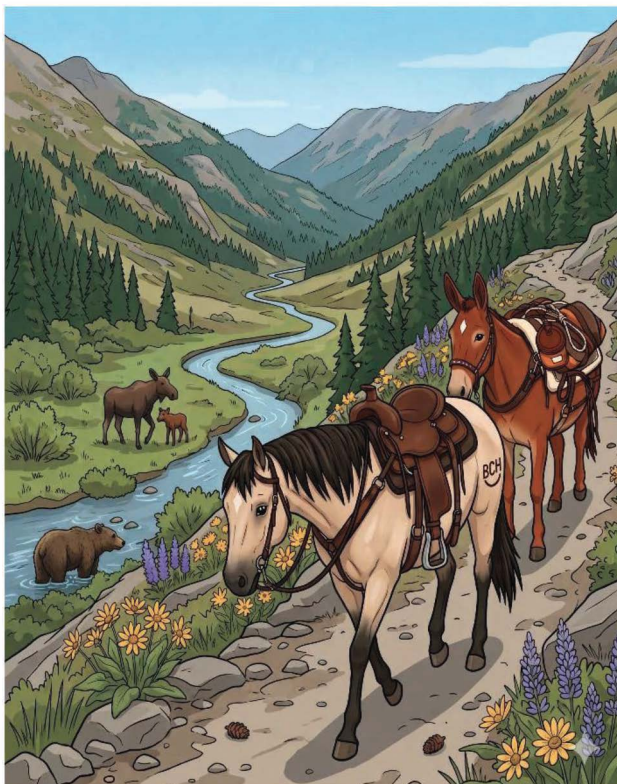


MINIMIZE WILDLIFE CONFLICTS



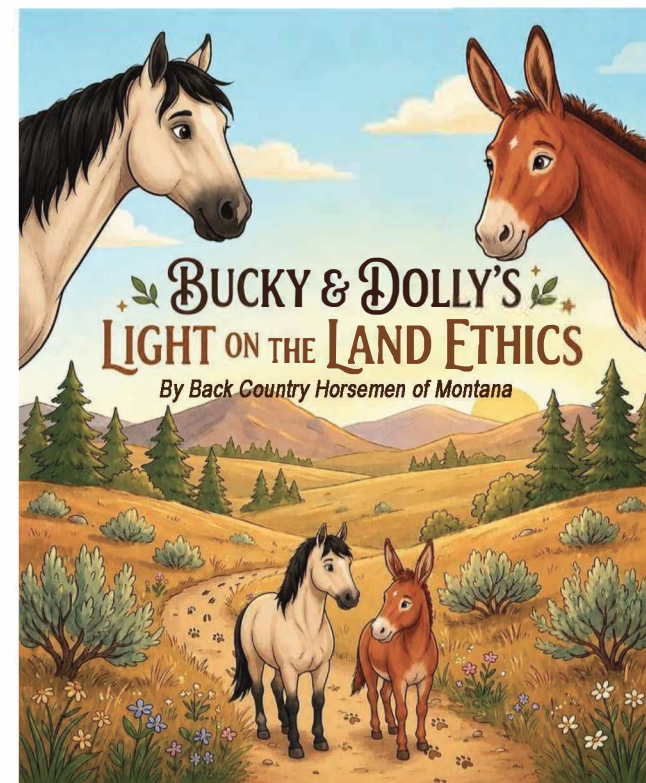
- ◆ Observe wildlife from a distance-do not follow or approach
- ◆ Learn animal signs/tracks/scats/rubbings
- ◆ Know what to do when encountering an aggressive animal or predator
- ◆ Carry bear spray when necessary
- ◆ Never feed wild animals
- ◆ Use approved bear resistant methods such as bear boxes, canisters, bags or hanging between trees for food, grains, trash and personal hygiene items
- ◆ Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, winter, etc.

PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE BACKCOUNTRY



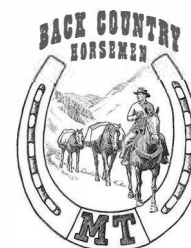
- ◆ Preserve the past: Examine but do not disturb cultural or historical structures & artifacts
- ◆ Leave natural objects as you find them; check local regulations as removing them may be illegal
- ◆ Avoid introducing or transporting non-native plant species
- ◆ Clean seeds from tack and stock
- ◆ Use certified weed seed free hay & grain ideally 2-3 days prior to trip

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LIGHT ON THE LAND

ACTIONS & ETHICS to perpetuate the common-sense use of saddle and pack stock and encourages the wise and sustainable use and enjoyment on our public lands.



PLAN YOUR BACKCOUNTRY TRIP



- ◆ Know regulations
- ◆ Talk to others who have experience in your destination
- ◆ Utilize maps
- ◆ Avoid times of high use
- ◆ Prepare trailer and vehicle
- ◆ Prepare for extreme weather, hazards & emergencies
- ◆ Plan for stock containment
- ◆ Take only animals fit, calm & experienced
- ◆ Take only the gear/equipment needed
- ◆ Predetermine how you will feed stock
- ◆ Plan your menu

TRAIL USAGE, ETIQUETTE AND SAFETY



- ◆ Know trail designations of planned routes
- ◆ Travel in small groups/min # of animals
- ◆ Split larger parties into smaller groups
- ◆ Avoid muddy trails/don't cut switchbacks
- ◆ In pristine areas disperse use/no new trails
- ◆ Do not ride around obstacles/cut out logs/carry a saw
- ◆ Human restroom stops taken off trail
- ◆ Scatter manure at all rest stops
- ◆ Respect other back country users, communicate & cooperate

CAMP ESTABLISHMENT AND USAGE



- ◆ Good campsites are found, not made/select established site if possible
- ◆ Choose a campsite that offers the least impact/ Do not build structures
- ◆ Do not picket in wet meadows/only tie stock temporarily to trees
- ◆ Use a highline between trees with tree saver straps
- ◆ Fill in all holes and fix trampled areas under highlines/scatter manure
- ◆ Do not throw leftover food in campfire
- ◆ Pack in, pack out/bury food and waste/use biodegradable soap
- ◆ Minimize campfire impacts/fires **DEAD OUT!**