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GO ON A TRAIL RIDE, THEY SAID.



IT WILL BE RELAXING, THEY SAID.

EDITORS NOTE***** Pages 8—11 contain legal documents and a Letter from the Department of Health. As these documents were several pages long, I took editors privileges to cut and paste what I felt were the most pertinent/important parts of the documents. (PS I apologize for the tiny Print in those articles) If any member would like the full documents please email me at

Kigersallyj@gmail.com and I would be more than happy to email you the PDF versions of those documents.

Thank you in advance

Sally and Tracy Kiger

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The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- II. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- III. To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- IV. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resources by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- V. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.
- VI. To Foster and Encourage new Chapters in the State Organization.

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Hello all

Where is this chapter going? That's what I keep asking myself. Attendance to the meetings, ride events and work parties is dismal. Trying to get new people to become officers and committee chairs so those who have been doing these duties for many years can take a break has been met with silence. What's going to happen when the current officers have had enough and walk away? To survive legally in BCHW chapters need to have a president, a director, and a treasure. If we don't have anyone of these we are done as a chapter. We have around seventy five memberships which equates to over one hundred members. You would think it wouldn't be a problem to get some of them to be interested enough in the organization to step up. So if anyone has any suggestions, things that have been on your mind about the chapter or want to know what it takes to be an officer or committee chair contact either Bob Cole or myself. It has been my experience that to get the most out of belonging to any organization you need to be involved and not just a bystander.

I've been a member of BCHW since 1998. Lately I have heard it said that we are clique and some don't feel welcome. This isn't from new members either. Maybe I'm a little blind but I have never encountered this. The only clique I see is amongst those who step up and get involved. And lately that has been a small group. If you want to be in the "clique" come to the meetings, join a committee, become an officer, join up on the ride events and come out to the work parties. We promise not to make you feel uncomfortable.

I have been slowly working on putting together a smaller scale multi-day work party at Kalama next summer. I envision having an excavator working on the upper Cinnamon on some sever erosion issues with hand

From our Director

work support. I am hoping that WTA will be interested in join us again. Maybe just doing dinners of some sort. Not going out to the whole state advertising it but send out invites to those who have been the most interested in the past. I'll see how it shakes out and I will keep you posted. There is always the other work up there too. The logging out of the trails and now repair of the Cinnamon and Toutle trails where the fire has burned over them.

Just when we thought we thought the fire season would be over soon here comes our turn in the barrel. It's a real eye opener to be in the evacuation zones. Your mind goes into over drive about what's the most important to us. And of course for us BCHW people it's our animals. Of course they take the most planning on finding a safe place for them and deciding on when to move them. Worrying about family members who might be in the evacuation zones too and wanting to help them but you have so much of your own to do. Stressful. It helps to have some kind of plan on what you need to do first and what comes next. I want to thank several of our members for offering a place for me to move my animals to if I needed. Clair Fisher, Judy Smith, Peter Mahrt, Cheryl Hall Bob & Kathy Cole and Karen Stienback. It gave me great comfort in knowing I had somewhere to take them if I needed to.

Thanks to all for all you do

Jim



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From our President



Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is surviving the fires and associated weather. I know a lot of our members have been involved with this one. Hopefully the weatherman is correct on his predictions for the upcoming week. We can sure use the rain, in more ways than one right now. It sounds like our late running summer may be over; but, then again, it really hasn't been too bad. Winter lasted an extra month this year and so did spring, when it finally arrived. So why are we surprised that summer lasted an extra month? Now all we can hope for is that winter is a month shorter this year.

I hope more of our membership can get out for the next meeting as it is election time again. We need some of you to step up and get involved in the running of the chapter instead of just sitting on the sideline (and possibly complaining about the way things are going in the chapter). We definitely need someone to step up and take on the role of treasurer as Nancy has stepped away from these duties. A few of our leaders are getting tired of being the only ones who ever step up to take on jobs or duties. What happens when the rest get tired of the same thing? If we don't have leaders to run the show, we won't have a chapter. And, my guess would be, that with all of the members we have, there are somebodies who can step up.

And on that note the next meeting will be November 7, 2022 at Round Table Pizza Salmon Creek. Room reserved from 6-8 PM.

And speaking of the next meeting, Kathy and I will not be in attendance, as we will be leaving on the 1st to go to Arizona for the month. Kathy thinks she needs to go down and get her solar battery re-charged to be ready for the winter. I'm fine with it, since this means that we get to ride for more than 2 or 3 days at a time. We should have a few wet saddle blankets in a month's time. So, I guess the next time we will see everyone will be at the Christmas Party being hosted by Paul and Jeanette Cefalo again this year.

> Until then, Happy Trails. Bob

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Leave No Trace Training (LNT.org): A Guide to Minimum Impact Camping and Stock Use Techniques by Noelle Rodolari October 15, 2022

Principle Number SIX of Leave No Trace: Respect Wildlife

Plan Ahead & Prepare.
Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces.
Dispose of Properly.
Leave What You Find.
Minimize Campfire Impacts.
Respect Wildlife.
Be Considerate of Others.



When you think of wildlife, you might think of people letting loose by drinking a lot and dancing on the tables (aka. Partying). Wildlife refers to undomesticated animal species but has come to include all organisms that grow or live wild in an area without being introduced by humans. Here are a few rules to go by when considering how to respect wildlife:

- Keep noise down
- Keep dog on leash
- NEVER FEED wildlife, no food in tent! It can make them sick and alters behavior.
- Give 'em space, use the thumb trick: put thumb up and cover animal with it to assure safe distance, if you can see animal, you are too close and should back up
- Watch where you are going
- Remember the old saying: Born Wild, Stay Wild! This means don't take animals home or try to interact with them.
- Avoid hiking at sensitive times (night) and habitats.

Lions and Tigers and Bears!

Back away from animals if too close, no direct eye contact and stay out of way of travel. Try not to disturb the animal, travel quietly, don't hike at night. Please be safe and do not sleep with clothes that smell like food. Have bear spray, wear gloves, don't spray into wind. Be aware of these techniques to protect yourself when camping in the wilderness. signal for bear/animals to pass down the group.

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Leave No Trace

Bear-muda triangle: Set up your tent, kitchen area, and food storage 70 big steps apart (200ft). Bears smell 2-3 miles away

Although we practice a safe distance to wildlife as much as we can, it may be inevitable

to encounter dangerous situations. For example, ground hornets can make their home on or near a horse trail. Hence, it is recommended to carry 'Bee Bop' spray. Also, if in bear coun-



try carry bear spray. If in a group, have a signal for bear/animals to pass down the group.

Enjoy! Have Fun! Leave No Trace! Happy Trails! Happy Halloween!

When someone tells me to do something I was already gonna



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Shirts for sale!!!!

I would be happy to meet people at feed stores in:

- ♦ BG,
- Freddy's Cascade Park,
- ♦ Salmon Creek, Hazel Dell…etc.

Anyone interested, have questions...can get ahold of me directly, via either :

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Thanks so much!

Sheila (-:

****Pictures** are "SAMPLES" of what shirts/logos look like:



Red shirts - POLYESTER - with newest logo (Front only!)



Neon Orange - COTTON - with regular logo (front & back) Ladies

Indian Camp, September 14-18

We had a wonderful time up at Indian Camp. The weather was almost perfect...it got a little cold at night for me. Haha. There were just a few of us but we had a great time. Bob Cole, Jeanette & Paul Cefalo, and Jim & I. The horses were full of it each morning, I think because of the cool nights. We found new trails and discovered there is a lot more riding in this area then we thought. Barb Thomas picked Jim up for the directors meeting and dropped Claire Fisher off to visit with me for the day. Jeanette & Paul treated us to ice cream waffle cones the last night. Lots of laughs. It makes me look forward to riding and camping next year once again.



Bob and his trusty steed, Rusty

Jim and Bob on a big flat rock. Amazing.









Looking out toward Mt. Stewart



Jim, Bob and Lucy





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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 91-02-051, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91)

WAC 246-203-130 ((Keeping of animals.)) Domestic animal waste. (((1) Any person, firm or corporation is prohibited from keeping or sheltering animals in such a manner that a condition resulting from same shall constitute a nuisance.

(2) In populous districts, stable manure must be kept in a cov-ered watertight pit or chamber and shall be removed at least once a week during the period from April 1st to October 1st and, during the other months, at intervals sufficiently frequent to maintain a sanita-ry condition satisfactory to the health officer. Manure on farms or isolated premises other than dairy farms need not be so protected and removed unless ordered by the health officer.

(3) Manure shall not be allowed to accumulate in any place where it can prejudicially affect any source of drinking water.)) (1) A per-son may not keep or shelter animals in such a manner that the domestic animal waste creates a nuisance or health hazard. The purpose of this section is to establish standards for the prevention, control, and abatement of health hazards and nuisance detrimental to human health related to the disposal of domestic animal waste, including handling and storage of domestic animal waste, as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(2) The following definitions apply throughout this section un-less the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(a) "Containment area" means an area where domestic animals are held, housed, or kept for a period of time and includes, but is not limited to, stables, corrals, confinement areas, kennels, pens, and yards.

(b) "Domestic animal" means an animal domesticated to live and breed in a tame condition under the care of humans. Domestic animal includes livestock and nonlivestock such as dogs and cats.

(c) "Domestic animal waste" means excreta from a domestic animal and includes associated wash water, feed, and bedding soiled with the excreta.

(d) "Health hazard" includes any organism, chemical, condition, or circumstance that poses a direct and immediate risk to human health.

(e) "Livestock" means domestic animals raised for use or for profit, especially on a farm, and includes horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, bison, sheep, goats, swine, rabbits, llamas, alpacas, ratites, poultry, waterfowl, and game birds.

(f) "Local health officer" means the legally qualified physician appointed as a health officer pursuant to chapter 70.05, 70.08, or 70.46 RCW, or an authorized representative.

(g) "Nuisance" includes an act or omission that harms, endangers, or interferes with the health or safety of another person.

(h) "Person" means any individual, corporation, company, associa-tion, society, firm, partnership, joint stock company, or any govern-mental agency, or the authorized agents of these entities.

(i) "Sanitary" means of or relating to conditions that affect hy-giene and health, especially relating to cleanliness and other precau-tions against disease.

(j) "Stockpiling" means the temporary piling of domestic animal waste from livestock prior to use or disposal. Stockpiling does not

include active composting or lagoon storage of domestic animal waste from livestock.

(k) "Surface water" means a body of water open to the atmosphere and subject to surface runoff including, but not limited to, lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, and marine waters.

(3) Unless a standard is superseded by a more stringent standard in federal, state, or municipal law, a person must meet the following standards in order to help prevent, control, and abate nuisance and health hazards related to the disposal of domestic animal waste. For purposes of these rules, examples of more stringent standards include, but are not limited to, the Dairy Nutrient Management Act, chapter 90.64 RCW, the state Water Pollution Control Act (WPCA), chapter 90.48 RCW, agricultural activities nuisance law under RCW 7.48.300 through 7.48.320, concentrated animal feeding operations permits issued by the department of ecology under the federal Clean Water Act and/or the WPCA, and fugitive dust or air emission plans approved by the department of ecology or a local government agency under the Washington Clean Air Act, chapter 70A.15 RCW. Except for open-range grazing, livestock trails, trail riding, and other diffuse sources of domestic animal waste, a person must:

(a) Collect domestic animal waste at intervals sufficient to maintain sanitary conditions in containment areas;

(b) Handle domestic animal waste to prevent deposition, leaching, and runoff to:

(i) Another person's property;

(ii) Drinking water sources; and

(iii) Surface water bodies used for swimming, shellfish harvest-ing, or other activity with potential to affect human health;

(c) Handle domestic animal waste from nonlivestock as follows:

(i) Hold the waste in a watertight container if stored for more than one day prior to proper disposal; and

(ii) Bag and dispose of the waste as solid waste, unless waste is composted by a regulated compost facility per WAC 173-350-220; and

(d) Handle domestic animal waste from livestock that is collected and stockpiled for later use or disposal as follows:

(i) Apply control measures as reasonable to minimize and reduce odors and attraction of flies and rodents;

(ii) Store the waste no longer than one year; and

(iii) Site the stockpile:

(A) One hundred feet or more from a drinking water well;

(B) Two hundred feet or more from a public drinking water spring;

(C) Outside the sanitary control area of a public drinking water source if different from the areas set forth in (d)(iii)(A) and (B) of this subsection;

(D) One hundred feet or more from a surface water body unless:

(I) The surface water body is upgradient or is protected by a levee or other physical barrier; or

(II) The surface water body is protected by one or more control or treatment practices that capture and prevent leachate. Practices include, but are not limited to, storage pads, covers, storage struc-tures, and filter strips; and

(E) Outside seasonally or frequently flooded areas unless used or disposed of prior to flooding.

(4) The local health officer may investigate and enforce this section. Enforcement actions may include any proceeding within the lo-cal health officer's statutory authority. Before

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(this article had been edited to maximize the most Pertinent information in

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ment serves as the concise explanatory statement for the rulemaking as required under RCW 34.05.325. Below is a summary of changes to the proposed rule and a summary of responses to comments on the proposed rule.

To Whom It May Concern,

The Washington State Board of Health (Board) adopted revisions to WAC 246-203-130, Keeping of Animals, at its meeting on June 8, 2022. The rule outlines standards for the handling and disposal of animal excreta, or animal waste. The revision changes the rule title to Domestic Animal Waste.

Purpose of the Rulemaking

The purpose of the rulemaking is to modernize the language, structure, and standards of WAC 246-203-130. The rule serves as the Board's cornerstone rule on the safe handling and disposal of domestic animal waste and is one section of the Board's rules on General Sanitation, chapter 246-203 WAC.

The rule establishes minimum standards to help prevent, control, and abate health hazards and nuisance associated with the handling and disposal of domestic animal waste. This includes waste from livestock animals such as horses and cattle, and waste from nonlivestock animals such as dogs and cats. The rule includes standards to:

• Avoid unsanitary accumulations of waste in containment areas where animals are held or housed for a period of time;

• Prevent contamination of other people's property, drinking water sources, and surface water bodies with potential to affect human health;

• Promote safe handling and disposal of nonlivestock waste; and

• Promote safe stockpiling of livestock waste.

The Board filed the adopted rule as WSR 22-19-043 on September 15, 2022. The rule takes effect on October 16, 2022. This docu-

Changes to the Proposed Rule

At its meeting on June 8, 2022, the Board adopted the following clarifying, non-substantive changes to the proposed rule filed as WSR 22-08-003 on March 23, 2022. The changes were based on public comment and staff review of the rule language.

WAC 246-203-130(3) More Stringent Standards Supersede the Rule. The Board added clarifying language to include examples of laws and regulations with more stringent standards that supersede the rule.

Unless a standard is superseded by a more stringent standard in federal, state, or municipal law, a person must meet the following standards in order to help prevent, control, and abate nuisance and health hazards related to the disposal of domestic animal waste. For purposes of these rules, examples of more stringent standards include, but are not limited to, the Dairy Nutrient Management Act, chapter 90.64 RCW, the state Water Pollution Control Act (WPCA), chapter 90.48 RCW, agricultural activities nuisance law under RCW 7.48.300 through 7.48.320, concentrated animal feeding operations permits issued by the department of ecology under the federal Clean Water Act and/or the WPCA, and fugitive dust or air emission plans approved by the department of ecology or a local government agency under the Washington Clean Air Act, chapter 70A.15 RCW.



WAC 246-203-130(3) Exempt Diffuse

Sources. The Board replaced the term "freerange" grazing with "open-range" grazing to more accurately describe the grazing practice.

Except for free-rangeopen-range grazing, livestock trails, trail riding, and other diffuse sources of domestic animal waste, a person must: ...

WAC 246-203-130(3)(c) Nonlivestock

Waste Standards. The Board deleted introductory language for nonlivestock waste standards to avoid internal conflict with the definition of stockpiling.

Handle domestic animal waste from nonlivestock as follows so that the waste is not stockpiled: ...

WAC 246-203-130(3)(c)(ii) Nonlivestock

Waste Disposal. The Board added clarifying language to avoid conflict with other state rules regarding commercial composting of nonlivestock waste.

Bag and dispose of the waste as solid waste, unless waste is composted by a regulated compost facility per WAC 173-350-220;

WAC 246-203-130(3)(d)(i) Livestock Waste Stockpile Odor/Pest Control. The Board clarified the standard as a performance standard regarding control of odors and pests with livestock waste stockpiles to the extent reasonable.

Store the waste to control odors and attraction of flies, rodents, and other vectorsApply control measures as reasonable to minimize and reduce odors and attraction of flies and rodents;

WAC 246-203(4) Voluntary Compliance. The Board edited enforcement language to

emphasize voluntary compliance via education.

Before taking enforcement action the local health officer must attempt to communicate with the person who may be in violation of this section in order to explore the facts and, if the local health officer determines that a violation has occurred, seek voluntary compliance by education and allow the person reasonable time to correct the violation

Comments on the Proposed Rule

The Board received written comments from approximately 97 people/organizations during the public comment period and received verbal comments from 11 people/organizations at the public hearing on the proposed rule on June 8, 2022. The following tables summarize comments received on the proposed rule and the Board's responses. In some cases, closely associated comments are listed jointly, separated by a forward slash (/). The comments are organized according to (1) comments where the Board made changes to the rule language and supporting rule analyses, and (2) comments where the Board did not make changes to the rule language, organized by theme.

(Note from the Editor: This article was trimmed for space in the newsletter. The article sent to myself was 24 pages long. It was the decision of the editing team to cut out the comments, results and changes made to the didfferent WAC's.)

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