



# The Highline

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## Making a Difference: Oregon Caves National Monument & Preserve

Submitted by: Joy Trevey-Lowel, Sourdough Chapter BCHO

This is a good story, so kick off your boots and get comfortable.

Our newly reformed chapter became aware of the ongoing Oregon Caves expansion plan two years ago. Just like Mammoth Cave National Park, Oregon Caves includes many miles of (above ground) trails throughout the park's backcountry. The plan was for Oregon Caves National Monument to expand by 4,070 acres to include existing U.S. Forest Service land in order to protect the entire watershed (the boundaries of the "Preserve") that feeds into the famous caves. Our response would be during the second comment period to the two alternatives put forward by the National Park Service. These alternatives were: A, The agency would do nothing and recreational opportunities would remain the same; or B, Enhance visitor opportunities by improving campgrounds and trails etc.

The Park Service was recommending Alternative B. Enhance opportunities! I read every word of the first 100 pages until it delved into Latin terms for plant species. On two of the pages it said, 'there would no longer be overnight camping for stock use'. My question was, how is it they are enhancing opportunities and removing them at the same time? There were plans for hikers, cyclists, bird watchers and even hunters to camp in improved facilities. For horsemen, the opportunities were so difficult that it rendered using this area less desirable and fairly non-existent.

Allow me to explain, I used to live in the Cave Junction area, and it was no easy feat getting up there for a day ride, even as a local. There were steep switchbacks to negotiate and often the drive and saddling would be a two hour event. Can you imagine your average Joe driving in and getting there around noon, needing to ride in and out before dark? I have ridden to the Historic Sucker Creek Cabin where there is a year round spring running into a trough for horses to get a drink, spent about 45 minutes and ridden back out only to finish in the summer twilight. How was that going to work for others and why were they limiting only equestrian recreational opportunities?



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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...**

### **Columbia Gorge Chapter**

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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### **Sourdough Chapter**

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

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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.

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### **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

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## *Continuation of cover story*

What you don't know about this area is that there is no other place like it on earth. There are species of wildflowers only found there. Old growth timber and sweeping views of whole fields of Lupine and Indian Paint brush flowers set in green grass that was so bright, it almost looks fake. Most horsemen would be losing something they did not even know they had, because access was to be so difficult, they would likely not bother to go there. I scoured every National Park Service document I could pull up, none of the Stock Use documents were available. The Antiquities Act held no clues, all the biology documents did not refer to horses. Where was the documentation for removing our overnight opportunities?

Our chapter attended the local meetings held so the public could engage the Park Service rangers with questions about 'Proposed Plan B.' Yet our questions didn't seem to create any real mutual understanding. We picked up an unfounded rumor that 'A horse had gotten loose and gone a mile uphill along a Hiker Only trail, defecated and created non-native weed seed which had been found there.' Yet no non-native weed seed had been found on any of the horse trails.

The fact is that non-native weed seeds also can be spread by the wind, flowing water, and from hiking shoes, and bike and car tires. But here, horses were being blamed for weeds along a trail they had never used? This thing was starting to be a burr inside my boot.

Sure, we were told we could drive to Forest Service land and camp there. The problem with that is these high mountain roads are narrow with steep drops that follow the curvature of the mountain which means little line of sight. Setting up a horse camp on a mountain road can be dangerous with blind turns, etc.

I was to meet with Dan Applebaker of BCH Oregon. He knew the area well, having grown up here. Dan said, 'we would hash things out at his kitchen table'. The Lord had other plans though and took him home the day before our meeting.

I searched for the original response by BCHO and BCHA during the first comment period. Had they detected the real agenda planned for horsemen? The writer was positive, respectful and able to convey that the ideals of BCHA & BCHO were one in the same as the Park Service, 'to enjoy the beauty and to leave it as it was found'. A beautifully written response, but it did not address the problem we were to have as horsemen (if this Proposal went through in its current form). My hope was that this writer, Randy Rasmussen, BCHA's Director for Public Lands & Recreation, would be willing to work with me on this. Someone with the experience to address this issue without creating offense. BCHO's president, Jerry Bentz, was able to put him in touch with me.

Randy spoke with the Oregon Caves Acting Superintendent and confirmed what I had told him. It seemed the agency had 'an unconscious bias'. Randy felt that BCHO and BCHA needed to come alongside our Sourdough chapter in order to respond most effectively. He asked if he could be the one to write the comment as time was running out before the comment period was to close. Randy also spoke with the office of U.S. Senator Ron Wyden and was able have them make inquiries directly with the Acting Superintendent. These conversations may have helped sway the outcome in our favor, but I believe it was Randy's expertise that turn this thing around. Here's what was recently shared with us on the outcome of the Environmental Assessment for the Oregon Caves National Monument expansion.

"Some minor changes were made to the selected action based on public review of the EA. These include not requiring a permit for equestrian use, including the potential for front country overnight use by equestrians..."

There will always be those we can learn from, and thankfully, BCHO and BCHA organizations are filled with superb leaders and teachers. The Sourdough Chapter is so fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful group of people willing to help one another. This is necessary in order to uphold the ideals of enjoying our great public lands and wilderness areas now and in the future. We can't win every battle, but we can try to win the ones that matter most. I believe Dan Applebaker would have been pleased.



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# A Letter from the BCHO President

Submitted by: Duane Miller, Dr-Miller@msn.com 541-619-0693.

For those that could not attend the annual meeting in Prineville on March 23 the body elected me as the new president of BCHO. I want to thank you for this honor and let the membership know that I'm proud to serve you in this capacity. I have big boots to fill following Jerry Bentz six years of service to the organization. I would like to thank him once again for all he has done for BCHO. I would also like to thank Phil and Laurie Hufstader for their 17 years of service to BCHO, both are stepping down from the positions they have held for so long.

I need to also thank the people who taking on positions with BCHO, Casey Hufstader - President Elect and National Director, Leanord Smith - President Nominee, Michelle Moran - Treasuer, Joy Singer - Secretary, Bert Morris-Fundraising/Grants, Saw Recertification, Becky Wolfe - Education/LNT, Becky Hope - Membership, Sara Lagasse and Shelly Williams - Newsletter, Dave Price - Legislative, Jerry Bentz - National Director/ BCHA National Director Public Lands, the BCHO MEMBERSHIP. Without all of you helping in the ways you do, this organization would not be the great one it is. THANK YOU! I also have to thank all the chapter officers for filling the positions they are in and helping in all the activities they are involved with.



For those that could not attend the State meeting due the date change I wish you could have been there, we had another great get together and it was nice to meet with members we hadn't seen in awhile.

I will take this opportunity to pass on those that were unable to attend or had to leave early. In the afternoon we had a round table discussion for the members to express where they would like to see BCHO go in the next to years. Below is included the comment areas that were made and the agenda goals I presented to the group.

## Expansion:

N.E. Oregon

## Recruiting:

Youth Corps

College Students

High School Students (*Emphasis on youths and their paths when they become adults*)

OHSET and being members of BCHO. Youth Activities.

FFA

4-H Clubs

Church Youth Groups

Non horse - Associate Members Added skill sets= legal, administrative, grant writing, publicity, marketing, etc,

Other organizations: Rocky Mtn. Elk Foundation, Ore, Hunters Assoc. Back Country

Hunters and Anglers, etc.

Discover Your Forest



## Forest Service:

Wilderness Permit System Proposal

Code Of Federal Register- Horse Camps/ Stock and Pack Stock only

Fire Money- removed from CMTL Budget

Roads

Horse Trailer Parking at Trailheads

## BCHO Chapters:

Economic contributions we provide to our local and the state economy, equipment bought, Vehicles, trailers, feed, hay, vet bills, etc. we need to have this information to show how much we contribute on top of volunteer hours.

How many miles of trail maintained now?

How many miles can realistically be done?

How many horse camps maintained?

How many can we do?

News articles for Highline

Chapter reports to Highline

Communications between chapters - share info to help with issues, problems, projects

Publicity

## BCHO/OET memberships:

Joint projects- trails, horse camps, marketing, publicity, legislative

Joint Funding/Grants

This a large list of items for us all to think about, analyze and work toward. All of the chapters are doing positive things that are contributing positive results to the recreation areas of our great state. With all of the issues surrounding public lands and funding to maintain these resources it is at times hard not have a negative attitude. I encourage you to look at these issues in this way, to this point our membership and organization have met challenges head on and found ways to have positive outcomes in many ways. Our best approach is to continue to move forward taking on issues and challenges look at the negative and find ways to turn it positive and move forward in the way we always do because we like what we do and do it for the right reasons. I look forward to being the President of BCHO and doing what it takes to keep this organization the great organization and group of people it is. This is how you can contact me--- Dr-Miller@msn.com or 541-619-0693.

Thank You


Duane Miller

President BCHO

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# Come to the Trails Rec Expo

Submitted by: Kelly Behr, Chairperson of the Trails & Recreation Expo 2019

*"Nobody cares how much you know, until they know how much you care". -Teddy Roosevelt*

When thinking back on our school lessons regarding history, you can't leave out thoughts regarding Roosevelt. From becoming our 26th President to cartoons drawn over him hunting a bear, or his boxing injury when he was president leaving him blind in one eye to his heroics as a Rough Rider in the American – Spanish war.

The interesting facts regarding Roosevelt are many, but most interesting part for me was his ability to think into the future regarding our national lands. In 1902, along with others, he was able to set aside 230 million acres under federal protection, some 150 million acres went on to become National Parks. His sole idea was to conserve forests for continued use.

Continued use of those protected lands is "the what and why" we work all year long to create an event for the public. This years Trails & Recreation Expo held May 3-5, 2019 will be geared to greater education for all users of these protected lands. We have changed our agenda, rolled our sleeves up and put on our thinking caps to create and promote an event that is first fun and foremost educational. In fact, the cover of our program will lead you directly to a trailhead. This cover can be removed and saved.

We created a small arena on the lower dirt floor with bleachers for easier watching. We will have demonstrations for the weekend or day rider on: proper etiquette when meeting a bicycle on the trail, shooting a firearm from your horse and this year the Stillwell arena will have a Cowboy Shooting Competition. Our small arena will also feature Clay Wright Horsemanship who teaches balance, unity and harmony with your horse. For the hikers and backpackers we have bike etiquette, along with what to carry for first aid, GPS vs phone applications, proper choice of a firearm, and choosing a backpacking stove, along with vendors carrying various outdoor equipment.

Five of our six demonstration areas are all interactive, meaning you will be able to be hands on. You will see a camp set up and interact with the camp host most of the day. How about tying a high line for your horse? Yes, you will be able to hands on tie it off, so step into the demo area and learn from our many volunteers. Or bring your horse in for a personalized saddle fit, I did year before last and was appalled at how badly my saddle fit my horse and mule.

Dutch oven cooking all day! This year in the far back corner we will be cooking up a storm. Different cooks showing off their ways they prefer and even a class on backpacking stove cooking. Jeremy and I will be doing our own cooking class on Sunday, poor guy just needs help....lol....So if you need to brush up on your dutch oven skills, grab a spot on the bleachers and start asking questions.

The middle of our lower dirt arena will have our barrels for practice with tying off the ropes to keep your load on tight if you are packing. We will also have a pack string demonstration so you can learn to tie off the load on a mule.

Kids corral will have a "mini horse pack string", I can hardly wait to see those little kid's eyes with those ponies. We will also have a photo booth set up in the kid's corral "to capture those moments". Stick ponies for the kids and our famous stick pony parade.

Talent contest on Friday night, so tune your talent and come on down and our active fun live auction and delicious dinner on Saturday night. Visit our vendors, who have traveled many miles to bring you the things you need for a wonderful outdoor experience.

The millions of acres that Teddy Roosevelt had a hand in setting aside, is the main reason we put forth the effort on our Expo. To teach and educate the public for free is one of our missions as a Non-Profit Backcountry Horsemen Chapter. We not only ride for fun, we assist our local Forest Service by packing in the loads of equipment, personal gear or even bridge building material so our trails can stay open for equine and hiking groups. Learning to tie down a load that may have shovels, axes, backpacks, gravel or beams we all turn to Betty Applebaker, a retired Forest Service Packer and expert on tying anything on. We have six sets of volunteers that work all summer long assisting our federal agencies by packing in various loads, Anthony Benedetti our Forest Service Recreation Officer states they can clear 36% more trail with our help. If you want to learn to pack or are a packer you are always welcome. Day riders are always needed on these day pack rides for holding animals or watching for balanced packs. We even dedicate one week of cooking to the Pacific Crest Trail Association Skills College.

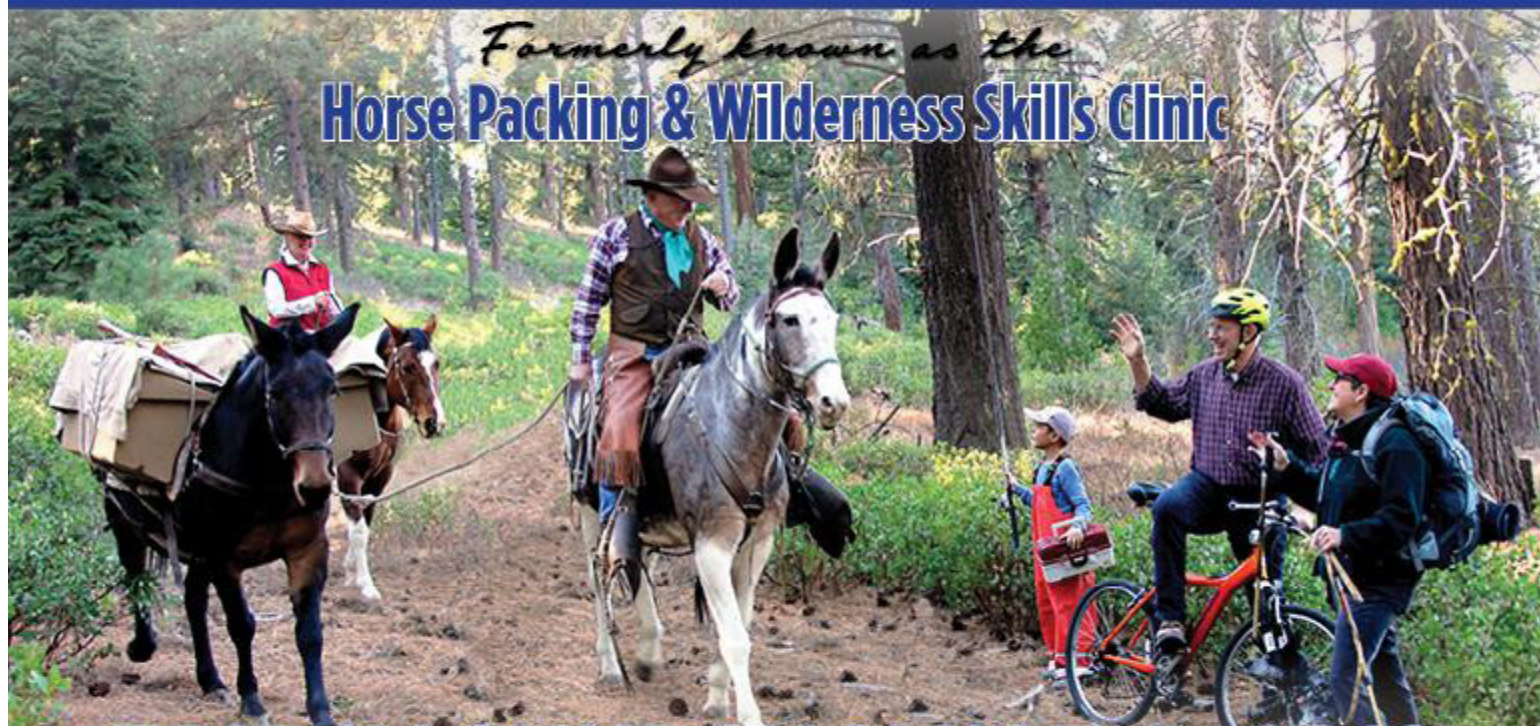
This event is our annual fund raiser, it allows us the ability to bring in the speakers, rent the facility and put on a fun filled weekend of educational seminars. Our fund raising also allows us to purchase needed equipment or buy decking materials for trail bridges in need of repair. So don't be fooled, that we just like to ride, we ride to assist the federal agencies so all hikers, backpackers and equine groups can stroll down these trails and cross the bridges safely.



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Trail Etiquette - Sharing Trails with  
Bikers, Hikers and Horsemen

### FRIDAY

Doors Open  
12:00 Noon

- ★ Private Party Horse & Mule Sale
- ★ Crosscut Saw Instruction for Wilderness Trails
- ★ Free Saddle Fitting
- ★ Clay Wright - Horsemanship

### FRIDAY EVENING

Open to  
the Public

- ★ Talent Show

### SATURDAY

Doors Open  
8:00 AM

- ★ Educational and Interactive Seminars on Camping, Riding & Trail Skills
- ★ Crosscut Saw Competition
- ★ Kentucky Derby Party
- ★ Mounted Cowboy Shooting Competition

### SATURDAY

Cont.

- ★ Free Saddle Fitting
- ★ Private Party Horse & Mule Sale

### SATURDAY EVENING

Open to  
the Public

- ★ BBQ Dinner  
No-host bar - 5:30 pm, Dinner - 6:00 pm
- ★ Silent Auction • Live Auction

### SUNDAY

Doors Open  
8:00 AM

- ★ Private Party Horse & Mule Sale
- ★ Educational and Interactive Seminars on Camping, Riding & Trail Skills
- ★ Free Saddle Fitting
- ★ Mounted Cowboy Shooting Competition

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# Gibson Prairie Horse Camp Improvements

Submitted by: Joy Senger, Columbia Gorge Chapter

In 2018 the Columbia Gorge chapter was awarded a Recreational Trails Project (RTP) Grant for trailhead improvements at the Gibson Prairie Horse Camp in the Mt Hood National Forest. This camp has been maintained by the Columbia Gorge chapter since it was built in 2002 which has allowed it to be kept fee and reservation free. The Surveyor's Ridge trail (#688) is across the road to the west and there are trails to the east of camp that were built by chapter members with the blessing of the Hood River Ranger District in years past.

A major issue with the camp was limited parking space other than at each of the three campsites. That meant that day riders could be taking up space for campers or a full camp leaving no room for day riders. The grant allowed us to improve the entrance road to accommodate today's larger trailers and overflow parking as well as site improvements at each campsite. Parking spots were leveled and gravel was added to the corrals.

Four new fire rings were purchased to replace the rings of stacked rocks. They will be set in place with rebar and concrete in 2019.

The Forest Service allowed us access to a rock pit and 80 ton of pit run rock was hauled in for the base and 20 ton of gravel for the road, parking surfaces and corrals.

Eight chapter members logged 96 hours of work time for the project to date, not counting the hours spent by Ken Hansen writing the grant request. Our thanks to Ken, the RTP committee, the USFS Barlow/Hood River Ranger Districts and Beam Excavating of Hood River for all of the help and opportunity to improve a very special place and access to the wonderful trails on Surveyor's Ridge.





# Recipes to Share

Submitted by: Brenda Cordonnier

For those of you who were unable to attend the BCHO Winter Convention on March 23, you missed a wonderful weekend with friends, lots of valuable information, speakers, and not to mention the great chili made by Jerry Benz and the amazing dinner provided by the members (lots of Dutch Oven entrees and desserts). Thank you all! Some of the members asked me for a couple of recipes. So here they are. Enjoy!

## APRICOT JALAPENO JELLY

### INGREDIENTS:

½ cup Jalapeno peppers, stems and seeds removed  
1 large red bell pepper, stems and seeds removed  
2 cups cider vinegar  
1 ½ cup dried apricots, finely chopped  
6 cups sugar  
3 ounces liquid pectin  
Red food coloring if desired



### DIRECTIONS:

Put jalapenos, bell pepper, & vinegar in blender. Puree 'til coarsely ground and small chunks remain. Combine apricots, sugar, jalapeno/vinegar mixture in large saucepan. Bring to a boil. Boil rapidly for 5 min. Remove from heat and skim off foam. Allow to cool for 2 min. Then mix in pectin and food color if desired.

Pour into sterilized jars, seal with hot lids, and cool. (Can be processed in a hot water bath for 10 min) If jars are Very hot and lids have been heated in very hot to boiling water the jars should seal. If not do a hot water bath. I also make this jelly with dried cherries, cranberries, pineapple, etc. It is always delicious. Can adjust heat with more peppers or a few hotter peppers. ENJOY! -- From the kitchen of Brenda Crocker in the wilderness!

## CELERY SEED DRESSING

### INGREDIENTS:

½ cup sugar  
¼ cup vinegar  
1 tsp. dry mustard  
2/3 cup salad oil  
1 tsp salt  
1 tbsp. celery (or) poppy seeds  
1 tbsp. chopped onion  
Can add paprika for color-I don't.



### DIRECTIONS:

Wire whip or put in a blender and thoroughly blend. I like spinach, mandarin oranges or cranberries, candied Pecans, thin slices of red onion, bacon bits and chopped boiled egg. May have your favorite cheese to top it off.

# Joint Resolution From BCHO & BCHW Concerning Our Wilderness Trails

Submitted by: Dave Price

Do you remember when the Joint resolution was approved by BCHO and BCHW late last year? Most of us have lost track of what the Resolution is and what it is for. This is to refresh our memories as to the resolution and its progress. WHAT IS IT? There are many Wilderness areas in Oregon and Washington, about 50 at the last count, some small, and some large, and there are about 6500 miles of Wilderness trails in them. Trails are a important life blood part for us, and at this point there are about 25% of these trails that are USABLE to us. The rest continue to disappear and become forgotten.

All Wilderness areas are based on one single act, The Wilderness Act of 1964. The act lays out management parameters, what's allowed and what's not. The act clearly specifies that these areas are for our use , and Trails are an important part of achieving this objective.

Maintenance of these trails has become a concern and issue. This has happened due to many reasons, Primarily budget, and Forest Service commitment prevent a complete trail system to serve the public and meet Wilderness objectives. This problem was recognized in the act itself and was referenced as "MINIMUM REQUIREMENT" or MRA as we know it. The Act recognized that problems maintaining this trail system would be a problem at times, and even though primitive tools were the specified norm it often took other means to accomplish the job. Thus the MRA was born. MRA's are common in our Wilderness areas and it is used for Helicopters, Rock drills ,and yes even Chainsaws when the situation required more help in meeting objectives.

So what's the problem? The MRA process, has become more difficult to do, and there is more reluctance on the part of the Wilderness Managers to do a MRA, which might involve mechanized equipment, either due to personal beliefs or a lack of concern as to if we have a trail system or not. Thus there is a reluctance by the manager to use the process, and if they do, they refuse to consider ALL ALTERNATIVES in figuring out how to get the job done. To pull together what the problem is we find that FIRM DIRECTION, and ACCOUNTABILITY are missing from the management direction from the very top to Regions and on down the line, consequently on the ground results do not always happen.

The Resolution addresses these issues, it is NOT a we "want chain saws" document. Instead the Resolution requests an HONEST use of the MRA process and evaluate ALL ALTERNATIVES to achieve management objectives. Consider the main purpose of our Wilderness areas. They are for the use of the American public, that's what the act says, but present management of these areas prevents that from happening. The Resolution is an attempt to move back toward the Objective of the Wilderness Act.

The resolution is to be presented to the BCHA annual meeting for approval in April. Once that happens the Resolution is to be hand delivered to the Chief of the Forest Service for the all important follow up by them to the organization. This is an important document for BCH, and as things get tougher in the Wilderness trail situation, the document becomes crucial for our most important reason for existence-----TRAILS!

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## **The Back Country Horsemen of Oregon's and The Back Country Horsemen of Washington's Resolution Concerning the Use of MRA's in Wilderness**

**Whereas** The Back Country Horsemen of Oregon (BCHO) and The Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) are members of the Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA). The mission of BCHA, in part, is to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness areas to assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

**And whereas** BCHO and BCHW recognize that existing wilderness areas provide the greatest opportunity for horsemen to enjoy a high-quality backcountry pack and saddle recreation experience.

**And whereas** BCHO and BCHW feel that assuring that wilderness remains accessible to all traditional users is the best way to ensure that the American people will continue to support the National Wilderness Preservation System.

**And whereas** BCHO and BCHW notes that the General Accountability Office Report (GAO-13-618) of June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 states: "the Forest Service has more miles of trail than it has been able to maintain, resulting in a persistent maintenance backlog with a range of negative effects". The Report also states, "at least some maintenance was accomplished on 37% of its 158,000 miles of trail and that only 25% met the agency's standards, ... with some officials [reporting] that some trails had not received any maintenance in the last 10 years."

**And whereas** BCHO and BCHW understand that trail project and maintenance funds have been cut to the bone, many trails are maintained late in the season or not maintained at all, and decommissioning of some trails is being considered because they are not being maintained.

**And whereas** BCHO and BCHW contend that the Forest Service's reluctance to consider all legal alternatives to resolve the trail maintenance backlog has contributed to the size of the backlog and, in so doing, the agency has chosen to elevate its bias for relying on primitive methodology above the mandate of law which requires that wilderness be managed in a manner that leaves "them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness..." (P.L. 88-577 S2).

**And whereas** BCHO and BCHW understand that a recent Forest Service news release stated that the number of wildfires on public lands has doubled and the acreage has tripled since 1980. Both the increased occurrence and size of wildfires, and the unprecedented impact of the pine beetle, will further exacerbate the conditions described in the GAO report.

**And whereas** BCHO and BCHW understand that volunteer trail maintenance is a tremendous help in keeping our trails open and allowing for equestrian use, and that BCHO and BCHW and other BCHA states spend thousands of hours and out of pocket expense in that effort.

***And whereas*** BCHO and BCHW recognize that the Forest Service has a process in place – the Minimum Requirements Decision Guide – for guiding the agency in making the determination of what constitutes the appropriate tool for accomplishing projects to meet the purposes outlined in the Wilderness Act.

***And whereas*** BCHO and BCHW further recognize that the following language in both the Wilderness Act and Forest Service policy provide the flexibility to consider the alternative of using motorized equipment for trail maintenance (to the extent that it is the minimum necessary action for accomplishing the purposes of the Act).

Public Law 88-577, S4c: “except as necessary to meet minimum requirements for the administration of the area for the purpose of this Act ... there shall be no temporary road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment or motorboats ...”

***And whereas*** the current culture of the Forest Service is to rely almost exclusively on primitive or traditional methods to manage the trail system. If the nature of the problem is too severe to be resolved by primitive means, or resources are not available to accomplish the task in the preferred manner, the problem commonly goes unresolved and the trail(s) eventually become unusable -- ‘functionally closed’ -- or are removed from the system.

***Therefore, let it be resolved*** that BCHA requests of the US Forest Service that within two years of the following catastrophic events that render a trail unusable by pack and saddle stock (when such use has been identified as appropriate in previously established Trail Management Objectives), a Minimum Requirements Analysis (MRA) process be initiated to restore the affected trails to an acceptable Design Parameter as established in the Forest Service Directives System.

- a. A wildland fire has closed portions of a wilderness trail.
- b. A wind event has closed portions of a wilderness trail.
- c. Any natural event has occurred and closed portions of a wilderness trail.

***Further let it be resolved*** that BCHA requests that a similar process be initiated if a wilderness trail has not been maintained for a period of two years and is effectively closed to pack and saddle stock use.

***And also let it be finally resolved*** that BCHA strongly suggests that the US Forest Service Washington DC Office consider all reasonable actions to remove cultural barriers that interfere with the timely and efficient analysis of all legally acceptable methods of maintaining and reconstructing wilderness trails, complying with the mandate of “administering [wilderness] for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness” (P.L. 88-577), and “narrowing the gap between program needs and resources” as recommended by the General Accountability Office Report (GAO-13-618).

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# So Many Thanks, Jerry Bentz!

Jerry had a long 6 year run with the BCHO Presidency, 4 years as the Vice President and this is how he felt when he was done!

Jerry brought our organization to the forefront by forging the great working relationship we have with the Back Country Horsemen of Washington as we address the maintenance and access issues with the U.S. Forest Service. Oregon and Washington make up Forest Service Region 6, so they are the ones we deal with concerning public land. By working together with Washington, we have one voice with many more members.

Our work in public lands is what keeps our access to trails, recognition of our historic use and recognition as THE equestrian organization to confer with regarding recreation management decisions. Jerry follows Dan's footsteps and passion as the state public lands chairman and has taken it to a new level as the BCHA Public Lands Chairman. As we travel down this road under his new national leadership, more grassroots involvement will take place and hopefully continue our equestrian recreation on public lands.

Thank you, Jerry, for who you are and what you have accomplished for the Back Country Horsemen of Oregon. You are greatly appreciated and hope you don't look so wiped out in your new role! - *Betty Applebaker*



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# Thank You, Phil & Laurie Hufstader


Submitted by: Jerry Bentz

After many years of service on the BCHO Board of Directors, both Phil and Laurie have decided to give up their positions. Phil served as National Director for sixteen years. Laurie also served for sixteen years as Treasurer. That means that they started in their positions in 2002, that was a long time ago. Phil also served as one of our Vice Presidents for several terms.

Thank you!

The Hufstader's always did a great job and were eager to help when ask. I could tell a few stories but it would be better if those remained untold. I will say this though, the Hufstader's are part of the reason BCHO has been successful over the years. Phil and Laurie are still going to be around and remain active in the High Country Wilderness Packers chapter. If you see Phil or Laurie tell them how much you appreciate all of the work, they have done for BCHO.

## Volunteer Hours Report

Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon				
Volunteer Hours Report for 2018				
All Chapters				
Oct. 1, 2017 to Sep. 31, 2018				
	Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	1,215	\$24.69	\$ 29,998.35	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	4,377	\$37.04	\$ 162,102.20	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	308	\$24.69	\$ 7,592.18	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	3,334	\$24.69	\$ 82,316.46	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	317	\$24.69	\$ 7,826.73	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	1,220	\$24.69	\$ 30,109.46	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	3,248	\$24.69	\$ 80,193.12	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>14,018</b>			
Wilderness Trail Miles	379			
Other Trail Miles	123			
<b>Total Trail Miles</b>	<b>502</b>			
Personal Vehicle	40,822	\$0.90	\$ 36,739.80	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	42,079	\$1.10	\$ 46,286.90	Calculated per mile
<b>Total Travel Miles</b>	<b>82,901</b>			
Power Equipment	40	\$26.00	\$ 1,040.00	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	11	\$81.00	\$ 891.00	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Equipment Hours</b>	<b>51</b>			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	510			
Total Stock Days	837	\$100.00	\$ 83,700.00	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$2,257.00		\$ 2,257.00	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 571,053.19</b>	





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# Emerald Empire's Productive Year

Submitted by: Jean Clancey



*Trail Crew on Scott Mountain*

Emerald Empire Chapter had a productive and fun 2018. Our activities pretty well fall into four areas: education, agency relationships, work parties, and fun.

For EDUCATION, we continue to participate in Lane County-wide “Play in the Rain” Day. We teach simple LNT concepts to children, introduce them to handling horses, and inform parents of ways in which we minimize stock impact in the back country with highlining and hobbling demonstrations. A scavenger hunt for kids teaches “leave what you find” and “pack it out” with litter.

Five members enjoyed an LNT pack-in to the Mink Lake Basin for four nights. LNT Principles were carefully followed, and even seasoned packers learned something new.

Weather was perfect, and the high mountain lakes never saw women having so much fun. One day-ride included map and compass cross country navigation. It was a blast!

AGENCY RELATIONSHIPS were strengthened through attendance at multiple Southwest Willamette Forest Collaborative meetings. Equestrian interests are well represented on the Middle Fork RD. The SWFC has established a recreation sub-committee which our members attend and press for stock rights on multiuser trails. Results of our efforts include three replacement bridges and other improvements on the Middle Fork Willamette and Lower Lawler trails.

EEBCHO members participate in OET/BCH Summit meetings, and our chapter helped purchase and distribute a thousand “Share the Trail” brochures.

The McKenzie Ranger District will be issuing an EIS for the “Flatlands Project” including thinning and fuels reduction treatment over 5000 acres. Members are attending meetings and public tours of the project area in order to protect trailheads and roads we use to access the Mt. Washington Wilderness.

We took Deschutes and Crescent RD staff on a ride into the Diamond Peak Wilderness to lay out plans for the PCT to Yoran Lake cutoff trail.

WORK PARTIES included our annual PreSolve beach clean-up. Hundreds of pounds of garbage were removed from Baker Beach. Our horses are champs in strong winds, rain, amid flapping plastic bags. We work with the USFS on this one.

A large group, including many young people, camped out and worked for three days on the PCT from Hwy 58 to Divide Lake trail. It was a good year — lots and lots of big logs to cut out. Mission accomplished!

Our annual commitment to clearing the southwest end of the Mt. Washington Wilderness was successful up to a point. We cleared eight miles of trail until folks started suffering from the extreme heat. We turned back short of our goal but enjoyed a cooling swim in Robinson Lake. The third day we trailered to the Tenas Lakes trailhead and cleared another five miles into the Wilderness. Note the photo of proud EEBCH members lined up on top of Scott Mountain. Two months



later we returned to finish the job.

As for FUN, well, all of the above could be considered as such. Clearing trail IS fun, right? But strictly meant for fun were a campout at Graham Corral together with Eugene OET in early spring, a Fourth of July potluck and trail obstacle challenge, and our annual Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange.

I am proud to be current president of Emerald Empire Chapter of this local, state and national service organization. What a bunch of committed, hardworking, and fun-loving horsemen and women!



*Trail Crew on PCT*



*New bridge on the Middle Fork Willamette Trail*



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# Sourdough Contributions – March 2019



Submitted by: Penelope Wright

## Kicking Off 2019

Sourdough held their first General Meeting of 2019 on Saturday, February 9th. “Why a Saturday?” you might ask. Well there’s a very good reason for that, because this was no ordinary GM. We kicked off the year with a bit of a warm up for ourselves and our steeds.

A vital part of the day was to vote in new members to the Board. We are delighted to welcome Cate Bendock as President, David Browne as Vice President, and Marritt Moser as Treasurer. Our Board just gets stronger and stronger and we are looking forward to a productive 2019.

Then the fun began! Out came the giant soccer ball and we let loose the quadrupeds. Horses, a mule, and even some mini donkeys. And finally, we filled our bellies with hot chili. A great start to the year, greeting old and new members to the Sourdough Chapter!

## West Fork Trail, Cave Junction, OR

On a chilly, but sunny, Saturday morning on March 9th, a trail crew of seven strong Sourdough members met at West Forks Trail in the Illinois Valley, outside Cave Junction, and cleared 4.5 miles of winter deadfall. West Forks Trail is a beautiful Equestrian and Hiker trail, originally designed and built by the Sourdough Chapter members. It has suffered from a little neglect in the last few years and needed some help from us to clear away overgrowth and trees that have fallen across the trails.

Luckily a couple of our certified sawyers came out so we were able to clear some larger trees from the trail. Due to a large Widow Maker we had to re-route part of the trail, but it is now passable and safe! We also cleared overhead, low branches up to ten feet so riders can pass comfortably.

We finished up with Chili and cornbread at the Trailhead, and a chance to catch up on the work achieved. A follow up day is planned for April 13th, to finish up the work at the far end of the trail. Then we will be able to ride almost 7 miles of trails!!







# BCHO Hot Shot

## Saw Team (HSST)

Submitted by: Bert Morris

The Saw Team which formed up in 2017, got busy with some projects in 2018. We started with a project on the North Fork John Day River Trail by way of a request from the Trails Supervisor in the USFS District office there, in late May. The project consisted of logging out 24.5 miles of wilderness trail and 5 miles of non-wilderness on the river trail. Since there was road access to both ends of the trail, we attack it from both ends to try and reduce very long rides. As it turned out, we still logged a lot of ridding miles, ie a 20 mile day and two 30 mile days in the saddle. With windfalls thinly scattered over the length of the trail, we did a lot more riding then sawing, but ended with the trail entirely open and the District Ranger and Trail Supervisor seemed very pleased with the result. And now the numbers: 7 volunteers, 102 hrs unskilled, 150 hrs skilled, 3112 miles stock hauling and 17 stock days.



*Eric Dahl HSST and Barrett Meisenheimer saw recruit, bucking on the NFJD River Trail*

Next up was a recon trip to Crater Lake NP to look at the Bald Crater Loop trail which was cut short by a mechanical problem with our towing vehicle. The end result was the riding stock got a 475 mile trailer ride over a very long day and the project got put off until this year.

Mid July took us to the Paradise Park trail on My Hood which is a main feeder trail to the PCT. The PCT caretaker for the feeder trail had made the request for assistance in the project. They had a significant wind event near the top which completely closed the trail with several hundred large trees across the trail over less than a mile of the trail. We were joined by two different USFS saw teams that worked with us for 3 of the 6 days that we were there. We camped at the TH and were supported by the HSST's outstanding cook and camp manager, Jim Kitzhaber. After a 12 mile round trip commute to the work site each day, it was a real treat to come back to cold drinks, snacks and an outstanding meal served up. We had lots of complex bucking situations as much of the timber was 30 to 36

inches and they were stacked 2-3 trees deep in many places. Between the USFS and the HSST, working over those many days, we advanced just over a third of a mile of trail and didn't quite get it completed. It is on our list to get back up there and finish it this coming summer. And now the numbers: 157 hrs unskilled, 240 hrs skilled, 1000 miles stock hauling and 33 stock days.

September found the HSST working on the Bowerman Trail which connects the Eight Lakes Basin to Marion lake. The trail had been completely closed for several years

due to neglect. The project was planned over several months with financial and pack support from OET. A camp was set up near Jörn Lake, in Eights lakes basin, a seven mile trip in from Duffy Lake Trailhead. With dedicated camp and cooking support, the saw team worked to the North towards the Minto Pass trail and Marion Lake. The HSST recruited seven potential new members who were willing to help and learn how to saw. Along with the more

experienced saw team members, 12 of us headed into the wilderness. Several of the new recruits were from the "under 30" category. It was a real joy to have that much young energy on the team. After five long days of sawing and close to 300 logs removed from the trail, we were out of food and energy. Also, we found as we got closer to the end of the project the logs got thicker and bigger. The result is that we made a "tactical retreat" to make a new plan to finish the project. The finish came a couple of weeks later with six of us camping at the Marion Lake TH, and making an eight mile round trip commute into the North end if the project. After a couple more days of work, we met up with our stopping point from the earlier part of the project. And now the numbers, 580+ hrs skilled and unskilled, 810 miles of stock hauling and 38 stock days.

So, what's up for 2019? Along with completing Paradise Park and Crater Lake projects, we are hoping to return to the Bowerman Trail to ensure that this trail stays open and



also maybe adding a few miles on the Marion Lake to Lake of the Woods trail. If you have a project that you need saw support help with, let us know. The earlier in the season the better in order to get it on our very busy schedule. The HSST will do cross cut or chain saw work and are always looking for new trails or challenging situations to take on. We are also planning a project in July on the Miman River Trail in the Eagle Caps wilderness working with a local group of sawyers from that area.

If you want more information on the HSST, or if you would like to join us for a project, contact me at [mormmules@gmail.com](mailto:mormmules@gmail.com)

## Just Shut Up and Saw



Many of the younger saw recruits in camp at Jorm Lake after working on the Bowerman project.



Tim Lagasse HSST, admiring some of his work on the Paradise Park Trail.



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# Events Calendar

Event Start	Event End	Event Hours PST	Event Title	Event Description	Event Location	BCHO Calendar Name
4/25/19	4/28/19		Pacific Overland Expo and Auction	Join us for an educational & fun filled time! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See Farm Antiques &amp; Equipment</li> <li>Blacksmithing &amp; Leatherworking Demonstrations</li> <li>Stagecoach rides</li> <li>Vendors, Swap Meet, Food and much more!</li> </ul> Phone: 503-434-7524 Email: carroll@co.yamhill.or.us For more information visit: pacificoverlandauktion.com	2070 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville, OR 97128, USA	Public Equestrian Events
4/26/19	4/29/19		Emerald Empire/OET Graham Corral Horse Camping/Riding	info call 541-484-0927/ clanceyhome@pacinfo.com	Graham Corral Sister oregon	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
5/2/19	5/2/19	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
5/3/19	5/5/19	12:00AM - 04:00PM	HDTR Widemess Expo		Klamath County Fairgrounds, 3531 S 6th St, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, USA	BCHO State Calendar
5/3/19	5/6/19		West Cascade Trail Skills	Put on by PCTA and High Cascade Forest Volunteers for more information See HCFV website	Camp White Branch, 61500 McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413, USA	BCHO State Calendar
5/10/19	5/12/19		Southern Oregon Horse Fest	Sourdough will have a booth at the event	Josephine County Fairgrounds, Grants Pass, OR	Sourdough BCH Chapter
5/17/19	5/20/19		Emerald Chapter Cyrus Spring	practice with Trail Skills	Cyrus Spring, Oregon 97754, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
5/18/19	5/20/19		ECBCHO Camp out & Ride	Lee Fischer will lead a camp out and ride with all parties invited. Contact Lee at 541-4104495	to be determined	East Cascades BCH Chapter
5/19/19	5/20/19		Sourdough Trail Trial and Silent Auction	Registration: 8:00a.m., first riders out at 9:30a.m. This is a family fun event, not a sanctioned trail trial. After the long winter, start getting your horse back in shape for a summer of trail riding. There will be 8 to 10 obstacles to complete separated into two courses, both need to be completed. Horse and rider will be judged separately for a total score. Cost: \$15.00 for ages 15 and older, \$10.00 for 14 and under. First place prizes awarded to 18 years and older, 10 years to 17 years and 9 years and under. Need not be present to win. We will have Silent Auction items to bid on that are both horse and non-horse related items. Need not be present to win. There will be food available for purchase. Pre-registration will be available but not mandatory.	Pacific, A Garden in the Siskiyou, 14615 Water Gap Rd, Williams, OR.	Sourdough BCH Chapter
5/25/19	5/26/19		Sourdough - Trail Work		Bandersnatch Trail, Ashland, OR	Sourdough BCH Chapter
5/25/19	5/26/19		BCHO Newsletter Article Deadline			BCHO State Calendar
5/30/19	6/3/19		Allingham Trail Skill	Put on by PCTA and High Cascade Forest Volunteers for more information See HCFV website	Allingham Campground, Culver, OR 97734, USA	BCHO State Calendar
5/31/19	6/2/19		High Desert Horse Fest Sponsored by Oregon Horse Council	For more information please visit www.HighDesertHorseFest.com or Facebook.com/HighDesertHorseFest	Crook County Fairgrounds, 1280 Main St, Prineville, OR 97754, USA	Public Equestrian Events
6/1/19	6/2/19		BCHA Newsletter Article deadline			BCHO State Calendar
6/6/19	6/6/19	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
6/8/19	6/10/19		ECBCHO Camp out and Work Party	Please join the East Cascades Chapter of BCHO in the spring clean-up and repairs to this popular campground. Day 2 will see us logging out and doing maintenance chores on the Giddy-Up-Go trail that takes you into the Ochoco forest surrounds. Duane Miller will be leading and coordinating this event. Contact Duane at 541-619-0693 and let him know your intention to participate and find out more particulars.	Dry Creek campground in the Ochoco National Forest	East Cascades BCH Chapter
6/15/19	6/16/19		ECBCHO trail clearing of the 6 lakes trail	Come join the East Cascades chapter of BCHO in this effort to log out and maintain tread on the 6 Lakes trail that takes you from the Cascade Lakes Highway to the Pacific Crest Trail in the 3 Sisters Wilderness. Dennis Flaherty will lead this effort and can be reached for information and time to meet. Contact Dennis at 541-312-8402.	Participants will meet at the 6 Lakes trail head. Time to be determined.	East Cascades BCH Chapter
6/15/19	6/16/19		Sourdough - Trail Ride, Pot Luck Dinner		TBD	Sourdough BCH Chapter
6/21/19	6/24/19		Emerald Chapter and Mtn. Bikes/Bunch Grass Eugene to Crest trail	trail work and Pack support for Joint Mtn Bike and equestrian trail project on the Eugene to crest trail. info call 541-337-3138	Middle Fork Ranger Station - Willamette National Forest, 46375 OR-58, Westfir, OR 97492, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
6/27/19	6/30/19		Emerald Empire BCHO/Eugene OET Whitefish	Joint Campout and trail project at Whitefish campground near Crescent Lk	Whitefish camp oregon	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
6/29/19	7/1/19		ECBCHO trail clearing of the Met-Win	These dates have been set aside to complete our Volunteer efforts on the Metolius-Windigo trail, should we not finish in our earlier efforts. An inventory will be taken and an assessment of the work will be made prior to these dates. Dennis Flaherty shall lead this effort and can be reached by telephone at 541-312-8402.	The actual time and location will be announced at a future date once we know what needs to be completed on this popular trail.	East Cascades BCH Chapter
7/3/19	7/3/19	06:00PM - 08:00PM	Emerald Empire Chapter BCHO Ride/potluck	info Becky Hope 541-337-3138	Elijah Bristow State Park, Dexter, OR 97431, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
7/4/19	7/4/19	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
7/12/19	7/15/19		Emerald Empire PCT Willamette Pass Logout	For additional info call Becky Hope 541-337-3138	Pengra Pass, Oregon, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
7/13/19	7/14/19		ECBCHO trail clearing of the Met-Win	Come join our crew to clear any remaining portions needing work on the Metolius-Windigo trail. Dennis Flaherty will be leading this effort. Contact Dennis at 541-312-8402.	Time and place for this effort will be announced at a later date.	East Cascades BCH Chapter
7/13/19	7/14/19		Sourdough - Trail Work		TBD	Sourdough BCH Chapter
7/26/19	7/29/19		Emerald Empire BCHO Robinson Lk/Tenas Lk Logout	info call Jean Clancey 541-484-0927	Robinson Lake Trailhead, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413, USA	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
7/27/19	7/28/19		Sourdough - Invitational Trail Ride	Co hosts - Rogue Riders	Lilly Glen County Campground, Ashland, OR 97520, USA	Sourdough BCH Chapter
8/1/19	8/1/19	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
8/2/19	8/4/19		ECBCHO Night Ride to support the Cascade Lakes Relay	The East Cascades Chapter members of BCHO ride in the dark of night in support of the Cascade Lakes Relay, with riders spaced every few miles along the route of Forest Road 18. Our effort is appreciated by the runners and walkers as we keep the route safe for their efforts. We have done this for many years as a fund raising event for the chapter and a community service to Central Oregon. Contact Jack Nelson at 541-678-2848.	Meet and ride along Forest Road 18 in the Deschutes National Forest and BLM	East Cascades BCH Chapter
8/4/19	8/10/19	02:00PM - 03:00PM	Pack support six lakes Obsidians N. Waldo area	Ron Robinson	Winchester Trail Head/Salmon Creek Rd Oakridge OR	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
8/9/19	8/13/19		ECBCHO camp out and ride at Quinn Meadow Horse Camp	Pat Marquis, ECBCHO Vice President has organized this joint gathering of BCHO folks and OET members who have helped in the Steel Corral construction over the past 3 years at Quinn Meadow Horse Camp. This is a celebratory gathering to bring folks together for 4 days of camp out and riding the many trails surrounding this picturesque camp ground. Contact Pat at 541-815-9398.	Quinn Meadow Horse Camp, Bend, OR 97701, USA	East Cascades BCH Chapter

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