**BCHW** 

January 2023



# NEXT MEETING: Feburary 13TH 6PM—9PM ROUND TABLE PIZZA—SALMON CREEK

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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.
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# Mt. St. Helens BCH

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ventures near and far.

## **From our Director**

Well here we go again trying out a new year because we were tired of the old one. Kind of like buying a new car and hoping it's the best one you've had to date. Lots of hope for our new animals and big plans for ad-

Hello all

There's lots of activities planned for BCHW. First off is Leadership Training. It will be VIA a Zoom meeting as the weather in the winter for traveling to Ellensburg can be kind of dicey. The date is Jan 28th. You must register on the BCHW.org website so you can get the information to join the Zoom meeting. Next is the BCHW Legislative Day in Olympia on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. Here we meet with our legislators talk about what we do and try to drum up support for legislation that is good for us. Next is the BCHW Rendezvous in Ellensburg from March 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. There's lots to do such as clinicians, various classes, cross cut saw completion, hands on packing demonstrations, used tack sale, dinner and auctions and vendors. You need to register if you want to participate in the dinner and if you want to camp on the fair grounds. If you have some gently used tack you would like to sell and aren't planning on going some of us that are going can transport it for you.

At our January chapter meeting we planned for some (not all) rides and work parties. There's too many to list them here so keep reading the chapter news letters and check the activities page so you keep up to date and catch any changes. Also for real short notice group emails are sent out to everyone.

There have been lots of changes to the BCHW.org website. I was cruising through it the other day and was surprised at what I found. There are some neat videos of some of the statewide and hotshot work parties around the state. There is a section of trail and camp ground updates as to conditions as reported by members. Anyone can post something on this. After we get a chance to look at Kalama without snow so we can see damage done by last years fire we'll write up something.

So here's hoping you all have a good new year and have some great rides and camping trips and also get involved with some of the other activities that BCHW and our chapter does.

Thanks to all for all you do.

Jim

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# From our President

Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope the new year has started well for you, and that you are still keeping those new year resolutions. I didn't have time (or am too lazy) for setting new resolutions, so I'm happy to report that I'm still on track!

As your new president, I'm still learning the ropes of the job. I'd like to thank Bob Cole for his several years of service in the role. I now have a new appreciation for the time and work he put into the job. I'd also thank all the officers and other volunteers who helped make the past year a successful one. Your work is appreciated.

There are already planned events and rides on the calendar that you need to be aware of. On a statewide level, Legislative Day is February 6 in Olympia, and the annual Rendezvous is March 17-19 in Ellensburg. There are several work parties being planned at our local sites – March 25 at Rock Creek, March 11 at Battleground Lake, and several at Kalama Horse camp once the snow starts to clear in April. Our first scheduled ride & camp is April 5-9 at Burke Lake, and there are more planned for the following months. And most importantly, our annual Fun Ride at Kalama on July 15. We will have some great prizes for the event this year. Check

the calendar in the Newsletter and on the website <a href="https://www.mountsthelens-bchw.org/rides-activities">https://www.mountsthelens-bchw.org/rides-activities</a> for the latest information.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year. I hope to see you at the various events and rides throughout the year.

Happy & Safe Trails!



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Leave No Trace

(LNT.org): A Guide to Minimum Impact Camping and Stock Use Techniques by Noelle Rodolari January 21, 2023

Principles of Leave No Trace: Get Ready For The New Year and New Riding Adventures

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



Happy New Year! As we plan for rides in this new year, it is a great time to refresh our memories on how to hike, camp and RIDE without a trace! Here are some tips:

Put out your fire responsibly with water. Let the fire burn all the way out. Pour water on the remaining embers to make a soup. Stir it up and check for heat. 85% of wildfires are caused by humans. \$3.1 billion was spent on fire suppression in 2018.

There has been a super duper increase in attendance at parks by people during the Covid outbreak. This means sharing the trails nicely is especially important. Please stay on the trails and avoid damaging plant life. This allows the next person to enjoy nature as well. Even though everyone is supposed to yield to horses, we may encounter people who don't know this rule. Polite reminders can go a long way. Downhill hikers yield to uphill hikers by stepping aside onto a durable surface. If you are going faster than someone in front of you, please ask if it is OK to pass. Also, say Thank You after you pass them. The goal is to keep everyone safe, including the plants/fragile vegetation. When hiking with pets like dogs, it is best to leash them as you pass. Some people are afraid of dogs. Please be kind and considerate by keeping a distance or masking to follow Covid protocol. Our parks and trails are for everyone. Let's share nicely.

Going to the bathroom outside can have a huge impact. Nobody wants to see that when they are trying to enjoy nature. Even though urine is sterile it is best to avoid social impacts. Pee 200 ft or 70 big steps away from trails, climbing routes, and highly populated areas. Studies have shown pharmaceuticals in lakes from poor habits, so pee 200 feet away from water sources. If the flow rate of water (i.e. waterfall) is over 500 cfs flow rate, it is OK to pee in the water as it gets diluted. It is recommended to pee on rocks over vegetation, so animals don't dig up the smelling plants. Sometimes it is not allowed to pee, like in a cave. This requires use of a 'wag' bag to pack out your urine. Please check local guidance. If you do use toilet paper you can pack it out or use reusable cloth.

Pooping outside is normal but please follow general operating procedures. Check ahead of available facilities. Be prepared to pack out your waste. Avoid polluting water sources by

digging your cat hole (6-8 inches deep) 200 feet away from water and camping sites. Try to place the hole such that no one will find it. Bury TP with waste or pack it out. This minimizes spreading diseases. Maximize the rate of decomposition by finding dark dirt or sun exposure. Enjoy your world.

Planning ahead for your trip helps in so many ways. Research online the amenities available at the place you are going and communicate with people who have gone already. Be sure to plan for the correct amount of water you will need for all parties. Many people get dehydrated and sick when not planning correctly.

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2023

# <u>Janurary</u>

9th—meeting

# **Feburary**

6th Legislation day
7th Meeting
8th Leadership Training

# **March**

11th—Rock Creek 9am 17—19 Rendevous 25th—BG Lake 9am

# **April**

5-9th Dave Bishop in Quincy WA

22nd Kalama Work Party

29 DNR Pick up the Burn

# <u>May</u>

5-7 Sahara Horse Camp
17—21 Cyrus Ride
25—29 Escure Ranch—Tower
Falls

# <u>June</u>

3 & 4 Kalama WP with WTRA

8—11 Little Big Horn

16th—18 Glenwood Rodeo

Grounds

30-4 Wilcox/Hayne Meadows

# <u>July</u>

8th Kalama work Party

15th Fun Ride

Attention Anyone interested in becoming a Certified Sawyer!!

There will be a Certified Sawyer Classroom Training at Rendezvous in March. The class will be for "A" Sawyers or New Sawyers only!!!!

This will be classroom time only on Saturday March 18th from 11:30pm - 4:00pm in Ellensburg.

Instructors will be:

Tony Karniss and Ed Letcher

https://form.jotform.com/230115922087047

(You will probably have to copy paste this address)

# 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



# **August**

19/20 Kalama w/ WTRA & Lewis Co.

27th Picnic

**September** 

**October** 

**November** 

**December** 

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

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## Submitted by Ken Evans

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# \*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*

The above calander is only part of what was discussed. Please Email me with any corrections to what I have (I often get this wrong the first time) kigersallyj@gmail.com

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# Come Join Usi

Go to BCHW.org and join or renew online. If online is not an option, please fill out this paper application and sign, (all members 18 and over must sign) enclose your cash or check made out to BCHW and mail to:

BCHW Membership Chair 11404 210th Ave Ct E Bonney Lake, WA 98391



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