena every single day. By taking them outside, you can keep practicing the same exercises and train on them as much as you want, and because the environment is new and interesting, they don't seem to get sour about it.

Training on the trail is also good for hot, nervous horses because it gets them exposed to all sorts of different objects, situations and environments. The more they're exposed to, and eventually get comfortable with, the more their comfort zone expands. *Clinton Anderson*

**CHEAP HORSES
AREN'T TRAINED
AND TRAINED
HORSES AREN'T
CHEAP.**

~ Christine Atkinson ~

~Dutch oven Recipe ~

CRANAPPLE PIE

YouTube link:

<https://boysliffe.org/features/150595/how-to-make-thanksgiving-pie-in-a-dutch-oven/>

Ingredients:

- Parchment paper
- Prepared pie dough for a 9-inch pie
- 3 cups peeled, cored and sliced Granny Smith apples (about five apples)
- 3 cups fresh cranberries: 2 cups coarsely chopped, 1 cup whole
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 3 tablespoons quick-cook tapioca
- 1 egg white
- 1/2 tsp. sugar for dusting

Prepare a **10-inch** camp-style Dutch oven by cutting a circle of parchment paper that fits in the bottom of the oven. (The 10-inch oven — versus a 12-inch — more closely mimics the size of a typical pie pan.) Cut a piece of parchment paper about 24 inches long. Divide the parchment into four strips lengthwise to create strips that are about 4 inches wide and 24 inches long. Fold each strip in half lengthwise. Place the middle of the strips in the center of the oven, draping the ends up and over the lip of the oven. Secure with clothespins. Place round parchment over the strips in the bottom of the oven.

Roll out one of the ready-to-bake pie doughs. Press the dough

into the bottom of the oven, centering it so the edges come up evenly around the oven.





Dutch oven recipe cont.

Peel and slice apples. Place in large bowl. Add 1 cup of whole cranberries to apples. Roughly chop remaining 2 cups of cranberries and add to apples. Mix in pecans.

In a separate bowl, mix together sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and tapioca. Stir together.

Add sugar mixture to bowl with apples and cranberries. Toss until all ingredients are incorporated.

Pour cranberry-apple filling into pie dough in Dutch oven.

Place remaining pie dough on top of the cranberry-apple filling. An inch of the dough should fold over and be tucked behind the edge of the lower crust. Pinch the top dough into the bottom dough. Using a sharp knife, make cuts in the top crust to vent the steam from the pie.

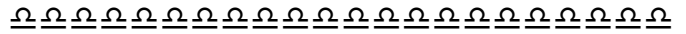
Mix the egg white with a tablespoon of water until frothy. Using a pastry brush, cover the top with the egg wash, and then sprinkle with sugar.

Bake at 400 degrees for 40-50 minutes by placing 17 hot charcoals on the lid and eight in a circle below. The pie is done when the filling is bubbling up through the center of the pie and the top is golden brown.

Remove oven from heat and let the oven cool for 10 minutes. Fill a container with tap water and place oven into water, ensuring the level of the water comes up the oven halfway. Let the oven continue to cool for 10 minutes. Remove oven and

pour out half of the water. Add ice, again checking to make sure the level of water/ice comes up the oven halfway. Check frequently to remove water and replace with ice as needed to chill the pie. Chill pie for 1 hour.

Run a table knife around the edge of the pie to free it from the oven. Using parchment lifters, remove the pie from the oven and place on a plate. Pull parchment strips out. Slice and serve.



GOOD NEWS and BAD NEWS

Duane, Keith and Kathy hung our Forest Service sign on the Sawtooth bridge in June. Unfortunately, vandals ripped the sign down and broke it apart later in the summer. It is hoped that the FS will make another one and we will give it another try!



The following comparison chart is the final draft sent to us by the Forest Service. The comparison was asked for by Duane Krowen at our SPWBCH October general meeting. There was a lengthy discussion trying to understand the particulars of each agreement that is offered by the Forest Service to volunteer organizations and hopefully this will answer questions members may have as to what the differences and similarities are. Members were also emailed a copy of this chart for your review.



Comparison between Forest Service Volunteer Agreements (OF0301a) and Challenge Cost Share Agreements (as of 11/12/19)



(NOTE: Future policy changes are forthcoming as it relates to Forest Service coverage of a Cooperator's volunteers for workers' compensation, tort and personal property damage or loss, per the Volunteers in National Forest Act 1972 which was recently amended. A "pure" challenge cost share agreement option, however will still be available where a CS cooperator assumes responsibility for providing all coverage)

	VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT	CHALLENGE COST-SHARE AGREEMENT	CHALLENGE COST SHARE IN TANDEM WITH A FOREST SERVICE VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT
Conveyance of workers' compensation coverage, tort pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, and personal property damage or loss to the same extent as a Federal employee	YES	NO However, Cooperator willingly agrees to assume all responsibilities of workers compensation and tort type coverage (see clause wording below)	YES
Chainsaw/cross-cut saw training/certification required for anyone operating a saw	YES	YES	YES
Report all chainsaw or cross cut saw accidents or near misses to the Forest Service	YES	YES	YES
Defensive horsemanship and/or firearms training/certification required	YES	NO	YES
Current first Aid/CPR certification required for any sawyer	YES	YES	YES
Minimum of one person per field going work crew currently certified in First aid/CPR (the one person could also be a sawyer)	YES	NO	YES

Other trainings, supervision and direction of the work to be performed	Forest Service and volunteer/volunteer group work together to accomplish, including defining roles and responsibilities	Cooperator shall provide any necessary training to ensure that personnel are capable of performing tasks to be completed. Cooperator shall supervise and direct the work of its volunteers participating under the agreement.	Forest Service and cooperator work together to accomplish, including defining roles/responsibilities
Adhere to Forest Service requirements on wearing PPEs (Personal Protective Equipment)	YES	NO* (*Still waiting for final word from OSHA on this)	YES
Adhere to Forest Service's check in/out policy	YES	NO	YES
Adhere to Forest Service non-discrimination and non-harassment policies	YES	YES	YES
Forest Service can reimburse organizations for the cost of materials and/or labor as specified in the agreement/financial plan (Money can be added to the agreement in the event there's extra funding at the end of the year)	NO	YES, except that volunteer labor is not a reimbursable expense; value of volunteer labor can be used as part of minimum 20% match required for a CS agreement. Expenses tied to volunteer labor can be reimbursed (such as materials, supplies, per diem, mileage, etc.) agreement.	YES, except that volunteer labor is not a reimbursable expense; value of volunteer labor can be used as part of minimum 20% match required for a CS agreement. Expenses tied to volunteer labor can be reimbursed (such as materials, supplies, per diem, mileage, etc.) agreement.
Reimbursement for specific items, such as mileage or incidentals related to project work, as identified in the agreement and if funds allow	YES	YES	YES

Definition of a Forest Service Volunteer Agreement:

The volunteer agreement (OF-301a and its group sign-up roster form OF-301b) allows the Forest Service to accept a "donated service" that is voluntarily offered. In essence, the volunteer agreement is a volunteer partnership between the volunteer and the Forest Service. The agreement ensures volunteers are covered by the

Federal Employees Compensation Act of 1974, to the same extent as a Federal employee (note: the U.S. Department of Labor makes the final decision if a volunteer's workers' compensation claim will be accepted and covered by the Forest Service). It also enables volunteers to be reimbursed for specific, incidental expenses related to their volunteer service. Whenever there is a question about what is intended, the volunteer agreement serves as the source document.

When volunteers are signed up as a group under a Forest Service volunteer agreement (both the OF-301a and the sign-up roster OF-301b are used), the same coverage applies.

Definition of Challenge Cost-Share Agreement:

Challenge Cost-Share Agreements are used when there is mutual benefit/mutual interest between the Forest Service and a Cooperator (partner) to develop, plan, and implement projects that enhance Forest Service activities. As the agreement name implies, both the Forest Service and its partner contribute funds to the direct costs of shared projects. Partners' matching funds may originate from fundraising, individuals, institutions, organizations, and/or other non-Federal public agencies. Besides cash funds, partners may satisfy the matching requirement of typically not less than 20 percent by providing real or personal property, services, and/or in-kind contributions, such as volunteer labor. Challenge Cost-Share Agreements allow the Forest Service to reimburse organizations for the cost of their materials and/or labor (however, in-kind labor where there is no cost to the organization, such as volunteer labor, is not reimbursed). The Interior and Related Agency Appropriations Act of 1992 authorizes this agreement type. Partners who tend to work under Challenge Cost-Share Agreements include corporations, institutions, individuals, nonprofit organizations, and public and private agencies. A Challenge Cost-Share Agreement could be used to support a wildlife habitat study with a regional nonprofit partner, enable riparian or other ecosystem restoration efforts, or engage a local educational partner to develop an outdoor summer education program.

In terms of workers' compensation and tort type coverage for cooperator participants (employees, volunteers, participants), a challenge cost share cooperator willingly assumes that responsibility. Below, is the clause that is mandatory with all challenge cost share agreements:

A.17. NON-FEDERAL STATUS FOR COOPERATOR PARTICIPANTS

The Cooperator agrees that any Cooperator employees, volunteers, and program participants shall not be deemed to be Federal employees for any purposes including Chapter 171 of Title 28, United States Code (Federal Tort Claims Act) and Chapter 81 of Title 5, United States Code (OWCP), as the Cooperator has hereby willingly agreed to assume these responsibilities.

Further, the Cooperator shall provide any necessary training to Cooperator employees, volunteers, and program participants to ensure that such personnel are capable of performing tasks to be completed. The Cooperator shall also supervise and direct the work of its employees, volunteers, and participants performing under this agreement.

In terms of non-discrimination, the following clause is also mandatory with all challenge cost share agreements:

B.5. NONDISCRIMINATION

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, and so forth.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sage's Long Journey Home

By Betsy Rogan

For a long time I had dreamed of adopting and training a mustang. When my daughter Claire graduated from Oregon State University on a round up year of Kiger Mustangs, I knew it was time. Claire, her future husband Joe, and I went to the Kiger Mustang Adoption Days in Burns, Oregon to pick out and adopt my new steed.



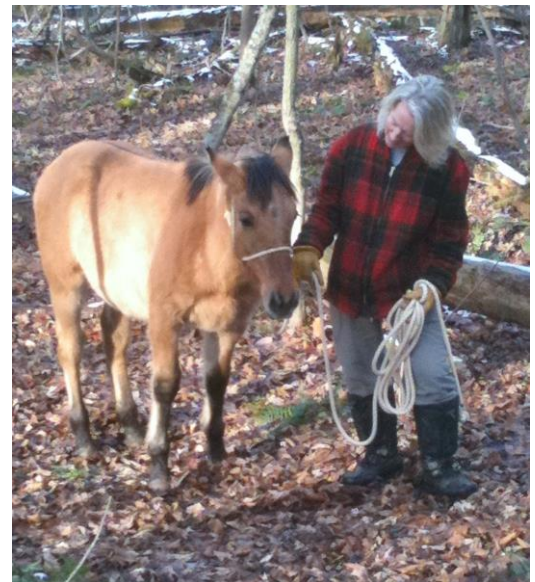
My plan was to adopt a yearling since my main riding horse was 17 and still in his prime, and this would be a good time to bring a young one along. As it turned out, there were several weanlings that year that were not being adopted, and the Bureau of Land Management agreed to ship them east on a separate truck. Since I wasn't in a hurry, we picked out a cute little colt with curious eyes and a game sense about him.



Following the adoption day, they kept the horses in the Burns Wild Horse holding pens to allow them to rest and settle in before starting the long journey east. Claire, Joe and I took that opportunity to go hiking and camping in the Steens Mountains and Kiger Gorge area where the horses are from. It was very beautiful and rugged with rocky cliffs, lots of juniper, sage brush, and mountain mahogany. I decided to name my new colt "Sage" in memory of the beauty and wonderful scents of where he came from. Also, I was hoping it would make him wise.

After my visit with Claire and Joe, I headed back to West Virginia to wait for Sage's arrival. The BLM transport took it slow, stopping for a week at a time in Nebraska and Oklahoma to allow the horses to rest and to drop horses off with their new owners. Finally, they called to let me know that Sage would arrive at the BLM's Wild Horse Facility in Piney Woods, Mississippi in a few short days. I was so excited. We had everything prepared - a shelter attached to a 20 ft. diameter, 6 ft. high steel panel round pen. We hooked up our stock trailer and headed out for the 14 hour trip to Mississippi.

Coming home, we decided to break up the trip by stopping at a friend's house in Nashville, Tennessee to allow the young colt to rest, eat, and drink. They had assured us that there was plenty of space to park our truck and trailer overnight. After winding through very narrow, curvy streets with names like Bridle Lane and Hobby Horse Drive and passing Mercedes and BMWs and getting angry looks, we ended up in a small cul de sac in a very fancy neighborhood and left Sage in the trailer to rest.





I'll never forget putting my face up against the trailer openings and him coming over and pressing his head next to mine. It was our first real moment of connection.

The next evening, Sage was introduced to his new home. Having Sage in the pen was like having a deer in the barn. He was frightened, and threw himself against the panels when startled. I spent many hours sitting on a salt block in the pen allowing him to get used to my presence. He began to relax and would approach and get close, but he would never make eye contact with me. I often took my fiddle into the pen and would play it for him. He seemed to

enjoy the old time tunes and would respond differently to waltzes vs jigs. One day I was learning a new tune. I was scratching away when Sage walked over and looked right at me as if to say "Please stop! You're killing my ears!" From then on things began to progress. I did a lot of handling, desensitizing, and rope work. Once he was halter broke, we took long hikes through the woods, on the trails, and across creeks.

Many days spent on ground work and round penning helped to prepare him for saddling and riding. So, when it came time to start him under saddle, we had a pretty good foundation and relationship. Even though I had always started my own horses, I learned a lot about horsemanship in working with Sage - a lot about what To Do and more about what Not To Do.





TELLER YOUTH CONSERVATION & EDUCATION EXPO

May 11

SPWBCH members Gary and Gaynelle Peters brought some live entertainment this year to Teller! They had a mare and new mule baby along with two of Gary's seasoned pack mules saddled with Decker pack saddles. Belle Burrington brought her pony Gingerbread and gave out BCH Youth Activity books carried in her saddlebags. Jennifer Ginn did some roping with the young cowboys and cowgirls and Dutch oven dessert at noon was a tradition that was continued. Teller Youth Expo is where kids draw for youth camps such as Magruder and Scripps Ranch, along with the 2nd annual BCHMT Youth Packing Camp at Indian Meadows.



National Trails Day & Defensive Horsemanship

Fred Burr Trail-June 1

(below and lower left)





Magruder Youth Camp – July 16 & 17: Members Terry Reed and Kathy Hundley helped teach packing to students along with help from the Hundley mules Missy Gray Mule and retired FS mule Reba.



Scripps Ranch Youth Camp – July 21
Members Betsy Rogan and Kathy Hundley taught packing to a group of students with help again from Missy and Reba. Many of the students were a “packable” size!



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Remember-Please send me your stories and photos throughout the year if you would like to see them featured in the newsletter! WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



SPWBCH Bits and Spurs will now be printed quarterly.



Please help make our newsletter interesting, fun and informative by sending in articles, stories and photos! We love to read about your horses, mules, dogs, pack trips, campouts, hunting trips and good 'ole horse & mule sense! Trail history and updates are great too! Please send articles, news, pictures or horse/mule/back-country-related classifieds in to me for the quarterly newsletter at any time! Send to Kathy Hundley: 3448 Wright Way, Darby, MT 59829; prefer by e-mail: montanakath@yahoo.com

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- Full Individual Membership-\$30.00** (includes state and national dues)
- Full Family Membership-\$40.00** (includes state and national dues)
- Chapter Only Individual Membership-\$15.00** (Your state and national dues must be collected by another chapter where you are a member.)
- Chapter Only Family Membership-\$20.00** (Your state and national dues must be collected by another chapter where you are a member.)

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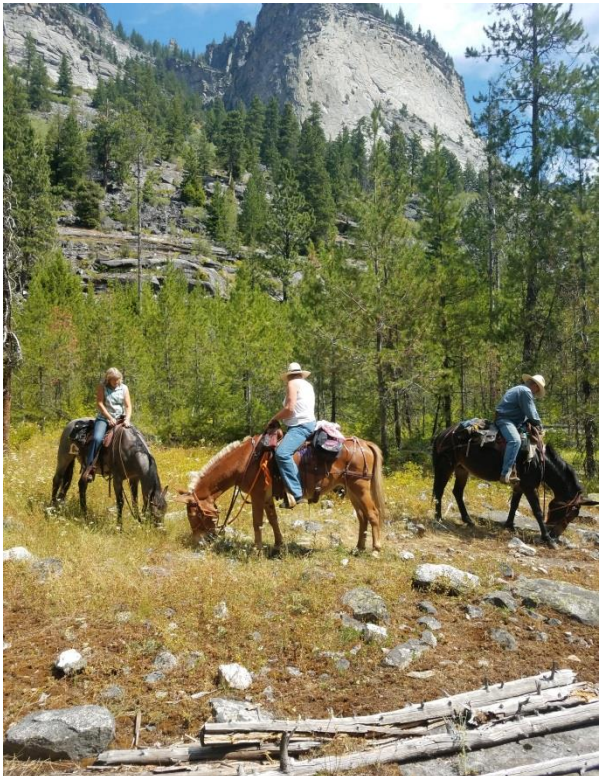
Email Address: _____

I wish to become/remain a member of the Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen and have received, read and will abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the SPWBCH.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Watchtower Campout & Logging
August 15-17
143 logs cleared



South Fork Lost Horse
August 6
Members logged out and pruned to the meadow and favorite lunch spot!



SF Lost Horse



Blue Joint Campout & Logging
July 13-14
SPWBCH took on this pristine trail again last summer.
The rain stopped by Saturday morning just in time to
“saddle up”!

