

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS JOE WATT CANYON PRIZE RIDE, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- More information about the Joe Watt Canyon, located in the LT Murray Wildlife Unit (Access Site #1), located on Washington Department Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) lands is here: [http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife\\_areas/lt\\_murray/L.T.%20Murray/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/lands/wildlife_areas/lt_murray/L.T.%20Murray/)
- A Washington State Discover Pass or a WDFW Vehicle Access Pass is REQUIRED by the WDFW at Joe Watt Canyon for both day use and camping <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/discoverpass/>
- Stock camping before and after the ride is free. Most of the area is on a bit of a hill so come prepared to level your camper. There are very few trees in the camping area so bring your own portable fencing or panels or tie to your trailer. There is a lot of room for everyone so you can park next to friends.
- No campfires allowed as per WDFW rules
- Porta-potties will be on site that weekend in the camping area. No facilities along the way, please follow LNT principles when on the trail.
- Not required: Weed Free Feed (currently only required on US Forest Service lands) [www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev2\\_026441.pdf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev2_026441.pdf)
- Stock water is available in the creek, no potable water is available on site
- Food – Cascade Mountain Grilling <http://www.cascademountaingrilling.com/> from Ellensburg will have coffee, breakfast and lunch available to purchase the day of the event.
- No horses or mules allowed within the actual Registration area.
- How the Prize Ride works: Rider registers and buys the number of hands they want (the more hands one has the higher the chance of winning!) Check point one throws darts to get their first card number. There are 3 check points along the way where a board game is played. Riders may dismount if horse/mule will not stand or stay on their animal. The last dart throw is back at camp then cards are turned in for tallying.
- The trail ride will be between 5 & 6 miles long. Riders may leave camp at their discretion, go at their own speed and ride with their own friends, following a flagged route. However, check points will only be manned starting at 9 am and prizes will start being DRAWN at 4 pm or as soon as hands are tallied so you probably want to be back at camp by 3.
- The trail includes forested areas, meadows, Creek beds, rocks and some gravel roads. There is an elevation gain on the ride. Unless you know your animal's capabilities shoes are recommended.
- WDFW said that manure may either be scattered or hauled away. The BCHW Store will be there, located near Registration. Some of the items are shown here: <http://bchw.org/Int/main/BCHW%20Store.htm>
- Anyone who is not already a member of BCHW and who joins at the event will receive a coupon for 25% off any one item in the BCHW Store.
- For more information on Back Country Horsemen of Washington and how to join go here: [www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org)
- BCHW is just one state organization that makes up the Back Country Horsemen of America. Go to this link for more info on BCHA: [www.bcha.org](http://www.bcha.org)