A tri-annual newsletter of the Back County Horsemen of Oregon

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Happy Summer.

I hope everyone is getting a chance to enjoy the beauty of the mountains this summer. I know there are many work parties planned as well as fun trips. Take time to really appreciate the what we have here in Oregon. Don't forget the State Ride July 20th - 22 in the Ochoco's. The East Cascades chapter is hosting this year's ride. I hope to see you all there.

Early in the morning Saturday April 21st I got a phone call from Dick Strohkirch informing me that Dan Applebaker had passed away. To say I was in shock would be an understatement. I had just talked to Dan and Betty Thursday night as they were preparing to make a trip to Burns to represent BCHO at a meeting having to do with the Steens Mountain area. Even now, 5 weeks later, this is hard to write. Dan was very important to myself as well as the BCHO organization and the BCHO family. Dan was one of the four founders of BCHO. Dan understood long before BCHO existed how important it was that equestrians worked closely with our land managers to ensure that pack and saddle stock were allowed to use our public lands. Dan also understood how important it is for equestrians to belong to organizations like BCHO so that the land managers would listen to what we say. Dan understood that organizations have more clout than individuals. Dan was the first secretary of BCHO and the second President.

Dan was also on the BCHA board for a while. Dan was also very involved with his chapter the High Desert Trail Riders in Klamath Falls. Dan helped start the "Pack Clinic" held every year in May in Klamath Falls. I am a member of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon because in 2000 I went to the Pack Clinic and joined the West Cascade Chapter of BCHO. I was so impressed with what the High Desert Trail Riders were doing that I had to belong. If not for Dan and his chapter there would not be a Pack Clinic. The year after I joined I went on a Leave No Trace pack trip with Dan and Betty and that was where I actually met Dan. Dan loved packing in the mountains. He also liked sharing those experiences with people he knew. I was lucky enough to get to go on one of those pack trips with Dan and Betty to the Bob Marshal Wilderness. I will never forget getting to fish with Dan. Those are experiences that you never forget. That Pack trip was also the one where Dan got hurt and flew out of the wilderness in a helicopter. Dan hurt his shoulder and some ribs but for the most part he lived through the accident to pack another day. Dan had always worked on public land issues for BCHO but on the trip home Dan rode with me and we yelled back and forth (Dan could not hear very well) about the state of trail maintenance in the wilderness. We talked about MRA's (chain saws in the wilderness) and many other things having to do with trail maintenance. Dan was my friend before that trip but the trip home



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PURPOSES of BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of OREGON

To PERPETUATE the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness areas.

To WORK to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

To ASSIST the various government, state, and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

To EDUCATE, encourage and solicit active participation in the use of the back country resource by stock users and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

TO FOSTER and encourage the formation of new state organizations and BCHA.

Come to a meeting and make a difference...

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Meets: The 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr. Hood River OR 97031

Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. Please confirm meeting with contact.

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East Cascades Chapter

Meets: The 2nd Monday of every month at the Black Bear Diner,

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Meets: the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Utility District building,

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Meets: The 2nd Tuesday of each month at Elmers 3030 South 6th

Klamath Falls, OR at 7:00 p.m.

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Sourdough Chapter

Meets: The third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in Central Point.

Contact: Terry Canavello, sourdough@bcho.org

Steens Chapter

Meets: As needed! Please confirm meeting schedule and work party dates through SteensBCH@gmail.com or call John O'Connor 541-678-3502

West Cascades Chapter

Meets: The 1st Wednesday of each month at Elmer's Restaurant, 3950 Market Street NE, Salem, OR. Dinner time is at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Jennifer Paulson, westcascades-pres@bcho.org

Territorial Riders Chapter

Meets: The 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Beavercreek Fire Department, 22310 S Beavercreek Rd. Beavercreek, Or. 97004 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Tim Lagasse, territorialriders@bcho.org

High Country Wilderness Packers

Meets: Held by conference call every other month Contact: Mat Wooley, Wctimberfalling@aol.com

and our conversations about what BCHO could do to push the Forest Service along, created a working relationship with Dan that I will cherish the rest of my life. Dan had always worked on public lands issues but from that point on Dan worked tirelessly on public land issues to the benefit of BCHO. I could go on and on about specific projects that Dan worked on but the important thing to remember is that Dan spent many hours working on public lands issues so that we can continue to be able to ride in the mountains. Because of all of the work that Dan did the Forest Service in Region 6 knows who we are and more importantly respect us as an organization. I am proud that I got to call Dan my friend and mentor. I will miss Dan very much. I always look forward to Dan's poems at the Winter Convention. Do your self a favor, go on YouTube and type in "Packin The Mountains". Listen to Dan tell why we do what we do. If you knew Dan be prepared to shed a tear. Dan would be very disappointed if we didn't carry on his legacy and continue to fight for the right for pack and saddle stock to be able to use and enjoy public lands. Dan's passing has created a large void in our organization. Dan, You Are Missed.

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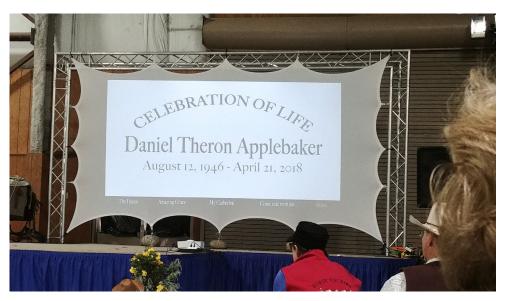
Submitted by: Betty Applebaker

Jerry

Losing my Dan was really tough, but I want to thank everyone for their cards and condolences and for those who came to the Celebration of his life. I wish I could have spent more time with all of you but was overwhelmed with all the people there. I'm sure he was amazed at the outpouring for him.

I especially want to thank our Chapter members who helped put the event on. I couldn't have begun to do it without you. What a wonderful family. BCHO is a wonderful family of friends too that I hope will help keep me going in this new life.





Dan's Obituary as viewed in the Herald and News:

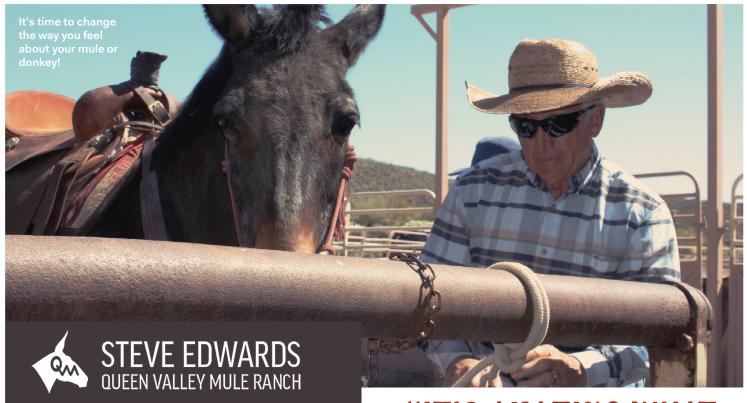
"Dan Applebaker, 71, passed away on April 21, 2018. He was born in Medford, Ore., on Aug. 12, 1946, to Lewis and Ilene Applebaker and grew up in Jacksonville, Ore., with his younger sister, Susan. Upon graduating from Medford High School, he attended Oregon State University, graduating with a degree in forestry in 1968. He had a long and illustrious career in the timber industry, having worked for the BLM, Boise, Alpine Veneer and many years with Modoc Lumber Co., where he retired as the timber manager. In 1993, he served as president of the Oregon Logging Conference. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish and pack with his mules in the mountains. In 1996, Dan married Betty Barcroft who loved the outdoors and animals as much as he did, making a talented team. They took many pack trips together, taking friends into the mountains of California, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Oregon, sharing their love of the back-country and packing skills. He was one of the founders of the Horse Packing and Wilderness Skills Clinic held annually by the High Desert Trail Riders Chapter of Klamath Falls and the Back Country Horsemen of Oregon. He was their second president and currently their public lands chairman working with the federal agencies ensuring pack and saddle stock have access to public lands. He served as a national director for the Back Country Horsemen of America. Dan is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, Joe Applebaker and Scott, Brad and Mark Barcroft; daughter, Jessica Applebaker; and numerous grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Ilene Applebaker. A celebration of life will be held on June 2 at 2 p.m., 2018, at the Klamath County Fairgrounds Event Center with a potluck to follow."

250+ folks attended Dan's Celebration of Life, and many screwed up the courage to get up and share some memories. There were lots of cowboy hats in that audience. The stage was outfitted with a stretched "hide" as a screen for the wonderful video, along with Dan's saddle, bridle, pack outfit, and his pine box urn. The video was well stuffed with panoramas of a few of the amazing pack trips Dan, Betty and friends enjoyed, yet didn't come close to showcasing them all. Dan and Betty had 22 years together to make these amazing memories. We will all miss him greatly.









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Sharing The Trails Safely Clinic STOP, STAND, SPEAK

Submitted by: Penelope Wright, Sourdough Chapter

On April 28th the newly invigorated Sourdough Chapter held a multi-use trails safety education clinic, with the premise of educating all users on how to be respectful on the trails and thereby make them safer for everyone. The day was hosted and lead by Cate Bendock, who comes to Oregon with a wealth of BCH knowledge from her time in Washington. We had about a dozen attendees, with a couple of the younger generation joining us as well.

The day started with some instructional input, explaining the concept of STOP, STAND, SPEAK on the trail, and how to foster cooperation by respecting each other, working cooperatively, and understanding other user's challenges. Then the day really got going when we went into live workshop experiences on the trail. We had an Arabian endurance horse, bicycles, a puppy, an off road 4X4, and some hikers dressed in very unusual garb. Different trail scenarios were played out, showing the good (stopping and speaking) and the bad (not stopping, standing above the horse on the trail, not taking off the bear skin over your backpack!), and the group had a game of bingo to play, spotting each event on their card. It was a fun day, but also instructional, and we all agreed that we had all learnt something new.

This program is available to other BCHO Chapters. Please contact Cate Bendock for more information - catebendock@icloud.com



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<u>Stock Users</u> – Keep control of your stock at all times. Talk with other trail users and provide clear instructions for safe passing. Be considerate of other trail users and kick manure off trail.

All Users – Please practice Leave No Trace Principles (LNT): Pack out litter, stay on the designated trails, leave what you find, be kind and respectful to other trail users, follow land restrictions.



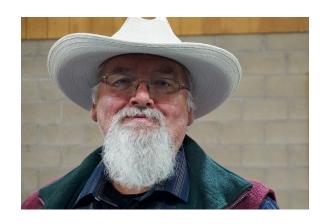
Wild Whiskers of the Wilderness Expo

The attendees at this year's Horse Packing and Wilderness Skills Expo sported some pretty amazing beards, mustaches, and sideburns. Here are some of the best we saw.

























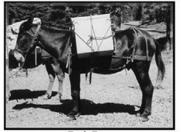




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Using Cooperation to Keep Trails Well **Maintained**

Submitted By: Tim Lagasse

Territorial Riders (TRBCHO) worked in cooperation with the Mt. Hood Chapter of PCTA, Oregon Equestrian Trails, and Portland General Electric (PGE) this year to perform logout and tread work around Timothy Lake this year. PGE leases the Timothy Lake land from the Forest Service, and their last contract included PGE assuming responsibility for the campgrounds around the lake. PGE has done an incredible amount of work rebuilding these campgrounds, and three years ago PGE contacted PCTA about cooperating with PCTA to promote trail maintenance around the lake. Since this 6.75 mile section of the PCT is the responsibility of TRBCHO, TRBCHO has cooperated with PCTA and PGE to perform maintenance on the PCT and other trails around the lake that have significantly improved the trail experience for equestrians and hikers.

The Forest Service has asked PGE to perform logout and maintain the trails around the lake. Since logout is not PGE's specialty, we have cooperated with PGE to get these trails clear the last couple years. This year's partnership crew was scheduled for May 21 through May 23, with PGE providing camping for the PCTA crew, and food for the TRBCHO and PCTA crews.

This year, TRBCHO spent six days from May 18 through May 23 performing logout, working out of Clackamas Lake Horse Camp. Clackamas Lake is about two miles east of Timothy Lake, just on the other side of Clackamas Lake from Joe Graham. Since the campground was still closed, the Forest Service provided us with access to the campground, and water for the horses this year. Our trail crews consisted of members of TRBCHO and North Valley OET (NVOET), using BCHO certified sawyers Dan Dahlke, Marty DeVall, Tim Jones, Cile Savoy, and Tim Lagasse. We performed our standard PCT logout May 18 through May 20, and then logged out the trails around the lake as our contribution to the partnership crew. On this crew we certified one new B sawyer, Dan Dahlke, and recertified B sawyer Tim Jones. We logged 280 volunteer hours from nine volunteers with Darlyne Wells providing pack support for Dan.

The PCTA crew worked from May 21 through May 23. They performed tread work and brushing as their contribution to the partnership crew. Part of their tread work effort rebuilt a 100 foot long turnpike with multiple culverts. They also brushed the trail in some significantly over grown areas that included the trail around a puncheon, bushed out the horse ford on the oak grove fork on the southern lake trail and fixed some bad, rocky holes in the trail that were difficult to navigate on the horses at times.

PCTA also provided the camp cook to prepare the food PCTA crew members working on tumpike restoration project

provided by PGE. Our group drove over to the Oak Fork Campground and had dinner with the PCTA group on Monday and Tuesday evening. This also gave us an opportunity to socialize with the PCTA group a little during the trip.

We had a very successful work party. In total we cleared about 22 miles of the PCT. Our largest log shown in one of the pictures fell lengthwise on the trail with about 70 feet of the log on the trail. Log diameter was around 32 inches, and we managed to roll a 36 foot long section with an estimated weight of 3.6 tons off the trail in one piece! We also logged out the Headwaters trail, the Miller trail, and the Timothy Lake loop which consists of the North and South Lake trails. All total, logout covered around 34 miles of trail and the PCTA crew did an awesome job restoring the old turnpike and performing the other tread maintenance they did. We look forward to cooperating with PCTA and PGE again next year to get more great work done!

Please contact me with questions or comments at territorialriders@bcho.org



PCTA crew brushed out Puncheon that was overgrown with brush.





TRBCHO crew cutting 36 foot long log section to roll off trail between trees. Members from left to right: Erin Savoy, Marty DeVall, Cile Savoy, Tim Lagasse, Dan Dahlke.

A Day at Perrydale

Submitted by: Jennifer

Yesterday I drove up to Perrydale Farm. I met several friends there and we rode out working on trail obstacles, of all sorts. Lots and lots of them. A matter of fact we never got them all done or found them all. The trails went over three properties, with water crossings, hills, logs, natural trail stuff and then the more man made for extreme show trail.

All the natural obstacles my mare did and almost all the extreme with exception of a couple. The one friend and I broke off from the group so we could redo a lot of things. Then we had lunch and fed and watered horses and went out again. Horses did better and we hit a couple of areas we had missed. This was so fun.

The place is about 40 miles from my house but you have to take several roads to get to it. 1 hour 10 minutes. Top notch place with safety in mind. Great parking and lots of it. Water from hoses, very clean toilets, shaded area from lunch or just to hang out while waiting for people to return.

I would like to do this again sometime. I left here at 8 am and was home at 5 p.m. Got hot 80's I did not carry a camera or phone to take photos. Wish I HAD so many great things.

We washed all sweat and dirt off horses when finished and then lead out to some flapping flags. One of two things Tinker

did not like. We were there awhile and finely she was fine with them and lead in and out and did not mind the flapping.

Came home and turned her out. Checked her again later after my shower and change of clothes. Hot outside and inside house.

This morning I went out and checked horses. Examined Tinker for any soreness to back, legs and girth area. Found none. Good.

Me I had some spasms in lower legs last night for a bit, got up and walked, drank water and spoonful of mustard, a calcium pill was able to sleep fine rest of night. I am fine this morning. Joys of aging.

My friend took this photo. Tinker liked the Chewy from Star wars and the Hereford.



Wilderness Benefits

Submitted by: Betty Applebaker

Our organization exists to protect our backcountry, trails and horsemen's historic right to use it. There is much to learn about Wilderness management and the side boards the Agencies operate within. The Wilderness Act is the Law which created the Wilderness System, but the different Agencies chose to interpret the Act differently. That is the difficult part for users when the National Park Service allows some activity and the US Forest Service does not. It doesn't make sense when it comes from the same Law, but the Agency culture is such that they won't consider anything different.

I came across this information on a Forest Service map and thought it might be information you weren't aware of. We primarily enjoy the recreational aspect of Wilderness but there are other benefits as well and that is why Wilderness was designated. We are lucky our country is wealthy enough to set aside land to be undeveloped.

Recreational Benefits

Wilderness areas provide excellent recreational opportunities for all Americans. Research shows that more than 12 million people visit Wilderness areas each year to hike, backpack, camp, climb mountains, ride horses, ski, raft, canoe, take pictures, view wildlife, and stargaze. Hunting and fishing are also important recreational activities that can be enjoyed in most Wilderness areas. In fact, a 2004 study of big game harvest found that Wilderness not only provides critical habitat for game species but contains many of the nation's best hunting areas and longest hunting seasons. In short, Wilderness areas are ideal for most types of recreational activities. However, some activities are prohibited. Prohibited activities include mechanical transport or motorized equipment, such as motorboats, cars, trucks, off-road vehicles, bicycles and snowmobiles (exceptions include wheelchairs and subsistence activities).

Ecological Benefits

Ecology is the study of the relationships between organisms and their environment, and how natural processes affect these relationships. As John Muir once said, "When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe." More and more, we realize that we are part of an interconnected web of life, and that our survival may ultimately depend on the survival of natural areas like Wilderness. Wilderness plays a significant role in the overall health of ecosystems. Natural disturbances like floods or fires maintain natural processes, systems, and patterns. Few places are left where we allow rivers to flood and trees to burn in natural cycles. Preserving Wilderness may some day be seen through the eyes of historians as the most important contribution so-

cieties can make to the health of the global environment. Wilderness improves the quality of our air. By producing oxygen, trees and other plants help decrease the greenhouse effect. Wilderness also contributes to clean water. Since Wilderness is left virtually untouched by the actions of people, water remains as it naturally occurs. Many communities use water that starts flowing in Wilderness areas. In fact, some Wilderness areas were designated to preserve healthy watersheds for current and future generations.

Not only does Wilderness protect the air we breathe and the water we drink, it also protects the wildlife we cherish. Millions of birds use Wilderness as nesting areas, wintering grounds, and resting places when migrating. Many animals, like wolves, bears, moose, and elk make their homes in Wilderness areas. Without the space and isolation that Wilderness offers, may wildlife species could not survive.

Geological Values

The Wilderness Act specifically states that areas may be set aside for their geological significance. Wilderness preserves valuable natural features including caves, volcanoes, canyons, geysers, mountains, fossils, glaciers, and beaches. These geological areas help us discover the history of our planet, see how present ecological systems compare to past ones, and anticipate what future changes may occur.

Scientific Benefits

Wilderness is a natural laboratory where scientists can study the world. It acts as a refuge, pure and wild, where scientists can study how natural processes develop over time without the effects of humans. This information helps us understand how our world is changing and what we need to do to ensure the future health of our environment.

Educational Benefits

Wilderness is a living classroom. It provides a unique setting for teaching ecosystem stewardship, science, literature, art, history, civics, and outdoor skills. Students can also learn how their actions, behaviors, and choices affect Wilderness, and learn the values of humility and restraint. Understanding the relationship Americans have shared with Wilderness in the past helps students explore our current relationship with Wilderness and instills in young stewards an appreciation for land ethics.

Scenic and Aesthetic Values

Wilderness areas are full of breathtaking and expansive natural landscapes. From the wind and wave sculpted islands of the Washington Islands Wilderness to the towering height of the Denali Wilderness, magnificent scenery is compelling, awe inspiring, and humbling. Drawn initially to grand scenery, we sometimes discover the subtle beauty of the small wonders that add to the larger picture

of what we call Wilderness.

Part of the beauty of Wilderness is in what we don't see or hear. Natural darkness allows us to see stars that we wouldn't normally see even in the darkest areas of our cities. In the natural quiet of Wilderness, we can enjoy solitude that allows us to reflect upon our lives and our place in the word. Wilderness shows us that we are all part of something larger than ourselves.

Historic and Cultural Values

Much of the history of our great nation lies within the boundaries of Wilderness. Fundamental American values have been shaped by the wild environments where our society was created. Wilderness is a place where we can connect with that past, and where we can be reminded of how the American frontier helped build our present-day culture. Cave paintings and burial grounds tell us a story about Native Americans who lived here before Europeans settled the land. Old cabins and homestead sites portray the hardships of early settlers. Cultural and archeological sites found in Wilderness can provide a more complete picture of our history and culture. We find traces of indigenous peoples, conquests, colonialism, and independence. These important historic resources represent the very roots of American existence.



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Progress on the Middle Fork of the Willamette Trail

Submitted by Jean Clancey, EEBCHO

Emerald Empire Chapter has been working for several years with USFS and the Southwest Forest Collaborative with a particular goal in mind: improvement of bridges along the Middle Fork Willamette Trail. This trail follows a 30 mile stretch along the Middle Fork (main stem) of the Willamette River from Sand Prairie Campground above Hills Creek Reservoir to its source at Lake Timpanogas, and to the PCT. This undammed reach is fed by many tributaries flowing off Diamond Peak, necessitating fords and bridges for its entire length.

Largely because of funding limits, the Forest Service has not maintained this jewel of a trail up to multi-use standards. Equestrians in the southern Willamette Valley, who used to make regular use of it, have found too many dangerous water crossings to make it a safe ride. Though the MFWT is a designated multi-use National Recreation Trail, horse concerns have largely gone unnoticed.

EEBCHO members have conducted and published a survey of the water crossings and damaged bridges which are dangerous for horses. The survey includes pictures and descriptions of each obstruction with matching GPS co-ordinates. It was submitted at the end of May to both the Middle Fork Ranger District

Figure #5: N43 degrees 29' 45. 77" by W122 degrees 23' 58.61", Middle Fork Willamette Trail. Large bridge with steps. Bridge in good shape, but the approach is stair steps, which are potentially dangerous to horses and riders. These need to be replaced by a ramp.



staff and the director of the Southwest Forest Collaborative. It has been our hope to gain both attention and funding for necessary water crossing improvements.

To date, a grant for bridge work has been received from BCHA Education Fund. This grant was doubled by an anonymous donor. With funding in hand, the USFS will begin work this summer on four bridges and other improvements. These will replace existing structures, so no EA is required. Our hopes for further improvements are pinned to funds captured from the Young Rigdon Project of the SWFC. If we are successful, this USFS Stewardship program will benefit all recreationists for the use of this magnificent trail.

Thanks are in order for MFRD staffers Kevin Rowell and McKenzie Jensen, who have taken our concerns seriously and are overseeing the work. Thank you also to Sarah Altemus-Pope, director of the SWFC. Finally, grateful acknowledgement



to EEBCHO members who have dedicated countless hours in meetings and trail survey work: Betty Jean Keele, Jean Clancey, Becky Hope, Melanie Kate-Mason, and survey helpers Kay Gidley, Emily Elias, Sonya Margerum, and Lisa Rodriquez.

We will keep BCHO posted on progress. By the end of summer, we should be able to invite everyone to ride at least the lower ten miles of the Middle Fork Willamette Trail as it winds through old growth forests along a sparkling, free-flowing river.

FIGURE #1: N43 degrees 34'893" by W122 degrees 27'323", Middle Fork Willamette Trail. Bridge in disrepair, unsafe for horses. Roads rotted, stringers rotating sideways. Horses are fording around bridge into creek.



FIGURE #2: N43 degrees 34'527" by W122 degrees 27'694", Middle Fork Willamette Trail.

Bridge too slippery, too narrow and not weight bearing for horses. Horses cannot use this improvised bicycle bridge and so are forced to drop down approximately 2 feet off muddy bank into slough where they sink into mud and heave themselves up onto opposite bank.





Trail Work Using a Boat?

Submitted by: Linda Thomas, East Cascades BCH

There is a section of the Met-Win trail in the Deschutes NF that goes around the west side of Cultus Lake. Down the trail to the east there is a creek that has a ford for horses and a footbridge for hikers. When clearing the trail last year, the sign to mark the ford/footbridge was broken in half and on the ground, just from being on the post for years, and the post was rotten. We picked up the sign and contacted the Forest Service sign builder, we took it up to him and they rebuilt the sign.

It was a nice day, so in the afternoon we headed for Cultus Lake with the new sign, boat, our backpacks, tools, etc. Loaded the boat and headed across the lake for the west shore. Tied up the boat, unloaded our backpacks, chainsaw, sign, and misc. tools and headed down the trail. Cleared the trail up to the creek and went about putting up the new sign. Then we hiked on down the trail to the east to finish clearing the rest of that section of trail.

The mules got an afternoon off, but the boat will not replace them, just worked out good for that day and the boat got some exercise.







Farm Well Campfire Rings

Submitted by: Linda Thomas, East Cascades BCH

In September 2017 a hardy crew of ECBCHers set out for Farm Well in the Fremont NF. The forest service supplied four campfire rings and cement and we went up to set them up in place at the camp sites. The rings had an anchor on one side and that is where the hole was dug to put the anchor in the hole and concrete them in. We had a good time putting in the four campfire rings. That night the fall temps dropped into the low 20's so it was a cool night and we enjoyed the campfire. We were pleased with the improvements to the camp ground.

This spring, 2018, we went up to Farm Well to repair the perimeter fence to keep the range cattle out of the camp ground, which must be done every spring before May 1st because that is when the range cattle are turned out. While up fixing the fence, we checked out the camp sites. We were very disappointed to fine that two of the four campfire rings were missing. One of the rings, it looked like it had been hooked onto and pulled out. The other one was cut off from the concreted anchors where we had concreted it into the ground.

It is sad so see that this had happened, and sorry for future campers there who will not get to enjoy cooking on a nice campfire ring and grate in those two spots.





Events Calendar

Event Start	Event End	Event Hours PST	Event Title	Event Description	Event Location	BCHO Calendar Name
6/2/2018	6/2/2018	02:00PM - 06:00PM	Dan Applebaker's Celebration of Life	Service is to start at 2:00, with a potluck to follow. Anyone who is able, please arrive anytime after 10:00 to help set up and decorate, and please stay afterwards to clean up. Betty sends her heartfelt thanks.	South end of the Event Center, Klamath County Fairgrounds https://goo. gl/maps/rVJvEQNQ2iL2	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/7/2018	6/7/2018	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO President Call	Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign.		BCHO State Calendar
6/8/2018	6/9/2018		PCTA Trail Skills Jim I and Brenda C-S are cooking			Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/9/2018	6/10/2018		PCTA Trail Skills Jim I and Brenda C-S are cooking			Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/10/2018	6/11/2018		PCTA Trail Skills Jim I and Brenda C-S are cooking			Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/11/2018	6/11/2018	06:00PM - 07:00PM			Bend Black Bear Diner, 1465 NE 3rd St, Bend, OR 97701, USA	East Cascades BCH Chapter
6/16/2018	6/18/2018		Mill Creek Wilderness Ride	Light pack-in and overnighter into the Mill Creek Wilderness. Please contact Lee Fischer for details.	Wildcat TH, Mill Creek Wilderness, Ochocos	East Cascades BCH Chapter
6/16/2018	6/17/2018		Rye Spur Work Party/Ride Jim I 891-2647 Ken C 892-6072	Call for info, if not posted here.	rindemess, concess	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/16/2018	6/17/2018		Emerald Empire Scott Mtn, Tenas Lakes trail ride		Tenas Lakes, Oregon 97413, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
6/16/2018	6/16/2018	12:00PM - 07:00PM	Sourdough - Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Trails 50th Anniversary Celebration	Join federal agencies, conservation non-profits, local businesses, and your community for a day of fun, food, entertainment, informational booths, kids activities, crafts, guest speakers, river trips, etc. BCHO will be having a table there. Free to the public. Help to promote and enhance our rivers and trails.	Valley of the Rogue State Park	Sourdough BCH Chapter
6/17/2018	6/18/2018		Rye Spur Work Party/Ride Jim I	Contact: Joy Trevey Lowell Call for info, if not posted here.		Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/22/2018	6/26/2018		891-2647 Ken C 892-6072 Columbia Gorge campout	Contact Jim Forsman 541-296-5651	South Steens Campground,	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter
6/22/2016	0/20/2016		-	Contact Jiiii Foisinan 34 i-290-003 i	Steens Mountain Rd, Princeton, OR 97721, USA	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter
6/23/2018	6/24/2018		Fourmile Lake corral work party, TBD Betty Applebaker 541-798- 5005			Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/25/2018	6/26/2018		Pack Support Jim Icenbice 541- 891-2647		To Be Determined	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/26/2018	6/27/2018		Pack Support Jim Icenbice 541- 891-2647		To Be Determined	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/26/2018	6/26/2018	06:30PM - 08:30PM	Pack Expo - Maria Meister 831- 235-3031		Red Rooster, 3608 South 6th Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, United States	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/27/2018	6/28/2018		Pack Support Jim Icenbice 541- 891-2647		To Be Determined	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/28/2018	6/29/2018		Pack Support Jim Icenbice 541- 891-2647		To Be Determined	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/29/2018	6/30/2018		Pack Support Jim Icenbice 541- 891-2647		To Be Determined	Hight Desert Trail Riders
6/30/2018	7/2/2018		Emerald Empire Diamond Peak PCT Campout and trailwork	Becky Hope 541-337-3138	Pengra Pass, Oregon, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
7/4/2018	7/5/2018		Ride/BBQ at Price Ranch Debbie Price 541-891-3127	We will supply the charcoal and the pits This year, due to our doing the transport, we need to simplify. This ride and feed will be a You-B-Que, we'll have a hot grill but you bring your own drinks and meat and grill it yourselves. Also, bring a side dish, appetizer, salad or desert for the potluck portion of the meal. We will most likely meet about 10 am for the ride and eat about 3 pm. Pring chairs, too. Aspsp>		Hight Desert Trail Riders
7/4/2018	7/4/2018	05:30AM - 09:00AM	Emerald Empire Bristow Potluck and ride			Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
7/5/2018	7/5/2018	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO President Call	Dial 712-451-1093 to join the monthly presidents call, a recorded voice will ask then for a Access Code, enter 736109 pound sign.		BCHO State Calendar
7/8/2018	7/9/2018		TRBCHO Prize Ride		Horning Seed Orchard, 27004 S Sheckly Rd, Colton, OR 97017, USA	Territorial Riders BCH Chapter
7/9/2018	7/9/2018	06:30PM - 07:30PM	ECBCH mtg		Bend Black Bear Diner, 1465 NE 3rd St, Bend, OR 97701, USA	East Cascades BCH Chapter
7/13/2018	7/14/2018		Fish Pack Jim Icenbice 541-892- 2647	Directions and info to follow.	Blue Lake trailhead	Hight Desert Trail Riders
7/13/2018	7/16/2018		Emerald Empire Robinson-Tenas Lakes Campout/trail work	Jean Clancey 541-484-0927	Robinson Lake Trailhead, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
7/14/2018	7/15/2018		Fish Pack Jim Icenbice 541-892- 2647	Directions and info to follow.	Blue Lake trailhead	Hight Desert Trail Riders
7/15/2018	7/16/2018		Fish Pack Jim Icenbice 541-892- 2647	Directions and info to follow.	Blue Lake trailhead	Hight Desert Trail Riders

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