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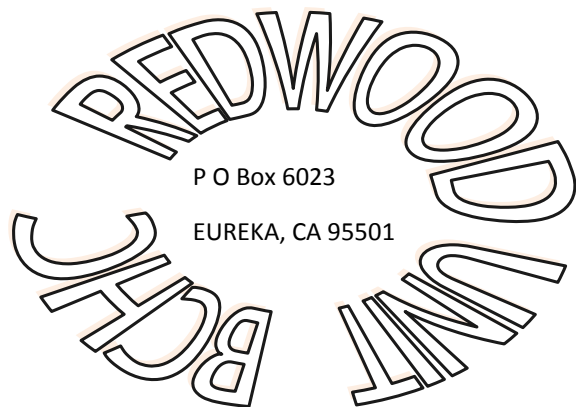


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MISSION STATEMENT

- 1.To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness.
- 2.To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- 3.To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- 4.To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- 5.To foster and encourage the formation of new units of the organization.

BCHC Redwood Unit Newsletter

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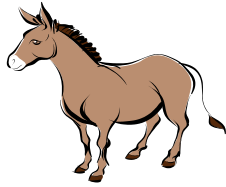
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VOLUNTEER HOURS...





PUBLIC LANDS REPORT

May 2, 2012 - by Carole Polasek



BCHA

A. Announcement for nominations for the Double Diamond Volunteer Project Award Program and the BCHA Legacy Award Program. **B.** Announcement of the new Executive Director for BCHA, Mr. Rick McLean of North Carolina. **C.** Email about the Flathead Chapter of Montana and their education program for young people to teach them about packing. **D.** Announcement of next year's BCHA Annual Board Meeting in 2013 to be held in Rapid City, South Dakota. This will be the 40th Anniversary of the creation of the Back Country Horsemen of America. **E.** Email from Pete Kriger on report for BCHA with a thank you to Jacque Murphy for her help!

BERRYESSA/SNOW MOUNTAIN

A. Series of emails regarding the establishment of the Berryessa/Snow Mountain National Conservation Area. Concerns were expressed over continued access of historical uses. There will be a meeting on May 10th in Upper Lake from 3-5 pm, and on May 11th in Covelo - times TBD.

BLM

A. Email pictures of about 40 Ferndale High students working with BLM staff members on April 6, 2012 on the Fleener and Guthrie Creek trails in the Lost Coast Headlands area.

FOREST SERVICE

A. Email of the Americans for Responsible Recreational Access (ARRA) newsletter with good news about the Recreational Trails Program and also that the Forest Service Planning Rule is final. **B.** Email from Senator Boxer regarding the federal transportation program and trails. 0 years old, has made his earliest known foray from winter hibernation. **C.** Email with announcement that the US Forest Service targets \$40.6M to purchase, and restore lands in 15 states. Some of these are in California, closest to us is Hurdygurdy, Six Rivers National Forest for \$1 million. Also Stony Creek Consolidation in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest for \$800,000. And the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail through multiple national forests in California, Oregon and Washington for \$1 million. **D.** Email regarding an error in the Forest Service Planning Rule regarding compliance with the National Forest Management Act. This is the very thing that the High Sierra Hikers Association looks for to sue agencies. **E.** Frozen cows in Colorado! Cows missed in last fall's roundup apparently took shelter in an old ranger cabin high in the Rocky Mountains died and froze solid when they couldn't get out. **F.** Email regarding the use of GPS mapping on forest trails.

GENERAL

A. Newspaper editorial on the public right to access public records. **B.** Email requesting information on

Search and Rescue.

PUBLIC LANDS AND TRAILS.

A. Email regarding a bill proposed in Congress “to provide that there shall be not net increase in the acres of certain Federal land under the jurisdiction of” BLM, NPS, US Fish & Wildlife, of Forest Service unless the Federal budget is balanced for the year in with the land would be purchased. **B.** Email regarding President Obama to sign proclamation designating Fort Ord National Monument. **C.** Email with information about the “Conserving and Restoring America’s Great Outdoors” project. **D.** Printout of “Mountain Manners” prepared by Back Country Horsemen of Montana.

SIX RIVERS NATIONAL FOREST

A. Email regarding the Six Rivers National Forest has published its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement associated with implementing a Travel Management Plan (TMP) for the National Recreation Area in the Gasquet Ranger District. Comments must be received by June 4, 2012 to Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor’s Office, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka CA 95501. For further information: Christy Prescott: Team Leader, 707-442-1721.

STATE PARKS

A. Newspaper article announcing permits are being required for stays in the back country in Redwood National and State Parks. **B.** Newspaper article announcing California State Parks will raise the price of four of its annual passes beginning May 1. Day use and camping fees will remain at 2009 levels. **C.** Newspaper article regarding the closures of state parks and if supporters are found the parks may be opened.

Mule Whispers From Carole

Wow! Great change in the weather, finally. Time to ride! Hope this weather stays around for awhile.

Big threats to our access to the back country and wilderness are in our faces. There is a lawsuit in progress against the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks regarding the management of the wilderness areas in those parks. Comments can be submitted through August 31, 2012. The address is in the newsletter in a special report on SEKI.

There are several rides coming up and I hope everyone can get out and enjoy at least one of them. Darrel and I are headed to the North Bay Unit ride in Potter Valley and I can hardly wait.

Summer and more riding and work parties are just around the corner. Enjoy! And remember, saddle side up... Carole

Redwood Unit General Membership Meeting

Backcountry Horsemen of California

May 2, 2012

1. Quorum present. Board members present: Carole Polasek, Mort Scott, Susan Combes, Maris Hawkins, James Archer, Gail Jenner, Jacque Murphy, Sandy McKay, Marleen Nylander, Darrel Polasek and Barry Stewart. Board members absent: Bev Harvey, Cathy Mathena, and Dick Wild.
2. Salute and pledge.
3. President Carole Polasek welcomed members.
4. Marlene moved to accept the minutes as read with the correction that she did not attend the April meeting. Gail seconded. Motion carried.
5. Correspondence – Jerry Tindell’s Sierra Nevada camp clinic is Sept. 7 – 9. Another clinic is being held in Gilroy. Kali Hiliare wrote regarding Wolley Creek improvements. The letter will be forwarded to Bob Hemus at Forest Service. Chip Herzig, State Membership Coordinator, has noted that some BCHC dues have been mailed mistakenly to national in envelopes provided by national and there is a delay in getting those dues returned to state. Mary Barbour appreciated out help with insurance matters for NCHA.
6. Treasurer Maris Hawkins presented her May report. Gail moved to accept the report and refer it to the audit committee. Jacque seconded. Motion carried.
7. Standing Committee Reports
 - A. Public Lands – See Carole’s report elsewhere in newsletter.
 - B. Public Liaison – Mort says snow still too deep to get in to Stanshaw. He presented the grant application letter for \$1,000 for camp improvements there. He reminded that the work party is July 13-15 and urged members to be preparing for it.
 - C. Education – Jacque is celebrating her birthday today. She suggested we include gentle use information in the packets handed out for the Catered Ride.
 - D. Membership & Volunteer Hours – Bev Harvey was absent but would urge folks to send in volunteer hours. The unit had a cash equivalent of \$203,723 last year and is trying for \$205,000 this year. Remember that work on any trail counts for BCH hours. Portal to portal, minus sleep hours.
8. Unfinished Business
 - A. PHI Cares/Mercy Air – Bev not available for report.
 - B. No one was able to attend the April 14 ride at Cuneo. The Hobbs’ members only reconnoiter ride May 5 was cancelled and tentatively set for May 26. He has hookups for overnight camping. Jacque will confirm. Cathy Mathena sent word that surf board sail rigs at Clam Beach could spook horses.
 - C. Darrel said 53 riders have signed up for the Catered Ride. The committee will meet late in May. Gail and Kathi are seeking fewer, better quality raffle/silent auction items, perhaps hand made things. More items will be offered in a live raffle this year and a silent auction will also be held.
 - D. Carole read the by-laws change on travel policy but Maris suggested amending the food allotment of the proposed policy. The proposed changes now include paying the federal rate for mileage instead of reimbursing fuel costs and paying for meals at up to \$10 each for breakfast and lunch and up to \$20 for dinner. Re-



ceipts must be submitted for reimbursement. The first reading of the by-laws change was made at this meeting. The second reading will be in June, when a vote will be taken.

E. Jacque is still working on business cards and bumper stickers.

9. New Business

- A. September members only ride is set tentatively for Sept. 15-16 at Hobbs Ranch in Ettersburg.
- B. North Bay Unit Potter Valley Ride is May 18-20.
- C. Cuneo Creek Mounted Assistance Work Weekend is May 18-20. The total eclipse of the sun will be observed May 20.
- D. Sandy moved to not have a booth at Redwood Acres Fair. Gail seconded. Motion carried. Fair overlaps Catered Ride.

10. Announcements

- A. Good of the Order- Jack Wilson, long-time supporter of BCH, has a gentle quarter horse mare and a mule to give away to the right home.
- B. Next meeting will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Freshwater School.
- C. Board will meet Wednesday, May 23, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Combes

Secretary

MOUNTED ASSISTANCE UNIT

GATHERING AT CUNEO CREEK.....

MAY 18-19-20

June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 gen.mem. Meeting 7pm Freshwater School	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Work weekend	16 at BEAR RIVER
17 breakfast too....	18	19	20	21 20th ANNUAL	22 HALF ASS	23 FLAT
24 CATERED RIDE	25	26	27	28	29	30

July 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3		5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 TEN BEARS	13 STANSHAW	14 WORK WEEK- END
15 BREAKFAST...	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

TENTATIVE TRAIL RIDE AT MARTY HOBBS RANCH 9/15-16 2012

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