



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

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Allen Creek Trails

Submitted by Barbara Smith, Columbia Gorge Chapter of BCHO

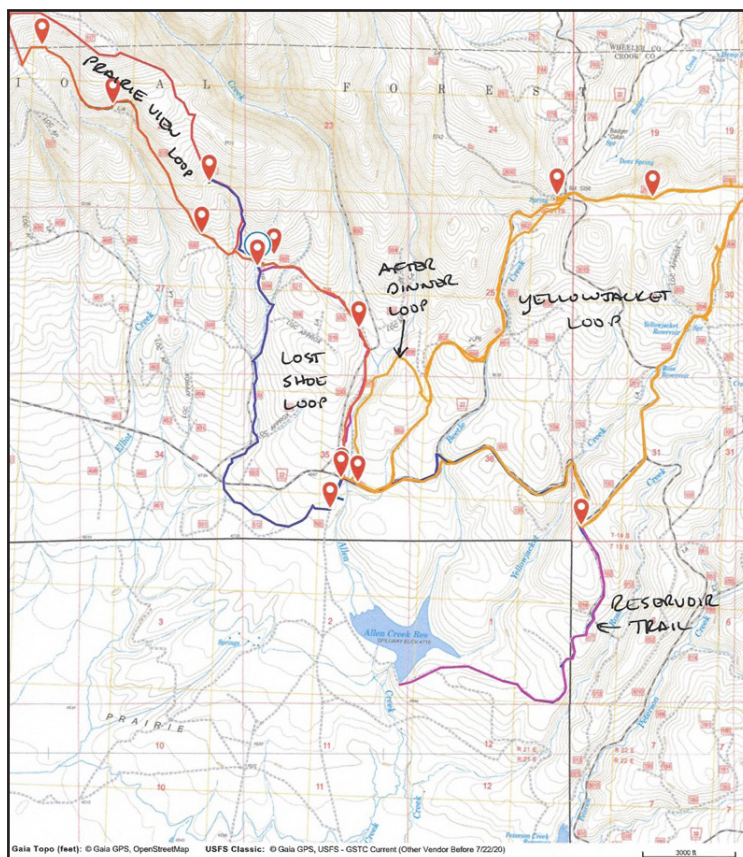
It's been a long time coming but there are now 21 miles of trail out of Allen Creek Horse Camp with a variety of scenery and landscapes.

Take the Prairie View trail for instance with its breath taking views of Big Summit Prairie and nestled in the northeast corner, has a view of Allen Creek Reservoir from an elevation of 6,000 feet.

To access the Prairie View Trail you must head north out of Allen Creek Horse Camp on to Lost Shoe Loop Trail. Follow the west side of Allen Creek for a ways and then out through the timber that loops on down to Elliot Creek to a scab flat along the prairie boundary to the south end of Allen Creek Horse Camp. And by the way Lost Shoe Loop Trail got its fine name because Becky Wolf's horse Plum thru a shoe (yes, Becky Wolf found the shoe) on our first ride of many this past spring/summer to nail up the white diamonds to mark the trail.

Yep we were given the green light from the Ochoco National Forest to diamond all 21 miles of trails. I want to thank Jim and his NEPA team for make'n this project possible. But I digress, back to the trails.

The After Dinner Loop, Yellow Jacket Loop and Allen Reservoir trails all head east out the north end of the horse camp.



As for the Yellow Jacket Trail you ride east paralleling the gravel rode in the big old Ponderosa Pines and those not so well liked Juniper trees. About a mile or so before you come to Yellow Jacket reservoir the Trail to Allen Creek Reservoir takes off to the south through a metal green gate that is an out and back. You will follow the dirt road to the cattle guard that marks the boundary of the NF/BLM land. You are now on your own across BLM land west to the reservoir. P.S. There is a dirt road that leads right to the Reservoir.

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

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

To ASSIST the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.

To EDUCATE, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

To FOSTER and encourage the formation of new BCHO chapter organizations.

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

7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m. | ***Please confirm meeting with contact.***

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East Cascades Chapter

Meets: The 2nd Monday of each month at Pleasant Ridge Community Hall, 7067 SW Canal Blvd., Redmond, OR 97756

Potluck at 6:30p.m. and meeting after.

Please confirm meeting with contact.

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Meets: the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Emerald People's Utility District, 33733 Seavey Loop Rd., Eugene, OR 97405

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High Desert Trail Riders Chapter

Meets: The 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Waffle Hut, 106 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

6:30pm | ***Please Confirm meeting with contact.***

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Meets: 3rd Thursday of the month at Community Bible Church, Room 202, 500 N. 10th St., Central Point, OR 97502

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Meets: Held as needed, please confirm meeting and work party dates with contact.

Please confirm meeting with contact.

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Territorial Riders Chapter

Meets: The 2nd Tuesday of every month at Beavercreek Fire Dept., 22310 South Beavercreek Rd., Beavercreek, OR 97004

7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. | ***Please confirm meeting with contact.***

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West Cascades Chapter

Meets: The 1st Wednesday of each month at Elmer's Restaurant, 3950 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Dinner at 6:00p.m. Meeting at 7:00p.m.

Please confirm meeting with contact.

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Now back to Yellow Jacket Trail you will ride beside a small stock reservoir named Yellow Jacket and you guessed it that's where the trail got its name. This trail is a loop that consists of stock trails and old logging roads winding through the timber and meadows and once on the northern end there are views of South Point and further north past Mitchell and Twickenham. Twickenham you say? (just google it).



like to finish out there day with a short ride out and back to camp) that follows an old faint skid trail over to the eastside of Allen Creek and back to Allen Creek Horse Camp. By the way Allen Creek Horse Camp is the BCHO State

As we continue on down the trail about a mile or so from camp you will have the choice to continue on the Yellow Jacket Trail or take a right onto the After Dinner Trail, (so named for those who would

Campground. It is conveniently (somewhat) located NE of the center of Oregon.

I would like to give a BIG THANKS to all the trail riders that turned out to put up the 21 miles of diamonds. And those who brushed and logged out what you could before chainsaws were shut down this summer. And on that note we (all who would like to have some ownership) will finish the brushing and logout in the spring. Oh yes possibly there will be a need for more diamonds. Contact myself (Barbara Smith) or Becky Wolf for ride times in June 2022.



For information on how to get to Allen Creek Horse Camp and camp site details can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ochoco/recarea/?recid=38676> or Google "Allen Creek Horse Camp"

Happy Trail Riding,

Responsible Renegades Ride the Redwoods Equestrian Packing trip 2021 (Redwoods, CA)

Submitted by Amanda Newman

For an adventurous 2021 equine packing trip, 4 friends (Emily, Adoria, Amanda, and Briana) conspired to bring their riding horses (Felix, Annie, Ruby, and Lacey) and 2 pack horses (Rolo and Hailey) into the backcountry for a week vacation in the wilderness.

The backstory is an important element to this trip as the initial location was the Marble Mountain Wilderness in California, which unfortunately was ruled out due to wildfire. The alternative locations, hurriedly identified at the last minute included "plan B" (Sky Lakes Wilderness) or "plan C" (Redwoods). Once "plan B" was also ruled out due to unhealthy smoke levels, "plan C" became the destination.

One of the riders, Briana, grew up in the Redwoods, but was surprised to discover they still held some secrets she would uncover during the trip. The first of which, was that the very small town of Orick housed a rodeo grounds (which due to poor signage was surprisingly difficult to find), as well as an equestrian campground with corrals, just a short ride up the levy near the redwood trailhead.

The campground housed many interesting travelers, one woman became a good friend, Joan Burlingame, who was traveling the US with her two mules, Buckshot and Tennessee. She writes about her adventures on her Facebook page, Travels with Buckshot. Others were intending to participate in the upcoming moderate to difficult rated Redwood



endurance ride, which would be held the following weekend, hosted by the Redwood Empire Endurance Riders. This endurance theme would see itself play out throughout our travels in the redwoods, either via trail work and maintenance in progress or by colorful markers being placed to mark the different rides (50 mile or 35 mile LD).

Left: Orick horse camp, Right: Corrals

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Our destination would be Elam backcountry camp located in second-growth redwoods located approximately three miles from the Redwood Creek trailhead. The camp included corrals and a bear box, which we knew was important after hearing reports that there were "lots of bears". We also had an option to continue to another backcountry camp, "44", but were concerned when we heard that a bear box may not be available at that location.

After setting up camp at the rodeo grounds, acquiring corrals, and getting the horses settled in, the group headed for a ride on the beach.

Being new to the area, we followed the recommended beach access route, which took us beside a herd of Elk at the high school, and across a very busy walking bridge alongside noisy traffic. The horses navigated the bridge easily, but we were determined to find a better way for the ride back. The beach was beautiful with Lacey possibly stepping foot on the beach for the first time, and a few near-rolling in saddles incidents in the sand.



Photo: Adoria on Annie preparing for a ride to the beach.



Photo: Adoria riding Annie and leading Hailey, and Emily riding Felix on the beach in California.

On the way home, the rocky riverbank allowed us safe passage under the bridge to avoid the walking bridge without causing any damage to the riverbank. Walking in the river was a beautiful, a magical moment for all of us to enjoy together.



Left: Briana and Lacey loving the river! Middle: Rocky base of the river allowed safe passage in support of LNT principles, Right: Left to right – Adoria and Annie, Emily and Felix, Amanda and Ruby with Rolo following behind.

The following morning it was time to go! An astrologically sized error made by one group member (omitted to protect the guilty) forgot to bring the pack bags for the pack saddle. There may or may not have been tears and general horror. Only those who were there know what really happened.

This error however, allowed another group member (Emily) to use manties and tie them up as a pack bags, which she recently learned how to do just a month or so prior at the local Back Country Horsemen training.



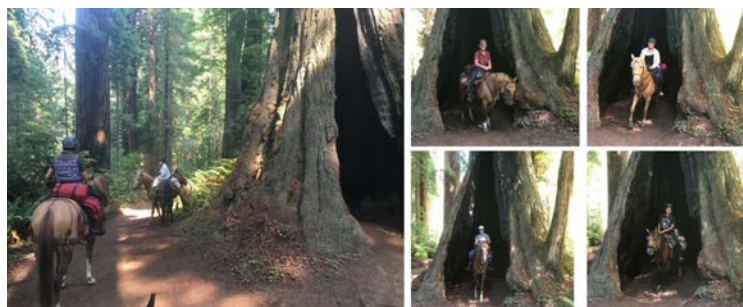
Top left: Manties tied as pack bags to the pack saddle. Top right: Briana and Lacey packed and ready to go. Bottom left: Emily does some final adjustments to Annie's cinch, Bottom middle: Weighing and measuring out everything that will be packed on the pack horses. Bottom right: Annie is packed up and ready to hit the trail!

The manties worked beautifully, tied tightly and securely on Hailey. Our packing ride began from the rodeo grounds where we followed the levy to the Redwood trailhead.



Left: Following the levy to the Redwood Trailhead, Middle: Redwood National Park Trailhead Sign, Right: Off into the redwoods!

Once up the trail a few miles gaining elevation and navigating significant switchbacks, we came to a well-known tourist attraction. Here stood a redwood tree concave enough inside to allow an entire horse and mounted rider to capture a picture, which not all horses were interested in participating in.



Left: Iconic redwood tree large enough to photograph a horse with a mounted rider inside! Right side: Top Left: Emily on Felix, Top Right: Amanda on Ruby, Bottom Left: Briana on Lacey, Bottom Right: Adoria on Annie

We continued to follow the 4-mile trail that climbed from sea level in camp to around 1,200 feet, with a total elevation gain for the entire ride (including the trip back) – due to

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many changes in elevation – of approximately 7,000 ft. The scenery was beautiful, with large redwood trees towering over the canopy of Alder, with some rhododendrons, violets, tiger lilies, ferns, and other native species.



Photo: Ferns and wood sorrel line the forest floor. Discerning viewers may notice this is actually a photo of a large tree frog and not the foliage at all.

As we neared camp, the trail lost elevation quickly, becoming extremely steep. We all decided to dismount and walk the last ~.5 mile to camp. Lacey's saddle suddenly slipped despite her breeching and breast collar, requiring an emergency unplanned de-saddling in the middle of the trail. She stood politely through it, and once free of her gear, was as excited as the other horses to see a gravity fed water tank already full of water.

The equestrian portion of the camp is located on a ~16 ft access path set high above redwood creek, so the sound of the water rushing was always in the background. Paddocks were placed near the path, but unfortunately were in poor structural shape, with most of the boards rotted or very weak. We took great care to keep the horses from rubbing or touching the boards. Three of the horses used the paddock (under supervision) while the other 3 horses were placed on a high line.



Photo: Elam horse camp: Corrals, water tank, and bear box

We got creative for our tack storage when it was not in use.



Photo: Saddle, bridle, helmet, and other gear nestled in a tree.

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If you followed the path downhill and to the right towards the creek, you would find two additional camping areas with bear boxes, campfire rings, and picnic tables. Each table had bear warnings taped to them with recommendations to keep them "crumb free" for everyone's safety.

The creek down below was breathtaking, with a rocky base and big open skies when compared to the upper equestrian camp. In the evenings the equestrian camp would become dark under the forest canopy quickly, but a quick walk down to the creek would promise an hour or more of light.

We enjoyed laying on the riverbank in the sun, swimming, and had fires multiple evenings.



Left: Deer and fawn visited the river while we were resting. Middle: Campfire with ancient petroglyphs etched into the rocks. Right: Emily and Briana swimming in the river.

For our first fire, Briana was adamant that she leverage her backcountry skills, specifically using her fancy ferro rod from Germany to start the fire. It took some elbow grease and encouragement, but she was ultimately successful. The group intended to start the fire using the recommended approach that was described during the Backcountry Horsemen training held at Elijah Bristow in Pleasant Hill earlier in the year.



Photo: Briana lighting the campfire using her Ferro rod.



Photo: Briana lighting the campfire using her Ferro rod.

Dinners on the trip included: Creamed Chicken, Tikka Masala, Spaghetti, Mac and Cheese, and Yellow curry. We brought two frying pans to ensure everyone's needs were met.

The following morning, we explored the trail that continued from Elam camp, which brought us to a bridge within .25 mile from our camp. Just beyond the bridge we discovered a down tree that needed to be removed as it was difficult to

cross. As seasoned backcountry horsewomen, we were well equipped to clear it.



Photo: Annie after crossing the bridge, and Emily following behind as the bridges were marked "one at a time". Right: Emily sizing up a log in preparation for trail clearing, which once it begins will include wearing PPE, such as a hard hat and gloves for safety which were worn during this activity.

Then it was time to pack up and go!

Rolo carried the manties on the way home this time.



Photo: Rolo carrying the manties for the ride home.

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Guidebooks!



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After using up most of our food as well as the food for our horses, we had significantly decreased our packing load. We opted for the longer, 14 mile ride back to Orick, which was beautiful and scenic, a combination of single track roads, old logging roads, and some sketchy spots (significant erosion) with elevation changes. We did not see a single bear, despite the report we had heard, however on the last stretch through the redwoods we did see a lot of sign (scratches on trees) that reminded us how big and powerful those claws are!



Photo: Claw marks on trees from Bear activity.

Overall the trip was a success! We overcame the obstacles we encountered, were treated to beautiful scenery, fresh air, and wonderful old and second growth redwood trees to enjoy, not to mention the company of some of the best people on the planet.



We intend to share feedback on the condition of the paddocks, as well as share that we did hear that the 44 camp does in fact have an intact Bear box, and that the conditions there were very good for camping/highlining. In retrospect, we wish we had moved on to see the 44 as well.

If you are planning a pack trip into the wilderness, the Redwoods are an unforgettable treasure.

Eliminating Mosquitoes and Flies

As summer comes to an end, think about fall yard cleanup. Residents can do these things to help mosquitoes:

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Eliminate standing water. Mosquitoes first 3 stages of their life require water. Eliminate the water and they can't reproduce in your yard. The tough part is that only a bottle cap full of water is enough water for mosquitoes to breed in. Some normal yard items like sandboxes, wagons, and plastics toys can hold water. Make sure your plant saucers, dog bowls, gutters, and the areas under your downspouts aren't providing the mosquitoes a breeding ground.

- Get rid of unneeded vegetation mosquitoes love plant nectar found under leaves and on vegetation. They like to hide in tall grass around shrubs and bushes. Get rid of their hiding spots by keeping your yard mowed and tidy. Make sure to weed eat after mowing.
- Get rid of debris grass clippings, piles of leaves, stacked branches, and other types of unneeded debris attract mosquitoes and their breeding habits. Get rid of it all! Keep firewood stacked off the ground so there is good air flow between the wood to prevent mosquitos.

Clackamas County Vector Control District (CCVCD) is responsible for the control of flying vectors within Clackamas County, and we have a program that specializes in eliminating mosquitoes and flies. We offer free property inspections, mosquito fish for ponds and pools, and educational presentations so you can protect yourself from mosquitoes.

If you are having any issues, call us at 503-655-8394 or visit [FighttheBites.com](https://fightthebites.com) where you can request services, watch educational videos, and stay up to date with local vector news and updates. We are open between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday stop by and pick up your **free 2022 calendar**. Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](https://facebook.com/fightthebites).

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Kind of a Slim Year

Submitted by Betty Applebaker

High Desert Trail Riders had six pack support trips planned with the PCTA this summer with the ACE Crew (American Conservation Experience) that was working on trail tread in the southern end of the Sky Lakes Wilderness. We packed them in with all their tools and went back a week later to pick up their food panniers for resupply. The work they did was amazing and we breezed right in for them. They hiked out for a week back in civilization with a bed, shower and beer, then cancelled the rest of the trips due to smoke. Smoke was in the hazardous category here part of the time. We either got smoke from the California fires or from the Roseburg area depending on the wind. So, we packed back in again to get their tools and rest of their belongings. That made for 18 mile days each time.

With the pack support cancelled and Anthony, our wonderful trails foreman without any crew, we only had one day trip logging out with him. So, we got a group together and cleared the tread and banks on the switchbacks up the hill out of the Seven Mile Equestrian trailhead. It was

strenuous work as it had never been cleared except for logs that I know of, but our trusty crew made a super-highway out of it. They did a really nice job.

There were trail rides, a fun trail challenge course to practice on at our picnic at Lonesome Duck Ranch and the Leave No Trace training on Yamsay Mountain. We were lucky we had that when we did as the Bootleg Fire broke out and blew up and the area was evacuated as we were leaving.

Our fundraiser for the year was putting on Brenda's Estate Sale. That little lady was an artist as everyone knows and she had enough supplies for a hundred years, Bless her heart. It took us a month to get everything marked for the sale!

We are looking forward now to our elections, Christmas meeting and putting a calendar together for next year's activities. Hopefully, the virus will be under control and life will be more normal next season.

Got Èr Done!

Submitted by Becky Hope and Jean Clancey, EEBCHO chapter

Major Trails Cleared in Waldo Wilderness!!!

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What a great turnout for our Emerald Empire's final work party of the season! Fifteen members and friends pitched in for a total of 386 volunteer hours to complete the job that we had started in the Waldo Wilderness last year.



Perhaps you remember our report from last summer about sawing out trees that were as hard as rocks. A huge fire burned in the north Waldo Lake area some 25 years ago, leaving the soil scorched and the forest reduced to sun-baked sticks. Logging out the trails of dead trees has been an ongoing project and a difficult one.

This year in early October our crew went at it again, fully prepared for the job. We concentrated on two trails, the Rigdon Lakes Trail #3563 and the Wahana Trail #3583.

First out on the trails were members who went on foot to brush the Waldo Lake Shoreline Trail #3590. They removed small trees and limbs, making it easier for our pack stock to get through to our target trails. Two days of sawing and we had logged out 70 of these rock-hard trees, opening both the Rigdon and Wahana Trails. These trails intersect north of Waldo Lake, so a 9 mile loop is now clear.

Our efforts were done in conjunction with the Camas Saw Crew, volunteers who work with the Forest Service. The Camas crew logged out the Wahana Trail from the Taylor Burn cabin working south. We met on the Wahana Trail late (and hot)

Sunday afternoon, a cause for much relief and celebration. Someone suggested we plant a golden spike as the last log was cleared. We did break out sodas and Gatorades.

Many thanks to the Camas Saw Crew and Andrea Bayliss, who continues to reachout to Back Country Horsemen to coordinate trail clearing projects.

Emerald Empire Chapter recommends you consider riding the Waldo area trails if you haven't enjoyed them already. As you ride through the burn, the views are breathtaking.



Leave No Trace Pack Trip ~ July 8 - 11, 2021

Submitted by Kara Contreras, High Desert Trail Riders BCH, Klamath Falls, Oregon

After the first day of Leave No Trace lessons, I learned I had forgotten a key backcountry item: pantyhose. Yep, you read that correctly: pantyhose.

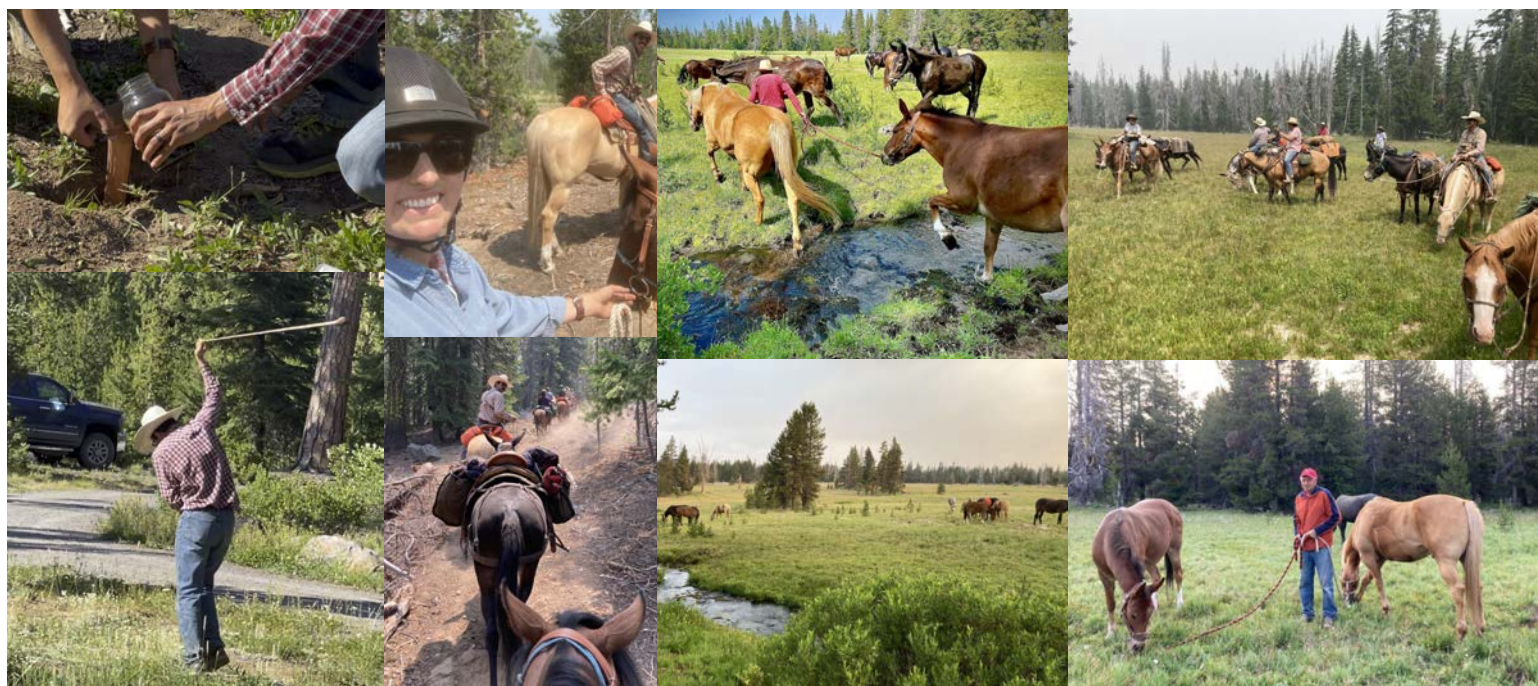
Our Leave No Trace course was special from the get-go. It wasn't the traditional classroom course - with speakers, powerpoints, and worksheets. Instead, Yamsay Mountain was our classroom and a herd of 23 equine were our classmates! My husband, Ed, and I trailered to Antler Trailhead on July 8th, where we met our group of 14 LNT enthusiasts. The trailhead has several corrals and ample room for several groups to camp. I recommend bringing a water tank if you have it, as the older hand water pump at the center of the campground provides quite a workout! I learned how to highline my horse and properly scatter their deposits/cover with pine needles when leaving a site.

On the second day, we packed up our rigs and trailered to the Yamsay Mountain Trailhead, where we packed in our gear for a 3 day and 2 night stay. The trail was dusty, but the destination was gorgeous. Several seasonal small springs and subbing create a large, lush meadow that slopes down to the small, spring fed Buck Creek. We camped 200' plus on the far, dry side of the creek, leaving the meadow for our herd to graze on several times a day. A huge thank you to Leonard Smith for the camp kitchen and delicious food, including spaghetti and pork chops! We were spoiled with good food, equine, and company.

Each day we had several class sessions, each covering one of the seven LNT principles: Plan Ahead & Prepare; Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces; Dispose of Waste Properly; Be Considerate of Others; Respect Wildlife; Leave What You Find; and Minimize Campfire Impacts. The first principle is arguably the most important. With

proper planning, a trip will always be more successful and unexpected events easier to handle. With the third principle, I learned a new trick to properly dispose of greywater. Here's where pantyhose come into play...dig an 8" hole; stretch the opening of the pantyhose and pour the grey water through the fabric; cover the water in the hole; collect the strained tidbits and swing the pantyhose around your head to fully drain the remains; pack it out in a ziplock bag...!

I have put together a slideshow of all the key takeaways I gleaned over the four day course. I enjoyed sharing my experience at our July General Meeting (High Desert Trail Riders BCHO) and look forward to sharing this content with my middle school students in the coming school year, as well as others in my life. If you have not already, I encourage you to take a LNT course. There is always something new to learn or hone in your own skill set. As taught by our LNT instructors (George Johnson, Jean Clancy, Lisa Rodriguez and Betty Applebaker), these are principles - not rules - that each of us who enjoy the outdoors and wildlife have an inherent ethical responsibility to help keep nature and its resources healthy into perpetuity. Each of us may apply these principles in slightly different ways, as we all fall on a continuum between anthropocentric and ecocentric personal viewpoints. Despite these variations, we should each strive to become better in our practices each time we enjoy the outdoors. As you interact with others on the trail, keep an open mind, but also work to increase your own level of confidence with the LNT principles to be able to explain to others why and how to interact with nature. In the right situation, little suggestions here and there can have bigger impacts than we realize.



Events Calendar

Event Start	Event End	Event Hours PST	Event Title	Event Description	Event Location	BCHO Calendar Name
11/4/2021	11/4/2021	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO President Call			BCHO State Calendar
11/13/2021	11/13/2021	08:00AM - 01:30PM	Clackamas 4-H Tack Sale	The Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale is a fundraiser for the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. It is held twice each year at the Clackamas County Fair and Event Center in Canby, on the third Saturday of March and October. The sale includes new and used tack as well as other horse-related items. Parking \$5, admission is \$1 per person.	694 NE 4th Ave, 694 Northeast 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013, USA	Public Equestrian Events
12/2/2021	12/2/2021	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO President Call			BCHO State Calendar
12/11/2021	12/11/2021	01:00PM - 05:00PM	Christmas Party! ~ Poe Valley Grange Hall ~ 1-5pm ~ Cindi Boehner (530-260-8121)	Bring a side dish or dessert and come celebrate the holiday season with our HDTR family! 1-5pm at the Poe Valley Grange Hall (Parks and Rec) 21999 S Poe Valley Rd, Klamath Falls, OR 97603. Contact Cindi Boehner (530-260-8121) for more information.	S Poe Valley Grange, 21999 S Poe Valley Rd, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, USA	Hight Desert Trail Riders
12/11/2021	12/11/2021	02:00PM - 05:00PM	ColGorge Christmas party	Finger food potluck	Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031, USA	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter
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2/3/2022	2/3/2022	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO President Call			BCHO State Calendar
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Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge Christmas party	Finger food potluck	Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031, USA	12/11/2021	12/11/2021	3:00	02:00PM - 05:00PM	DEFAULT	3/9/2021	3/9/2021		billybobzom@gmail.com	FALSE	FALSE
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Hot Shot Saw Team Projects for 2022

Submitted by Bert Morris



After receipt of a generous grant from Fidelity Charitable in July 2021, the Hot Shot Saw Team began planning for a grant request to apply these funds to the wilderness trails of Oregon. The grant request was presented to the Board of Directors at the scheduled fall meeting in September and was approved. The projects are planned for the late spring and summer of 2022.

As everyone knows who has planned a trail project in Oregon, a lot can happen between identification of the need, and getting the projects completed. The bigger the project and larger number of volunteers needed, the longer the lead time needed to plan and schedule. The longer the lead time, the more that can change due to weather, wind events, fires, snowfall, snow melt off, and of course personal issues of the volunteers and their stock. Not to mention personnel and policy changes with the land management agencies. So, with this grant approved in September 2021 and the target areas are inside the wilderness, the 2022 season is the soonest we can expect to get a shot at getting the projects completed.

Given the various contingencies mentioned above that could affect or cause us to cancel a project, we are going to plan for more projects than what there is time and funds available. The idea is that if one project develops issues, we will simply move on to the next one. Also, we have budgeted for worse case scenario of our costs. If we are able to economize with carpooling of sawyers and their stock, we may have funds to complete more projects on the list.



Norm Kazer cutting a log to allow safe passage for the horses

The targeted projects include: 6-8 miles of PCT in the Northern Sky Lakes Wilderness just South of Crater Lake NP (CLNP); Lake of the Woods trail 3493 between Marion Lake and the PCT in the Mt Jefferson Wilderness; Black Canyon Wilderness trails in the Ochoco National Forest; Trails around Stuart Falls, Sky Lakes Wilderness, South of CLNP and West of the PCT; Santiam Lake trail from the PCT (just North of Santiam Summit on Hwy 20) to Eight Lakes Basin including the Dixie Lakes trail in the Mt Jefferson Wilderness; Red Butte Loop trail in CLNP.

Communication with the various land managers has begun as well as recruitment of sawyers, cooks, and pack support.

**If you or your BCHO Chapter would like to be involved,
Contact Bert Morris at mormmules@gmail.com.**





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Wenaha Backcountry Trail Project

Submitted By Jerry Bentz



Back in 2019, (remember life before Covid), Back Country Horsemen of Washington, Oregon and Idaho applied for a grant together from the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance to work on the Wenaha River Trail. The Wenaha Wilderness and the river trail touch all three states, so it seemed like a great project for all three state organizations to work on. Dave Price long time member of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon and Washington, who use to be the Forest Service District Ranger who oversaw the Wenaha Wilderness, was very instrumental in putting the project together. The current Forest Service employee, that oversees the Wenaha, Andy Augere was also very involved with the planning for the project. The plan was for the work to be done in 2020 (the year from "Hell") then along came Covid and forest fires. Oregon had to put our portion of the project on hold until 2021. The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance extended the finish date for the grant until July 2021.

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Fast forward ahead to the first full week in June 2021. We finally got to do Oregon's section of the Wenaha River Trail. It takes a lot of planning and coordination to put together a back country work party. As everyone knows we are still dealing with Covid. Fortunately, the Forest Service in the Umatilla was very interested in getting their trails cleared so unlike most of the forests we deal with did everything they could to help make the project work instead of throwing up roadblocks in the name of Covid. I can't give Andy Augere enough credit for helping make the project possible.



Eight of us made the trip. Matt Wooley and Jeff Dickerson did most of the packing. Bert Morris, Bert's Friend, Drew Leninger, Dave Strand, George Johnson and George's friend Jeff Mack did the trail work. Jerry Bentz was the cook. Drew is a young guy with lots of energy and Jeff had just retired from the fire service. Both guys were great help. We all met at the Elk Flats trail head which is about thirty miles from Elgin Oregon, on Saturday. Unfortunately, one of our folks got sick with the flu on the way over and was fairly sick when they got to the trail head. The next morning it was decided that everyone would go in anyway. From the trail head it was 6 miles to the work area. Matt and Jeff had to make two trips to get all of the gear and animal feed in. There was very little grass at our camp site for the stock to eat. We had planned ahead so everyone had feed for their stock.



From where we camped the trail crew worked down river. The Wenaha River was running full because of the spring snow melt. There were several places where we had to ford the river. The river was deep enough that it was hard not to get your feet wet when you rode across the river. Adventure is good for the soul.



The trail crew got about six miles of the trail cleared of downed logs and brush. Because it was wilderness all work was done with crosscut saws and hand loopers. The trail crew worked for about three and a half full days to get this work accomplished. We had planned to work one more day but, remember the guy with the flu? He managed to pass it around and before it was over five folks ended up with the stomach flu. Thank goodness someone had the flu to start with or they might have blamed the cook.

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All in all, it was a great trip. We got a lot of work done, we saw a lot of wildlife including bears, goats, and a rattle snake. The bears were away from camp, the goats came into camp for a couple of hours, and the rattle snake was out on the trail. The snake was dispatched by one of our packers when we couldn't get it out of the trail.



I thought that everyone ate well, we had a great place to camp, and had a great time sitting around the campfire. Wilderness trips are always a lot of fun if planned out carefully.



The grant paid for our food, animal feed, and our truck fuel. We carpoled to keep costs down as much as possible. Including basic work hours, skilled hours, travel time, mileage, and stock days we did \$22,469.60 worth of trail work. I would encourage any of you that are interested in applying for a grant to help cover the cost or are interested in putting together a back country trip to contact Bert Morris or myself. This is the second one of these trips the Hotshot saw crew has done now. Bert is putting together several front country type trips for next year. The Hotshots are always looking for more help if you are interested in working a crosscut saw or working as a support person.



Blue Lake Fish Packing

Submitted By Ed Contreras, High Desert Trail Riders BCHO, Klamath Falls, Oregon

Among all the COVID caused cancellations, one of my favorite activities that did not happen in 2020 was High Desert Trail Rider's (HDTR) annual work trip assisting Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) stock rainbow trout into Blue Lake in the Gearhart Mountain Wilderness. These fish have the privilege of being transported by a mule into their remote aquatic destination. This is one of the few places in Oregon where fish are moved into the backcountry by mule; other locations use aircraft to stock high mountain lakes. So, in 2021 I eagerly made plans for the stocking day of June 30th. I asked for a day off work and loaded fly pole and float tube. After a double flat tire situation that momentarily separated the group, all 12 HDTR members and their guests arrived at the Blue Lake trailhead and met the ODFW staff. The fingerlings are taken out the tank and placed in plastic bags. Oxygen tanks are used to oxygenate the water in the bags for the journey. Pack boxes and panniers with liners are filled with ice and the bags placed inside.



Approximately 4,000 trout were packed on six mules. Kara and I hiked in ahead of the equine group with the plan to stay and fish all day at the lake. We arrived at Blue Lake to find a father and daughter camping near the drop off site for the fish. They were very intrigued to see a string of riders and mules bringing in the fish. After unloading the mules, the bags of fish were placed in the lake to acclimate the fish.



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Once the water in the bags and in the lake neared equal temperature, the fish were set free. I had taken advantage

of the mule transport to pack in my float tube, as did the ODFW staff, and check-in on the holdover fish from years past. I caught five trout and missed a few other hits on a damsel dry fly pattern. These scrappy fish measured 13 or 14 inches in length. This was another successful trip to Blue Lake in a partnership between HDTR and ODFW that has been happening for 30 years!

Fast forward to July 6 and the Bootleg fire started, ironically, on Fuego Mountain; near the town of Sprague River. Within 10 days the fire traveled approximately 30 miles to reach Blue Lake and Gearhart Mountain Wilderness. We still don't know the condition of the trail and trailhead but given the impacts of the fire, we assume that we may have to skip another year of traveling to Blue Lake in 2022. In retrospect, I'm even more glad I decided to play hooky from work and spend that day up in the Gearhart Mountain Wilderness with the HDTR crew.

Regney Saves The Day

Submitted By Jean Clancey, EEBCHO

Regney the Fjord (pronounced Rainey) is an awesome packhorse, ready for any job whenever needed. This time it was the Forest Service and their request to remove a certain large, bright yellow object from the bank of Chetlo Lake in the Waldo Wilderness. Something hunters or campers had left behind.

Can do! With barely a clue as to the object's size or whereabouts, Becky Hope and five EEBCHO folks rode across the north shore of Waldo Lake to a rather indistinct trail junction sign: Chetlo. Things started getting a little sketchy from there on. Logs lay across the trail like pick-up sticks. Bad sign. Over, under, around and through downed trees, we presumed we were still on the right trail to this hidden lake. Four miles in we were still wondering.

Regney had large, rectangular, plastic garbage containers strapped to his sides. Having no idea what she was being expected to pack out, Becky thought she could punt with flexible panniers.

Despite his best efforts to get around trees, Regney's panniers were banging into tree trunks and branches. If this was a destination trail, it was in pretty sad condition. But Regney didn't object and kept soldiering on, trying not to lose his balance.

Five miles on, the lake appeared. We had some lunch and put our heads together about where on the shore of this sizable lake a bright yellow container might be hiding. Eric, our young guest from France, loving every minute of the adventure, headed along the bank and into the trees. Voila! A sturdy, bright yellow screw-top barrel, about 3 feet tall, popped into view. Treasures inside: a collapsible shovel, a freeze dried dinner, a bag of blue rags, and a

plastic bag of questionable human waste products. What a prize!

Eric hoisted the container back to the horses. How to load it onto Regney? Becky had a plan. She moved one of the rectangular panniers into the other one and used straps she had brought to fasten the mystery container onto Regney's opposite side. Voila again! It balanced.

Away we went, back through the Chetlo trail obstacle course. No complaints from the pack horse, though, just dutiful and very skillful service from the patient Fjord called Regney.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Membership Reminder

Fellow Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

It is that time again to renew our annual memberships. September 1st marked the date when renewal began for the 2022 year! Please note, BCHO now encourages members to either join BCHO or renew your membership online at <https://www.bcho.org/membership-form/>. Just a heads up, a dues increase of \$5 was voted in for 2022 at the 2021 Rendezvous by the membership. A Single Membership will be \$35, and a Family Membership will be \$45 for 2022. Still a bargain though for everything Back Country Horsemen does to keep riding accessible to our members!

If you would still like to join or renew for 2021, your 2022 membership will be retroactive for 2021 too! Membership in a BCHO Chapter helps keep you in touch with folks who are doing rides and projects in your area. In addition, please know that we at the BCHO State level have plans for ongoing education, projects and opportunities to get together that make membership in BCHO so rewarding. Also asking that you take a moment and make what we want to do possible by considering making a Tax-Deductible donation through the Website.

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Thank You, Tim Lagasse, BCHO Membership Coordinator

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