



MVBCH

# HORSE TALES

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**Mission:** The purpose of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is to perpetuate the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from Cathy Upper



Cathy Upper

Hello everyone! I can't wait for the heat to go away—whew! Mornings are lovely nearly everywhere but the North Summit Horse Campground is always 10 degrees cooler—wow! I'm really happy to see our members taking advantage of our new horse camp.

It looks like I'll be introducing the NSHC and showing folks the trails at the end of September. And, we have lots to report at our September meeting so come join us on September 1st at TwispWorks and get the latest news! Cathy

## Make A Difference



## Update on the W.C.C. Youth Crew!

At the last meeting Cathy reported that the W.C.C. youth group (the one that our chapter funded) was working on the Williams Lake Trail. Sure appreciate Michael Liu and Cathy helping out with the working group!

Also, the state "Hotshots" with Jason Ridlon as "Captain", have been working hard on the Bonaparte Mt trail as well as the trail up by Billy Goat Pass. They made it only as far as Dollarwatch with many trees down, cutting a couple hundred trees a day—Yes, "a couple hundred trees a day!" Most were due to the recent fires in the area.

Members from our chapter working together with the Hotshot crew were Cathy Upper, Betsy Smith, and Mary McHugh.

A big thank you to all that have helped! Our trails have been unbelievably bad with many burnt trees from our recent forest fires!

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Thank you!

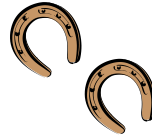


**MVBCH AUGUST 4, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**

Members in Attendance: Sue Elson, Donna Stoothoff, Pete Stoothoff, Bill Ford, Jan Ford, Kay MacCready, Jill Calvert, Mary Pat Bauman, Kathy Roby, Carole Stusinski, Sid Stusinski, Tina Davis, Mary McHugh, Julie Johnson, Donna Kemper, Willie Kemper, Leslie Neer, Rob Neer, Suzan Davis, Linda Seaman, Pam Corpman, Mark Brantner, Betty Wagoner, Jackie Iddings, Cathy Upper.

Minutes:

Cathy started Introductions, all around the group.



No directors report today.

Tres. Report- received water tank fill bill and trying to get USFS to pay this on an ongoing basis. It is not covered in the contract, unlike toilet cleaning which is USFS responsibility. There were no volunteers to negotiate this with USFS.

USFS ordered Sartopo maps that were available in NSHC kiosk to be taken down. They don't want us to use the nearby roads until they have been turned into official trails under the guidance of the bike community. There seems to be a new view by USFS as to how the roads/trails in the area should be used, contrary to the original agreement which had bike/horse/hiker trails (with some being bike only) west of FS Rd 42 and horse/hiker only (no bikes) to the East of 42.

Continuing with Tres. report, expenses for this year include Williams Lake trail tread work by WCC (starting Thursday), TRHC piling work by Dennis Jones, signage for trails East of Rd 42 at NSHC, and NSHC water system (this will be paid by USFS but water tank fill, as noted above, is still undetermined). A motion was made by Donna S and seconded by Betty W to put some of our money into a CD plan sponsored by BCHW. It was passed by members present.

Work party updates: the mountains are a mess! The best solution may be to back the USFS in applying to congress for chainsaw use variance, asking for 2 weeks in the spring and 2 weeks in the fall. We have to ask for specific trails, Cathy suggested Drake Cr and E Fork of Buttermilk. There was some discussion, no determination. Cathy suggests we may want to discuss this with Alan Jersick of Trails Collaborative.

Mary M says South Cr trail is currently being surveyed for reroute.

Louis Lake bridge project should occur next year.

Betty W asked about N Lake trail (only open 3 miles so far, large tree across trail) and War Cr trail to cabin (not able to get there due to large tree across trail). There apparently are no destinations at this point that are open..

Mary Pat said she had a good response to posting about NSHC on Facebook. This may help bring in more horse riders to the area. More use would give us more sway when it comes to trail designation in the area.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sue Elson, Secretary.





"When I hear somebody talk about a horse or cow being stupid, I figure it's a sure sign that the animal has somehow outfoxed them."

*Tom Dorrance, horse trainer, National Cowboy Hall of Fame, mentor to Ray Hunt and Buck Brannaman.*



## Lightening Creek Bridge still needs your help!

Don't forget to sign up — there are opportunities for all skills and abilities!

Contact: [allenj@trailscollaborative.org](mailto:allenj@trailscollaborative.org)



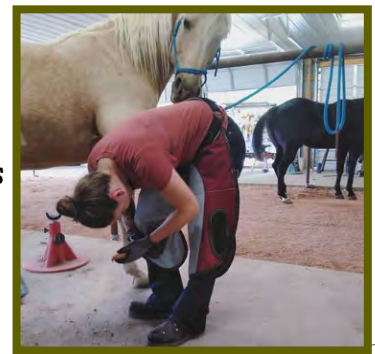
### ML FARRIER SERVICES

Offering shoeing and barefoot trimming in the Methow Valley. Melissa Stusinski is a Winthrop resident and graduate of the Equine Lameness Prevention Organization's farrier school.

**Contact Melissa:**

425-478-4005 or

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## North Summit Horse Campground (NSHC) Pot Luck Meeting and Beyond!



On Tuesday August 4th we had our monthly MVBCH meeting and a great Pot Luck dinner in the picnic area of our new "North Summit Horse Campground". We had a big turnout, a great location, and some great food contributed by the members attending the meeting.

Talon, Julie Johnson's grandson, joined us as a guest and he remarked he had "never seen so much food"!



Member Mary Pat Bauman announced that after she put her recent ride at our North Summit Horse Campground on FaceBook she had many "likes". Hopefully, we will continue to receive more publicity and more riders will find our new facility!





## North Summit Horse Campground (NSHC) Pot Luck Meeting and Beyond! *(Cont.)*



Pete works to finish covering the reservoir.



Annie oversees the final steps.



## North Summit Horse Campground (NSHC) Pot Luck Meeting and Beyond! (Cont.)



Pete stands in the gated non-potable water enclosure after he and Bill completed installing it.

Before our meeting, Pete (L) and Bill (R) talk with member Kay MacCready (front).



Pete and Donna Stoothoff spent several days working on a 'corral' for the tank to prevent cows, horses and any other large animals from damaging the tank or its outlet.

After finishing installation of the non-potable water container just before our meeting, Bill Ford and Pete Stoothoff announced that water is now available from the new reservoir at the camp. As the signage indicates, this is non-potable water and is for horses only.









# Welcome

**Explanation**

Joint Use Sno-Park  
Groomed Ski Trail  
Groomed Dog Friendly Trail  
Marked Trail  
Groomed Snowmobile Trail  
Marked Snowmobile Trail  
View  
Trail Junction  
Highway  
Sno-Park Access Road  
Road - Abandoned

**Trails groomed with a skate lane and set track. Arrows show direction of climb.**

Creek

**Easy** **More Difficult**

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South Summit +  
TRAILS

WA Dept of Natural Resources  
Okanogan National Forest

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
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Do not walk on the groomed trail.  
Downhill skiers have the right of way.  
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**MVBCH SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022 CALENDAR**

**(THUR) SEPT 1 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING.** 5pm at TwispWorks (502 S Glover St, Twisp, WA). Contact: Betty Wagoner (509-279-8717 ).

**(SAT) SEP 17 3RD QTR BCHW DIRECTORS' MEETING.** Contact: DK Williams 360-676-1319

**(SAT-SUN) OCT 1-2 COME RIDE OUT OF OUR NEW NORTH SUMMIT HORSE CAMPGROUND!** Share Potluck Saturday night. Cathy Upper 509-429-2955 & Betty Wagoner 509-279-8717. Please let Cathy or Betty know if you will be joining the ride.

**(MON, TUE, WED) OCT 3, 4, AND 5 BETTY'S 3 DAYS OF RIDING.** Contact: Betty Wagoner 509-279-8717. Starting with the Latte ride from Brown's Farm to the Mazama store. Camping in the Goat creek sno-park. Second day might be Cutthroat pass. Third day is the Big Valley ride. Contact Betty for more information.

**(THURS) OCT. 5 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING.** 5 p.m. @ Twisp Works Conference Room. Contact: Cathy Upper: (509.429.2955).

**(TH) NOV 3 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING.** @ 5 pm in Twisp Works Conference room. Contact: Cathy Upper: (509.429.2955).

**Make A Difference**

Thank you!

*Many 'Thank You's' to those members who contributed photos and stories for this newsletter: Jan and Bill Ford, Cathy Upper, and Julie Johnson.*

*The newsletter is a joint effort that we can all contribute to.*

*One person can't do it without all of the feedback and information that our members can provide, so keep it coming, please!*



Linda Seaman  
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### September Agenda

Trail Updates!

Discuss/Decide Future  
Projects & Funding

Discuss 2023 Officer  
Nominations

**Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**5 pm Business Meeting**

**TwispWorks**

**502 S Glover St, Twisp, WA**