

BCHW Mt. St. Helens

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NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Next meeting....

**Round Table Pizza — Salmon Creek
June 6th 6-8 PM**

Special points of interest:

****NOTE*****

Next Meeting:
Monday June 6th
6:00pm
Round Table Pizza
See me for a membership
form.

BCHW Mt. St. Helens



From your Director,

Hello all

We have had several work parties this year all ready. A couple of good ones at Rock Cr. with DNR. The first one had the two new corrals put up in one of the camp sites and some new signage around the camp and dismantled a rotten bridge in camp. After that DNR rebuilt the bridge and we went back and installed the rubber matting on it to hopefully take care of the slippery surface. If this works we will be putting down matting on more bridges.

We have had two work parties at Kalama Horse Camp also. The first saw the broken corral rails being replaced. The water for the water troughs was started but complications kept the job from being finished. Brush was trimmed back around camp sites and the road way and some of the limbs lying around chipped up by the forest service. There are more limbs but

they won't get any attention until next fall. The second work party resulted in three big trees on the lower Cinnamon being cut out and the trail repaired. The Falls trail was cut out mostly with just a couple small step over trees left. This was a very wet day out in the woods. The following day two of us went back and got the water running and the water troughs filled and ready for the season.

The forest service reported that they have talked with the concessionaires about more metal corrals. We were told that the forest service would compensate the concessionaire if they bought the corrals. The concessionaire said they would consider it if BCHW (that's us) would install them. We have said we would.

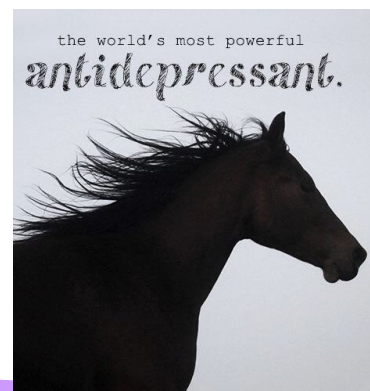
The Regional work party is coming along as far as planning goes. I'm meeting WTA on June 2nd to set up the project of installing steps on the long grade on the Cinnamon trail. There is a special work party on June 11th to cut down and peel trees for these steps. More exploring for other projects needs to be done also but first the snow needs to melt out so we can get

around.

Coming up June 18th is the BCHW Board of Directors meeting. The elephant in the room that day will be the final vote on implementing the Executive Committee. If voted in then President, Dana Chambers, will start the search for directors to be on that committee. She many use a nomination committee to do this search. All members nominated to be on the Executive Committee have to be approved by the BCHW Board of Directors.

The Silver Star Vision Plan is close to being finalized with only one or two meetings to go. The Gifford Pinchot Sustainable Trails plan has stalled out trying to just agree on a charter to guide us through the process. The group needs stronger leadership from the forest service.

Thanks to all for all you do,
Jim



From your President, Bob Cole



Out starting on their summer of camping. So I am going to include some of the contact information for Washington States DNR and Fish and Wildlife Offices.

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Leave No Trace

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

This month let's delve deeper into the first principle of Leave No Trace, **Plan Ahead & Prepare**:

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.

I know what you are thinking, I don't have time to do all the research. BUT just a little time goes a long ways to ensuring an enjoyable trip. Start with knowing what, where and when goes a long way. The last thing you want is to get to your destination and realize you forgot something important to enjoy your trip. The best way to avoid 'OOPS I Forgot It' is to use checklists. You can find some online by googling 'Leave No Trace' or go to the LNT website for a general checklist to start your planning/research: <https://lnt.org/why/7-principles/plan-ahead-and-prepare/>.

You will find this checklist includes researching the location of your destination. Do you need a map? Special needs for inclement weather? Do you need to bring weed-free hay? Is there a cooking area? There are different regulations for certain camp sites. I received another list in the training class which includes categories: Pre-trip Planning, Preparing Stock/Horse, Saddles and Tack, Saddle equipment and Accessories and Personal Gear. If you would like a copy, let me know. I also got a checklist for the vehicles.

A story we reviewed in class involved a father and son in Arizona who set out without enough water. They decided to contact 911 via GPS for the water, wasting important helicopter rescue resources. After the third helicopter delivery of water, they were escorted home. These gentlemen were labeled the 'Yuppi 911'. This incident would have been avoided if research and planning had been done. It is an example of a growing population going into the outdoors without the skills to survive. Every individual is responsible for teaching themselves what they need before going out on the trail.

A good book that was recommended: 'The Land Ethic' by Aldo Leopold. He discusses how to take care of the land in this six page document: <https://rintintin.colorado.edu/~vancecd/phil308/Leopold.pdf>

Another good website for trip planning: <https://www.leavenotracedude.com/plan-ahead.php>
Well, I hope this information gives you enough to get started and complete the first principle of Leave No Trace. Until the next newsletter ... HAPPY TRAILS!!!



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.
FIRST RIDERS OUT at 8:00 a.m. LUNCH available for \$5.00. PRIZES at 3:00 p.m.

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Homeowners Checklist



Bear-proofing your yard and neighborhood can help avoid potentially dangerous encounters.

- ☐ Keep pet food indoors. Feed pets in the house, garage or enclosed kennel.
- ☐ Hang bird feeders from a wire at least 10 feet off the ground and 6 to 10 feet from the trunk of a tree.
- ☐ Keep the area under bird feeders clean.
- ☐ Remove fruit that has fallen from trees.
- ☐ Add lime to compost piles to reduce odors. Do not compost meat, bones, fruit, dairy products or grease.
- ☐ Secure garbage cans in a garage, shed or behind a chain link or electric fence.
- ☐ Put garbage cans out just before pick-up time, not the night before.
- ☐ Purchase bear-proof garbage cans if necessary.
- ☐ Take garbage with you when leaving your vacation home.
- ☐ Clean garbage containers regularly with bleach or moth balls to reduce odors.
- ☐ Use electric fencing to keep bears from orchards, gardens, compost, beehives and berries.
- ☐ Store livestock food in a secure place.
- ☐ Don't leave scented candles, soap or suntan lotions outdoors or near open windows.
- ☐ Talk to neighbors to encourage everyone in the neighborhood to remove attractants.
- ☐ Stay indoors and allow a visiting bear to move on.
- ☐ Keep barbecues clean. Store them in a shed or garage.
- ☐ Never, ever feed a bear.
- ☐ Teach children about bear safety.



Campers and Hikers Checklist

Before enjoying the natural beauty Oregon has to offer, learn about its resident bears and how to avoid conflicts.

Contain food and garbage

- ☐ Store food in airtight containers in the trunk of your car, in bear boxes or on platforms.
- ☐ Hang bagged food at least 10 feet high and 6 to 10 feet from a tree trunk or side support.
- ☐ Do not leave food items or pet food outdoors or in tents.
- ☐ Clean all food preparation and eating utensils immediately after using them, and place them in vehicles or sealed, bear-proof containers.
- ☐ Dispose of garbage in bear-proof cans or pack it out.
- ☐ Do not bury garbage – bears will dig it up.

Camp safety

- ☐ Keep campsites and campfire areas clean.
- ☐ Sleep at least 100 yards from cooking and eating areas.
- ☐ Keep dogs on leashes or in cars.
- ☐ Never pick up a bear cub – its mother has left it there and will return.
- ☐ Stay clear of berry patches.
- ☐ Don't leave soap, suntan lotion, candles or scented items outdoors or in a tent.
- ☐ Pitch your tent away from dense brush or trees – avoid what might be an animal trail to a river or stream.
- ☐ Use a flashlight at night.
- ☐ Don't camp or hike alone.
- ☐ Teach children about bear safety.

Hike safely

- ☐ Avoid trails with bear tracks or bear sign.
- ☐ Make noise when hiking so as not to surprise a bear.
- ☐ If you see a bear, leave the area.
- ☐ Stay far away from cubs – the mother is nearby.
- ☐ Leash dogs. A loose dog may lead a bear back to you.
- ☐ Don't hike after dark.
- ☐ Consider carrying bear pepper spray in areas known to have bears.

Anglers and Hunters Checklist

Fishing or hunting in bear country brings some additional challenges, so take extra caution.

Manage food and refuse

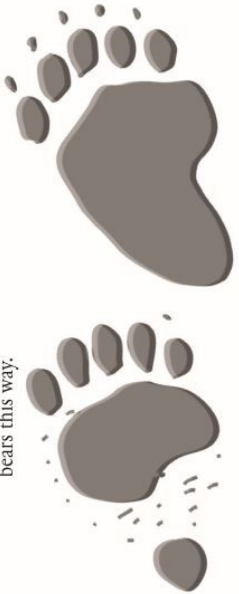
- ☐ Keep food in bear-proof containers.
- ☐ Keep campsites and campfire areas clean.
- ☐ Place all garbage and fish refuse in sealed, bear-proof containers.
- ☐ Do not bury garbage or fish refuse; bears will dig it up.

Be safe while fishing

- ☐ Fish with at least one other person.
- ☐ Make noise. Talk loudly around a stream – carry a whistle to use to alert bears of your presence.
- ☐ Avoid berry patches.
- ☐ If you see a bear or fresh bear sign, leave the area.
- ☐ Give way to any bear you encounter.
- ☐ Clean fish at designated cleaning stations.
- ☐ Avoid salmon spawning areas where bears are likely to be seeking food.

Guidelines for hunters

- ☐ Be aware of your surroundings; be cautious.
- ☐ Watch for fresh bear sign.
- ☐ If you see a bear, leave the area.
- ☐ Don't hunt alone.
- ☐ Be aware that by calling in an animal, you may attract a bear.
- ☐ Follow all safe camping rules.
- ☐ If you do shoot a bear and are retrieving it, remember to approach the bear with caution as it may only be wounded. Several Oregon black bear hunters have been injured by bears this way.



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 :

Email: skwarne@yahoo.com

Cell #: (360) 281-6004

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 |



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 Montrose
Colorado **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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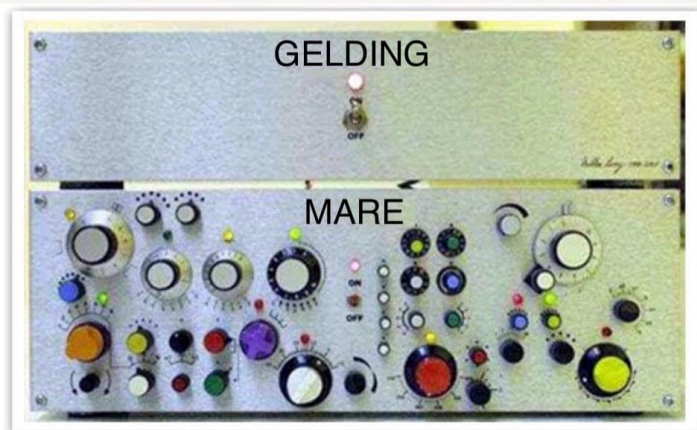


BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America and therefore

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

Controls for operating a 'push button' horse:



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.

Meeting minutes

will be distributed via a separate email every month and **will not** be included in the newsletter. A few copies of the minutes will also be provided at the meetings for those who do not have computer/email access.



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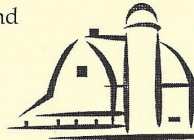
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