

# BCHW Mt. St. Helens

June 2022



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## NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

**Next meeting....**

**Round Table Pizza — Salmon Creek**

**July 11h 6-8 PM**

Special points of interest:

\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

Next Meeting:

Monday July 11th

6:00pm

Round Table Pizza

See me for a membership form.

# BCHW Mt. St. Helens



From your Director,

Hello all

The BCHW Board of Directors meeting was held in person in Ellensburg on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The elephant in the room was the approval of the rewritten by-laws and standing rules to reflect the new Executive Committee and its operation. It was approved. The new by-laws and standing rules were posted in the last Trail Head News. This kicked into motion the need to re-elect the current officers and approve the appointed positions. All of this was done. The BCHW nomination committee came up with a slate of nominees for the five positions on the Executive Committee, they are Doug Stewart, NE Chapter, Heather Moorman, Purple Sage Chapter, Becca Morgan, Tahoma Chapter, Tom Conner, Lewis Co. Chapter, and Rob Deboer, Skagit Chapter. These people were voted in.

There are various committee reports that are posted on the BCHW website if

you are interested. One of the big committee reports is the current members of the LNT committee are all resigning and new chair and members are needed if it is to keep going. Along that line BCHA is looking into developing their own Light on the Land program to reflect equine needs more than the LNT program does. The legislative chair is stepping down. Her personal job has changed and she no longer has the time to devote so BCHW is looking for a replacement. Teri Stark is looking for help with treasure duties. Things such as keeping track of credit card use and other things to lighten the workload on her.

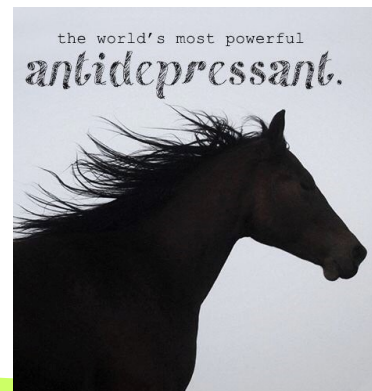
There was discussion about having a Special Projects Coordinator. This would be for large work parties and other events that require lots of planning. Talk of changing the name to something else. If anyone is interested and has the skill set to do coordination contact Dana. A finance committee was formed and approved. Members are, Teri Stark, Dana Chambers, Tony Karniss, and Joe Remear.

Years ago the Alpine Lakes chapter dissolved and a \$1000 from their treasury was set aside if a new chapter was formed in the area of El-

lensburg. Since the Ellensburg chapter has been formed it was voted to give them the \$1000. A guidelines paper will be made up by Teri Stark and Ken Carmichael concerning chapter spending. There are chapters who are still spending money for things that are not allowed under the 501c3 rules and we need to clarify what can and cannot be spending money on. The sawyer program has run out of money mostly due to the price of fuel that gets the trainers around to all of the places they need to go. \$3000 was approved to get them through the rest of the year. Grant committee will look into a possible grant for this for the future.

Here's hoping our Regional Work Party comes off smoothly and as always thanks to all for all you do.

Jim



## From your President, Bob Cole



Hello everyone,

For all who weren't at the last meeting, we survived our trip to Monument Valley and Douglas Mesa. It was a little warm for my taste, but I survived. The temperatures ran in the 80's and even hit 90 one day. The good thing was that it is desert, so it did cool down at night. We also had a couple of days when the wind blew pretty bad. So we tried our best to stay out of it, though we lost a couple of days of riding as it was like getting sandblasted at times. So even though we lost a couple of days of riding we still logged about 90 miles on the horses. They are definitely in better shape now. The biggest surprise to me on the trip was the fact that we drove the entire Salt Lake Valley with NO road construction. That is the first time in 30 years or so of my time on the road that there was no construction the entire way.

We had a good work party yesterday (June 14) at Kalamia Horse Camp. Jim and I and three fellows from WTA

went up to cut some of the trees needed for the upcoming work party on the Cinnamon Trail. I believe we knocked down 6 or 7 trees and cut them to the necessary length. There were 3 of us getting the trees down and the other 2 fellows were debarking them. And I was impressed with how quickly and easily they accomplished that task. By the time we knocked off for the day, I believe they were only 3 trees behind us. The real serious work will begin next week, when those logs get put to use. I can't wait to see the results of this work party.

Well, it's almost time for our annual Fun Ride. As of the last meeting, we are still needing volunteers for the different jobs that need to be done. If you can help out, please contact Nancy or Claire to get on the list. And if you had already signed up and weren't at the meeting, please contact them and get back on the list. There has been a little confusion with this as Vickie's daughter is going through cancer treatments and Vickie is supporting her, as it should be. So, we can also send prayers that all goes well with the treatments. Hopefully Vickie will be able to make it to the Fun Ride, but I think most will understand if she can't.

And speaking of the Fun Ride, I already had a call from some people from what

I assume to be Tahoma Chapter, that are going to be there. They were confused when they tried to make reservations and found the camp booked full. I reassured them that we had done that just to be sure we had the entire camp.

For anyone who has ordered Weed Free Hay, from the last update we've had, we probably won't have this year's crop until 4th of July time frame. And that is if the weather finally decides to turn around and start acting more like summer with some dry warm weather.

Finally: NEXT MEETING WILL BE JULY 11th AT ROUND TABLE PIZZA AT THE NORMAL TIME.

It was decided that we should have one more meeting before the Fun Ride.

Until next time, Happy Trails

Bob



# Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace Training (LNT.org): A Guide to Minimum Impact Camping and Stock Use Techniques

## Principle number two of Leave No Trace: Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Plan Ahead & Prepare.

### Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces.

- ◆ **Dispose of Waste Properly.**
- ◆ **Leave What You Find.**
- ◆ **Minimize Campfire Impacts.**
- ◆ **Respect Wildlife.**
- ◆ **Be Considerate of Others.**



It was a miracle that our class was under a tent for a couple days with us walking and trampling the grass without killing it. The staff had rolled out a special mesh carpet that allowed the ground to have minimum/no damage. Matter of fact, when we rolled it up at the end of class, we couldn't tell of our presence at all! This was truly a practice of Leave No Trace.

The most important concept for principle #2 is to avoid damaging the land. This is why you hear 'Please Stay on the Trail'. The trails are made so that activity stays away from plants/trees and protects them from getting destroyed. So next time you think that shortcut through the brush will save me time, think about all the effects on vegetation. Of course, this might not matter in a desert where its mostly a durable surface of rock, sand and gravel. When off-trail travel is necessary think about durability and frequency. Least durable and more frequently used routes will damage the land the most. Did you know it is recommended to use a bucket to water your horse from a river? If you let your horse walk into the water, it is disrupting the organic matter of that soil. Learn the difference between organic and inorganic soils to be more aware of how to protect it. Actually, ice and snow are good surfaces to travel on as long as it is safe.

Speaking of durable surfaces, lets talk about traveling over vegetation, cryptobiotic crust and desert puddles/mud holes. It is better to pick sparsely growing vegetation to walk on or dry vegetation. Wet vegetation gets disrupted easier. You can even find delicate flora and fauna in the desert. Cryptobiotic crusts are very delicate communities of organisms found in desert climates. They look blackish and raised and protect the moisture content of the soil. Also in the desert are mud holes and puddles that contain scarce resources for life. Please be careful not to step on these tiny precious creatures. Students got a chuckle when talking about best poop practices. It was recommended to smear poop on rocks as it dries and blows away faster. Haa haa haa, we got to say P O O P.

Another science to study is choosing a good camp site. This requires good judgement and information. This most important decision creates the biggest impact of the whole trip. Often the decision is a toss up between ecological and social effects to the environment. Please consider the fragility of the camp site as well as the wildlife disturbance and your group's potential to do more harm. It is recommended not to camp too close to the water or visible to others. This allows wildlife to make way to the water easier as well. Look for areas already impacted by previous groups so as not to harm the vegetation further. Be careful not to 'enlarge the area of disturbance'. For example, plan the setup of a kitchen or gathering spot so traffic is reduced. Please be sure to leave camp clean, attractive, and appealing to others. If we can lead by example, maybe we can teach others to do the same. All of our efforts will allow more years of use and enjoyment for everyone including your kids, grandkids and their kids. Thanks for reading and happy trails until we meet again.



# ANNUAL FUN RIDE

**Mount St. Helens Chapter of BCHW**

**Date: Saturday, July 16, 2022**

**Where: Kalama Horse Camp**

**Weed-Seed Free forage is REQUIRED on all National Forest Lands.**



**DIRECTIONS:** Take I-5 to Exit 21-Woodland. Proceed east through town on WA-503 E toward Cougar and continue east for approximately 25 miles (past Yale Park). Watch for road to the left with green road sign to Lake Merrill and Kalama Horse Camp (8100 Road). Proceed on this road for approximately 8 miles and turn right. You will see the entrance to Kalama Horse Camp. There will be volunteers available to help with parking.

**NOTE: If you reach Cougar before turning onto the 8100 road, you've gone too far and missed the turn off.**

Short and long loop rides available along some of the most exceptional trails in this area. Trail maps provided on site.

**Liability waiver must be signed at the time of registration.**

Kalama Horse Camp is now a reservation/fee camp.  
The chapter has reserved as many sites as possible. First come, first served as you check in.

COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST served at 7:00 a.m.  
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# shirts for sale!!!!

I would be happy to meet people at feed stores, in BG, Fred-dy's Cascade Park, Salmon Creek, Hazel Dell...etc.

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

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Also, if it's ok...can you print in the newsletters? Please feel free to add any larger print, images, etc. to promote!

Thanks so much!

Sheila (-:

**\*\*Pictures** are

"SAMPLES" of what shirts/logos look like:

A.) Red shirts - POLY-ESTER - with newest logo (Front only!)

(\*\*note: have a Red, Sleeveless XL discount-

ed @ \$10 - has 1 small snag on it)

B.) Neon Orange - COTTON - with regular logo (front & back) Ladies V-Neck



## VOLUNTEER HOURS

REPORTING PERIOD	DUE TO JUDY NO LATER THAN...
2nd Quarter (Mar 1-May 31)	June 1
3rd Quarter (Apr 1-Aug 31)	September 1
4th Quarter (Sep 1-30)	November 1



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**2022****June****23-26** Regional Kalama Work Party:

Contact Jim Anderson

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**27– July 7th** Redwoods**July****15—17th** Kalama Fun Ride**August****5th—7th** Ken Wilcox Horse Camp**12th—23rd** Diamond P then to MontroseColorado **25th** home **9th**. Contact

Judy Smith

**28th Picnic:** Rock Creek**September****16th—18th** Indian Camp—Ellensburg**October****7th—9th** Mt. Adams Horse Camp**28th—30th** Wine Ride**November****December****10th** Christmas Party

The Cefelo Home

*\*\*\*Always looking for people with a purpose/idea/desire to take the lead and sponsor a group outing.....best if drive time approx 5 hours or less. \*\*\**

Submitted by Ken Evans \_

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# BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America and therefore

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| <p>I. The mission of this organization shall be:</p> <p>II. To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.</p> | <p>III. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.</p> <p>IV. To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their</p> | <p>maintenance and management of said resource.</p> <p>V. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resources</p> | <p>by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.</p> <p>VI. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state or-</p> |
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## Chapter newsletters will be published and distributed as follows:

Submissions due by the 20th of the month, and distributed via email/SNAIL MAIL by the 25th of the month.

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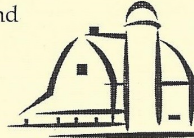
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