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Transfer of federal lands to the state

If you are opposed to the efforts of transferring our public federal land to the state, please consider phoning or writing a letter to your state legislators. This is becoming a big issue and one of our biggest threats to our ongoing access to public lands.

Below is the phone number for the state legislators.

Contact Senator Mike Crapo in Boise at 208-334-1778 or Coeur d'Alene at 208-664-5490. OR Contact James Risch in Boise at 208-342-7985 or Coeur d'Alene at 208-667-6130.

Another good contact about this issue is Brett Haverstick
Education & Outreach Director

Friends of the Clearwater [208-882-9755](tel:208-882-9755)
www.friendsoftheclearwater.org

Leave No Trace class at Riverside State Park , April 7-9.
Registration deadline is March 21st. Sponsored by Ponderosa BCH of Washington. The fifty-dollar fee maybe reimbursed for up to 5 members by the chapter. Consider signing up for the class. Contact Karen Kimball 772-2434 if interested.

2017 PBCH Officers and board members:

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******On Loan:** The club has a Decker pack saddle and boxes it will loan out to members.

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out 2017 **membership form** and mail in. Please email Susan Purdy, treasurer finegansfarm2@gmail.com with questions. You can also sign up at any ride or event throughout the year! Mail to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835.

Remember to get your PBCH membership card which is good for **10% discount** on animal feed at the North 40 Store. Attend the monthly meeting to pick up your discount card.

Life Flight memberships. The yearly dues are \$45 for BCHI members. Important to have in case of medevac emergency during trail riding or other events.

2017 Calendars are Available

Contact Bill or Kay Clarke at 208-699-2044 or 687-2784 to purchase yours for the upcoming year. These are a main fundraiser for the BCHI organization. \$20 for the calendar and entry of the drawing raffle card for one of 12 prizes.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



February 18, 2017 PBCH Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, by Arnie Wilkens, V..P in Pres. Karen Kimball's absence.

Robert Eversole, The Trail Meister, spoke before the meeting. By member request he recapped the information about the personal locators that he spoke about during a speaking engagement in January.

Last month's minutes were approved after motioned by Bill Clarke and seconded by Ray Heilman.

Treasurer's Report was read by Susan Purdy, Treasurer. It was approved, motion made by Bill Clarke and seconded by Angela Parsons.

A \$3,000.00 payment to the state BCHI for calendars was approved, motion made by Bill Clarke, seconded by Angela Parsons.

Progressive Pot was \$46.00 prior to the start of the meeting.

Old Business: After clarification of Standing Rules #1 and #8 The Standing Rules were approved. A motion was made by Robert Eversole and seconded by Angela Parsons.

New Business: A donation of \$100.00 to the Bob Marshall Wilderness Fund in Bernie Lionberger's name was approved.

Motioned by Angela Parsons and Seconded by Bill Clarke.

Per the Agenda # 5 "Read Resolution Regarding BCHI non-profit registration number" was tabled until next meeting.

Arnie couldn't locate the paper to read. No action was needed, just reading to the members. An email can be sent to inform the members.

The Proposal by the North Central Back Country Horsemen Chapter was passed out and discussed . The membership agreed in FAVOR of the proposal.

A vote was taken to confirm purchasing 150 of the 2018 calendars. The motion to purchase was made by Bill Clarke and seconded by Bob Funk. Approved.

A motion was made to spend \$50.00 for an auction item for the BCHI 2017 State Convention. Approved after a motion was made by Angela Parsons and seconded by Bill Clarke.

Arnie presented information about **Leave No Trace** class at Riverside State Park , April 7-9. Registration deadline is March 21st. Sponsored by Ponderosa BCH of Washington. The fifty-dollar fee maybe reimbursed for up to 5 members by the chapter.

The reimbursement was not voted on but can be addressed at a future meeting.

There didn't seem to be any interest by the members at the meeting.

Interested parties can contact Karen Kimball or Joni Lueck for registration forms and more information.

Arnie also presented information about **Front Country Trailhead Camping Seminar** , June 10-11 at Riverside Park.

Sponsored by Ponderosa BCH of Washington.

Registration is \$15.00 per rig, camping fee \$12.00 per rig. A Washington state parks Discover Pass is NOT required when camping.

Registration cut off is May 30. Refunds up to June 2. First come first served.

Coggins and Health Certs. are needed.

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Calendar of PBCH events/meetings

March PBCH Meeting, Saturday, March 18. 6:30 p.m. Dr. Bob Peters will speak about doctoring your horse or mule on the trail. Regular business meeting starts at 7 p.m. 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall. Check out our web site at www.pbch.org

April PBCH Meeting, Wednesday, April 19. 6360 4th St., Dalton Gardens City Hall. Check out our web site at www.pbch.org

April 22 Escure Ranch overnighter and fun ride. Trail boss TBD.

Events sponsored by **Ponderosa Back Country Horsemen of Washington -** Rendezvous, Ellensburg, WA March 17-19. Go to www.ponderosabackcountryhorsemen.com for more information.

Leave No Trace class at Riverside State Park, April 7-9. Registration deadline is March 21.

Front Country Trailhead Camping Seminar, June 10-11 at Riverside Park. Deadline to register is May 30.

Sponsorships

The sponsorships help the chapter's bottom line. They are inexpensive for members at \$10 per year. Non-members can become a sponsor also for \$30 per year. This includes your business card in the monthly newsletter Tails and Trails and also your card will be listed on the web site. This is a great price for advertising!

Send your money to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Send your business card to jklhorserider@gmail.com or dsamovar@gmail.com

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Committees: Trail committee, Jill Reineccius was not present. Arnie noted that a trail committee meeting will take place in March per Jill at February's meeting.

Julie Volpi voiced concern that she, as a member of the committee, was not notified as to dates of the trail committee planning meeting. Arnie asked for a volunteer to write articles for the state Broomtail Newspaper at least once a year. Article(s) would be about trail rides and/or work details.

Robert Eversole was kind enough to volunteer for the job. Robert would like to write about a ride / work detail at Marie Creek, having never rode Marie Creek he was excited to ride it.

For the Good of The Order :Cindy Richardson stated that Coggins and Health Certificates are now require to ride in Washington.

Progressive Pot drawing : Beverly Johnson's name was drawn, not present.

Motion was made to adjourn by Julie Volpi and seconded by Peggy Cecil, approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes by Debbie Stratton

Tentative Dates for Activities for PBCH by the Trail Committee

I have some tentative dates for rides with the forestry work still to be determined. If you can post these dates in March's newsletter with stating that we are open to feedback if anyone would want to move a ride or add additional rides please come to the March 18 meeting.

Escure Ranch April 22

Marie Creek trail cleanup May 7th

Asotin weekend ride and campout Memorial Day weekend

Farragut State Park overnigher and fun ride June 3rd to 4th

Bernard Peak Fun Ride June 11th

Chilco Mountain Cleanup June 24th

Dalton Garden City picnic Sept 9th

Heyburn State Park overnigher and fun ride Sept 16th

Riverside State Park overnigher and fun ride Sept 30th

Forestry cleanup will be late July but had yet to be determined

Thank you, Jill Reineccius, trail committee chairperson

BCHI State Convention Wrap Up

By Karen Kimball, president PBCH

The 2017 BCHI Convention covered a full agenda even getting into our happy hour time on Friday night. We started at 8:00 and didn't adjourn until 6:30. All 16 Chapters from around the state were represented with Directors.

The Proposal on the calendars was passed. To try to balance the budget and increase revenue for the State the directors voted to decrease the amount given out to the grand prize winner on the calendars starting in 2018. The \$500 numbers will stay the same but the grand prize will be reduced from \$6000 to \$4000. Last year it was voted to put 50% of the net profit from the calendar sales to the Legal Fund. With the alarming number of our congressmen, including Idaho, wanting to sell off the federal lands we may need to dip into this fund.

There were five good speakers at the convention, most of them speaking on this land exchange discussion in Idaho. We will report more on this at the PBCH monthly meeting on Saturday, March 18.

BCHI voted on doing the 501(c)4 status when filling out the 1024 for the IRS. We were covered under BCHA in the past until it was dropped for the States over a year ago.

The BCH Foundation gave our chapter the \$500.00 we requested from the Lighthouse grant money. We asked for that amount last year to help pay for the fire rings at Line Creek campground located by Red Ives.

BCHI Education Chair Marybeth Conger had a good report and video on education which needs to be implemented more within the chapters. I have agreed to helping her with the program in the northern part of the state since she lives in Emmett. Leave No Trace (LNT) is a major part of education which we need to practice and educate the public on this. I am attending the LNT Basic Training at Riverside Park in Spokane on the weekend of April 8-9 to refresh my training. Would like some of you to join me if you would like to take this training.

Please call me at 208-772-2434 if you want to sign up soon.

Our newly elected officers for BCHI are Chairman Bill Conger (Emmett), Vice Chair Rod Parks (Lewiston area), National Director Amy Lymann (Pocatello), and Alternate National Director Marybeth Conger (Emmett). Debbie Samovar and Kay Ryan will stay on for another year as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

2017 Travel Requirements -Notes from Dr. Bob Peters

If you are planning on traveling with your horses this year, please be advised of these new regulations for travel in the Northwest.

Oregon - Coggins and 6 month Health Certificate.

Washington - 6 month Coggins.

Idaho - Coggins and 6 month Health Certificate.



Wallace L. Forest Conservation Area (WFCOA) at Blue Creek Bay Vegetation Treatment and Trails Project – Revised EA Information Sheet

Public Scoping Summary

Comments submissions received: 257

Submissions containing substantive comments: 106

Comment-generated issues: 45 (multiple comments frequently raised the same issue)

The BLM defines substantive comments as those that do one or more of the following:

- Question, with reasonable basis, the accuracy of information in the EIS or EA.
- Question, with reasonable basis, the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis.
- Present new information relevant to the analysis.
- Present reasonable alternatives other than those analyzed in the EIS or EA.
- Cause changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives.

Revised Environmental Analysis (EA) Summary

Revised Proposed Action: *Alternative modified in response to public comments*

- No trails designated for a single type of use.
- Each trail would be designated as one of the following:
 - Open to all types of non-motorized use
 - Closed to mountain bikes but open to all other non-motorized uses
 - Closed to horseback but open to all other non-motorized uses
- Shared use trail extended past parking area on Bonnell north to the powerline.
- Size of parking area off Bonnell Road reduced.
- Skills park on west side no longer proposed.
- Kid friendly bike loop created on eastside near trailhead parking area.
- Riparian vegetation planting in the meadow.
- No change to forestry treatments from original proposal.

Alternative B: *No change*

- No prescribed burning, no parking area off Bonnell Road; no forestry treatment on western portion of the ownership

Alternative C: *New alternative developed from public comments*

- No horse use on eastside and no mountain bike use on west side trail

Alternative D: *No change*

- No Action

“We are looking at issuing a decision sometime mid April. The decision could encompass specifics from the Proposed Action to no developments within the No Action Alternative. Please see attached fact sheet about the revisions that have been made with the EA. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me. “

Mitch

Debbie Paul

Forester

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Editor's Note: There was a lot of public interest in what changes were going to be made to the Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area last year. Here is an update from the BLM personnel sent to me in an email last month.

