

## **Memorial for Lloyd Fagerland by Ken and Phyllis Ausk**

Lloyd Fagerland joined Back country Horsemen in the latter 1970's. He'd heard about the organizing efforts of the original chapter in early 1973, but he was too practical to think it would ever work. Who has ever heard of people volunteering to do anything as hard as packing and trail work? It took a couple of years for him to realize that being a voluntary service organization to the back country was going to work and then he embraced the concept with open arms.

Lloyd was one of the most valuable members this organization has ever had. He served with distinction in many capacities from President of his chapter. Serving a term as Chairman of the original BCHA, and two terms as chairman of the present organization. In 1985 BCHA amalgamated with the High Sierra Stock Users and Back Country Horsemen of Washington, and Lloyd was a strong supporter of this movement during formative years. He also spent several years as editor of some of our newsletters including our national newsletter. When the concept of LAC as a form of land management was first initiated, Lloyd served as a member of the core group studying issues that have affected almost all regulations for land use planning since that time.

Lloyd was not just an armchair observer of the BCH, but rather a fully involved member. Whether there was a packing project, a Forest Service planning meeting, a local potluck, a state or national convention to organize, or a threatening political issue that needed to be addressed, Lloyd could be counted on to eagerly participate in any way he could. Lloyd was personally responsible for recruiting new members and always continued to nurture new members by making sure that they were offered rides to meetings and work projects.

Lloyd and his wife Alicia haven't been able to be active the last few years because of health reasons, but he served as a counsel to many and was always with us in spirit. He had the nick name of "Blue Sky" in his home chapter. because he always insisted that the weather was going to be good for upcoming work projects. Thank God he was a better backcountry horseman that he was a weather forecaster!

Lloyd was a good friend, a good man in the woods and with his horses and had a deep love for the resource. His horses' footfalls will no longer be heard in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. but the Bob and many other wild places are the better for his commitment and involvement.