



~Tails & Trails~

NOVEMBER 2010



From the President's Saddlebag

We had a really good turn out at the October meeting. Al Linscott won the money pot. So, we are starting over in November. We need to get out and sell calendars. We had 200 to start with and they need to get them sold since we have to pay the state for them

Don't forget that Angie and Joyce are going to show one of their neat trips at the November meeting. Also it will be election of officers and board members for 2011. The convention is the 5th and 6th of November in Grangeville. Please, if you can join us, we need to have a good showing from our club.

The Christmas party is just around the corner on December 4th. Buy a tick to win an oil painting by Judy Linscott.

2011 Dues are due. The rest of 2010 in a nut shell - all we need is everyone being involved.

Let's ride - Boots and Saddles ~ Bob



NOVEMBER Meeting

NOVEMBER 20th • Socializing – 7:00 • Meeting – 7:30

Vacation Slide Show of Pioneer Mountains

by Joyce and Angelo Bissell

Voting on PBCH By-law change
2011 Nominations

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations for Officers and Directors for the 2011 year are now under way.

Open positions are:

Vice President – 1 year Term

Board of Directors – 2 year Term

Board of Directors – 2 year Term

Board of Directors – 1 year Term

State Board of Directors – 2 year Term

If you are interested in serving on any of these positions, please contact one of the committee members:

Perry Saathoff 208-691-6452

Karen Kimball 208-772-2434

Jerry Shriner 208-667-2949

Bob Williams 509-244-9447



PROPOSED PBCH BY-LAW CHANGE

CURRENT RULE:

1. A regular meeting shall be on the third (3rd) Saturday of each month at 7:30 PM with the exception of months June, July, and August such meetings will be held on the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. The December meeting to be held at a convenient date due to holiday schedules.

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PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2010 MINUTES

President Bob Williams called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Guests: Tom and Pam Drake

August minutes were read and corrected and are now part of the record.

STEAK RIDE –Bob Williams reported that Bill Clarke cooked the steaks and there were about 30 riders. Expenses were \$181.96 with \$280 income. Bob RSVP for 2 who didn't show up and paid April the \$20. Next year we will have meal tickets for those who pay. Additionally, we need a better way of tracking money that comes in, calendar sales, memberships and so on. So Bob Williams brought in a box of envelopes that we can write on them our names, what the money is for and the amount. Then the treasurer will know what the money is for. Debbie Samovar will print the lines onto the envelopes.

CHAINSAW MAINTENANCE - sometime in the spring, Bob Funke will hold a demo/training on how to maintain chainsaws so as to reduce your risk of liability when working on FS lands. Karen Kimball is meeting with the FS on Oct 26th and will go over this and other liability issues and will get it in writing as to what we need to do to limit our liability under the new Partnership Agreements.

Bob Williams received an e-mail regarding the purchase of a missile site in WA. Jerry Shriner followed up. It only affects WA.

STATE CONVENTION - Nov 5th & 6th - Bob Williams read the proposed BCHI By-Law changes. Al Linscott said the state, and PBCH should be consistent BCHA. It was the consensus of the chapter to support this change. There will also be a vote on whether the state should put out a 2012 calendar. Actual quantities that we will sell will be determined at the March State BoD meeting. For now, the state just needs to know if we are going to do it so the chapters will have time to determine their quantities. As this fund raiser has kept the state in the black, Perry Saathoff made a motion to support the 2012 calendars, Al Linscott 2nd, motion passed. Additionally, Bob Williams encouraged that as many people as possible come. We are one of the larger chapters and we need a good turnout. Especially since we are hosting the 2011 convention.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS - David Rousher asked if anyone knew why the treasurer filled out membership cards, of which most sit on the table. As no one knew and having a card doesn't get you a discount at any stores, David Rousher made a motion to forego this task, Lea Williams 2nd, motion passed.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Al Linscott reported that there is a change to the picture that Judy will be painting. The raffle will now be for an 11 x 14 Waterfall. Karen Kimball will have tickets at the next meeting.

CHANGE MEETING TIME - Bob Williams read the proposed By-law change of changing our meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00. This will be read again at the November meeting and voted on.

2011 STATE CONVENTION - Karen Kimball wants the committee to meet before our regular monthly meeting on November 20th around 4:30 - 5:00. Her and Joni Lueck will

organize it and get the info out to everyone.

BICYCLES ON 4TH OF JULY PASS - Karen Kimball will be meeting with all the parties on the 19th at 6:30 at her house. The bicycle group wants to do a race there and also maybe have the trails designated as biking or equestrian. The consensus of the club was that the trails are wide enough that we can share.

CALENDARS - We still have about 130 calendars to sell. We committed to selling 200 and will have to pay the state \$4000. Now is a good time to get yours for Christmas giving.

MARIE CREEK - Karen Kimball reported that there is a piece of rebar sticking out of the ground where one of the foot bridges used to be. If you're riding out there be careful or pull it out if you can. Also there are big logs on the trail.

RESTROOM DOORS AT 4TH OF JULY PASS - Karen Kimball talked to Andy Boggs and he said we could repair them. Angelo Bissell has the Bondo and paint and we can do it when the weather is warmer and the Bondo will cure. Work projects are how we keep this chapter solvent.

2010 NOMINATIONS - There are still some positions that need to be filled. Get involved, support this organization and volunteer by contacting one of the committee members.

Member Bea Christopherson wasn't able to make her Spain Hiking Trip, as she broke her ankle. Karen Kimball sent her a card.

23 members were present. Al Linscott's name was drawn for the \$212 Progressive Pot. Al donated his \$106 share back to the club. A new pot will begin in November.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32

Respectfully Submitted, Deborah Samovar, Secretary

Please visit these IMPORTANT LINKS on our website.

[Trail Classification System](#)

[Minutes from BCHI State Directors Meeting - July 2010](#)

[2011 Wilderness Pack Clinic](#)

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2010 EVENTS



► PBCH Events ► **Regular Meeting** ► **TRAIL BOSS NEEDED** ► **RSVP** ► Non-PBCH Events



NOVEMBER

5th & 6th – Friday & Saturday
BCHI State Convention

Grangeville, ID

Info at <http://www.bchi.org/10-mtg-convention.htm>

20th – Saturday

2011 Convention Planning – 6:00 before meeting

Regular Meeting – Open to Public – 7:30

Dalton Gardens City Hall

DECEMBER

4th – Saturday

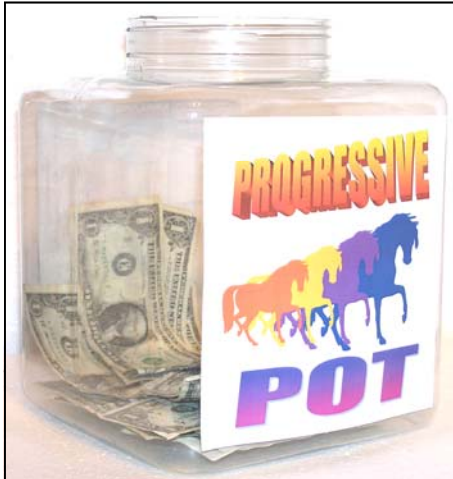
Christmas Party

Avondale Country Club

10745 Avondale Loop Rd, Hayden Lake, ID

Angela Parson, Trail Boss

208-640-3105



\$ \$ PROGRESSIVE POT \$ \$

Al Linscott

was the **WINNER**

of the October Progressive Pot of

\$212

Al graciously donated his share to the club.
A new pot will begin in NOVEMBER.

A man owned a small ranch in Montana. The Montana Work Force Department claimed he was not paying proper wages to his help and sent an agent out to interview the rancher.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the agent.

"Well," replied the farmer, "there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$200 a week plus free room and board. "The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board. "Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally."

"That's the guy I want to talk to ... the half-wit," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the rancher.





AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL
Your Unified Voice In Washington



American Horse Council Press Release

September 28, 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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202-296-4031

bharrison@horsecouncil.org

Benefits for Horse Industry in Small Business Stimulus Bill

The American Horse Council reports that President Obama signed the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act of 2010 into law on September 27, 2010. The bill is intended to help small businesses and create new jobs. The bill continues the bigger write-off for horses and other property purchased and placed in service by a horse business that were originally included in earlier stimulus bills.

The first incentive allows an owner who purchases a horse or other business property used in a horse business and places it in service in 2010 or 2011 to expense up to \$500,000 of the cost. This so-called "Section 179" expensing allowance applies to horses, farm equipment and most other depreciable property. Once total purchases of horses and other eligible property reach \$2 million, the expense allowance goes down one dollar for each dollar spent over \$2 million. Without the bill the expensing allowance would have been \$250,000 in 2010 and gone down to \$25,000 for later years.

"Let's assume a horse business purchases \$750,000 of depreciable property in 2010, including \$650,000 for horses, and places it all in service. That business can write off \$500,000 on its 2010 tax return and depreciate the balance," explained American Horse Council President Jay Hickey.

This provision will benefit any business involved in the horse industry that purchases and places depreciable property in service in 2010 or 2011.

The second incentive reinstitutes the 50% first-year bonus depreciation for horses and most other depreciable property purchased and placed in service during 2010. Bonus depreciation had expired at the end of 2009. This benefit applies to any property that has a depreciable life of 20 years or less. Also, the property must be new, meaning that the original use of the horse or other property must commence with the taxpayer. For a horse to be eligible, it cannot have been used for any purpose before it is purchased.

"The tax benefits in this bill are great for any horse business that has or is planning on making major purchases," said Hickey. "The expensing and bonus depreciation provisions can be used together in 2010. For example, let's assume an owner pays \$1,000,000 for a colt to be used for racing and \$100,000 for other depreciable property, bringing total purchases to \$1,100,000 in 2010. If the colt had never been raced or used for any other purpose before the purchase and is placed into service, the owner would be able to expense \$500,000, deduct another \$300,000 of bonus depreciation (50% of the \$600,000 remaining balance), and take regular depreciation on the \$300,000 balance."

"We hope the horse industry will take full advantage of these two tax benefits while they last," said Hickey.

As the national association representing all segments of the horse industry in Washington, D.C., the American Horse Council works daily to represent equine interests and opportunities. Organized in 1969, the AHC promotes and protects the industry by communicating with Congress, federal agencies, the media and the industry on behalf of all horse related interests each and every day.

The AHC is member supported by individuals and organizations representing virtually every facet of the horse world from owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed registries and horsemen's associations to horse shows, race tracks, rodeos, commercial suppliers and state horse councils.



PANHANDLE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN, INC.

P.O. Box 1903 • Hayden, ID 83835

Membership Application

Back Country Horsemen of America... is a nonprofit organization working towards the preservation of the back country. Our primary purpose is to maintain trails, trailheads and opportunities to use stock in the backcountry. We work with Federal and State agencies, other groups and individuals to support proper use and protection of our backcountry. We support education of all backcountry users to reduce impacts on meadows, trails and all resources so that our right to use horses is maintained.

If you believe in our cause, we welcome your membership. We have monthly meetings, with an education session and our members receive a monthly newsletter.

Dues paid after October 1st will apply to the coming calendar year.

Please complete the following and mail with your dues to: **Panhandle BCH, PO BOX 1903, Hayden, ID 83835**

Name: _____ Spouse's First Name: _____

Children's Name(s) Living at your address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL

☐ \$35 Family – 2 Votes & Life Flight Eligibility

☐ \$25 Individual – 1 Vote & Life Flight Eligibility

☐ \$30 Associate/Supportive – 0 Votes. Allows for insertion of Business Card into newsletter and web site. No Life Flight.

We would like to know if you are willing to participate on PBCH projects or if you are becoming a member mainly to support the philosophy of PBCH. Please check the areas that you are interested in:

1. ____ To support the philosophy of PBCH.

7. ____ Camp tending.

2. ____ Attend monthly meetings.

8. ____ Help put on programs at meetings.

3. ____ Receive monthly newsletter.

9. ____ Newsletter or Web Editor.

4. ____ Work on club fund raising events.

10. ____ Work to organize pleasure rides.

5. ____ Pleasure rides.

11. ____ Work on trailheads.

6. ____ Work on trail maintenance.

12. ____ Help on club cook outings.

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS:

Back Country Horsemen of Idaho, Back Country Horsemen Foundation, & Panhandle Back Country Horsemen

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF CLAIM

Effective Calendar Year 2010

NOTICE:

THIS DOCUMENT IS A LEGALLY BINDING CONTRACT LIMITING YOUR RIGHTS TO RECOVER FOR INJURY AND LOSS!

Please read back of application and sign as indicated.

Nothing in this agreement is intended to limit the effect of or replace the limitation of liability provided by Idaho's Equine Activities Immunity Act, Idaho Code § 6-1801 et. seq. This agreement is intended to extend greater protection to the entities named below. By signing this document you waive your rights to bring any legal claim to recover compensation or obtain any other remedy for injury or death to yourself, your spouse, your children, or others for the loss or damage to property, however caused, arising out of the negligent or other tortuous acts of the officers or agents listed below, now or at any time in the future, caused by their actions or failure to act, or otherwise. You also agree to protect, defend, and indemnify the officers or agents listed below against all claims for injuries you cause to others in connections with any of their activities.

1. Definitions. Herein "PBCH" means Panhandle Back Country Horsemen, its officers, agents, activity coordinators, activity leaders; "BCHI" means Back Country Horsemen of Idaho and the Back Country Horsemen of Idaho Foundation, its chapters, officers, directors and members. "I" means the undersigned individual, all heirs, and the members of their family, including any minors whether or not accompanying the individual, and the personal representative, executors, and administrators of the individual.

2. Release and Waiver of All Claims and Covenant Not to Sue. In consideration of participation in the activities of PBCH and BCHI by me, by my spouse, children and other dependents, I irrevocably waive and release PBCH and BCHI and the owners of all facilities, equipment, and land used in PBCH and BCHI activities from, and **WAIVE MY SUBSTANTIAL RIGHT TO ASSERT ANY CAUSE OF ACTION, CLAIM OR DEMANDS OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER**, including by not limited to, any claim of negligence, which I may have or acquire in the future against PBCH and BCHI on account of personal injury, property damage, death, or accident of any kind, arising from my involvement in PBCH and BCHI activities, however the injury or damage is caused, including, but not limited to, the negligence of PBCH or BCHI. I contractually release PBCH and BCHI and agree to hold PBCH and BCHI harmless from any and all liability for any claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, or suits of any kind or nature whatsoever, which result or may result in the future from activities sponsored by PBCH or BCHI or coordinated by PBCH or BCHI members. This release applies to all PBCH and BCHI activities in the future in which I may participate. This release shall be effective and apply to all my heirs and the members of my family, including any minors, whether or not accompanying me, and my personal representative, executors, and administrators.

3. Legal Action Limitation. If any of the entities listed above has to take legal action in relation to this Agreement, and the entity is successful in the action, the unsuccessful party shall pay to the entity, in addition to all sums that the unsuccessful party may be called on to pay, a reasonable sum for the entity's attorney's fees and court costs. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho. Venue for any dispute or litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be in Kootenai County State District Court. Any modification of this Agreement or additional obligation assumed by either party in connection with this Agreement shall be binding only if in writing signed by each party or authorized representative of each party. There shall be no oral amendment or modification of this Agreement.

4. Acknowledgment of Risk. I hereby acknowledge and agree that activities of PBCH and BCHI are frequently inherently dangerous and have a high degree of risk. I acknowledge that by execution hereof, I am waiving and releasing all claims against PBCH and BCHI for any injury whatsoever. I agree to participate as a common adventurer, being personally responsible for my own safety and not looking to any others to protect me from harm.

5. Statement of Capacity and Understanding. I will not undertake any activity of PBCH or BCHI without becoming fully aware of the nature and extent of the risks inherent therein. By participation, I am voluntarily assuming the risks. I will not engage in the activities unless I am in good health and have no physical limitations, which could preclude my safe participation. I understand I am responsible for my own instruction in safety and providing for my own safety. I am of lawful age (18 years or older) and other wise legally competent to sign this agreement. I understand that the terms of this agreement are contractual and legally binding. By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have carefully read this agreement, and sign if of my own free will.

X _____
Member's Signature Date Print name

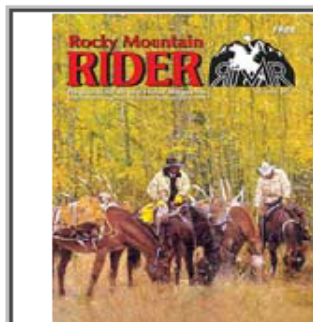
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Spouse's Signature Date Print name

If the above named individual is under 18 years of age: Parent of Guardian Consent: I, as parent or guardian of the above named minor under 18 years of age, hereby consent to the terms and conditions set forth in this Release and Waiver of Claim form. I authorize his or her signing it, and covenant not to sue. If any provision or provisions of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal, unenforceable or in conflict with law of any jurisdiction, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

X _____
Parent or Guardian Signature Date Print name

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Witness: _____



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This timely information is for the many Livestock producers on our email list

Wyoming Livestock Board
1934 Wyott Drive
Cheyenne , WY 82002

Contact Information: Wyoming State Veterinarian Dr. Jim Logan, 307-857-4140
Wyoming Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Bob Meyer 307-777-6443

October 27, 2010

***** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*****

Possible Brucellosis Case in Park County

The Wyoming State Veterinarian has been notified by the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory that blood from 3 cows has reacted to tests for Brucellosis. The cows are from a single herd in Park County .

Brucellosis is a bacterial disease that can cause cattle, elk, and bison to abort their calves and can be a serious disease in humans in the form of undulant fever. Reactors on blood tests do not absolutely prove that cattle are infected with Brucellosis. However, these reactors were very strong indicating that the likelihood of infection is high. Tissue samples and blood have been collected from the reactor animals and submitted to the Wyoming State Vet Lab and the National Veterinary Service Laboratory for a full diagnostic evaluation. It may take two weeks or longer to complete the diagnostic work up.

The Wyoming Livestock Board is working with USDA APHIS and the herd owner to complete a whole herd test. Contact and adjoining herds will also be tested and an epidemiologic investigation has begun.

A public meeting to discuss Brucellosis and the situation in Park County is scheduled for 7:00 P.M Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at the Meeteetse Conservation District Office at 910 Park Avenue in Meeteetse. For further information please contact Wyoming State Veterinarian Dr. Jim Logan at 307-857-4140 or Wyoming Assistant State Veterinarian Dr. Bob Meyer at 307-777-6443.

[Natalie Riehl](#)

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Most Important Trail Classification Assistance Program

A Training Program To assist BCH Chapters Monitor Implementation of The Forest Service Trails Classification System

Part 3 – Approach for Obtaining and Validating Data.

Background: The new classification system provides a range of trail classes (development scales) from minimally developed to fully developed and different design parameters to accommodate Hiker/Pedestrian, Pack and Saddle, Bicycle, Motorcycle, All-Terrain Vehicle, Four Wheel Drive Vehicle, and several winter-sports activities. Through our law suit and subsequent communications with the Forest Service we have negotiated pack and saddle stock parameters – **a menu of choices** – that will potentially preserve our historic access to National Forest System Lands. **The menu, however, includes choices for other user types as well.** With 5 different trail classes and 6 different classes of users (excluding snow and water trails), managers could potentially select from a menu of **24 different sets of parameters -- many of which would not accommodate either saddle or pack animals!**

We are concerned that managers may assign trail classes and design parameters that will not accommodate pack and saddle stock on trails that were historically accessible to stock. Our task now is to determine if that has taken place through the implementation of the new system, and if it has, whether the agency has involved the public and followed an approved land management planning process as agreed in the court decision.

During our field review with the Forest Service in October of 2008, the Deputy Chief of the Forest Service, Joel Holtrop, assured BCHA representatives that District Rangers would make trail management information available on request. The information that we BCHA is requesting will tell back country horsemen whether the trail is or is not being managed or designed to accommodate pack and saddle stock.

Monitoring Implementation of the TCS at the Forest or Ranger District Level:

Step 1 – Back Country Horsemen of America will request a listing of trails indicating Trail Class and Managed/Designed Use for each trail or trail segment on each Ranger District nation-wide. This information will be sent to each state or affiliate organization.

Step 2 – The state or affiliate will be responsible for taking this listing and assigning districts or forests to the chapters/units within their organization so that we do not duplicate efforts and unnecessarily impact our Forest Service partners.

Step 3 – The chapter/unit will take the list of trails and determine which trails are not managed or designed for pack and saddle stock. If there is a question regarding that management objective, the chapter may then discuss the objective with the District Ranger to determine the justification for not managing the trail for pack and saddle stock.

A partnership approach: BCHA would like to approach this task in a **'spirit of partnership.'** The Trail Classification System is new and the agency is still refining the data! It is not inconceivable, at this preliminary stage, that District Rangers are not yet aware that the management objectives for a trail might be a concern for horsemen or reflect a change in the historical status for the trail. The Forest Service advised us in April, 2009, that *"the data is considered working/draft data. As we continue our training, data validation and update efforts Agency-wide the quality of the information will improve."*

At this point, we need to consider our efforts to be that of helping the agency 'validate and update' its records.

Step 4 – For trails that are not designed or managed for, or that through special provisions in the parameters will not accommodate, pack and saddle stock, request that the line officer disclose the planning document (forest plan, wilderness plan, travel management plan, or trail specific document) and the public involvement process used in determining the uses (hiker/pedestrian, pack & saddle, bicycle, etc.) for which the trail will be managed and designed.

The court, using the Forest Service's arguments, established a standard for determining managed and designed use: ***"The managed and designed uses of a trail are established by individual forest staffs ... with the public's active assistance, and any changes require a public involvement process in land management planning determinations, including appropriate [NEPA] review."***

It is anticipated that some trail managers will consider that it is within their discretionary authority to determine the uses that are considered appropriate. Based on the court order, however, the managed or designed uses of a trail **must** be established **pursuant to a public process** and can only be changed pursuant to a public process. If there is no evidence that a managed or designed use was established through a public process, then, except potentially for emergency situations, the Forest Service needs to go through a public process before it can prohibit a use or intentionally limit a use by assigning inadequate design parameters.

The court also determined that "The agency's position is that the new TCS cannot have a significant effect on the environment because trail managers were instructed to apply trail classifications based on existing conditions and the current management plan for that trail. Therefore, the agency argues, **"physical trail characteristics on the ground have not changed, and the Trail Class Matrix will not change the characteristics."**

In many cases, a Forest or District may not have a specific trails or transportation management plan. However, a trail inventory may have been appended to the 1st generation Forest Plans completed in the 1980s or early 1990s (prior to implementation of the new Trail Classification System about 1998). The Forests were required under the planning regulations (36 CFR.219) that were in effect during the time that the original Forest Plans were completed, "to obtain and keep current inventory data appropriate for planning and managing the resources ..." Most Forests included an inventory of trails as part of that data base. The Forest Plans were completed with public involvement and subjected to NEPA. If the inventory in the Forest Plan included the types of uses that each trail would be managed or designed to accommodate, it meets the intent established in the court's decision.

The test as to whether the rationale for making managed or designed use determinations meets the intent of law is whether it was determined **"with the public's active assistance, and ... land management planning determinations, including appropriate [NEPA] review."**

Step 5 – Negotiate with the District Ranger or Forest Supervisor to have the objectives changed to reflect a managed and designed use for pack and saddle stock. The Forest or Ranger District may attempt to put the burden on us to establish that trail objectives have changed as a result of implementing the new Trail Classification System. The problem with this is that they also control access to the information necessary to make that determination, and if they are not cooperative, it may necessitate Freedom of Information requests and other more confrontational means. At this step in our monitoring process, we prefer to avoid such confrontation. Chapters/units are asked to resolve differences in objectives through a diplomatic approach with the District Ranger and the Forest Supervisor.

Step 6 – If you are unable to resolve the differences, report the situation to your state president/chairman or the public lands chair. The state will report to BCHA using established protocol. Once BCHA has determined the extent and magnitude of the problem, we will determine an appropriate course of action with the involvement of your national directors.

In Summary:

- **Step 1** – State/Affiliate obtains a listing of managed/designed uses for trails within their area of responsibility.
- **Step 2** – State/Affiliate makes assignments to chapters/units within their organization.
- **Step 3** – Chapters/Units review listing of managed/designed uses to determine that they are being managed as they were prior to implementation of the TCS.
- **Step 4** – Chapters/Units request planning and public involvement documents justifying managed/designed uses for trail objectives they feel have been changed without appropriate process.
- **Step 5** – Negotiate with District Rangers or Forest Supervisors to resolve differences.
- **Step 6** – Report irreconcilable differences to the State/Affiliate organization and BCHA.

In the interest of preserving our **spirit of partnership**, this strategy will provide the agency with every reasonable means to defend a change in the physical characteristics of a trail as the result of implementing the new classification system, or to amend their data to reflect characteristics in place prior to implementation of the TCS.



October 15, 2010

Subject: Trail Classification System Monitoring

National Directors and Affiliate Representatives,

Many of you have been asking when you were going to get the data on Trail Classifications so you could get started with the monitoring program that has been discussed at the last two National Board Meetings. Well it's on its way! The summer field season is winding down, and our Forest Service partners should be back in their offices, so it's a good time to get started.



Most of you have had the training provided by the Forest Service in 2009 and a refresher at our 2010 board meeting in Branson. You have the knowledge necessary to train chapter members and oversee the monitoring within your state. To help you with this task, Bob Badgley has placed all of this information on the Back Country Horsemen website (backcountryhorse.com). Under the heading "Trail Classification Assistance Program," you will find the training program provided by Jaime Schmidt in 2009, and both video and PDF versions of the refresher training provided in 2010. We suggest keeping the monitoring as simple as possible. Please refer to the PDF titled "**Approach for Obtaining and Validating Data**" for a summary of the steps that need to be accomplished.

Each state will be assigned a 'contact' to answer the questions that the chapters bring to you that you are unable to answer. That list of contacts is as follows.

BCHA National Directors & Affiliate Representatives

Action Plan and Assignments to Complete the Monitoring Project:

Who:	What:	When:
Chairman Terry Morrison	Letter to Directors	October 15, 2010
Yvette Rollins	Data to States	October 22, 2010
National Directors	1. Break out and distribute data to chapters.	November 15, 2010
	2. Follow up to see that they have the data and understand what they are to do with it.	November 22, 2010
	3. Follow up periodically throughout the winter to see how they're progressing.	Winter 2010 & 2011
	4. Report accomplishment and problems that cannot be resolved through negotiation to Public Lands Chair.	March 2011
Public Lands Committee Contacts	Follow up with National Directors and assist as necessary	Fall & Winter 2010 and 2011
Public Lands Chair & Senior Advisor	Report to National Board	April 2011

In order to make sure that we get this information to the right person(s), please respond to Yvette Rollins (hoosierhorsemen@yahoo.com) with the correct name and email address for your National Directors or official representative from your affiliate to the BCHA. Once we have the current correct information from you, we will be able to send your state information to your National Directors or the official representative from your affiliate.

In most areas of the nation, this will be the (or at least one of the) most important thing that Back Country Horsemen will do to insure that our historical access to National Forest System Lands is preserved. Please make this a high priority for your organization.

Sincerely yours,

Terry

Terry Morrison, Chair
Back Country Horsemen of America



News and veterinarian-approved articles on equine health care from *The Horse* magazine.

Utah Mustangs Under Treatment for Strangles

by: Pat Raia

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Eleven Bureau of Land Management (BLM) mustangs have died and more than 30 are receiving veterinary treatment following an outbreak of equine distemper at the agency's short-term holding facility in Herriman, Utah.

Commonly known as strangles, equine distemper is a highly-contagious bacterial upper respiratory infection that causes lack of appetite, fever, and swelling of the lymph nodes in the throat area. Symptoms also include pus-filled abscesses, nasal discharge, and difficulty breathing. If the bacterium spreads through the horse's entire body, the infection can be fatal. Horses whose immune systems are immature or compromised are most vulnerable to the infection.

Gus Warr, Utah BLM Wild Horse and Burro Program manager said the outbreak was detected earlier this month when agency personnel at the facility noticed symptoms of the infection in some of the 530 animals residing there. Necropsies on the deceased animals and bacterial cultures drawn from infected animals confirmed the cause of death as strangles.

Veterinarians are currently treating 36 animals with antibiotic drugs. Another 12 horses are under strict observation. About two-thirds of the infected are young mustangs and foals. All those infected or under observation are under quarantine, Warr said.

"We are also cleaning water troughs daily and adding penicillin to water supplies," he said.

The mustangs likely contracted the infection from another horse or from coming in contact with manure from an infected horse at the facility, said Warr.

Nathan Slovis, DVM, Dipl. ACVIM, CHT (Certified Hyperbaric Technologist), director of equine rescue and infectious disease officer at the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, in Lexington, Ky., said the stress of community housing after being gathered from the range, along with intimate contact with other animals (i.e., sharing a water source), makes BLM mustangs vulnerable to infections such as strangles.

"These animals are naïve (never before vaccinated)," Slovis said. "And that would make them more susceptible to any infection."

All the animals at the Herriman facility will remain under quarantine for at least 30-45 days. "That means we won't be shipping horses out for adoption until the state veterinarian gives us the green light to do so," Warr said.

Utah State Veterinarian Bruce King, DVM, said that though about 1% of horses infected with strangles can carry the bacterium for between 230 and 240 days, 99% of animals are not infectious between three and four weeks after they stop exhibiting clinical signs of the infection.

"So we have decided that we'll wait six weeks until resuming adoptions at the Herriman facility," King said.

However, the quarantine will remain in place longer if some horses continue to exhibit clinical signs of the infection, Warr said.

"We could have one or two horses present clinical signs of the infection in the longer term. If that's the case, the adoption program could be suspended for months," said Warr. "No horses from the facility will be available for adoption until after all horses remain free of clinical signs of infection for three to four weeks."



Readers are cautioned to seek the advice of a qualified veterinarian before proceeding with any diagnosis, treatment, or therapy.

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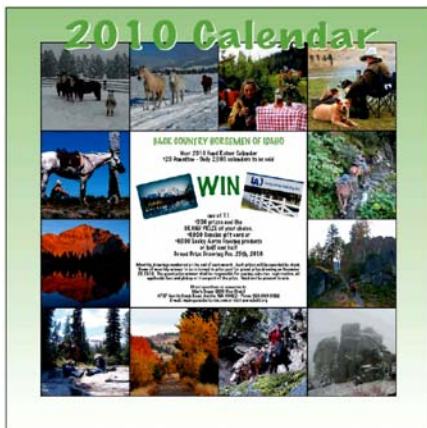
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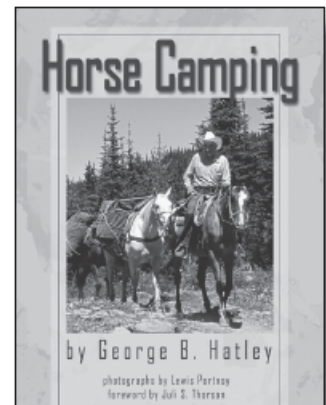
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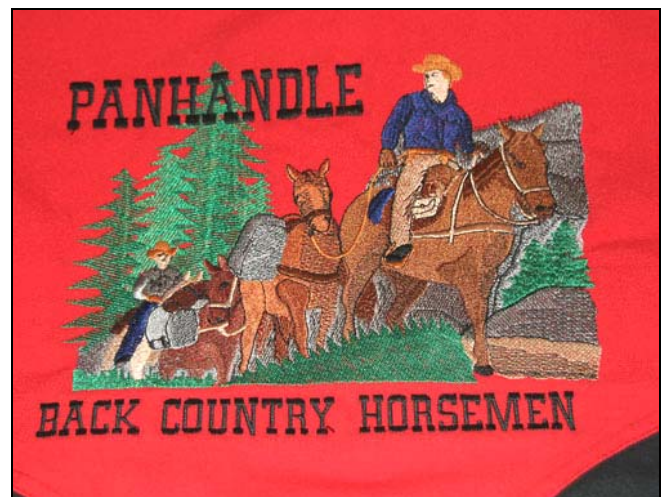
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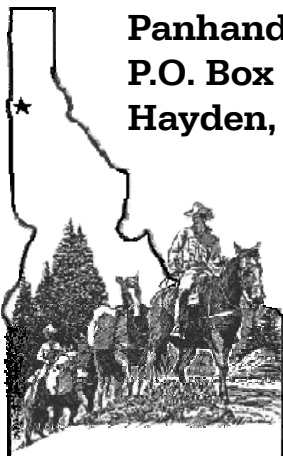
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