



BCHO Hot Shot Saw Team Working on the Black Canyon Wilderness Project

Submitted by Bert Morris



Located in the Eastern portion of the Ochoco National Forest in Central Oregon, and administered by the Paulina Ranger District USFS, the Black Canyon Wilderness is over 13,000 acres of hidden opportunity for hikers, hunters and equestrians. The 18 miles of “maintained” trails of the wilderness have become a target of the BCHO Hot Shot Saw Team, by assisting the land manager in opening up the trails of the wilderness for pack and saddle stock.

With a combination of Oregon weather, several wildfires over many years, and a shortage of land manager resources for trail maintenance, the trails of the wilderness are in need of much work, including logging out with traditional tools as permitted in the wilderness.

With the assistance of a Back Country Horsemen of Oregon (BCHO) grant to reimburse for fuel, food and stock feed, the BCHO

Hot Shot Saw Team put this project on their calendar for 2022. Because much of the trails are below 3000 feet elevation, it was anticipated that this project could be accomplished early in the trail clearing season. A scout trip was completed a couple of weeks ahead of time to the Black Canyon East TH, at the mouth of Black Canyon Creek, for a low elevation entry into the wilderness. Entry into the trail system involved a crossing of the South Fork of the John Day River. During the scout trip the river was running at 90 cubic feet per second (cfs) which made the crossing a bit challenging, but doable for our trail savvy mounts.

When the scheduled project date arrived, the first arrivals of the Saw Team to the TH encountered a river running at over 260cfs. An alternate ford of the river was attempted by the first few team members. But, because of the steep entry and exit from the river crossing, the result was some very wary saddle stock as 3 out of 5 animals made it across, at least one partially wet rider, and one riding mule and saddle, completely soaked except for the top of her head. The conclusion was to fall back, adapt and counter attack by moving our base of operations to the Mud Springs HC, located at the Southeast corner of the ridge, overlooking the canyon. This is also the TH of the South Prong trail that descends about 2000 feet over 7 miles to the canyon bottom at Big Ford.

Over the course of two days, the seven riders/sawyers logged out over 40 trees and made it to the canyon bottom. The Trails Manager for the Paulina District had indicated that this trail, co-located with the Mud Springs HC, was their highest priority. After reaching the canyon bottom in the late afternoon, the crew headed back for the climb out in a light rain. Before reaching the halfway point, the rain turned to light snow and within another mile of climbing out, they were riding in a

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

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

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

full-blown snow storm with 20mph winds. So much for springtime weather in mid-May. By the time the crew reached their camp, the air temp had warmed a little, so the wind and snow turned to a drenching cold rain for much of the night. Because the trail conditions had deteriorated with the overnight rain, it was decided to declare victory over the South Prong trail, and not tear it up with numerous animals commuting over its 7 miles each way to continue working on the Black Canyon Trail in the bottom.

Riders/sawyers/helpers included Dave and Penny Strand, George Johnson, Sonya Magerum, Eric Dahl, Lisa Rodriguez and Bert Morris. The Head Cook, Camp Manager, and Forest Service liaison was Becky Wolf who provided great meals and a welcoming camp when riders came in tired, wet and cold.

Several members of the Saw Team are still interested in accomplishing more in Black Canyon so we are looking to get it back on our schedule for later this season.



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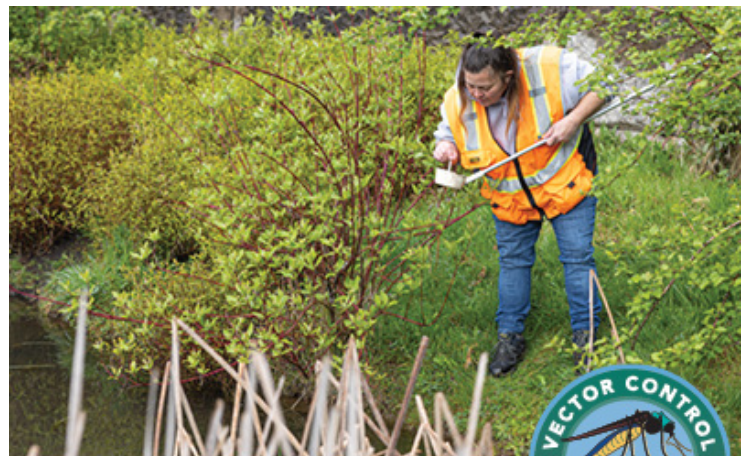


Vector Control Help

Fly and mosquito season is quickly approaching. With the wet spring, we have had it is now time to prepare for fly and mosquito control and we want to help you get control of the flies and mosquitoes! The increase in warm weather attracts more flies to your barns, pastures, but most importantly, your horses. Clackamas County Vector Control District (CCVCD), is committed to helping you tame the problem, by offering a variety of tools to help reduce the flies and mosquitoes around your property.

Flies are not the only vector that we help control. Since mosquitoes are a problem as well, we offer free home visits, property inspections, environmentally friendly treatments, mosquito fish for backyard ponds and pools, and educational presentations to help you protect yourself from mosquitoes.

If you would like CCVCD to help you with your vector problem, please call them at (503) 655-8394. Their hours are 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. You can also visit FightTheBites.com to request a service, watch educational videos, and stay current with local vector news and updates. Don't forget to like them on Facebook too.



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from flies and mosquitos**



Emerald Empire Chapter 2021

Submitted by Becky Hope

\$76,000 Value, 1700 volunteer Hours, 16000 Vehicle miles, 114 Stock Days

Despite Covid or because of Covid

Continued work on our Adopted Sections of:

- PCT, Mtn Washington (Robinson Lake Trailhead), North Waldo Lake Area, Baker Beach

Held A LNT Camping and trail Skills weekend, Trained 17 with Four Trainers and Lane County Sheriff Posse

Went to over 32 Public Land Meetings, about 4 of us

Continued Our Middle Fork Trail Survey, inspections, and Trail work with 165 hours put in last and more to come this year

Had Two people involved in the BCHO LNT Training Weekend, one trainer and one trainee

We had over 30 people involved in combined Activities

8 members involved in NW expo

With Oregon Trails Coalition support we arranged for 16 of our own folks to get Wilderness First Aide/CPR Certifications for free-\$65.00 plus other users receiving training along side us.

This upcoming year:

Thanks to BCHO be able to put on another Trail/packing Skills Weekend at Mt Pisgah with an emphasis on packing this year, as many of the folks we trained last year are eager to go on their own pack trips this next season.

One Member going out with Bert/Arden to Black Canyon

Several members going out to the Corn Cob Ranch for few days of riding and playing

Taking Forest Service personnel and other users out on Horse back to look at our trails for Equestrians point of view.

We will continue above adopted areas.

Pack fish into the N. Waldo area

Pack Fish and Wild Life folks into to Three Sisters Wilderness to do a Lake Survey (packing netting and camping gear)

Pack another PCT Adopter into S. Diamond Peak Area

Pack Support the Waldo 100 (100k Run) over 5 peaks in the Willamette Pass area

Another Trip to the Yellowstone NP Bechler river area (SW Corner)

Lots of continued Recreational Collaborative, Bristow State Park, Watershed Council, FS meetings, Keeping an eye on a Waldo Lake Wilderness expansion being proposed



MIDDLE FORK WILLAMETTE TRAIL

Submitted by Jean Clancey, EEBCHO

Emerald Empire Chapter would like to introduce other BCHO chapter members to a special trail in the Middle Fork Ranger District. It is formally named the Middle Fork Willamette National Recreation Trail. It extends from FS campground at Sand Prairie to the Willamette River's source at Timponagas Lake. It largely follows the free-flowing Willamette River along the western flank of Diamond Peak Wilderness. It is approximately 30 miles long and gradually gains 3700 feet in elevation. It received National Recreation Trail status in 2017.

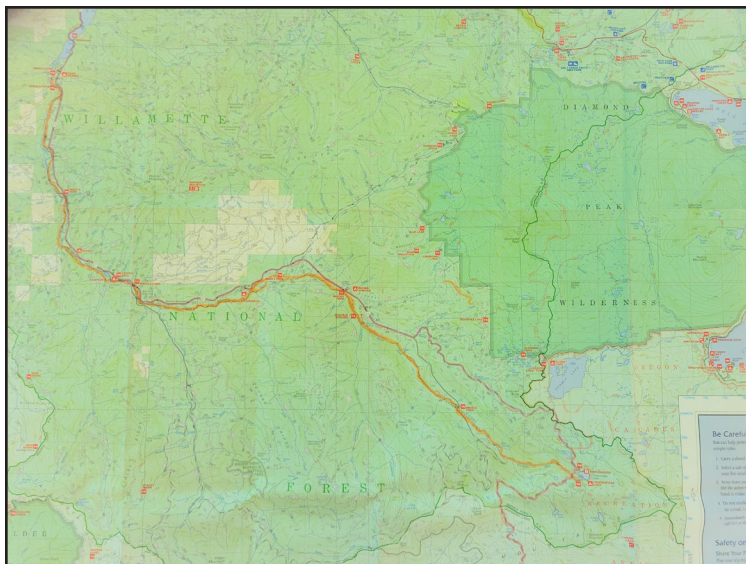
The trail corridor is rich in history. Native Americans used the route as a way to connect the southern Willamette Valley with Central Oregon. Signs of Native use date back to 1710. It had pioneer origins in 1854 as the Meek Cutoff from the Oregon Trail into the southern Valley. In 1852 the route was commissioned as the Free Emigrant Road to stimulate growth by bringing pioneers off the Oregon Trail into the southern Willamette Valley. In 1853 a group of a thousand immigrants with 250 wagons entered this passage across the Cascades and made it to within 50 miles of the small settlement of Oakridge. Harsh weather and extreme trail conditions stranded them until a rescue party arrived from Oakridge. The event is celebrated even today as the "Lost Wagon Train."

About midway along the trail is a beautiful meadow known as Rigdon Meadows. The Rigdon family settled here and maintained a way station to provide lodging, feed and water for stock, food supplies and a forge. The outpost ran for 25 years and served what had by then become known as the Military Wagon Road. Today the outpost is gone, but the area serves as a dispersed campsite and is available for overnight camping with horses.

Today's trail is open to horses, hikers and bicyclists. It is not heavily used except for several weekends a year when events for bicycle riders take place. The scenery is stunning. The forest is varied, including old growth Douglas fir, ponderosa and sugar pines, ancient oaks and big leaf maples. The river is pristine.



Rigdon Meadow



Middle Fork Map (diamond peak to Hills Creek)

Our chapter has had an interest in and deep commitment to this trail going back decades. When we started riding it, bridges were out or impassable for stock. Fords were dangerous and downed trees were not being cleared. We have advocated for trail improvements by working with Middle Fork RD staff, attending meetings of the Southern Willamette Forest Collaborative, through grants and donations, and with plain old boots-on-the-ground hard work. At this point we are able to commend the MRW Trail to our equestrian friends. It is still a work in progress, but largely safe to ride.

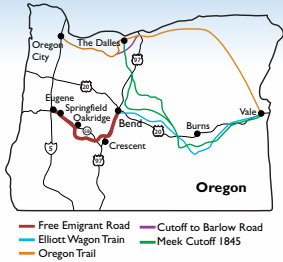
Here are some highlights to visit, by horse or by car, along the trail and FS Road 21: 450 to 600 year old trees; pines scarred with cultural markings from Native Americans found up the adjacent Young's Rock trail; Rigdon Meadows adjacent to Sacandaga Campground; signs indicating route of historic Military Wagon Road; Chuckle and Indigo Springs; the "weeping wall"; the rugged, free-flowing Willamette River.

If you are interested in visiting, camping, or riding on the Middle Fork Trail, feel free to contact Becky Hope for further information. We can help with directions, trail conditions, and best access points. Also, in a subsequent article for the Highline, we will explain the processes we have used to help get needed trail improvements accomplished and stock-worthy bridges built.



Riding Along the Middle Fork River

Historic Trails and Roads



Other Interpretive Opportunities

- Lane, Benton, & Linn County Historical Societies
- Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
- BLM's Huntington Road Interpretive Trail
- Shaw Historical Library in Klamath Falls
- Oakridge Pioneer Museum
- Circle 11 in Sunriver
- Pleasant Hill Cemetery (Elliott's Grave)

For More Information Contact:

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Dedicated to the memory of Carol Winkler, former Middle Fork District Archaeologist.

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FREE EMIGRANT ROAD
An Oregon Historic Trail



Commemorative Artwork by Eugene Vocational School 1950; Greenwaters Park, Oakridge, Oregon.



DISCOVER THE FREE EMIGRANT ROAD

The Free Emigrant Road (Road) played a brief but crucial role in Oregon's history. This shortcut from the Oregon Trail to the southern Willamette Valley led emigrants over the rugged, snow-capped Cascade Mountains. The way was treacherous and the path undeveloped – but the call of land claims and a better life spurred on travelers. Use the map inside to retrace settlers' journeys today by exploring the Road's history and points of interest.

Road Creation and Construction

In March 1852, citizens and merchants commissioned a toll-free road directly to existing settlements to stimulate growth. By that August, seven "road viewers" left to find a route across the mountains to reach the 1845 Meek Cutoff from the Oregon Trail.

Roads in those days were a far cry from those constructed today. Using livestock and men with cross-cut saws, axes, and iron bars, workers began to rough out the route in June 1853. Eventually, road clearing reached a point near present day La Pine. The work party turned back in early October, about a week before the first wagons reached the Deschutes River.

The First Crossing

On the promise it would be completed, Elijah Elliott, a settler returning to Fort Boise to gather his family, agreed to act as a guide and advocate for the new, yet untested route. By early October, Elliott reached the Deschutes with his family and roughly 1000 men, women, and children traveling in 250 wagons.

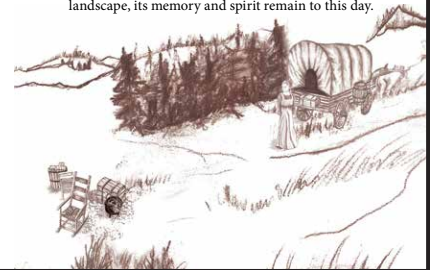
The group, already weak from crossing eastern Oregon, found their situation worsened when they entered the rocky, timbered foothills of the Cascades. In many places, considerable effort was needed to clear the roughed out path so the wagons could pass. The emigrants were forced to discard household goods, tools and even wagons to lighten their load and hasten their journey.

With few supplies left, the travelers stopped in the vicinity of Big Pine Openings. When word reached the Willamette Valley, relief parties set out to aid the beleaguered settlers. This is how they became known as the "Lost Wagon Train."

Short but Successful

Despite hardships experienced by the early wagon trains, the ultimate success of Elliott fulfilled the original promise of the Free Emigrant Road by doubling the population of the southern Willamette Valley during the 1850s. Over time, the Road's primary function shifted. Envisioned as a route to the west, it now began to see travelers flowing to the east, including freighters fueled by Valley commerce, military expeditions, and even east-bound settlers.

The discovery of gold in eastern Oregon prompted the development of the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road in 1865 and 1866. Parts of the military road overlay the route of the Free Emigrant Road (FER). Although much of the original FER is covered over by modern roads or otherwise faded into the landscape, its memory and spirit remain to this day.



Modern Day Trail Blazers

The legacy of the Free Emigrant Road endures today, thanks in part to the efforts of modern day explorers on both sides of the Cascades, many of whose ancestors were the original pioneers.

Cooperative efforts among local descendants, the Oakridge Museum, and the U.S. Forest Service led to the re-discovery of the ephemeral route between Crescent and Oakridge. Other researchers deciphered clues in their ancestors' diaries to verify the course of an advance party who went ahead of the main Elliott group through what is now the Three Sisters Wilderness.



Passport in Time Volunteers, 2002

A Lasting Legacy

The Free Emigrant Road is a symbol of the hope that propelled settlers toward a better life in Oregon. The courage and fortitude they demonstrated allowed them to achieve their dreams. Echoes of those surviving the journey linger today; their names are attached to landmarks, seen on street signs, and found within local communities. The immigrant experience contributes to the Road's designation as an Oregon Historic Trail and represents its true legacy.

Other Names for the Free Emigrant Road

- Lost Wagon Train
- Elliott and Macy Wagon Roads
- Elliott Wagon Train of 1853
- Elliott Expedition Cutoff

Please Help Preserve This Important Resource

- Leave historic relics in place and contact the nearest Forest Service office
- Avoid altering the roadbed
- Minimize disturbance to vegetation
- Pack out your garbage
- Report theft or vandalism



Big Pine Opening

Forest Road 21
Points of interest along Forest Road 21 include Big Pine Openings, Sacandaga Campground, and Indigo Springs. Willamette Valley rescuers of the 1853 wagon train first encountered starving settlers in the vicinity of Big Pine Openings. Intact segments of the Oregon Central Military Wagon Road, successor to the Free Emigrant Road, can be viewed and hiked to the east, at Sacandaga Campground and Indigo Springs.



Crescent Area

The FER passes southwest through the Crescent area, crossing the Cascades near Diamond Peak. Find local interpretive signs at Windy-Oldenberg Trailhead at Crescent Lake and along the Crescent Cutoff Road near Crescent Creek Campground.

Oakridge Area
Eight monuments commemorate the route of the FER emigrants. Take a tour of the area and locate them all! For a map, visit www.fs.usda.gov/goto/willamette/fer



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For those members that have been faithfully keeping your chapters events on the calendar, we thank you, but in the last month you may have noticed you can't see your chapters calendar listed when adding event dates. We needed to make a minor change that resulted in most chapters' calendars disappearing from the Google Calendar App screen. If you had edit access

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- East Cascades BCH Chapter
- Emerald Empire BCH Chapter
- Sourdough BCH Chapter
- Steens BCH Chapter
- Territorial Riders BCH Chapter
- West Cascades BCH Chapter
- BCHO State Calendar

to any of the listed Calendars below from your Google account, you will notice they are missing, there is a simple fix. It did not affect all BCHO online calendars, just the ones listed here. If yours is not listed then nothing has changed for you. So if you're missing access to edit your calendar here is what you need to do. Subscribing to the calendar will make it visible once again.

1. Go to the BCHO Calendar web page, <https://www.bcho.org/calendar-and-events/> and click on the text "Please **subscribe to our calendar**".
2. You may be prompted to login to your Google account if not already logged in. Just make sure this is the account that previously had access to the BCHO Calendar and login using your normal username and password.
3. Next it will open a new Calendar App window and display a list of calendars, just pick the ones you had edited before the change and click add. This will add your chapter calendar to the Google account shown in the upper right corner of the window.

Please always follow the BCHO Calendar guidelines when adding events to your calendar.

- When entering the Title of an event always begin it with your Chapter Name or Initials, ie. "Emerald Empire BCH Work Party", "EEBCH Trail Ride", or "HDTRBCH Board Meeting".
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- The Location of the event. When entering a location for your event make sure the Google Map location is included.
- The Description field is there to include all details about your event.

For questions on getting access or getting your chapters events on the calendar please email or call Marty DeVall, 503-650-5398 or web@bcho.org.

Riley Horse Camp Corral Project

TRBCHO By Dan Dahlke

Riley Horse Campground is an equestrian facility located northwest of Mt. Hood off of Highway 26 near Zigzag. Horse corrals are tucked into the forest near the campsites, and several horseback riding trails can be accessed from the campground.

Riley Horse Camp has several equestrian campsites with corrals for 1 to 4 horses.

Damage from fallen trees and vandalism damaged four corrals. In addition, chains from seven corrals were missing as well.

On May 28th, five people came to do the repairs: Marty DeVall, Deloris DeVall, Dennis Cody, Tim Lagasse and Dan Dahlke.

We coordinated efforts with the Forest Service and the Camp Concessionaire to get materials for the repair. Marty also had materials from a previous project as well.

The worst of the corrals was Site 11. It was the one closest to the road in which 5 rails were cut out and removed. Below are pictures of the corral next to the road in which one can see the damage done to them.



Figure 1: Corral at Site 11 at Riley Horse Camp showing the cut rails.

The cut remnants were removed. The old lag bolts came out easier than expected, fortunately. We had the templates for the rail holes from the original project, making drilling and lining up the holes easier. The new rails were put on and the missing set of chains replaced.

While the prep work on the new rails was happening at Site 11, we went to Site 4 to replace a broken round rail.

Current Forest Service guidelines require non-treated wood be used. Originally, treated lumber was used in the corral construction. Some of the corrals now have both treated and non-treated rails.



Figure 2: A closer view of the Corral at Site 11



Figure 3. Repaired using 4 in x 6 in x 14 ft rails.

Once Site 11 was fixed, we then moved on to replace the missing chains at Site 10. The picture below shows Marty, Tim and Dennis replacing the chains at Site 10.



Figure 4. Marty, Dennis and Tim replacing corral chains at Site 10

Once the chains were replaced at Site 10, we went to Site 9 to replace two cut rails and chains for both corrals.



Site 9 Corral with two missing rails. Just the end pieces were left and were removed prior to the photo taken

Site 7 was occupied by a family with three horses at the 4-corrals site. One corral had broken rails from a tree and two other corrals had missing chains. The family worked around the issues, keeping the horses in that site. They moved their horses temporarily to another site so we could repair Site 7. Two rails were replaced on the one corral and the missing chains replaced on two others. In summary, we were able to repair the four broken corrals



Site 9 post repair

and replace chains on 7 corrals. We did a review of all the other corrals to be sure we had all corrals repaired and in working order.

This was a project that was finally able to be completed after two years. Between the COVID lock-down and the recent fires, Riley Horse Camp spent a great deal of time closed. We were glad to be able to finally get into the camp and get everything repaired so equestrians can enjoy the camp.

A Thank You to the Forest Service personnel and Dustin (Concessionaire) for their support and the materials needed to make the repairs.

A special Thank You to David Lynn, who provided us a tool to make working with and creating the corrals chains much easier for us.

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TRBCHO Tackles Timothy Lake Adopt-a-Trail Logout

Submitted by Tim Lagasse

TRBCHO has been the Caretaker for the section of the PCT that borders the east side of Timothy Lake for the last decade. We have also worked in cooperation for a number of years with PGE (Portland General Electric) to perform logout operations on other trails around Timothy Lake that PGE is responsible for under their lease of the dam from the USFS. For 2022, PGE rolled out an Adopt-a-Trail program to allow groups, or organization, with existing volunteer service agreements to adopt segments of trail in the Timothy Lake trail system. Adopters receive recognition for their efforts from PGE in the form of highly visible Adopt-a-Trail signs placed at the ends of the adopted trail segments. The purpose of the signage is to help trail visitors associate the name of the adopting group performing maintenance on the trail with their experience of a maintained trail. We believe that trail users associating TRBCHO/BCHO with maintenance of the trail system at Timothy Lake will help tremendously with the perception of equestrians on the trails, and will also help with publicity for TRBCHO and BCHO as a whole with trail users as well.



Adopt-a-Trail TRBCHO recognition name placard that will be placed on signposts

With that in mind, for 2022 TRBCHO adopted all available sections of the Timothy Lake trail system which included: Timothy Lake South Shore Bypass & Miller trails (4.9mi), Timothy Lake West and North Shores & Meditation Point trails (4.4mi), and the Timothy Lake Bike Trail which is also an equestrian trail and serves as the bicycle bypass to the PCT on the east side of the lake (4.8mi). TRBCHO is also responsible for the PCT in the area, and the PCT will be signed in a manner that acknowledges PCTA as the responsible maintainer of the trail with the Caretaker for each section listed on the signage, with TRBCHO being the Caretaker for the PCT on the east shore of the lake (5.1 mi).

Every year we schedule a multi-day work party in May to logout the Timothy Lake trails. We typically schedule the work party one week before the campgrounds open so that the trails will be cleared by the time the campgrounds around the lake open, and we avoid all the issues

associated with trying to reserve campsites for a work party after the opening of the campground we stage out of. The dates for this year's work party, May 13-18, were set back at the end of January to allow people ample time to work out plans to attend. The five day work effort is typically more than enough time to get all the trails around the lake logged out, plus we can usually start heading south on the PCT for log out on sections that individual members are Caretaker's for. For the last number of years, snow has been melted out by mid-May, and we have had relatively nice weather for the trip.

The very welcomed late snows of 2022 caused some changes to the typical plan though, along with other interesting issues. There was still two feet of snow on the only road to Timothy Lake on May 10th! There was no way our May 13th arrival date could be kept. Fortunately, the concessionaire for Clackamas Lake Horse Camp worked with us and pushed the opening date for the campground out a week, and we re-scheduled our volunteer effort to the following week, May 20-24. One unfortunate result of having to reschedule the work party date was the scheduling conflicts that were created for a number of people who originally planned on attending. Another interesting issues with the late snows affected the number and type of logs across the trail. The late snows were heavy in both weight and volume. Numerous smaller trees succumbed to the weight of the heavier, late snow. While logs across the trail were much smaller than normal, with most being under 8 inches in diameter, the number of logs was approximately three times the normal log count for the area.

Dan Dahlke and Tim Lagasse cutting a group of thirteen small logs across the Timothy Lake trail, before picture



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Picture after cutting a group of thirteen small logs across the Timothy Lake trail

Reduced numbers of volunteers meant we fielded less work parties per day, and the heavier log counts meant less miles cleared per day per work party. The combination resulted in requiring another four day trips over two weeks to finish the logout of the trails around Timothy Lake!

Over the course of the four day work effort from May 20-23, and the subsequent four day trip work parties over the following two weeks, ten TRBCHO members (Dennis Cody, Dan Dahlke, Billy Jones, Chris Jones, Tim Jones, Tim Lagasse, Rae Anne Lunde, Jennifer Pittsley, Darlyne Wells, and Neila Whitney) contributed to the effort. We cleared 584 logs from the trails around Timothy Lake with over 182 hours spent on trail, plus numerous hours of driving time and many gallons of diesel fuel!

Of course, no logout trip is complete without a large log falling lengthwise along the trail. This large log looked pretty innocent at first, until we tried to figure out where the trail went.

Turns out, the conservatively measured 30 inch diameter log was laying on the trail for 60 feet. Fortunately, the log was hollow, which decreased the time it took to remove this log from the trail. It still took over an hour though, plus the effort to match cuts from both sides of the hollow log to allow pieces to roll away freely. There was also the pieces that wouldn't roll off due to the foot long broken off branch stubs stuck in the ground. Our group of three prevailed though, and we got the trail open as observed in these pictures taken after removal.

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Before image of large log across, wait, that log is lengthwise in the trail!



After picture from the same vantage point as the before picture.

Another successful logout around Timothy Lake is in the books! It will be interesting to see if we receive any new members due to the signage from the Adopt-a-Trail program. We also hope our efforts help with the relations between equestrians and the hiker/biker community. We look forward to next year, and the horses definitely earned a water break at the lake! Until next year...



Territorial Riders Chapter President Dan Dahlke Watering Pol at Timothy Lake with Mt. Hood view



After picture showing where the trail emerges from the 30 inch log stump with Jewel in the background.

The Events at the High Desert Trail Riders Chapter

Submitted by Bert Morris

SPRING TUNE-UP

Cindi Boehner High Desert Trail Riders

Saturday May 21st was our Spring Tune-up with obstacles/trail ride at the Boehner property in Klamath Falls. There were 26 riders and a handful of spectators enjoying the beautiful weather that day. We had approximately 20 obstacles spread out on the trails covering the 40 acres with a pond and alpacas providing the most challenges. Lunch was provided and enjoyed with old and new friends. We also signed up 3 new members! I want to thank Gayle Carlson for inviting the Sourdough Chapter and the group that traveled to share the day with us. After lunch Betty Applebaker held a pack training session that was well attended and appreciated by all. I think both the humans and equines had a great day and thank you all for attending and especially all that helped with the preparations. We hope to make this an annual event.

POKER RIDE/TREASURE HUNT

Cindi Boehner High Desert Trail Riders

July 16th is our upcoming Poker ride which will include a treasure hunt at the home of Valerie Greenwell in Bonanza, Oregon. Ride starts at 9am followed by lunch and great prizes for the winning hands. We are limited to 35 riders so you must sign-up ASAP to assure your spot. This is a fund-raising event to please support our chapter.... remember...this is what keeps our trails open. For more information and to sign-up please contact Gayle Carlson at 541-281-3433.

TRAIL WORK

Cindi Boehner High Desert Trail Riders

June 18th, we have a work party scheduled to clear trails starting at the Rye Spur Trail head. This is a beautiful trail enjoyed by many,many people in the summer so make plans to help clear this popular trail.

Emerald Hosts a Packing and Trails Skills DAY

May 21st Emerald turned our weekend of camping and training into a day of learning and hands on practice. Due to our wet spring, we postponed our weekend until later in the spring. Changed to June 25 and 26. Still at Mtn Pisgah-Posse arena, but hopefully drier.

We trained over 20 folks on Leave No Trace principles. How to pack single horses for day ride or an overnight trip into the wilderness area. How to fit stock for packing equipment, and how to tie these loads on with practice. We then harnessed these students horses up and took them out for a practice ride to see how the stock took to their packs. We have folks, new to trail riding to folks, new to the area, new to packing. Review needed equipment and equipment options. We hope to have a weekend later to practice Highline, more in-depth LNT training, Map, and GPS reviews, as well more trail riding and camping together.



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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 2022, 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.

WWW.BCHO.ORG

If you find it easier, you can also still join or submit your renewal through your local chapter as well. Also, chapter specific dues will not be collected during the online registration process. If your local chapter has any chapter specific dues, that amount will still need to be paid to your local chapter in addition to dues paid online to BCHO.

Thank You, Tim Lagasse, BCHO Membership Coordinator

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Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc.

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Yes! I would like to help preserve Horsemen's rights
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BCHO Membership Dues

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Patron	\$100	_____
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Mail your application along with your check to:

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For questions email membership@bcho.org

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