

BUCKHORN RANGE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

March 2009



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"Long Driver" To Speak At March 12th Chapter Meeting

Dave McWethy will tell about a horse-drawn journey between New York and Montana during a presentation on Thursday at our March Chapter meeting, 7 p.m. at JustAsk Rentals in Port Hadlock.

McWethy will talk about the year he spent driving his three Icelandic horses across the country, describing how he planned the trip, designed the wagon that was his home for 11 months and kept his horses in condition.

Invite anyone you think might be interested in hearing about this amazing feat.

We will also be voting to adopt our new by-laws (amended to be in compliance with BCHW's by-laws), so there is a little business to take care of as well.

This will be our last meeting held at JustAsk Rentals. It is too difficult for them to continue to offer their back room after hours anymore, but we sincerely thank them for their generosity for the last year!

Our April 9th Chapter meeting will be held at the Chimacum Grange Hall. In May we will be meeting at Sunny Gimbaltd's, who has generously offered the use of her indoor arena so Dave Peterson can give a training skills demonstration.

There is no formal work party this month, due to scheduling conflicts, but we encourage members to pitch in on their own if they are inclined to do so. There is brushing that needs to be done along the Larry Scott Trail, especially the horse trail, and any work you can do on the trails you ride would also be appreciated, (and remember to report your hours to Juelie!). Thanks for all you do! We will announce a tentative work party schedule for the rest of the year at the meeting this week.

See you on Thursday!

Bob Hoyle, Newsletter Editor

OUR MISSION

To work toward the perpetuation of the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

OUR GOALS

- **To unite equestrians to achieve the goals and objectives of Backcountry Horsemen.**
- **To encourage citizen involvement in political and governmental actions affecting public lands.**
- **To maintain engagement in regulatory issues and actions regarding use of equines on public lands.**
- **To introduce interested horsemen to the use and enjoyment of trails and the backcountry.**

OUR VISION

Develop and keep trails open for responsible equine recreational use.

TRAIL BOSS REPORT

Submitted by Bob Hoyle

In March, the 3rd Saturday is the weekend of the BCHW Annual General Membership meeting and Leadership Training in Ellensburg. We will hold our monthly Chapter ride the following Saturday, March 28th. This is one of our joint chapter rides with Peninsula chapter, and will be held at Sandy Shore Lake.

We will be putting together the rest of the year's chapter ride schedule at the chapter meeting this Thursday, so if you have any suggestions, bring them to the meeting.



Sandy Shore ride, April 2006

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- 1) "Equine First Aid" presentation by Dr. Jan for the April meeting.
- 2) Sunny Gimbaltdt has offered her indoor arena for a meeting/demonstration in May; guest speaker TBD
- 3) "Camping with Your Horse" demonstration program by Dave Peterson.
- 4) Disaster Preparedness program for BRC members and the horse community.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM

MaryAnn Merrill, Secretary



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Buckhorn Range Chapter General Meeting February 12th, 2009

Location: Just Ask 972 Ness Corner Rd, Port Hadlock, Wa

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Juelie Dalzell.

Juelie introduced our guest speaker Rosie Taylor of the Jefferson County Conservation District. Rosie did an excellent power point presentation on the best pasture management and practices. A question and answer session followed and numerous informational handouts were available. Rosie also suggested if anyone had further questions at a later time to contact her at her office.

Presentation was followed by the regular business meeting.

Directors Report by Jeff Chapman

Jeff stated he will e-mail the information on the pending legislative issues.

Jeff also attended the "Hike the Hill" with WTA representatives and was able to have a favorable meeting with Senators and Legislators.

Announcement was made that there are two spaces available for Chainsaw Certification, Bob Hoyle, Dave Peterson and Jon Schleiger volunteered to attend the class.

Treasurers Report by Judith Hoyle

We are solvent. Contact Treasurer for Details.

Judith will send a check for \$35.00 to JEA with a letter requesting to join as a group and inviting JEA to join BRC. It was also announced that the Roller Bags for the clubs pop up canopy have been purchased.

Other Business:

Whistler Canyon Trailhead project needs monetary contributions to purchase the property necessary for the trailhead. It is a critical piece of the Pacific Northwest Trail and without donations a trailhead cannot be established. Juelie Dalzell made a motion to donate \$200.00 from BRC, motion seconded by Bob Hoyle and passed unanimously.

Trail Boss Report

Bob Hoyle reported our Chapter Ride will be held at 10:30 AM starting from the Cape George Trailhead on the Larry Scott Trail.

2009 Trail Ride Schedule as follows:

March Ride - joint ride with Peninsula at Sandy Shores on March 28th.

Balance of the 2009 Ride schedule to be announced after further discussion.

Announcement:

BRC is hosting the BCHA; those planning to attend need to register. Gerry Magnuson asked if the volunteers would have to pay to attend. There will be a sign up sheet at the March meeting for BRC, and clarification reference an entrance fee for those members who are volunteering.

Work Projects:

DNR on 3/7/09 at Capital Forest (S of Olympia) E-Mail Capital Riders if you plan to attend.

3/7/ and 3/14/09 BRC work party at the Sandy Shores parking lot and trail.

New Business:

JEA will be holding a fund raiser at the Rose Theatre scheduled 12:30 PM on

Sunday the 22nd. Film will be "National Velvet" and a short video "Jefferson Rides" which includes pictures of BCHW members that were submitted for the video. There will be a \$10.00 donation fee at the door.

Bob Hoyle will be the Program Chairman; he is requesting suggestions for guest speakers and/or programs. Suggestions included the following:

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February 28, 2009

ALERT ALERT ALERT

TO ALL BCHA MEMBERS!

This letter is intended to give an update of trails funding opportunities provided under the Stimulus package that provides Back Country Horsemen of America members major opportunities to seek projects that would qualify to submit for consideration. **At this time there is \$2.5 billion scheduled to go to the BLM, USFS, NPS and US Fish and Wildlife agencies.** These funds are over and above the Congressional Appropriations for current operations. Although the specific project allocations have not been finalized, the process is on a fast track to get funds to those projects that will provide (1) immediate job opportunities where people can be hired, subcontracted and (2) start to work immediately. The agencies are all, as we speak, trying to determine projects to submit on those that are "shovel ready" where the environmental work is complete, where contracts can be let and people hired immediately.

The significance to Back Country Horsemen is the immediate opportunity to get substantial amounts of this money to the ground for trails reconstruction and maintenance. Consequently, the urgency of getting this notice out to all our members is to aggressively seek a large number of project proposals that can be submitted to help work off the huge backlog of deferred trails maintenance and reconstruction. Since this has placed a huge demand on the agencies staff to do in a short period of time, Back Country Horsemen have an opportunity to weigh in and advocate trails projects we have knowledge of that can be submitted to the agencies for consideration for funding.

The time is short--90 days for review and selection of projects!

- For example, of the USFS \$650 million piece of \$2.5 allocation the expectation is that approximately \$100 million could go to trails!
- The NPS will get \$ 750 million for operations, trails and maintenance, and an additional \$170 million for roads.
- The BLM will get \$320 million for critical maintenance backlog.
- The Fish and Wildlife will get \$280 million for refuges and hatcheries.
- The USFS and DOI will get \$515 million for fire suppression but have to our knowledge not yet determined the priorities, but each have the substantial amounts of new money that will be available.

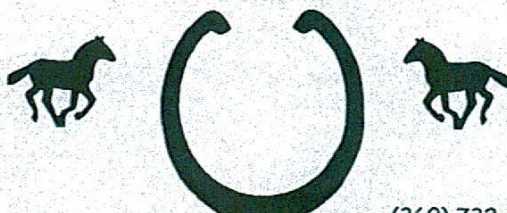
This is a huge opportunity for Back Country Horsemen to take advantage of a one time opportunity to seek support for projects we all know that have been ignored for years with the excuse --"no money is available". It is also perhaps a greater opportunity to work with our partners in all the land management agencies and youth groups to help identify and scope projects that will need to be quickly identified and submitted. Since the work force in all agencies has suffered, it may be appropriate to propose with some of the youth groups such as Northwest Youth Corps, SCEA, Boy Scouts or California or Montana Conservation Corps, and others who may be appropriate to help the ranking and evaluation with a youth component in place.

We are sure the competition will be strong for projects and the time is very short, but this is not pending legislation or a proposed plan—as you know it has been signed into law. Our volunteer organization is in a unique position to help meet the challenges of fast tracking the implementation of this piece of legislation.

As a start, it could be suggested that each unit or chapter meet to identify a list of potential candidate projects then meet with the Ranger Districts, Forest Supervisors, BLM field or District offices and NPS Superintendents Park headquarters to insure we are a part of the planning project and to insure we are involved in the selection of needed important projects.


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We realize the time constraints, the challenges responding to this request and understanding of the details of this stimulus legislation exist, yet the opportunities to be involved in how and when this money is spent is extremely important to the trails community at all levels.

Back Country Horsemen of America has written and hand delivered a letter of support to the Chief of the Forest Service with a request that substantial amounts of this money go to trails. Back Country Horsemen are involved and with the active participation by every member, affiliate, unit/chapter and state organization, we will help insure that this money will be prioritized and allocated with our input.

If there are any questions regarding any of this, please call. We will try to help.

Sincerely,

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Calendar

March 12, Thursday, Chapter meeting, Location: JustAsk Rentals, 972 Ness Corner Rd., Port Hadlock. Meeting time 7:00 PM. Program: Dave McWethy will speak to us about crossing the USA by horse and wagon.

March 21-22nd, BCHW G Annual meeting and Leadership Training, dinner. Kittitas County Event Center (fairgrounds), Ellensburg. Leadership Training Part 1 and 2 will be held Saturday morning and Sunday morning. The General Membership Meeting will convene after the Awards Ceremony on Saturday, followed by the annual auction ,dinner and dance.

March 28, Saturday, Chapter ride at Sandy Shore Lake Rd., with Peninsula Chapter. 10 AM, potluck to follow the ride. Call Jeff Chapman, 385-6364 or Bob Hoyle, 732-5042 for more information.

Check the website in the coming weeks for information on upcoming events, at <http://www.olympus.net/community/buckhorn-bchw/> .



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