



To Be a Back Country Horsemen The Hard Facts and a Little Opinion

Article II, BCHA Constitution – Objectives and Purpose of BCHA, also known as the mission statement or founding principles:

1. To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and Wilderness areas.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new state back country horsemen's organizations.

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The Purposes of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

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
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Meets: The 1st Wednesday of each month at Elmer's Restaurant,
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Dinner at 6:00p.m. Meeting at 7:00p.m.
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What do the objectives and purpose mean? What do they mean to you? What did they mean to the founders of the organization back in 1973 when Ken Ausk, Dulane Fulton, Dennis Swift and Roland Cheek came up with an idea. It seems that, with the 50th anniversary of what has become Back Country Horsemen of America, it would be good to review the ideas on which it was founded. Also, we should consider the context in which it was founded.

Located in the Flathead Valley of Montana near Kalispell, they were surrounded by amazing natural beauty and resources. Natural beauty and resources that were rapidly being exploited for individual gain and contributed to a very adversarial relationship with land managers. 150 horses and riders on a single trail ride. Pack strings that went as far as the eye could see supporting huge back country outfitter camps. Not only did they want to change the tide of destruction to the natural beauty of their surroundings, as stated in the history of BCH, they desired to gain credibility with the land managers. How to accomplish this herculean task was the question. They went forward with support of, and proposals for, rules and limits that would reduce and reverse the degradation they saw before them. They applied their own sweat equity to projects in support of land manager goals. They helped to right a wrong and **earned the respect** of land managers and their fellow horsemen.

What does this mean for members of BCH today? Does it mean that everything you do with your equine must fall under one of the five objectives listed above, all the time? Certainly not. There are a large a variety of equine activities that don't involve the natural resources of this country's back country. If you are operating under the banner of Back Country Horsemen, you should be applying the five objectives and purpose to the things you think, do and say.

Many of the efforts BCH members have historically used to support land managers in accomplishing our shared goal is hard work or getting ourselves outside of our comfort zone. Pulling a saw, speaking in front of user groups, confronting (respectfully) bureaucrats that may be reluctant to make the effort which is in the best interest of the natural resource, are many of the things that make what BCH does, a service. Service to others, on a volunteer basis is, and should be, hard. If it was easy, it would not be much of a service. There are many ways to serve. Attending a meeting with land managers or user groups support the back country. Recruiting new BCH members at an equine event supports the back country. Serving on a BCH committee, as a chapter or state officer supports the back country. Donating funds to a trail project or education efforts also support the back country. Spending time in the back country on the back of a fine mule, donkey or horse, setting the example for other horsemen, and breaking a sweat improving the access for all, is very good for the back country, and maybe your own soul. Is there a more honorable way to expend our combined time, treasure and talent?

The five "Objectives and Purpose" of BCHA are as applicable today as they were fifty years ago and should be guiding our **motives** and **actions**. Simply showing up for the party and showing off your new cowboy hat does not do anything to support the back country. Not following through on commitments to BCH does not support the back country. It may be time for BCH members to have a conversation with the person in the mirror.

Guidebooks!



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Gibson Prairie Horse Camp Update

Submitted by Joy Senger, Vice President

Winter weather kept the Columbia Gorge chapter out of Gibson Prairie Horse Camp until May this year. Two of our newest (and younger!) members, Eric and Nancy Carlson, live close enough to keep tabs on the snow level and road conditions. They also got a head start on the work clearing several trees on the Hanson-Long Prairie Trail out of camp. We scheduled a work party for June 4 and thought that there would only be three of us. Surprise! Surprise! Eight members and one guest (a prospective member) arrived with tools and mules in hand. That included Zach and Lauren who had relocated to Montana last year, but were traveling through in time to join in. They, and Jim & Sue Forsman, had just been to the Bishop Mule Days.

Nancy is a top shelf trail boss - she brought coffee and doughnuts and had arranged for pizza to be delivered for lunch! She is hired.

There is an upcoming work party to install the new trail signs provided by the Forest Service. The posts were set last year at trail junctions and along the roads where a trail crosses. This work will be to add the trail names. Other than the two trails mentioned, each trail has the name of a breed of horse.

Gibson Pr HC is located along USFS Rd 17. It is not in great shape coming in from the north off Hwy 35. The last half mile is the worst. Driving in from the south off USFS Rd 44 is about 6 miles of gravel and there is truck traffic for a project on the south end. Use CB channel 15.



The camp is in excellent shape. There was little clean up to do. The Forest Service has been taking care of cleaning the vault toilet, so it was mostly a little brushing and fire ring cleaning. More miles of trail were cleared. Nancy had also already cleaned the horse trough. The winter and windstorms took a toll on some big trees so there is more to do.

Chapter President Jim Forsman said the main problem with the Section Line trail is that it is growing over with grass and hard to follow in some places. It needs to be ridden!



Tree Markers

Submitted by Betty Applebaker

Trails have been marked in some form since the 1800's when travel by foot was more common.



Trail markers give us a sense of reassurance that we are still on the trail and come in different forms. Today, trails in Wilderness are marked with wooden signs near junctions, specifically before the junction by about 50 feet. We rely on those to know if we are at the trail location we are looking for. There are also other kinds of markers you may encounter depending on where you are traveling. Have you ever noticed the scars on trees along the trail? These are called blazes and were probably cut into the tree bark fifty to a hundred years ago. During the 1930's, the Civilian Conservation Corps was put to work building trails among other projects. The trails were marked with blazes cut into the bark in the shape of an "i". They were placed five feet high on the right side of the trail on both sides of a tree. The shape was cut 4"x 8" on the bottom and 4" x 2" on the top. They were placed within sight distance about 300 feet apart or closer in dense vegetation. Meadows or open areas 600 feet wide or fords were marked by a blaze on each side of the opening, so you knew where the trail continued if it wasn't visible on the ground. Many of those blazed trees have since died and fallen but many still remain standing. Have you seen those while riding? Blazes are no longer used to mark trails, but in parts of the eastern United States you might see that kind of mark painted on trees: white for the mainline and blue for side trails in some locations. Some trails, like the Pacific Crest Trail, have their own metal signs attached to trees or posts. Outside of Wilderness plastic diamonds sometimes designate reassurance. Blue diamonds are used for cross country ski trails and orange diamonds are for snowmobile trails. The National Recreation Trail 160 used gray diamonds. The placement of more blazes on a tree designated direction. The "i" blaze placement indicated straight ahead. For a right turn, there are two rectangles side by side with the right one higher. For a left turn it is the opposite, two rectangles side by side with the left one higher. A spur trail was indicated by three rectangles, one above the other and one to the side depending on whether left or right. This tree may have indicated a junction.



Today in Wilderness, two wooden signs are placed at intersections, or two locations are on one sign, to indicate destination and direction. Some old signs in Wilderness still have mileage on them but newer signs do not. Signs outside of Wilderness will have mileage listed as well. Above timberline or in desert areas, stacked rocks were used as reassurance trail markers. Two or three stacked rocks were called "ducks", and rock cairns were larger constructed piles which could have a signpost in the middle. There are rock cairns marking the Desert Trail across southeast Oregon because there is no trail tread. You just find your way to the next cairn. Signposts were packed up the Mt. McGloughlin trail by the Sourdough BCH Chapter to mark the trail and I bet they will go in rock cairns. Another fun thing to look for along some of the main trails are the insulators up high on trees where #9 telephone wire connected fire lookouts to fire guard stations. Most of that wire has since been removed but you can still see insulators. So, while out enjoying your ride, you now know some of the backstory on things you see along the trail.

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Resources, Business Directory, Events Calendar, & More!



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Back Country Horsemen of Oregon now has up-dated promotional items available for your use.

When you are having a Public Event, help get the word out about BCHO to others. Please know that if your chapter is unable to purchase or print these items, accommodations can be made by emailing publicity@bcho.org. Please let us know how we can help.

The Promotional Highline is available for purchased from the Packer Store by emailing packerstore@bcho.org. Each Promotional Highline is \$2.25/ea. +Shipping costs and are not printable online. If chapters are unable to purchase the Promotional Highline for your event, the Publicity budget has 50 available, just email publicity@bcho.org and pay for shipping cost. We would much rather have the information available at your event so you can help visitors and participants know what we are all about and in hopes they can join.

Please be sure to visit <https://www.bcho.org/resources-forms/member-resources/> for printable resources like 'Share the Trail' and 'LNT' brochures but also check out the 'Horse Sense' booklet, 'A beginners Day Ride' check list and 'What a Horse Sees' poster. If any chapter needs assistance with obtaining the link or can't afford the print cost, please reach out to the Publicity coordinator at publicity@bcho.org with what you need and how many. The Publicity Coordinator also has the 'BCHO Business' Cards that can only be procured by emailing publicity@bcho.org. We are really excited to offer these items for your events, please check them out.

Promo Highline

BCHO Tri-Fold

Business Card

Share the Trail Brochure

Leave No Trace Brochure

Get Off the Mail Wagon and Ride with Pony Express!

Submitted by Pam Lehto

In this day of escalating costs, our newsletter expenses in money and manpower, to deliver physical copies to people, is enormous.

Postage just went up again. Paper and ink...well... is always on the run, or was that clogged?

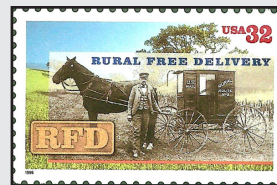
If you can help us lower our costs and save time, we would be greatly appreciative.

Remember, we give every cent of dues you pay to BCHO.

BCHO also says that switching to email for the state newsletter will also help them out. They will be able to save funds to use elsewhere in the state budget.

If email is possible for you, then changes should be made at the time of BCHO membership dues being paid. If you wish to change your option, then email Tim Lagasse at membership@bcho.org

It's Time to ride with Pony Express!



Cyrus Horse Camp Has A Deep History

Submitted by Sara Lagasse and Barb Smith

On June 9, 10 and 11 we had our BCHO Rendezvous where we addressed many different business topics and some even went for a ride. As I sat in the meeting I looked around and saw that there were some odd structures that just didn't go with the typical landscape at the campground. What is a fir tree doing here by itself and is that an apple Orchard? What in the world is going on. I had to find out the answers. That's when someone said you know Barb Smith knows all about this area, ask her. I thought that I had struck gold!!!!

Barb was more than happy to take me on a Cyrus Camp tour of the grounds, this is where I learned many things about the Camp.

First off, she said, this area was homesteaded by the Cyrus Family in 1883 Enoch and Mary Cyrus to be exact, the Homestead had a home, barn, outbuildings, and a one room schoolhouse. There are 3 separate, but contiguous Cyrus homesteads and the Cyrus Horse Camp is located in the middle.



She notes that the descendants of the family who live in Canada still have family reunions here every so often.

Barb took us over to this random and only fir tree and she explained that The Douglas fir tree, located off the corner of the fenced apple orchard by a wooden hitching rail, was planted at the front of the schoolhouse in the early 1900's by the school children for shade.

Barb also pointed out next to the fir tree, the concrete circular structure that is about 12 feet in diameter and about 3 feet high with metal bands in the chipped away concrete, is what remains of the windmill site that pumped water for the people, crops, and animals alike. I was amazed that concrete from back then is still here today. She then pointed over to the impressive apple orchard, where about 7 or 8 trees still stand today and they still produce large tart apples, she said. The old orchard has been fenced

off to keep cattle and vandals out. It was truly amazing how thick the bark was on the trees; some had a little rot, and some were just a snag now, but most had leaves and blooms for this year's crop.

Next, Barb took us over to see the planted Black Locusts and Poplar tree. The Locust trees were planted for shade. Today you can see a few of the Black Locusts trees that still remain scattered about the camp, the boulders within the camp were strategically placed to protect the over 120-year-old locust tree roots from people parking on them. The poplar tree was used for firewood and a windbreak in the harsh winter months. The 1 Poplar tree that you see today, somehow sprouted in the mid 1990's discovered by Camp Host Carol during her almost 10 years as host at Cyrus Horse Camp. Carol protected the seedling from cattle and horse use, by first putting a rock ring around it, then a chicken wire enclosure and lastly a no climb wire that is still there today, Barb recalls. It could stand to be enlarged to provide additional protection from grazing animals. The Poplar tree is located by the windmill site.

I did a little research online when I got home to see what more I could learn and found this interesting nugget of historical information.

Established in 1883, the Enoch and Mary Cyrus Homestead and Orchard Site is locally significant in the areas of Exploration and Settlement and Agriculture with the settlement of central Oregon, its connection with Enoch Cyrus who was instrumental in introducing winter wheat to the area, a principal crop. During the half century of development, the Cyrus family took raw sagebrush steppe and converted it through labor, investment, and innovation into a productive, diversified farm. The Cyrus family was tight-knit and industrious, and they became a leading family in the region, contributing broadly to the development of the local community. The period of significance begins with the occupation of the site in 1883 and extends until prior abandonment by Warren Dean Cyrus and razing of the homestead by the Resettlement Administration in 1936, spanning the Settlement, Agricultural Development, and Resettlement and Demise of Community contexts developed in the Multiple Property Document entitled "Settlement and Abandonment of the Crooked River Grassland in Jefferson County, OR 1868-1937".

I believe that to really appreciate what we have today, it's important to know how we got here, for me it's a way to honor them as they worked incredibly hard for basic ways of living without any TV, phone, iPad, or good health care for that matter. Settlers were tough and they had to be to provide for family and communities. In a way, I think that they have also provided us with a beautiful camp and trails with a deep history that should never be forgotten, it's part of the fabric of BCHO and America.

Our beloved current day Cyrus Horse camp was constructed in the early 1990's with help from the Columbia Gorge and West Cascade chapter, a big thank you to them for all the hard work and love that they put into this camp. Cyrus is the only Horse Camp on the Crooked River National Grassland. Also, there is only one National Grassland in Oregon. Go check it out and appreciate our history.

Directions and information to go visit Cyrus Horse Camp can be found at the link below.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recrea/ochoco/recrea/?recid=39134>

Directions for non-online people:
Crooked River National Grassland
274 SW 4th Street
Madras, OR 97741
PH:541-416-6640

From Hwy 97:
Exit Norris Lane and go east approximately 2.5 miles.
Turn right on Springer Rd (Forest Service Road 5740).
Turn left onto Hagman Rd (Forest Service Road 5750)
and proceed approximately 1 mile.
Cyrus Horse Camp will be on the right.



Allen Creek Trails

Submitted by Barbara Smith
Columbia Gorge Chapter of BCHO

Summer is here and so are the flies! Clackamas County Vector Control District (CCVCD) wants to help you protect your 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.

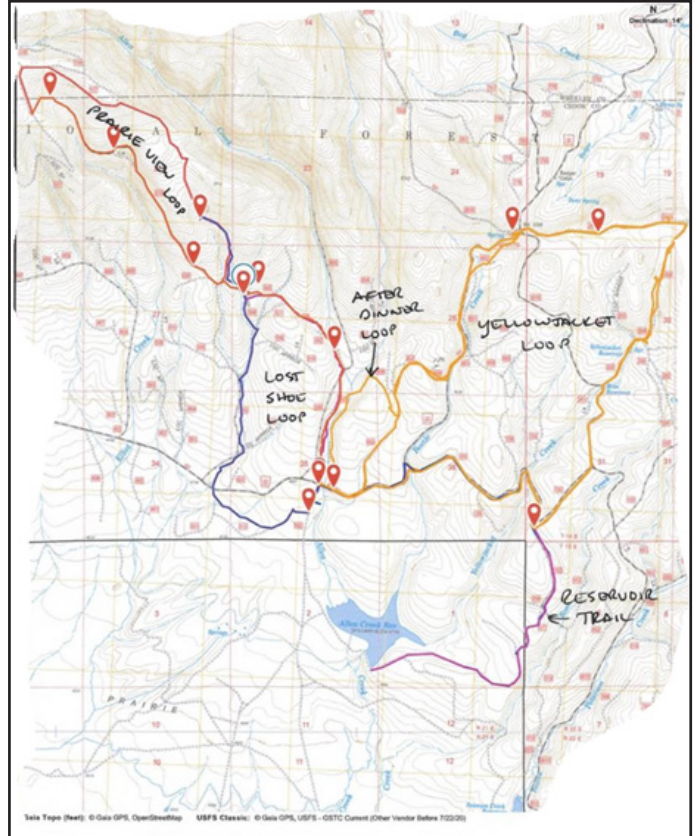
Now back to Yellow Jacket Trail you will ride beside a small stock reservoir named Yellow Jacket and you guessed it that's where the trail got its name. This trail is a loop that consists of stock trails and old logging roads winding through the timber and meadows and once on the northern end there are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

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 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 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.

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

Happy Trail Riding,
Barbara



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Oregon Representation at the National Board Meeting

BCHO had an excellent turn out at the BCHA Kalispell Montana in April meeting. More than any other state. Oregon also participated in making our voices heard at the National level.

This year marks the 50th anniversary for BCHA so the event was held where our organization was started, Kalispell, Montana.

Here are most of the Oregon reps that went. There were about 15 in total.

A big *Thank You* to everyone that went and supported our State!!!

Way to represent!!!



Help with Vector Control

Summer is here and so are the flies! Clackamas County Vector Control District (CCVCD) wants to help you protect your horses and have a BUZZ free summer! The increase in hot weather draws more flies to your barns, pastures, and most importantly horses. CCVCD is committed to controlling flying vectors (mosquitoes and flies) in Clackamas County and has developed a program to tackle this issue. They offer inspections and can advise you on methods to reduce the fly and mosquito populations around your barn and horses.

Flies are not the only vector related issue to worry about this summer. They also offer free property inspections, mosquito fish for backyard ponds and pools, and educational presentations to help you protect yourself from mosquitoes.

If you are having any issues, call them at 503-655-8394. They are open between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. You can also visit FighttheBites.com where you can request services, watch educational videos, and stay up to date with local vector news and updates. Don't forget to like them on Facebook too!

Have a safe and bug free summer!



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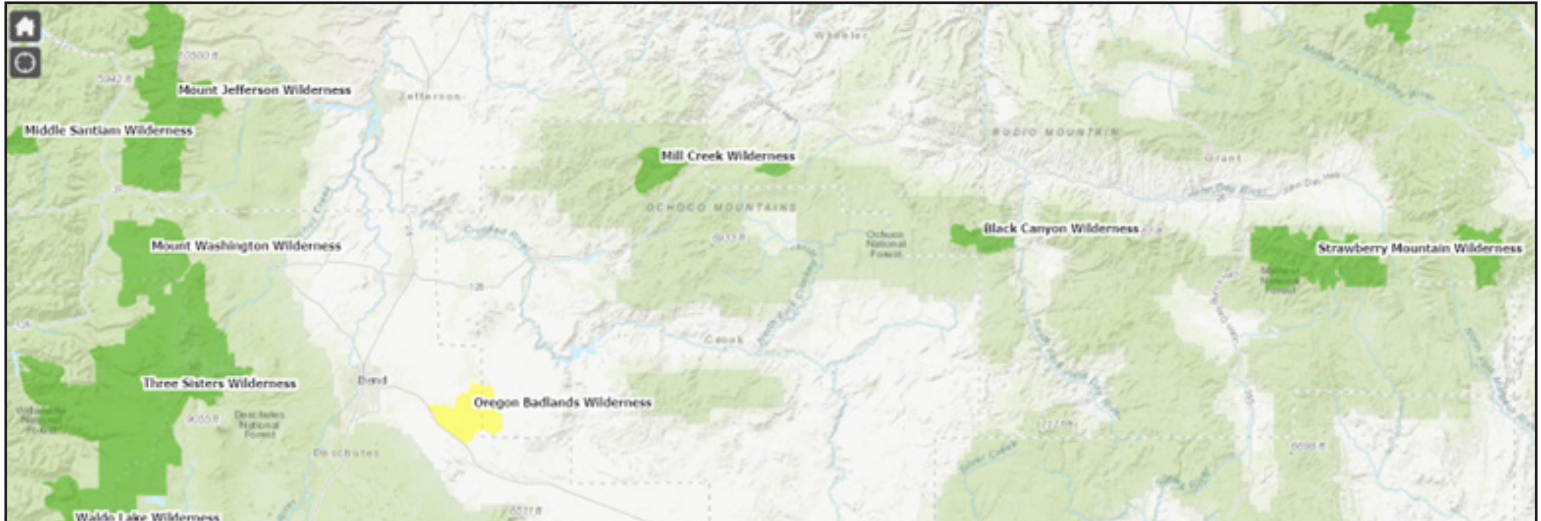


Back to Black Canyon Once Again

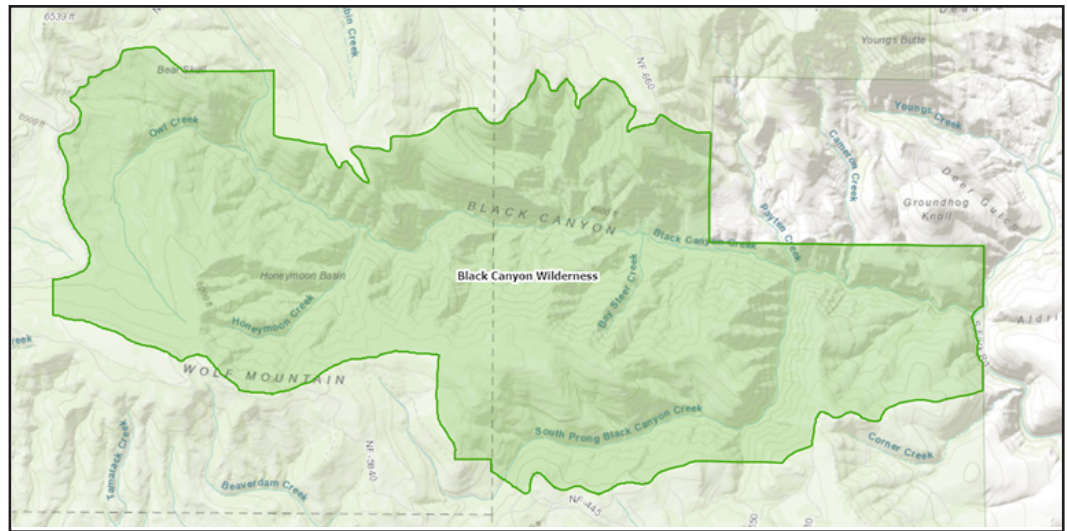
After the Hot Shot Saw Team's (HSST) first visit to Black Canyon Wilderness (BCW) in May 2022, was cut short due to weather in (Blinding snowstorm and torrential rain at the end of our 2nd day of work) the canyon kept calling. Many of the wilderness areas that we work in, are too large to get your arms around. Not so with BCW. If all trails were open for equine travel, almost anyone could ride from one end to the other in a day. Maybe this is the reason that members of the HSST kept their interest to go back and get the job done, and we did, almost.

in May 2022. The Payton trail descends down through conifer forest into juniper savanna terrain on the lower third of the trail. The lower trail provides great views of the Eastern end of the BCW which is also the portion more affect by fires in recent years.

After reaching the canyon's bottom, we worked East (downstream) along the Black Canyon Trail to within about 1 mile of the East TH. Progress came to a halt due to brush so thick that the trail bed could not be ascertained.



Funded by a HSST grant approved by the BCHO BOD in September 2021, and based on a very generous donation from the Zemek Family Foundation, participating team members were reimbursed for fuel, food and feed. Due to the cold and wet spring in most of Oregon in 2023, when our scheduled project date arrived in early May, the roads on the Ochoco NF were still impassable due to snow. The date was reset to the 1st of June and with the help of a sudden change to warmer than normal temps, all the snow was gone with the exception of a few shaded corners of the wilderness.



Four team members arrived the evening of June 1, which included one non-BCHO member, and a 5th member came at the end of the first workday. Our first camp was at the North end of the Payton trail that leads from the Northerly NE corner of the BCW and runs South into the bottom of the canyon near Big Ford, which is also the North end of the South Prong Trail that runs North from Mud Springs HC into the canyon's bottom. The South Prong Trail was the object of the first BCW project conducted by the HSST

Because of the high river levels from the recent melting snow, fording the river from the East TH was not possible. On the 3rd workday, we elected to do an "end around" and trailered to the Coffee Pot TH, East of our base camp, and proceeded down the very steep, but short, trail to the canyon bottom. We then worked downstream to Honey Moon Camp. After lunch, we continued East, downstream just a short distance when we ran into another lost trail to the very thick brush. We then retreated to the

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Coffee Pot/Black Canyon junction and continued West for about a mile in thick conifer forest with little underbrush to a place near the confluence of Owl Creek and Black Canyon Creek. What a difference between where fire has recently touched the wilderness and where it has not for hundreds of years. On the next workday, after proceeding to the canyon's bottom near Big Ford via the Payten trail, we worked upstream (West) near the area that the Kelsey trail intersects the Black Canyon Trail. That is when we ran into cyanosis brush over 9 feet high and so thick that we could not even crawl through it. After about 2 miles, our progress was halted again. The gap between where we were stopped near the Kelsey junction and Honeymoon Camp is about 2 miles. At the end of our Coffee Pot excursion the day before, our 5th member had to leave, so we made a change in strategy and moved camp to the area called Boeing Field near the Owl Creek TH. After arriving mid-morning on the 5th workday, the four of us entered the BCW via Owl Creek to the Black Canyon trail and proceeded East, downstream, along Owl Creek to the junction of Owl Creek with Black Canyon Creek, which is where we stopped Westbound from our Coffee Pot entry 2 days earlier. At the end of that workday, we lost two more of our team to other commitments, leaving just 2 of us to attack the final 2 miles of the main trail up to the Wolf Mountain lookout.



Our 6th and final day started down Owl Creek with a right turn and headed uphill to Wolf Mountain. After a moderate amount of sawing, the lookout was reached late morning. We were rewarded by some great views of the Black Canyon Wilderness and surrounding Ochocos.

A common trend we noticed in our trail work is that within a mile or so of most of the trailheads, there had been some logs sawed out of the trail and some brushing done. However, in many or most of the cases the logs were cut barely wide enough for a hiker to squeeze through. For smaller logs close to the ground, this required our pack and saddle stock having to either step over the log, or complete some fancy foot work by pivoting half way through the narrow (18 to 20 inch) opening. Many of these narrow openings were also at oblique angles to the trail which added to the difficulty to pass through. We also had several of these narrow openings recently cut in much larger logs (24 to 30 inches in diameter) that were also 2 to 4 feet above the ground. For all of the more difficult narrow cuts, we re-cut an additional 2 to 4 feet off one side of the narrow opening to allow safe passage.



Here are the numbers/names:

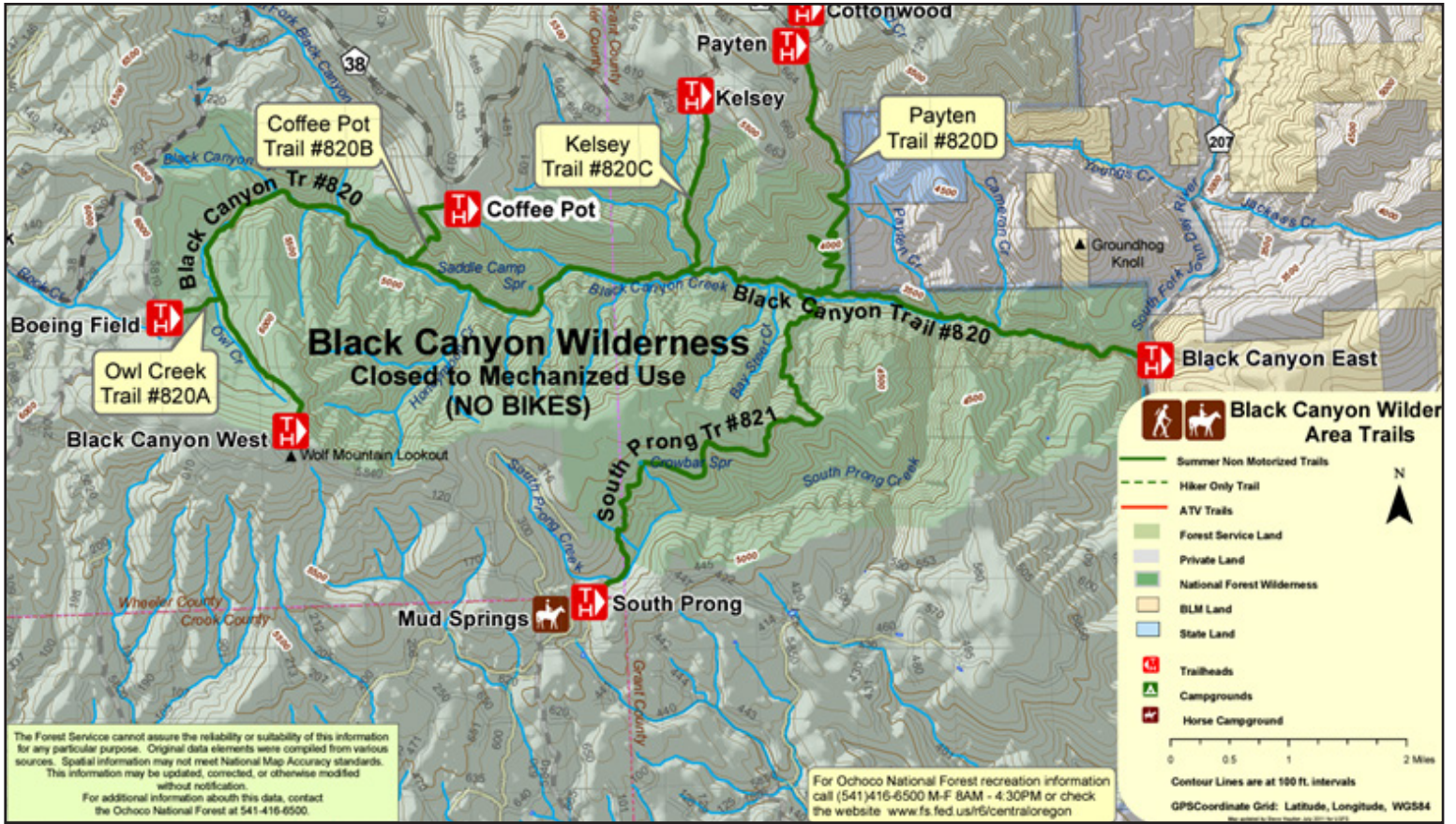
HSST – Dave Strand, Gary Pegg (non-BCH volunteer), George Johnson, Bert Morris, Eric Dahl

Stock hauling – 10 days for approx. 1800 miles

Stock days – 32

Skilled Work hours – 309

Miles cleared of logs – 12



July					
Date	Time	Chapter Cal.	Event Title	Location	Description
Jul 6	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
Jul 7-10		BCHO State Calendar	BCHO State Ride	Allen Creek Horse Camp, Oregon	
Jul 8-9		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Blue Lake Fish Packing	Gearhart Mountain	
Jul 9-10		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Deming Creek Corral project		Note from Ron: We got the go ahead to put corral panels at the Deming Creek trail head. The panels we will use were purchased from Ken Kleg a few years ago. The corrals will be two twenty foot square and will connect to the steel corrals that are there. The wooden corrals burnt up. We plan on packing fish into Blue Lake on July 8th then move to Deming Creek trailhead to install the panels on July 9th. All members are welcome to help and enjoy the outings.
Jul 13-17		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Marble Mountains Pack Trip - Betty: 541-891-8220	Marble Mountain Wilderness Fort Jones, CA 96032	HDTR Marble Mountains Pack Trip Contact Betty Applebaker for more information: 541-891-8220 Tentative itinerary: Thursday drive & spend night at trail-head, pack in on Friday, pack out & drive back Sunday.
Jul 14-17		Emerald Empire BCH Chapter	EEBCH - PCT/Pengra Pass		
Jul 15-16		Sourdough BCH Chapter	Fourmile Horse Camp Work Party #1		
Jul 17-18		Territorial Riders BCH Chapter	TRBCH - Pack Support for Kids with Cancer		Contact Dan territorialriders@bcho.org for details.
Jul 18-19		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support IN (for Anthony B.)		
Jul 22-23		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support OUT (for Anthony B.)		
August					
Aug 3	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
Aug 19-20		Sourdough BCH Chapter	Willow Prairie Horse Camp Work Party #2		
Aug 19-20		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Four Mile Lake corral build	Fourmile Lake Fort Klamath, OR	Note from Ron: For the corrals at 4 Mile Lake we have 6, 12ft square corrals built and ready to install. I have gathered up enough pipe to build 4 more corrals and we will start getting the pipe ready as soon as the weather gets warmer. Our calendar date to install them at 4 Mile is August 19th as long as the weather and fire danger works with us.
Aug 22-23		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support IN (for Anthony B.)		
Aug 26-27		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support OUT (for Anthony B.)		
September					
Sep 7	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
Sep 9-10		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Chapter Picnic & Ride		
Sep 11-12		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support IN (for Anthony B.)		
Sep 14-18		Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	Columbia Gorge campout	Cyrus Horse Camp, Prineville, OR 97754	
Sep 15-16		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support OUT (for Anthony B.)		
Sep 16-17		Sourdough BCH Chapter	Fourmile Horse Camp Work Party #2		

October					
Oct 5	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
Oct 6-9		Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	Columbia Gorge campout	Gibson Prairie Horse Camp, Oregon 97055	
Oct 21	08:00AM - 01:30PM	Public Equestrian Events	Clackamas 4-H Tack Sale	694 NE 4th Ave, 694 Northeast 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013	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.
November					
Nov 2-5		Public Equestrian Events	Oregon Trail Summit 2023	Coos Bay, OR	
Nov 2	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
December					
Dec 7	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
Dec 9	02:00PM - 05:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	Columbia Gorge Christmas party		Christmas dinner & gift exchange
January					
Jan 4	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
February					
Feb 1	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
March					
Mar 7	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
Mar 16	08:00AM - 01:30PM	Public Equestrian Events	Clackamas 4-H Tack Sale	694 NE 4th Ave, 694 Northeast 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013	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.
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Apr 4	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
May					
May 2	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
June					
Jun 6	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call
July					
Jul 4	07:00PM - 08:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO President Call		BCHO President Call

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Membership Reminder

Fellow Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

If you have not already renewed, it is that time again to renew our annual memberships for 2023. Please note, BCHO now encourages members to either join BCHO or renew your membership online at <https://www.bcho.org/membership-form/>. A Single Membership will be \$35, and a Family Membership will be \$45 for 2023. 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 2023, 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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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
to use stock on public lands.

BCHO Membership Dues

Single	\$35	_____
Family	\$45	_____
Patron	\$100	_____
Benefactor	\$250	_____
Sustaining	\$500	_____

(Print Name)

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Signed _____ Date _____

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