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

Volunteer hours:
Don't forget to email Judy Smith with your volunteer hours.
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***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
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Hello all

By the time you read this, Terri and I will be in Colorado re-exploring the Northwest part of the state. We will base out of Meeker and head into the White River National Forest which includes the Flat Top Wilderness. We will camp and move from trailhead to trailhead. We were in this area in 2000 & 2001. We visited friends there then and had our honeymoon out in the national forest. I am sure we will have some good pictures and stories to share.

Enough of that. It has been a very busy summer for us with many work parties near and far, many rides and chapter events. Our latest being the Fun Ride. Thanks to all who made it a great success. Thanks to Ron and Clair for gathering so many great prizes. Thanks to all of the members who helped with all of the duties it takes to put this event on. Thanks to all who have been clearing the trails so we have them for the ride and for the rest of the year and for the other users of the trails.

Over the Fourth of July five of us travel to Blewit Pass on HWY 97 and then ten miles up into the Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest to the work party put on by the Ellensburg chapter at Haney Meadows and Ken Wilcox Horse Camp. We worked for six days on the trails there and in the camp. There were many down trees right in camp that needed to be cleaned up to open up camp sites and make the whole camp area safer. The whole area where we worked was burned over in 2012 and since then the dead trees have been coming down steadily. There have been several other work parties through the years since just trying to keep from losing the trails. It was a great success as we opened up several loops to make for some nice rides. The area is worth exploring with a chapter ride there.

On June 17th the BCHW Board of Directors meeting was held in Ellensburg at the fair grounds. Gary, Barb and I attended. Here are a few highlights of the meeting.

From Teri Stark:

Be careful with refund checks. Please cash them as soon as possible. A lost check that was washed and altered has cost Teri much headaches and lots of time.

Mandatory training for credit card holders is scheduled

Grant charges should go to Jen Bond

Chapters buying gear from the BCHW store should be doing transfers

From our Director

BCHA directors news:

Texas has become our newest state to join BCHA. Seems like they would have been one of the earlier ones considering their history with horses. Better late than never, welcome.

BCHA is still collecting data on non-stock users in horse camps

BCHA has adopted the Light on the Land program. They developed this. It is similar to Leave No Trace but is more equine oriented than LNT. The LNT will be used in conjunction with LOTL program.

BCHA will be raising membership dues \$5 next year. BCHW will decide if they want to absorb it or raise their dues also.

The BCHA newsletter has a survey in it and would like members to fill it out.

Public Lands Committee:

The Volunteer Service Agreement with the Forest Service is on the BCHW website

Kathy Young is working on a state wide Volunteer Agreement with DNR.

General stuff:

This Lori Lennox's last year of running the BCHW store. She has done a tremendous job. She turned the store from just selling stuff and not making any money to a store that supplies clothing for many needs and makes around 10K a year for BCHW. If your interested in taking over the store she will mentor the new store keeper.

BCHW and the Forest Service have a Challenge Cost Share Agreement now. This to help pay for things we do with programs that involve the forest service such as the Sawyer program to the tune of 20K.

DNR is starting to implement a reservation system for their camps. This to help control the homelessness problem that is plaguing some camps. It will take a legislative action to allow DNR to charge for camping.

We have one more two day work party on August 19th & 20th to work on the upper Cinnamon trail. We will be renting an excavator to help with major erosion issues and the hand work will be to dress up that work. Prior to that we will do logging out of the trail and the 8303 road to let us get to the work areas easier. We will have camping and food at Kalama. WTA will be joining us again too. There is a registration form under the events column on the BCHW web page.

Thanks to all for all you do

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From our President

July 15 was a great day for riding and raffles at our annual Fun Ride at the Kalama Horse Camp. Riders filled up the sites on Friday with their trailers, horses, mules, and even one cute little goat! Although the forecasted high temperatures kept some away, 80 riders registered and purchased raffle tickets for their chance at some of the great prizes on display at the shelter. Early Saturday morning started with free coffee and pancakes, thanks to our fabulous cooks Jim & Terri Anderson, and Robin & Cindy Meyer. Riders then headed out on the trails, but the goat had to stay in camp!

As the riders came back in, they were served a \$5 lunch of hot dogs, chili, chips, watermelon and drinks. We heard many nice comments about the condition of the trails and no one admitted to getting lost. Most importantly, thankfully no accidents were reported! One group did take a wrong turn that resulted in them going up the Fossil trail, which we had not fully cleared. As we would expect, they had to turn around and come back down when they encountered too many down trees to keep going. According to them the hill was a bit challenging, but they all made it back and overall had a good ride. I guess we will need to work on improving that signage!

Finally it was time to give away the great prizes that had been collected by Ron Prentice and Claire Fisher. At 3 o'clock, Ron and his helpers started drawing the winners. By the end, everyone in attendance was able to get a prize or two. Some

lucky winners were able to choose the big prizes, but all the prizes were great. We had too many sponsors to name them all here, but all of them are listed in the newsletter. Without their support, we could not raise the money needed to do the work we do to keep the Kalama and Rock Creek camps and the trails open and in such great shape. Please make sure you thank these sponsors and support them with your business whenever you can.

We ended the day with a potluck supper for those who stayed. Then everyone helped clean up and pack up all our supplies and gear before calling it a day.

Overall, the event was a great success. We were able to raise nearly \$4000 for our chapter to use to continue to support our mission of keeping recreational trails and camps open for all users. Thanks to all the hard working people who made this event possible, and to all the attendees for coming and supporting us. We will see you all next year.



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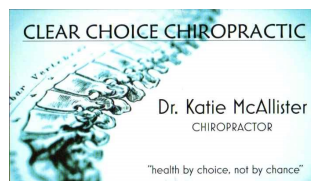
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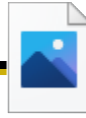
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Red shirts - POLYESTER - with newest logo (Front only!)



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

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 :

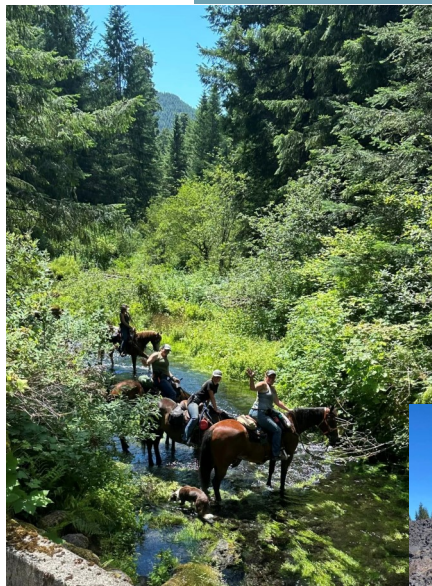
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Thanks so much!

Sheila (-:

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January

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July

15th Fun Ride

August

NO CHAPTER MEETING

19/20 Kalama w/ WTRA & Lewis Co.

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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



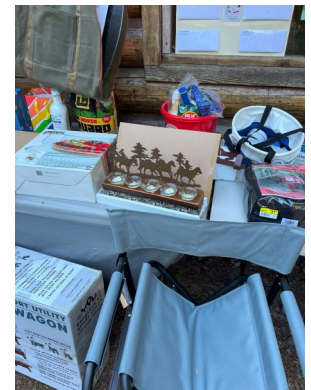
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*****NOTE*****

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.****

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

Principles of Leave No Trace: Tips from Training Course on LNT.org

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

Leave No Trace 101 Course [fun and online]

You can take a short course on LNT at the LNT.ORG website. The 7 principles of LNT are meant to empower people to minimize their impact on nature. The following are a few things I learned:

1. Why is LNT important? Because our natural resources such as parks and places we go for nature are becoming used more (20% increase in 2020) and we want to keep them nice. The outdoors and how we interact with it is a mindset. It will take all of us to improve our experience and preserve it.
2. Ways to help: Plan meals to have less waste and Compost kitchen/food waste (nearly 40% of all food in the US is wasted); Every 24 seconds, Americans will use 44,110 disposable coffee cups. Utilizing reusable products helps lessen how much end up in nature and landfills.; Dog waste is a top pollutant in most major cities. Storm runoff concentrates the bacteria and viruses contained. Removing these contaminants helps keep waterways clean.
3. With over **13 billion trips** into the outdoors in the U.S. alone every year,

people can cause a lot of preventable damage, and that damage is adding up. Six categories of Cumulative impacts to consider are wildlife, soils, vegetation, cultural resources, water and other people.

4. The **cumulative effect of all those impacts** is dramatic enough to change our environment. For example, it can take as few as 25 passes on vegetation to begin to create a new trail. As another example, research has found samples from remote water sources that contain pharmaceuticals and other medications in them. This is solely from the sheer amount of people going to the bathroom too close to water.

5. Science and research is helping us understand what we can do. Doing anything to minimize your impact supports the goal of Leave No Trace. If you pack out your trash, you have left no trace. If you picked up after your pet, you have left no trace. If you have done both, even better. The cumulative effect of all those good actions protects our shared lands. Consider the difference in our natural spaces if everyone puts Leave No Trace into action!

6. Pack light with two light jackets over each other instead of a bulky thick jacket.

7. Use plastic bags to cover your socks and place second socks over plastic bags to keep feet dry when walking through puddles.

8. As humans, we can leave many things behind when visiting the outdoors, both intentionally and unintentionally. When these accumulated waste items are introduced into an ecosystem they can greatly affect plants and ani-

mals. We want to be prepared to manage these three main types of waste humans create: Grey water, Human waste and Trash.

9. Grey water is water left after washing ourselves/ clothes, brushing teeth or dishes, etc. Know if your area has a sink to dispose of it. Check local regulations or bring a container to collect and pack out. If scattering, walk outside of camp 200 feet and throw over large area.



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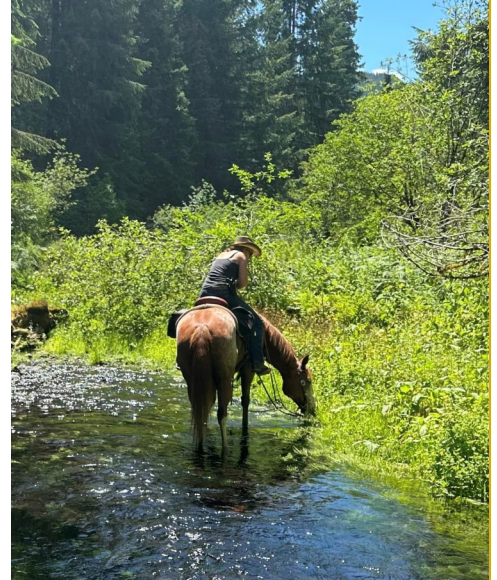
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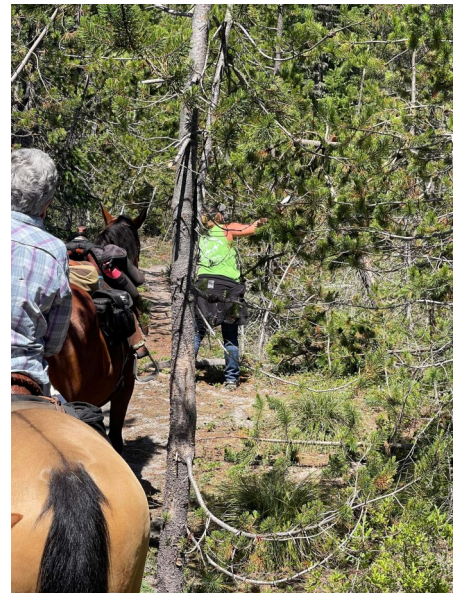
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