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BCHW

April 2023

Happy Shedding Season!



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The mission of this organization shall be:

- I. To perpetuate the common-sense 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.

NEXT MEETING:
May 8TH 6PM—9PM
ROUND TABLE PIZZA—
SALMON CREEK

Volunteer hours:
Don't forget to email Judy Smith
with your volunteer hours.
Trailridenbuddy@yahoo.com

***Note ***

The new dates due will allow Judy the time she has to get them in by the 1st of the month

VOLUNTEER HOURS

| REPORTING PERIOD | DUE TO JUDY NO LATER THAN... |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1st Quarter (Oct 1—Feb 29) | Feb 25th |
| 2nd Quarter (Mar 1-May 31) | May 25 |
| 3rd Quarter (Apr 1-Aug 31) | Aug 25 |
| 4th Quarter (Sep 1-30) | Setp 25 |

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Hello all

First, I would like to thank the chapter for the nice custom mule theme towel rack. It has a prominent spot in the bathroom.

The BCHW Executive Committee has been busy working on some new standing rules to help smooth out the operation of the organization. In case might be wondering in the difference between standing rules and by-laws, standing rules are what the organization operate under and by-laws are what govern us. By-laws by design are difficult to change and usually that does not happen. Standing rules on the other hand are easily changed to meet the changing needs of the organization.

I attended the first aid class at Rendezvous this year and it got me wondering if it was easy to attend how many of our members would be interested in this. We could also invite the Washington Trail Riders to attend also. It use to cost around \$300 for an instructor. The more people we can get to attend the less it would cost per person. Knowing first aid is a good thing and getting it refreshed and catching up on new technics is too. Let me know if you are interested. This is something that is best done during the winter.

As you most likely have heard or assumed is that the April 22nd work party at Kalama has been cancelled due to deep snow. It has been changed to May 13th tentatively in case the snow still has not melted out. There no doubt will be some corral rails to replace, down trees and limbs to clean up, get the water running to the troughs and whatever else we see that needs attention. We also have a new

From our Director

metal corral to replace one of the wood corrals. The Concessionaire bought it and we agreed to install it. I hope that we can get a look at some of the low elevation trails to asses them for the upcoming work parties in June.

The weekend of the 15th WTRA held a campout at Rock Cr. Horse Camp with the intention of teaching sharing tips and technics for camping and long distance travel with horses. Members of both WTRA and BCHW/MSH attended and took place in the teaching and of course eating. It came off well with everyone (even old grizzled riders) learning something new and handy. I think they will do it again next year. It will possibly be advertised so non-members can attend too. Good membership drive idea.

Happy riding

Thanks to all for all you do

Jim



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From our President

Things are about to get busy. Actually, as I think back on the past month it's already been busy for many of our members. There have been work parties at Battleground Lake and Rock Creek campgrounds, BCHW Rendezvous, Burke Lake ride, a couple of chapter meetings, WTRA Camp Day, planning for the Fun Ride, and one of my personal favorites, tax day! Good news is lots of progress has been made during all of this.

Fun Ride planning is on target, and we are excited about the event this year. We've got a long list of great prizes, thanks to Ron Prentice and Claire Fisher. Almost all the campsites have been reserved by the chapter for Friday and Saturday nights. Several have already been assigned to members and a few non-members, too. But there are still sites available. Make sure you contact me for a camp site if you plan to camp. The flyer is ready to go and will soon be distributed around to the area businesses, and to the other state chapters. And we plan to get some radio and maybe TV time to publicize the event as we get closer to the date.

We also have a new metal corral to install at Kalama Horse camp, donated by the camp concessionaire, Rocky Mountain Recreation. They

have been very helpful in getting the reservations set up and planning for the work parties. We will need your help to get the camp and trails ready, so plan to join us at one of the upcoming dates. Tentatively May 13 (snow melt permitting), to clean up the camp. Then again on June 3 & 4, working on trails with the Washington Trails Association.

Finally, check out the rides scheduled for May. Sahara horse camp (Elbe Hills) May 5-7, Cyrus Horse camp May 17-21, and Escure Ranch, Sprague WA, May 26-29.

Yes, it will be busy. As you can see, there are lots of opportunities for you to meet up with old friends and make some new ones in the next month. We hope to see you



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Sahara Creek Horse Camp May 5th—7th

262nd Ave. E. Ashford, WA 98304 360-825-1631

DNR says 'free reservations'...with Discover Pass... There are some trail interruption's...as in logging going on...at least until July...but there are 'still 40 miles of trail open'. Closures mostly at the western boundary.

Follow the link saharacreekcampreservations@gmail.com for securing reservations...I plan on doing so directly. I talked to a 'Mr Simmons' of DNR recreation. 360-825-1631. Skip all the 'canned in-fo'...**go to O for operator**...ask for the Rec person for Shara HC...shud be Mister Simmons.

Reservations are available with a minimum of 3 DAYS and a maximum of 3 MONTHS notice. Requests outside of those parameters will not be considered. Reservations are not available over state holiday weekends. All campsites will be open the Thursday before until the Monday after a holiday on a first-come, first-served basis. All motor vehicles and trailers must have valid DOL registration. Each licensed motor vehicle must display a Discover Pass to camp in Sahara Creek Campground (towed trailers do not require a Discover Pass to be displayed). Sites 1-20 are equestrian camping only. Sites 21-30 are open to all non-ORV campers (equestrian campers included). Site 28 is a designated ADA campsite which requires a differently-abled DOL placard to camp in.

Ken Evans
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Follow I5 North to US-12 in Lewis County.

- ♦ Exit 68 from I5 North toward Morton/Yakima
- ♦ Right on US-12 E (31 miles)
- ♦ Left on 2nd St (0.6 Miles)
- ♦ Continue on WA-7 N/Morton Rd (16.2 Miles)
- ♦ Right on WA-706(5.1 Miles)
- ♦ Left 262nd Ave E Destination on the Right

(Directions scribed from Google Maps)

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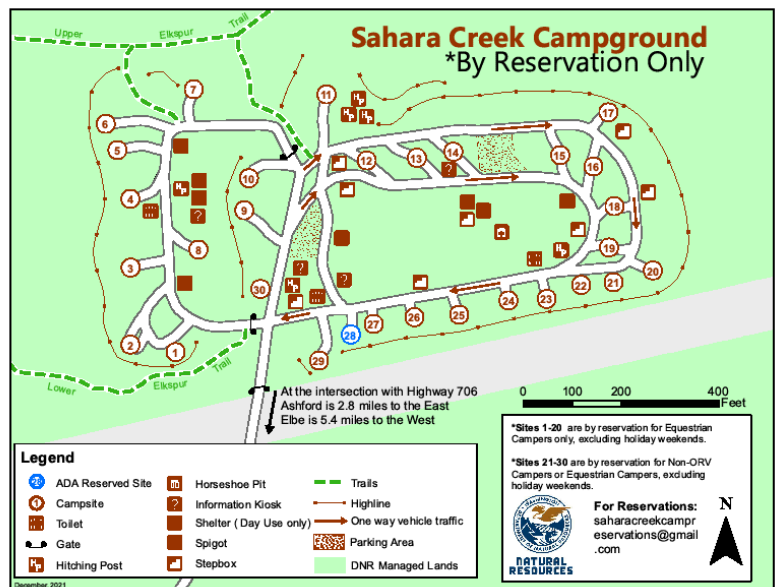
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Backcountry Horsemen of Washington
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Dear Jim,

The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington thank you for your generous donation to our Rendezvous Auction on March 18, 2023. Your generous donation assists our organization by providing funding for education, trail building and maintenance on public lands in Washington State. We appreciate your support.

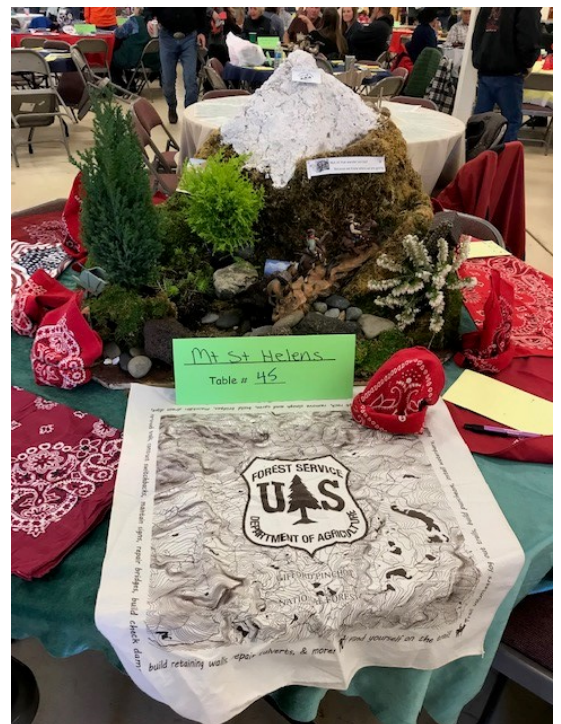
Thank you for your contribution of the following items:

Metal Art work, Bear Track in woods

Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is a Tax Exempt 501(c)3 organization. No goods or services were supplied in return for this donation. This letter is your receipt for your donation.

Happy Trails!

Your BCHW Rendezvous Auction Committee



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ANNUAL FUN RIDE

Mount St. Helens Chapter of BCHW

DATE: Saturday, July 15, 2023

WHERE: Kalama Horse Camp

LOTS OF RAFFLE PRIZES, including
gift cards from national sponsors including Resistol hats and Cinch western wear

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



Campsites have been reserved by the chapter for the Fun Ride. \$41 for Friday and Saturday nights.
Contact: Brian Jansen to make arrangements for camping at bjbgch@aol.com.

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.

Liability waiver must be signed at the time of registration.
Weed Seed Free Hay Required.

For more information, contact:
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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.

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Website | mountsthelens-bchw.org



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Cyrus Horse Camp May 17th—20th

Directions:

From Hwy 97:

- Exit Norris Lane and go east approximately 2.5 miles.
- Turn right on Springer Rd (Forest Service Road 5740).
- Turn left onto Hagman Rd (Forest Service Road 5750) and proceed approximately 1 mile.
- Cyrus Horse Camp will be on the right.

From Hwy 26:

- Exit and head west on Laurel Lane (Forest Service Road 96) for approximately 2 miles.
- Turn left on Forest Service Road 5750 (just before the cemetery) and proceed for approximately ½ mile.
- Turn right to stay on Forest Service Road 5750 at the junction with Hagman Road (Forest Service Road 5750/5760) and proceed for approximately 1.5 miles.
- Cyrus Horse Camp will be on the left.

The trails/roads can be rocky so shoes recommended. Dog friendly camping There is a variety of elevation trails and the opportunity to do some cross country riding. There will be gates that need to be opened and closed due to cows so make sure you go with someone who can get on and off their horse when needed.

Email Barb Thomas at pineywoman1@aol.com if you are coming. While we can't guarantee that we can fit everyone in without dispersed camping it would help knowing to look out for folks.

Cyrus is located on Hwy 26 11.1 miles out of Madras headed towards Prineville. Look for a sign on the left of the hwy. that points to a right hand turn to Haystack reservoir. Go about 2 miles and make a left turn on FS road 5750. You will go across a cattle guard. Turn right at the next intersection and follow that road to the camp on the left.

Escure Ranch from 25th to 29th of May, the Memorial Day weekend.

The equestrian camp was built through a partnership of BLM with the BCH, Ponderosa Chapter. The Escure Ranch is 12,000 acres open range, located roughly 25 miles south of I-90 at Sprague (Exit 245). Formerly a sheep ranch run by Basque shepherders, the ranch contains a stretch of Rock Creek, including Towell Falls as riding destinations. Some trails follow an old ranch road with views of the valley, basalt outcroppings, aspen, spring wildflowers, and native bunchgrass.

You can find a good map and more information here:

<http://www.horse-previews.com/2021/04/08/escure-ranch/>

What you will find: concrete outhouse, equestrian water (no potable water), 10 corrals, highlines for 7 horses and a manure bunker. There is a wide open, large, flat area to camp, fire rings (bring wood). Since there are no trees bring your e-fence.

This is first come first serve, no reservations and on the long weekend it can be a bit more busy than usual. Ken Carmichael, BCH Ponderosa Chapter and BCHW committee chair most likely will be there that weekend also.

Directions: On state route 395 from Tri-Cities going North to Spokane, take exit 245, Sprague. Go south on WA-23 for 12.5 miles. Turn right onto Davis Road for another 7.0 miles, then turn left onto Jordan Knott Road. After 2.2 miles, on Jordan Knott, you'll arrive at a fork, stay right to stay on Jordan Knott for another 2.5 miles to arrive at the parking area.

Contact ride host Peter Mahrt (360) 430 3153 for more information.

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2023

January

February

March

April

May

5-7 Sahara Horse Camp

Ken Evans: (360) 263-1529

8 Chapter Meeting 7pm

17—21 Cyrus Ride

BARB THOMAS (360) 773-7672

25—29 Escure Ranch—Tower Falls

June

3 & 4 Kalama WP with WTRA

JIM ANDERSON (360) 835-5719

8—11 Little Big Horn ???

12 Chapter Meeting 7pm

17th: 2nd QTR BOD Meeting

15th—18 Glenwood Rodeo Grounds

30—4 Wilcox/Hayne Meadows

Ken Evans: (360) 263-1529

July

8th Kalama work Party ???

10—Chapter Meeting 7pm

July

15th Fun Ride

BCHW Haney Meadow Regional Work and Ride

Ken Wilcox Horse Camp June 30-July 5th
Come and help restore and ride this great and scenic place with Sponsoring Chapters:

Tahoma, Ellensburg Valley, Trail Dusters, Wenas Valley, Mt. St. Helens and Wenatchee

Hello everyone,

I would like to take a minute to say Thank You to Mt. St. Helens Chapter for recognition for my years of service as YOUR President. I was presented with a Bar-B-Que set at the last meeting and if any of you are at any of the same locations as us, you will probably see it being used as it is going in the trailer.

I would also like to say that if any of our members have any trees that they are taking down that would make lumber, I can do that also. I have a mill and can handle logs up to 2 ft. diameter and 16 ft. long. If you need lumber or just want to get rid of them, let me know.

Thanks Again Bob Cole



August

NO CHAPTER MEETING

19/20 Kalama w/ WTRA & Lewis Co.

CONTACT: JIM ANDERSON (360) 835-5719

27th Picnic Rock Creek W/ WTRA

September

11 Chapter Meeting 7pm

16th—3rd QTR BOD Meeting

October

9—Chapter Meeting

November

13th Chapter Meeting

December

NO CHAPTER MEETING

*****NOTE*****

Weed Free Hay is required on National Forest Lands.

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

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

Reminder Seven Principles of LNT:

- 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.

Go to LNT.org and pledge to pickup 30 pieces of trash in April on your next visit to the great outdoors. You may win a prize. Every year the world generates 2.1 billion tons of trash.

Get Ready for Camping with Your Horse in 2023:

LNT is a federal program to teach us how to preserve nature for generations to come. After the pandemic, attendance to parks grew by 75%. More attendance means more trash and damage and increases the importance of LNT concepts. NIKE sponsors LNT as well as other big corporations. The philosophy begins with awareness, attitude and a set of guidelines. The following website has an informative 2 page brochure for us equestrians by BCHOregon: <http://www.bcho.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/06/Leave-No-Trace-for-Horsemen-3fold8-14.pdf>

A. The first page has a list of questions for you to answer to evaluate your stance on LNT.

B. The second page goes into more detail about the 7 principles.



1. Plan ahead and prepare: Use checklists, research the spot by asking others, plan plan plan...

2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces: Stay on trail, if you can't then spread out so ground can recover easier, try to keep camp as small as possible, microorganisms live in soft soils

3. Dispose of waste properly: Pack out what you pack in; dig cat holes for human waste 8" deep

4. Leave what you find: Avoid damaging live trees and plants. Don't hammer nails into trees or carve into them. Leave natural and cultural artifacts for the next person to enjoy.

5. Minimize campfire impact: You can replace the need of cooking on a fire with a camp stove. If you do need to make a fire, please use designated fire rings.

6. Respect Wildlife: Try not to disturb animals and birds. No feeding either that might upset their digestive system or get them used to humans. Bears can forage around your tent so

learn how to store food properly.

7. Be considerate of others: We are stewards for equestrians everywhere and the way we treat the public can reflect on all of us, try to be polite and put yourself in their shoes.

8. Minimize Horse Impact:

Make highlines tree/ environmentally friendly, sprinkle pine needles on used area when leaving. Learn good trail etiquette by staying on trail and explaining to hikers where to stand so as to not spook your horse. Be careful not to overgraze pastures. If watering, relax horse away so he does not pollute water with feces. A hiker passing by might want to drink from that stream. There really are lots of ways to practice LNT. Don't forget at home also, we have to clean up there too. Do your best wherever you are, it is up to us

Happy Camping and Riding this spring season!

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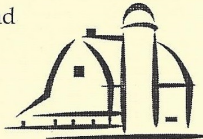
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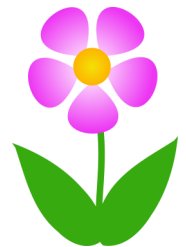
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@HorseNamedPilot

People: "What's it like to own a horse?"
Me: "You know the side effects listed for prescriptions? It's like that."

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I don't really have any talents but I can throw poop from 15 ft away and make it into a wheelbarrow so I guess I have something going for me