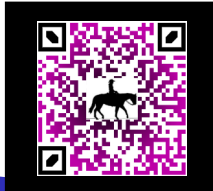
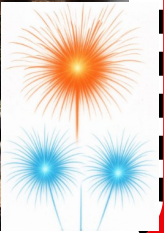
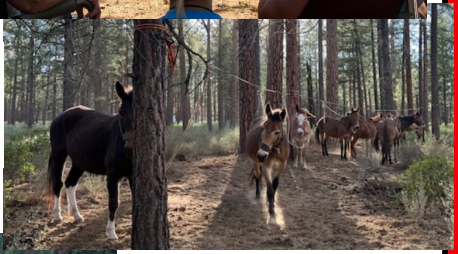


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Come To A Meeting And Make A Difference

Columbia Gorge Chapter

When: The 3rd Wednesday of the month

Where: Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr., Hood River, OR 97031

6:00pm—8:30pm Please confirm meeting with Joy Senger, columbiagorge@bcho.org

East Cascades Chapter

When: Monthly on the second Monday,

Where: Abby's Legendary Pizza 1938 S Hwy 97, Redmond, OR 97756

6:30pm—8:30pm Please confirm meeting with Rhonda Marquis, eastcascades@bcho.com

Emerald Empire Chapter

When: the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Where: Emerald People's Utility District, 33733 Seavey Loop Rd., Eugene, OR 97405 6:30pm—

8:30pm Please confirm meeting with Barbara Dumsenil, emeraldempire@bcho.org

High Country Wilderness Packers

When: Held by conference call as needed ~ Please confirm meeting with contact

Contact: Mat Wooley, hcwp@bcho.org

High Desert Trail Riders Chapter

When: The 3rd Tuesday of each month

Where: Waffle Hut 106 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

6:00pm Please confirm meeting with Betty Applebaker, hdtr@bcho.org

Sourdough Chapter

When: Monthly on the second Monday,

Where: Foots Creek Chapel, 913 Foots Creek Rd, Gold Hill, OR 97525

6:00pm—8:00pm Please confirm meeting with David Browne, sourdough@bcho.org

Steens Chapter

When: Held as needed ~ Please confirm meeting with contact

Contact: SteensBCH@gmail.com

Territorial Riders Chapter

When: The 2nd Tuesday of every month

Where: Beavercreek Fire Dept., 22310 South Beavercreek Rd., Beavercreek, OR 97004 7:00pm—

9:00pm Please confirm meeting with Dan Dahlke, territorialriders@bcho.org

West Cascades Chapter

When: The 1st Wednesday of each month

Where: Elmer's Restaurant, 3950 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Dinner at 6:pm Meeting at 7:pm

Please confirm with contact Arden Corey, westcascades-pres@bcho.org



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT OF BCHO

Hello BCHO Family,

I would like to introduce myself as the current President of BCHO. I live in Bend now but grew up in the Willamette Valley. I am a nurse and live with my husband Jose. We have 4 horses and 2 dogs at our place and 8 acres to tend to.

Horses have always been a part of my life. I used to ride in front of my mom and dad before I could walk and when I was a little bigger I got ponied along the trails and spent a lot of time in the mountains with my grandmother on day rides. My family competed in rodeo and we had team roping at our house in the summers. I was fortunate to be in 4-H and High School Rodeo, then Dressage and Mountain Trail, so I have experienced different types of riding. I decided a few years ago that I was done with competitions. I really like the wilderness for the solitude and scenery. I joined BCHO, Emerald Empire when I lived in Eugene and went on my first work party with Emerald which was hauling gravel on the trails at Elijah Bristow. I knew right away that this is the type of group and volunteer work that I would enjoy. My preference is crosscut work and brushing. It is important to me that we preserve and protect our wilderness for future generations and that BCHO make an effort to invite and mentor new members. I would encourage you to invite others to go ride with you and find out what they want to learn, then connect them with those that can provide that experience for them.

Lisa Rodriguez

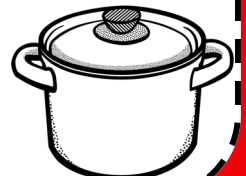
~ NEW! BCHO Cookbook ~ Calling all camp cooks...

BCHO wants your camp recipes for favorite Dutch oven, camp cooking and or what you snack on while out on the trail.....I like to call them Saddle Snacks. We are also looking for any cast iron tips, tricks or food related hacks that could be helpful for a beginner or an experienced person alike, lets face it, we can all use some helpful tips when out in the woods. Like what is a Charmin Lilly? And why do I not want to smell it. ... OK perhaps not that sort of tip.

What is this for? you ask. You mean besides bragging to your family and friends that you are in a published book and are now famous. Well it's also a fundraiser for BCHO and we want you to be a part of it. I really think that our BCHO Family have a wealth of information to help anyone just starting out on the camping adventure. And to share the knowledge with experienced ones, we can all learn something new. I also think that it's the right thing to do as a group, to help others have the best camping experience. We all know food is a big part of the camping equation and a big part of our Light on the Land and being prepared. So come on what do you say ... jump on the ol' chuckwagon!!!

What you need to do, email cookbook@bcho.org your recipe along with your name and chapter.

Please send us 1 or 127, We are happy to put them in.



Keeping Your Online Experience Private: Understanding Website Cookies

Hello everyone! Following our previous discussions on making online life easier, this month we're going to talk about a small but important aspect of your internet experience: website "cookies." These aren't the kind you bake, but rather little bits of information that websites store on your computer.

What Exactly Are These "Cookies" That Websites Leave Behind?

Think of it like this: when you visit a website for the first time, it might give your computer a little digital identification tag, kind of like getting a loyalty card from your favorite shop. This tag is called a "cookie." It helps the website remember certain things about you and your visit.

For example, a cookie might remember that you've already logged into your email, so you don't have to type your username and password every time you open a new email or navigate to a different folder. If you're shopping online, cookies keep track of the items you've added to your virtual basket. They can also remember your preferences, such as the language you prefer on a website or the way you like the pages to be displayed.

Essentially, cookies are designed to make your online experience more convenient and personalized by allowing websites to recall information about your past interactions with them.

Why Is It a Good Idea to Clear Out These Cookies from Time to Time?

While cookies often make our online lives easier, there are several good reasons why you might want to remove them from your computer every so often:

- **Improving Your Privacy Online:** One of the primary reasons to clear cookies is to enhance your online privacy. Some cookies are used to track your Browse activity across multiple websites. This information can then be used to show you targeted advertisements. While this might sometimes be helpful, many people prefer to limit the amount of tracking that occurs. By deleting cookies, you can reduce the ability of websites to follow your digital footprint as you move around the internet.
- **Potentially Fixing Website Issues:** Sometimes, the information stored in cookies can become outdated or corrupted. This can lead to websites behaving unexpectedly – they might load slowly, display errors, or some features might not work as they should. Clearing the cookies associated with a problematic website can often resolve these issues by allowing the website to load a fresh copy of its data.
- **Reducing Digital Clutter on Your Computer:** Over time, the number of cookies stored by various websites can accumulate. While each cookie is very small, a large collection of them can take up a bit of

space on your computer's hard drive. Removing them can help keep your system running smoothly and prevent unnecessary digital clutter.

Here's How to Easily Remove Cookies Using Google Chrome: All other Web browsers have this Option Too.

For many of you, Google Chrome is your go-to browser for accessing the internet. Here's a simple guide on how to clear those cookies:

1. Open Google Chrome: Start by clicking on the Google Chrome icon on your computer. It usually looks like a colored circle with red, yellow, green, and blue sections and a blue dot in the middle.

2. Access the Main Menu: Look at the very top right corner of your Chrome browser window. You'll find three small dots arranged vertically. Click on these dots. This will open a drop-down menu with various options.

3. Navigate to 'Settings': In the menu that appears, find and click on the "Settings" option. It might have a gear icon next to it. This will open a new tab with Chrome's settings.

3. Go to 'Privacy and security': On the left side of the Settings page, you'll see a list of categories. Click on "Privacy and security."

4. elect 'Cookies and other site data': In the middle of the "Privacy and security" section, find and click on "Cookies and other site data."

5. Choose 'Clear Browse data': This is the most common and effective method. On the "Cookies and other site data" page, you'll see an option at the top called "Clear Browse data." Click on this. A small window will pop up. Make sure the box next to "Cookies and other site data" is checked. Then, click the blue "Clear data" button.

Important Reminder:

After you clear your cookies, you might need to log back into some websites that you regularly use, as the website will have forgotten your login status. Just make sure you have your usernames and passwords handy.

In Summary:

Managing your website cookies is a simple step you can take to enhance your online privacy and ensure your Browse experience remains smooth. By understanding what cookies are and following these easy steps to clear them, you'll be taking better control on the internet.

BCHO Tech Corner – Your Smartphone is a GPS Device

Are you aware, smartphones are highly capable of GPS tracking, often performing just as well as dedicated GPS devices. Many modern GPS devices actually use the same technology found in smartphones.

While smartphones combine GPS, Wi-Fi, and cellular connectivity into a single device, the GPS receiver is a separate hardware component. This means that even if you lose Wi-Fi or cellular signal, your GPS receiver can still determine your location. Both smartphones and dedicated GPS devices rely on GPS satellites to pinpoint your location. These satellites send out signals that are picked up by your device's GPS receiver. By analyzing these signals, your device can calculate your precise location.

Smartphone's GPS Still Works Offline

Many of us have used Google Maps to navigate while driving. This is done by automatically downloading small maps of our surroundings over Wi-Fi or cellular network and displaying our precise location from the GPS receiver component. A common misconception is that GPS or mapping function stops working when you're out of service. This isn't completely true. Your smartphone's GPS receiver can still determine your location, even without a cellular connection. So if you have experienced it not working, it's because the map image is not available.

To ensure uninterrupted navigation at all times, you can download map data to your smartphone's memory. This way, even if you lose Wi-Fi or cellular connectivity, your mapping and GPS functions will continue to operate. I personally use the AllTrails App and Google Maps and both offer this ability. Simply download the desired region before going offline.

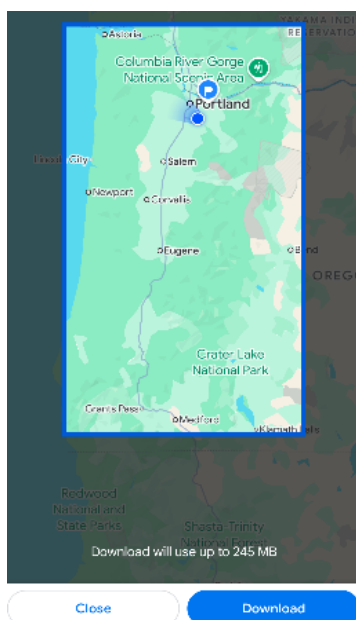
Google Maps: Download offline Map

Open Google Maps: Launch the Google Maps app on your device.

1. Tap Your Profile Picture/Letter: In the upper right corner of the app, tap your profile image/letter.

2. Select "Your own map": From the menu touch "Select your own map".

3. Download the Map: Using two fingers, zoom out and pan around to choose the map area to download. You want to zoom out to select the largest map. Touch the Download button, when finished assign a name to your offline map.



AllTrails App: Download offline Maps

When out riding your favorite trail, the AllTrails App shows the current location on any trail. Here's a step-by-step guide on how to download offline maps in the AllTrails app on your device:

1. Open AllTrails: Launch the AllTrails app on your Smartphone.

2. Search for a Trail: Search for the specific trail or area you want to map.

3. Download the Map: Note: To download offline maps requires you purchase the Pro version of AllTrails so you can use the mapping solution when your phone is out of service.

- Tap on the trail or area you selected.

- Look for the "Download Map" button, which might be represented by a cloud with a downward arrow.

- Tap on "Download Map."

- Choose the map layer you want to download (e.g., basic, detailed) and confirm the download.

4. Access Offline Maps:

- Once the download is complete, you can access your offline maps by tapping the "Saved" tab at the bottom of the app. Then, select "Downloads."

Using Offline Maps

You can download multiple maps of your choosing. These downloaded map files will automatically update as map data changes. Now whenever you use Google Maps or AllTrails and your smartphone is out of service the locally stored map will be used to show where you are. It is recommended you download any map area you frequently visit.

Google Maps: Once you've downloaded a map, you can access it even without an internet connection. Simply open the map and tap the location you want to navigate to.

AllTrails: Provides more detailed trail information, including elevation profiles and points of interest. To use an offline map, open the trail page and select "View Offline Map."

Conclusion

By following these steps, you can confidently explore new areas without relying on an internet connection. With Google Maps, AllTrails and your smartphone, you'll always have a reliable navigation tool at your fingertips, even when you're out of service.

Advancements in technology have made smartphones highly accurate and reliable for navigation and tracking. They often have additional features like maps, turn-by-turn directions, and integration with other apps, making them versatile tools for outdoor activities and everyday use.





2025 Wilderness Skills Rendezvous Huge Success

At least Lisa Rodriguez, Casey Hufstader and myself (Becky Hope) believe so... We started out over one year ago. When Lisa and Casey put together a small version of mini pack Clinic and there was actual interest in what they had to say. I was already thinking that we had a desperate need to at least get our educational message out to folks going out on trails and into our wildernesses. Emerald had pretty good successes with our smaller local trainings. So, we started having organizational meetings last fall, with the support of BCHO and an educational grant, we pulled off an 89-person training. We were able to have 12 outdoor skills presentations. Involved 17 different Trainers. Two vendors (both did very well). 72 horses, 43 horse trailers plus additional campers. Pleasant trail rides were had by many. Two entertainers, good food and lots of good conversations. Did not feel crowded and still had room to spread out.

We had presentations on:

How to plan your next stock camping trip. Betty Applebaker, retired FS Stock Packer

Casey Hufstader and Cody Hufstader-High Country Wilderness Packers will be presenting how to carry tools for wilderness trail maintenance and how to carry unusual loads into the back country. We will also have a Light on the Land spike camp set up for demonstration and display.

Emergencies in the Back Country Trail Meister Robert Eversole

Working to unite for Safer Emergencies Oregon Livestock Council Karla and Ron Hoggan

Map, Compass hands on practice with Leonard Smith

Explore Ultralight Horse Packing Overnight in the backcountry with just your Saddle Horse with Terraka Mishler

Needed education for horse and rider to go trail riding and or packing: Kate Beardsley

Light on the Land Education. George Johnson, Jean Clancey

Practice Hitches on Barrels, Ron Stewart, Ed Contreras

Food Preparation Comparing Fresh Food, Dehydrated, Freeze Dried Foods. Correna Cleland

Crosscut Tips and Tricks. Arden Corey Bert Morris

Emergency Leather Repair Kits, Samples of Emergency First Aid Kits for Horses and Humans by Skip Hubbard and Emily Elias

Pictures with or without your horse dressed up by Pam Lehto

Outfitters Pack station: Wade Mauhl

Knives by John Wainwright



We want to thank for everybody who donated money. We got enough money to pay for our entertainers, and one of our presenters who just charge us his travel cost. Grant from BCHO will cover our cost for three portable toilets and one large water container. Thanks to Deschutes National Forest for their large group permit. A huge thank you to all the presenters who all donated their time, energies, and early commitment to make this the huge success it was. Sara and Tim Lagasse for bringing the BCHO Packers store to the event.



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I want to highlight Oregon Livestock Council's Karla and Ron Hoggan. They are on quest to help and save all of us. They are working to develop plans to direct all of us during times of Disasters; community wide fires, earthquakes, flooding. Sound familiar. Please support them by helping where you can you can follow them at this link; <https://www.oregonlivestockcouncil.org/>

Special shout out to Robert Eversole/trail meister and his energy, knowledge, enthusiasms. Do you want to know where to ride safely and how to do it? Check out his website and get on his email list always sending good tips and Back Country Horseman of America. <https://www.trailmeister.com/>

Casey and Cody Hufstader, Family and Friends, working very hard to provide and support packing. www.chpackstring.com

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Wade Mauhl Outfitters Pack Station providing quality packing equipment. <https://www.outfitterspackstation.com/>

John Wainwright Knives. jvriver04@msn.com

Skip Hubbard, Leather Repair: skiphubbard@gmail.com

Our Two entertainers: Were wonderful to hear and enjoy, found them both just soul repairing to hear.

Beth Wood; with her folk music just beautiful <https://www.bethwoodmusic.com/>

Tom Swearingen: Fun and enjoyable cowboy poetry oregoncowboypoet.com.

Thank you to all the wonderful BCHO members who put their money, energy, and time into to making this event that it was; Beside the presenters we want to thank; Bonnie Samoa, Melanie Kate-Mason, Sonya Margerum, Kim Zemek, Collen Martin-Low, Laura Wooley, Emily Elias, Cate Bendock, Dan Dahlke, Taylor Tatum, Chloe Lamonica, Danielle Renee Glenzel.



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Really, I could go on. We have had a lot of additional exposure through social media since. Thank you to everybody for your additional support through this media. I want to finish with expressing how none of this would have been possible without all everybody energies and input. Now not let us not all this be for nothing.

Please considering joining Back Country Horsemen of Oregon in our continuing efforts of keeping our public trails and trailheads open for equestrians. www.bcho.org



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Weaken the Bind, Release the Tension, Clear the Path: Perspective gained while becoming an apprentice.

By Julie Wright, Territorial Riders Chapter
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This weekend, I became an apprentice sawyer.

One of the first things learned in the sawyer classroom is terminology of the trade like bucking, limbing, kerf, bind side, tension side, and on and on. Learning those terms and finishing my practicum at Timothy Lake this weekend, has provided me a way to express myself on a different level. I figured I'd share a little...

Perspective is everything. Let's you plan with a clear head if you look around enough at the whole picture. It gives you a good idea of where the bind is. What tension needs to be released. Where and how to start cutting. What sequence of events will it take to get the job done. Where is safe. When to keep going and when to pause... But perspective can change once you've started. Something can move a little differently than expected and cause your plan of action to change. In the end, the tension is released, the burden drops, and it's free to roll out of the way. The path has been cleared for you to move forward with something new to reflect on and the opportunity to learn from that experience. Those are the things that have come to mind after successfully completing certification this weekend. And now, I have a different, enlightened perspective.

Can't help but think where I started. Country girl from the Pennsylvania mountains. Youngest of three kids. Always competed with my older brother whether he knew it or not. He seemed to get to do all the cool stuff that an older kid who is stronger and a boy gets to do like chainsaws, shooting guns, working on

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Honoring Leonard's Legacy as BCHO President: 2023–2025

As the 2023–2025 term concludes, BCHO proudly recognizes the dedication and impactful leadership of Leonard, whose tenure as President has left an enduring mark on the organization and its members.

Leonard's commitment to BCHO was evident from the very beginning. His strong work ethic, leadership, relentless drive, and collaborative spirit elevated the organization's presence and purpose. Whether navigating challenges, fostering community, or upholding BCHO's values, Leonard demonstrated a passion that defined his presidency.

To commemorate his time in office, BCHO is preparing a small token of appreciation. We hope Leonard enjoys the custom belt buckle—a symbol of leadership, tradition, and pride—and embraces the honor of joining the ranks of past presidents. Whether he views it as a role, a club, or a reflection of time well served, it comes with deep gratitude from BCHO.

Thank you, Leonard, for your time, your effort, and your unwavering commitment.

Your legacy as BCHO President will continue to inspire and guide the path ahead.



~ Leonard Smith and Lisa Rodriguez ~
with custom Belt buckle plans

Also, With great excitement, BCHO extends a warm welcome to our newly appointed President, Lisa Rodriguez. As we step into the 2025 term, Lisa brings fresh energy, steadfast leadership, and a genuine passion for our principles and mission. Her experience and vision promise to build on our strong foundation while ushering in new opportunities for growth and connection. We look forward to the journey ahead under her guidance and are proud to have her at the helm.

Welcome Lisa!!!

2024 National Board Meeting Report

from Oregon National board members Casey Hufstader and Becky Hope

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Casey Hufstader PO Box 543 Veneta OR 97487 chpackstring@aol.com 541-914-3724

Involved in at the National level. Education committee, Public Land committee. We meet monthly on National phone call after the Executive Board meets.

National will be requesting membership lists quarterly through the Shared Drive. Craig Allen

Incident Reports as needed for E-Vehicles, Mtn Bikes, Horse Camps, Trail head.
1# Report, Copy, Send to Land Manager, Send to State and National contacts.

National Annual Meeting: BCHA 31 states, > 11 millions worth of Value.

Light on the Land; see the samples and everybody will be sent a digital copy of this... George has agree to be on the National Educational committee to help provide needed tools for LOTL education.

Working on developing a new Website

Per Media committee. Needing articles... ok to send in larger articles then is stated on Website.

American Horse Council 2022 Financial Report 9.8 of households 14.5 Billion dollars of economic Value
87% of horse riders are Trail riders. .5% of visitors to FS are equestrians

BCHA has youth program up and working, They have funding for youth Scholarships. They will pay for memberships and youth just has to do a project either trail work or educational.

BCHA president working on A national challenge cost share agreement to get reimbursements for Stock days provided and expenses.

QR code for membership on Signs/handouts extra...

National Reports Finances looking much better after donations and auctions done at the National Board meeting and through donations through out the year. Oregon did our share.

New Dues increase of \$5.00/ membership to be collected on 1/1/25 this coming year. Have develop a process to collect dues fast this next time.

2025 Next NBM Mide April Prescott Arizona (horses will be welcome)
2026 S. Carolina Savana Georgia.



Cascade Volunteer Skills College

Each year Cascade Volunteers (CV) offers three days of training at the beginning of the summer field season – Skills Collage! This is one of the major events that CV has agreed to provide on behalf of the Willamette National Forest along with the fall volunteer appreciation event.

This year over 130 volunteers, Forest Service personnel and Cascade Volunteer Staff members participated in the event held at HJ Andrews Experimental Forest. Sixteen unique courses were offered, presented both by volunteers and Forest Service personnel. The course ranged from Introduction to Trail Maintenance for those just starting out, to highly time relevant courses such as Restoring Burn Trails. Of course, ever popular and relevant courses such as Rigging were also offered. Beyond trail maintenance courses such as Phenology were also offered showcasing volunteer opportunities beyond trail work.

The facilities at HJ Andrews Experimental Forest also allowed for participants to comingle, refreshing existing friendships and building new ones. Meals were provided through a grant from the Oregon Trails Coalition and generous support from Baja Fresh, Takoda's Restaurant, Big Foot Beverage, BNF Kumbucha, Falling Sky Brewing. Opportunities to meet new acquaintances as well as old were also facilitated through time around the camp fire and the perennial favorite cross cut competition, with a winning time of 10.4 seconds! Of course there was also plenty of time to discuss the current state of the forest and plans for the coming summer. While overnight accommodations were also provided by American Land and Leisure



While the event was offered to participants free of charge – as it has been every year, participants are asked to help with at least one volunteer activity on the Willamette National Forest during the coming year.

Join us on the trail or to plan upcoming events such as the fall volunteer appreciation event! Financial contributions are also always welcome, these help us to complete the critical work on the forest while also providing needed training volunteers free of charge.



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engines, and going out whenever he wanted. Things believed too dangerous for a girl. So I was the runner. Getting this, holding that, cleaning out, and cleaning up. I remember feeling important and tough when allowed to use the riding lawn mower with a clutch, baler's twine used as a pull cord and a trailer. Even the Weed Wacker. But that's as far as power tools went. No chainsaws. No guns. Those things were dangerous and not to go near.

Now, I'm a woman pushing 50, living in Oregon for many years. Super love my family of two kids, 20 and 17, with a husband who I traded my horse for over 25 years ago. All are supportive, smart, and strong. They are beautiful people and make my heart happy and full. We all have different interests but balance time together well enough (I think).

There have been challenges. With the passing years came a broken back with hardware, spinal cord surgery with more hardware, and other things that created anxieties and doubts within myself. Then, about 4 years ago, along came this little head strong, personality filled, ¾



Haflinger filly. My YOLO as my husband calls her. The big thing I'd yearned for since I got married – having a horse again. A couple years of groundwork with her kept me feeling safe enough but the closer I got to riding her, the more I drug my feet with her training. Riding a green horse with hardware. Tension was building.

But then this weekend came and I found myself able to take something I've always been told is too dangerous to handle and learned to handle it. Something I realize I've wanted to learn for years but allowed myself to be bound by leans and bearing points - some beautifully and completely worth it like raising and loving my family, others crushing and

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defeating like biases and limitations from the past. This weekend, after my sawyer practicum, I suddenly realize the tension has been released. The load I have been holding – wondering if I can do this riding thing, chainsaw thing, keep myself unhurt and safe thing, prove to myself that I am good enough thing – that load has been bucked. With determination, a cut plan was made, action taken, and a path cleared. I'm stronger with lessons gratefully learned from a remarkable team of peers and mentors who never once said it was too dangerous for me to handle. Instead, we follow OHLEC - observe, plan, manage. Be willing to move away and regroup. Learn to understand where the tension is, how to weaken the bind and reach the objective.

So now, I am a Class-A Sawyer and get to practice this skill with more time in the woods. And I have come to realize God has been doing the same as a Master sawyer throughout my life. Man, I've learned a lot this weekend!

Perspective is everything.



E-Bikes on State Park Trails

After considerable deliberation and several opportunities for public comment, the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) has revised its rules for e-bike use. Until now, e-bikes were allowed in state parks only on trails 8 feet wide or wider. After June 1, all classes of e-bikes will be allowed on any trail where mountain bikes are allowed.

This could be a disaster for equestrians, except for one thing: OPRD is allowing park managers to prohibit e-bike use on specific trails if they have concerns about the safety of other trail users.

OET chapters and BCHO Chapters with state parks nearby are already contacting their park managers to request that e-bikes not be allowed on trails where equestrians are present, and so far, they are getting favorable feedback.

Here's the back story: Oregon has 255 state parks. Only 15 of these allow horses. In the other 240 parks, the new e-bike policy is reasonable. Among the 15 parks that allow horses, e-bikes pose a serious risk at some parks, but not others.

For example, cyclists don't enjoy riding in deep sand, so the parks along the coast aren't likely to see much e-bike traffic. Bob Straub doesn't allow bikes at all. Tryon Creek, Milo McIver, and Willamette Mission either limit bike use to roads and paved paths or have separate trails for horses and bikes (hikers, of course, are allowed on all trails). Emigrant Springs has no trails (it's mostly a place where long-distance travelers can stop off I-84 and corral their horses while they camp overnight). Collier State Park is very lightly used. La Pine State Park is relatively flat, and most trails have long sight lines. And the wide Banks-Vernonia Trail already allows e-bikes.



However, at Silver Falls, Stub Stewart, and Elijah Bristow State Parks, bikes share the trails with horses and hikers, and trail use is heavy. The first two have trails with significant elevation change, so fast-moving bikes (including both uphill and downhill e-bikes) create significant risks for equestrians and hikers. And at Elijah Bristow, the trails are relatively flat and easy, so e-bike speeds would not be constrained by technical features like rocks, turns, etc., putting other trail users at risk.

OPRD ultimately concluded that e-bikes represent significant risks to horseback riders, and managers of the parks with shared horse/bike trails should have the discretion to limit e-bike use on the shared trails.

OET and BCHO representatives have already contacted the park managers at Silver Falls, Stub Stewart, and

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Elijah Bristow State Parks about restricting e-bike use on the trails where horses are present. If you have a state park near you and are concerned about e-bike use on the trails, please coordinate with your other chapter members and contact your local park manager. Through your efforts, you may be able to prohibit e-bike use on your park's trails. If you'd like to chat about how to go about this, please reach out: vppubliclands@oregonequestriantrails.org or 541-410-4552. 6fhope@gmail.com or 541-337-3138. We need these restrictions in writing at Silver Falls and Stub Stewart. Elijah Bristow State already has it in writing now.

Kim McCarrel.



NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

READ ALL ABOUT IT! READ ALL ABOUT IT! READ ALL ABOUT IT! READ ALL ABOUT IT! READ ALL ABOUT IT!



As you probably heard, Senator Lee's amendment within the budget reconciliation bill that was intended to sell off millions of acres of public land in 11 Western states was removed Saturday night. This came after continued push back from senate colleagues representing both parties.

In particular, both senators from Montana and Idaho made clear that they would not support a wide scale public land sell off. No doubt these senators heard from their constituents, including many BCHA members, that helped to strengthen their resolve. I encourage MT and ID members to again thank these senators for their defense of public lands.

Kudos goes to you and BCHA members who contacted their US senators on this important issue. I think it's safe to say that preventing such sweeping public land sales remains a priority—if not THE priority—issue for BCHA's public lands advocacy. In reaching out to your senators to remind them how important public lands are to us and future generations, we were part of a loud chorus that insisted on "keeping public lands in public lands."

I thank you for your continued support and advocacy on this issue. Yet the fight is not over. Senator Lee clearly is determined to auction off a large amount of federal public land.

If Senator Lee's objective truly is to create more room in order to expand communities and build affordable housing, there remain tried-and-true paths via existing law for him to facilitate that process. As chairman of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee, he is in a strong position to do so.

In the meantime, let's savor this victory and BCHA's role in it. There is much to celebrate this 4th of July weekend.

Best,

Randy Rasmussen

Director, Public Lands & Recreation | Back Country Horsemen of America

Fourmile Lake Equestrian Corrals Improvement Project

from the desk of Betty Applebaker



Equestrians will be very happy with the new fireproof pipe corrals we just completed at Fourmile Lake Campground on the pass between Klamath Falls and Medford. Currently there are four two-stall corrals available at Site 17, 20, 21 and 23 with a fine gravel base in the corrals and on the trails to the camping area. The old dilapidated wooden corrals were dismantled during the logging process when all the insect killed lodgepole was removed from the campground several years ago. This has been a several year project for us.

The new corrals were constructed using recycled geothermal pipes, which offer increased durability and seamlessly integrate with the natural landscape. They were designed so they function with the lay-of-the-land that isn't flat, and they can be easily repaired if damaged by falling trees. Three corral sites were constructed last year. Last winter with ten to fifteen feet of snow several corral posts were pushed into the soil.

This year we had to raise and place steel plates or large rocks under those posts to counteract sinking but the rails withstood the snow-weight without bending. Ground for new site 17 was prepared, the corral and trails constructed, and quarter-minus gravel was spread in all the corrals and walkways to the camp areas, creating a beautiful, finished product. Three new manure pits are now located near the sites. Several more corrals will be completed by the Sourdough Chapter but for now our four are ready for occupancy. The trails into the Sky Lakes Wilderness will start getting logged out at the end of June.

Many thanks to all the High Desert Trails Riders BCH Chapter volunteers for all the donated hours of labor and personal equipment. Also, many thanks to our Forest Service personnel who helped on all the construction days as well. We have some great hard-working staff. Several Klamath Basin businesses gave us a bargain on the recycled pipe that made this project cost effective.

We're glad we're finally finished, and hope equestrians will enjoy and take care of these huge improvements for them.



Calendar Of Events to Join in on

July					
Date	Time	Chapter Cal.	Event Title	Location	Description
Jul 5-6		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Fish Packing with ODF&W	Blue Lake TH	
Jul 12-14		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR tentative Pack Support into Lake Isherwood (Cold Springs TH)	Cold Springs Trailhead, Oregon	
Jul 14-15		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support into Blue Lake (for NYC Lakeview District, NYC crew)	Blue Lake TH	
Jul 17-18		Hight Desert Trail Riders	tentative HDTR Varney Creek Bridge project	Varney Creek Trail Klamath County, OR	With trail crew continuing trail clearing after bridge project.
Jul 25-26		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack NYC crew Out of Blue Lake	Gearhart Wilderness	
August					
Aug 9-11		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support for Siskiyou Mtn Club	7 Mile TH	
Aug 12-13		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Mountain Lakes Pack Support (into Harriet Lake)		
Aug 17-18		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support into Mountain Lakes Loop		
Aug 19-20		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support in from Clover Creek TH (Garbage Run!)	Clover Creek Trail Klamath County, OR	
Aug 23-24		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Cherry Creek bridge project	Cherry Creek National Recreation Trail Fort Klamath, OR 97626	
September					
Sep 13-14		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Chapter Picnic Potluck	Lonesome Duck 32955 US-97, Chiloquin, OR 97624	HDTR Fall Picnic is around the corner! September 14th @ 5536 Seagull Dr, Bonanza Call Jackie Olden to RSVP by Friday Sept. 6th: 541-545-6628
Sep 15-20		Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge/Cyrus HC campout	Cyrus Horse Campground, Prineville, OR 97754	
Sep 17	06:00PM - 07:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge mtg	Cyrus Horse Campground, Prineville, OR 97754	
Sep 20	10:00AM - 03:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO Board Meeting	Pleasant Hill Community Center, 36386 OR-58, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	
Sep 26-27		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support into Marguerette Lake from Cold Springs TH	Cold Springs TH	
Sep 30-1		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support out from Marguerette	Cold Springs TH	

Please verify the event details with the listed contact.

Calendar Of Events to Join

October

Oct 18	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.
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November

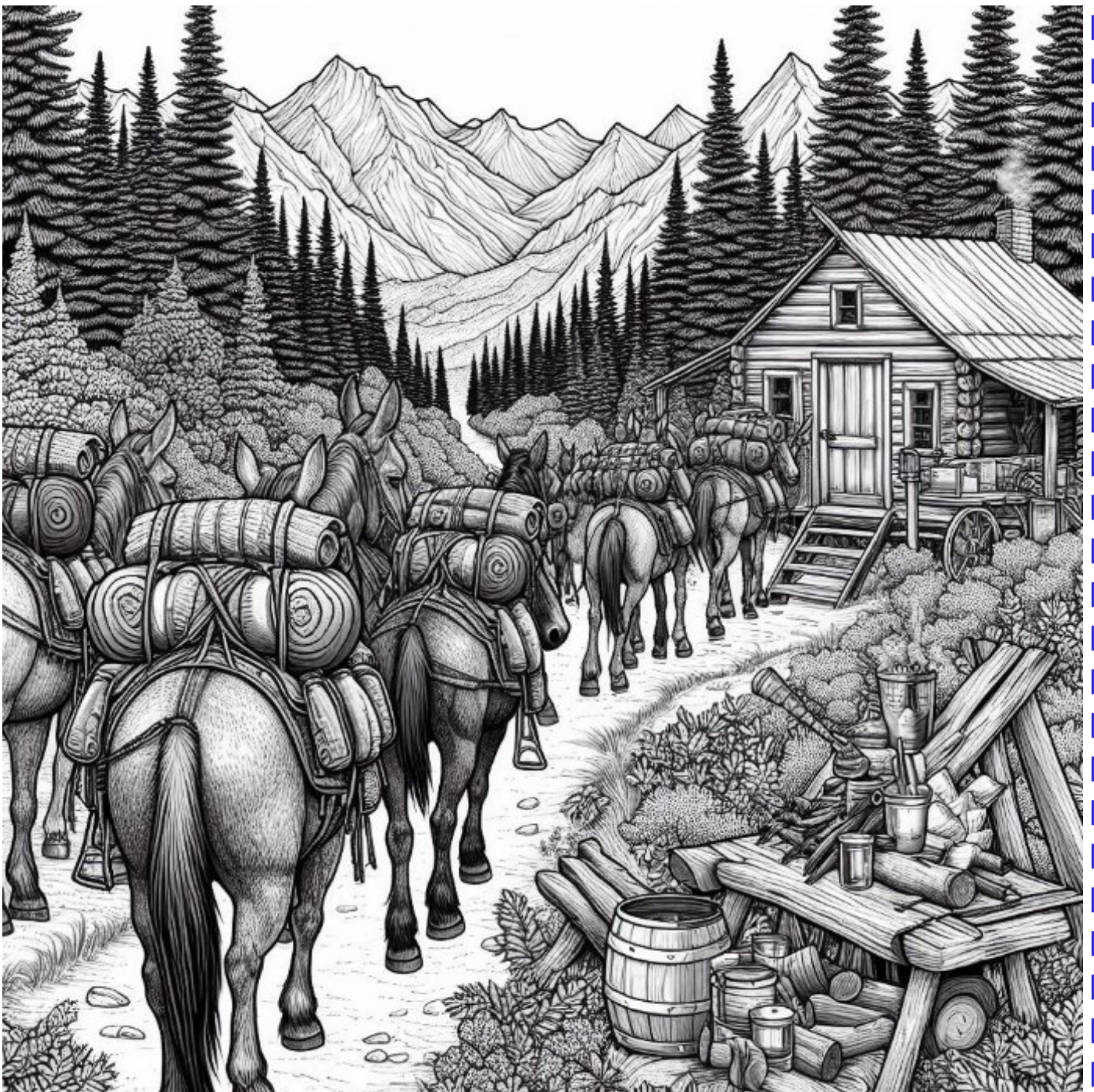
Nov 6-8		BCHO State Calendar	Oregon trails summit		
Nov 15	12:00PM - 03:30PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge calendar mtg	Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031	Finger food potluck at noon, 2026 calendar mtg at 1pm

December

Dec 7	02:00PM - 05:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge Christmas party	Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031	
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Relax by the camp fire and fill in the color Just for fun...



Get your Colored pencils at the readyand go!!!



Don't forget to use different shades of the same color to create contrast and interest ... why not ... just for fun.

Principles of BCHO

The Purpose of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

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

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

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

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



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From the Membership desk

Membership Reminder



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 2025. 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 \$40, and a Family Membership will be \$50 for 2025. Still a bargain though for everything Back Country Horsemen does to keep riding accessible to our members!

Just a heads up, BCHA did increase dues by \$5 for 2025, and the BCHO board voted to pass the \$5 dues increase on to the BCHO membership at the 2024 Rendezvous. A Single Membership is now \$40, and a Family Membership is now \$50 for 2025.

Renewals for 2026 can be submitted starting September 1, 2025.

If you would still like to join or renew for 2025, 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, or via US Mail to the BCHO Membership Coordinator via the printable form located in the membership section of the BCHO website as well. Also, chapter specific dues will not be collected during the online registration process, or when sending your membership via US Mail to the BCHO Membership Coordinator. If your local chapter has any chapter specific dues, that amount will still need to be paid to your local chapter directly.

Thank You, Tim Lagasse, BCHO Membership Coordinator

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Tim Lagasse, BCHO Membership Coordinator
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Colton, OR 97017
membership@bcho.org, 503-314-7712(C)



Membership Application

(you can now fill out your Membership On-line at BCHO.ORG)

Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc.

Yes! I would like to help preserve Horsemen's rights to use stock on public lands.

(Print Name)

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(Telephone)

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New _____ Renewal _____



BCHO Membership Dues:

Single \$40 _____

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The membership dues collected here are paid to the State and National organizations

Please select the Chapter nearest to you, below.

Note: Some Chapters have additional dues, please pay them directly.

See Map of Chapters, www.bcho.org/chapters/

___ Columbia Gorge, Hood River

___ Steens, South East Oregon

___ East Cascades, Bend

___ Sourdough, South West Oregon

___ Emerald Empire, Eugene

___ Territorial Riders, Oregon City

___ High Country Wilderness Packers

___ West Cascade BCH, Salem

___ High Desert Trail Riders Falls area

___ Member At Large

___ Klamath Falls Area

Mail your application along with your check made out to BCHO, to:

BCHO-Tim Lagasse, PO Box 488, Colton, OR 97017

For questions email membership@bcho.org

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Some Dues maybe deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. Dues may be considered ordinary and necessary business deductions.

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*Must be signed by chapter members 18 years and older.



Sign up online



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BCHO Highline

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