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April 2023

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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:
April 10TH 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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From our Director

Hello all.

This is a BCHW Rendezvous report. Thirteen of us from MSH attended the Rendezvous this year. I think we all had a good time, at least I did. Visiting with old friends, making new friends and doing a lot of good networking was the order of every day. Attending classes, demonstrations, meetings and doing fun things like the crosscut saw completion, eating good food and even getting a well-needed massage took up our time. Cascade Grilling had outside grills set up to serve hot camp type fair breakfast and hot coffee with an inside kitchen for lunches. Their Saturday night dinner with flank steak, chicken, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetables and desert was very good. Besides all of that, the weather was great. A little chilly Friday AM at 21 degrees but sunny all day. I must say it was kind of nice not running the tack sale this year. The armory building was a lot nicer for running the sale out of and several of our members volunteered to help out where needed. The BCHW store was a big hit and the many vendors sold a wide array of goods.

One of the meetings I attended was to inform the sawyers of the new changes the forest service has made to the sawyer certification program. They changed the certification process to one day of classroom and one day of practical cutting. In the area of Personal Protection Equipment, they require hard hats and helmets to have chinstraps and that our safety glasses have side protection. So-called bug eyes are not allowed. Therefore, when our current certification cards run out this is what we can expect. The BCHW sawyer program is changing also. We have partners now consisting of Washington Trail Association

(WTA) and Evergreen Mountain Bikers Alliance. Gabe Smith of WTA is helping Tony Karniss put together new power point presentations and instruction videos. They should be good. STIHL Northwest is offering classes at their facility in Centralia to instruct us in how to properly maintain our saws. Tony will be letting us know the class schedule so we can take advantage of this important aspect of running saws.

One of the big attractions was Tom Reed who provided instruction on de-spooking your horse or mule. People signed up and brought their horses for Tom to work with them while there was a good size gallery of spectators observing. This was both Friday and Saturday. We talked to Tom later and he was pleased with the outcome of the classes and he would like to come back next year.

It takes a lot of work to put together an event of this size. I'm always amazed that it comes off so well and proud of the volunteers who make it happen. If you have never attended this you should include it in your activities for next year.

Thanks to all for all you do

Jim



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From our President

Greetings fellow members!

Are you ready for spring? As usual, my list of things I'd like to get done is much longer than the time I will have to do them. So I guess I will just choose the fun ones, then I won't have time for the less desirable tasks.

On a more serious note, I was recently reminded how important it is to think about safety as we get ready to venture out on the trails. Whether we are camping in the back country, working at a work party, or just taking a quick day ride on a local trail, having a plan for dealing with the unexpected is a necessary part of the experience. While attending the statewide BCHW Rendezvous, I attended Robert Eversole's (The TrailMeister) talk on emergency plans as he told of his accident in the Bob Marshall back country and how he was airlifted out. He explained about the different types of emergency contact devices and how they work, and importantly what they don't do. I also learned that the device I have won't work anymore, so

now I have to come up with a new plan.

It was an informative talk that reminded me that having plans for how to deal with all types of possible problems can make the difference between having a minor delay or completely ruining the day. Trailer safety, first aid for you and the animals, repairing tack, letting others know where you are going. All of these and more are important things to know and plan for. As you get ready for the upcoming season, I encourage you to think about safety for you and your mount before you go, so if the unexpected happens you can deal with it.

Finally, plan to attend our upcoming work parties and rides if you can. Work parties on March 25 at Rock Creek and April 22 at Kalama (if snow level permits). The Burke Lake camp and ride April 5-9, and don't forget the monthly meeting on April 10 at Round Table Pizza in Salmon Creek. Check the website and this newsletter for more info about the events. See you there!

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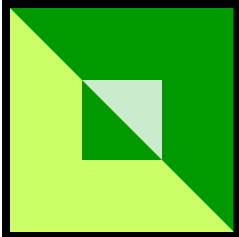
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Dave Bishop Farm, Quincy, Wa.

We will stay on private property owned by **Dave Bishop, 5058 Ancient Lakes Road, Quincy, Wa.** There is water and restroom. The land is in a beautiful area with huge canyons overlooking the Columbia River. There are several lakes in this area with fish. The elevation is about 1500 feet.

Contact Brian Parr for questions, **(503) 476-7013**

DIRECTIONS TO THE RANCH

- From I-90 take Hwy 281 North out of George, Wa.(headed toward Quincy, Wa.)
- Go about 5 miles (18 hole golf course) and turn left at Whitetail Rd. (5 NW Rd.)
- Drive west through a couple of curves and past the Quincy Public Fishing sign (about 3 miles)
- In about 1 mile, the road turns north and becomes U Street (still paved)
- You will go past 6th Rd., 7th Rd., and 8th Rd. that are about a mile apart and go 1 more mile to 9th Rd.
- Turn left on 9th Rd. (westbound) that winds a bit going by fruit trees
- Go down the hill where the road turns into Ancient Lakes Rd. (gravel) and follow toward the dead end/ trailhead parking and look right for the BCH sign into Dave's place

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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.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES



Pick-Up The Burn 2023

YACOLT BURN STATE FOREST

8:00am – 2:00 pm

SATURDAY APRIL 29th, 2023

Jones Creek ORV Trailhead

8:00 am - Registration

9:00 am - Safety Briefing

12:30 pm – BBQ Lunch and Raffle

Please join us in cleaning up the Yacolt Burn State Forest. Trash containers will be located at the Jones Creek ORV Trailhead and near 4 Corners at the Junction of the L-1000 and L-1500 roads. Trash containers will be accessible Saturday April 29 and Sunday April 30, 2023.

Thank you for doing your part to [#RecreateResponsibly](#) and [Leave No Trace!](#)

Give back

Join volunteers from a variety of recreation interests including, hiking, biking, equestrian and motorized to help improve the Yacolt Burn State Forest by:

- Picking up litter
- Performing general maintenance
- Improving recreation sites

Work available for all ages & skill levels*

What to bring

Please bring gloves, working cloths for the weather, and plenty of water!

A positive attitude to clean up the forest!

Bring your friend, bring your dog, bring your friends dog! But keep them on a leash! Maybe not your friend on a leash though...

Additional info

This is an agency-approved volunteer event. Hours worked can apply toward earning a complimentary Discover Pass.

For information, contact:

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Directions: From northbound or southbound I-5, take I-205 exit toward Vancouver, WA. Use Highway 500 East (Exit 30-Orchards Exit). Go east on Highway 500 to Fourth Plain (1st light) and turn right continuing on Highway 500 East (Camas) Go 6.3 miles, then turn left on 53rd Street. Go 3.2 miles, and turn left on Ireland Road. Go 0.3 miles and turn left on Lessard Road. Continue on Lessard Road (turns into Boulder Rd.) for 4 miles. Veer left at the fork, and proceed toward the parking lot/staging area. Donations for BBQ and Raffle are greatly appreciated.

*Children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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January

February

March

11th—BG Lake 9am

(Safety meeting/coffee 8:30a)

(Contact Tani Bates (360) 902-9231)

17—19 Rendevous

17th—1st QTR BOD Meeting

25th—Rock Creek 9am

(Safety meeting/coffee 8:30a)

CONTACT: BARB THOMAS (360) 773-7672)

April

5-9th Dave Bishop in Quincy WA

Brian Parr (503) 476-7013

10—Chapter Meeting 7pm

22nd Kalama Work Party

(Being Rescheduled)

29 DNR Pick up the Burn

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

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BCHW Haney Meadow Regional Work and Ride

Ken Wilcox Horse Camp June 30-July 5th

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July

8th Kalama work Party ???

10—Chapter Meeting 7pm

15th Fun Ride

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

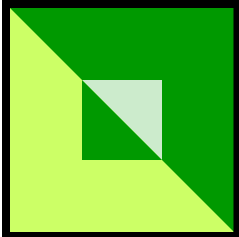
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NOTE

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

CAMPING WITH YOUR DOG:

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.

Don't miss the Horse Camping Clinic on April 14-16. It will be great fun for everyone. While we talk about camping with horses, we are always tempted to bring our dog. Please be aware of the pros and cons.

1. It is not a bad thing if the park allows dogs. Many state parks to national forests, private campsites and other places have rules and regulations for your pup. It can be very rewarding to camp with your faithful companion. Just visit nps.gov to find out or call the campground beforehand to clarify.
2. STATE PARKS: Many have low rates, and have amenities such as water, electricity and bathrooms. Most are dog friendly also. Be aware that other dogs may be present and take precautions if your dog is reactive to others. Sometimes if you ask your

camp neighbor, your dogs might be allowed to play together. Always be courteous and ask first. You may need to train your dog before going on a camping trip to be friendly with others.



3. NATIONAL PARKS: You might not be allowed to take your dog on the trails but you might be able to have them in camp. Check with the rangers and plan for this. You most likely will need to keep on leash the whole time. Bring what is needed for the appropriate temperatures. If too warm, you might be better off leaving Fido at home. You might find more information on the Park website.
4. PRIVATE CAMPING: Although these may be more expensive, they may have direct electrical hookups for amenities such as AC/heat in your RV. These spots may fill fast due to popularity so

reservations months in advance may be warranted.

5. DISPERSED

CAMPsites: Many National Forests and BLM areas include a mix of campgrounds and dispersed camping. This allows you to get away from the crowds and let your dog run loose. The downside is that there are no amenities in these areas. You will need to pack out all your trash including your dog's poop. Your dog should have great recall for these areas.

We don't want them to disturb wildlife. Feel free to contact me if you would like to talk about them, 360-949-2749. I would encourage all of us to promote and share considerate use of our great outdoors. Until the next newsletter ... HAPPY TRAILS!!!

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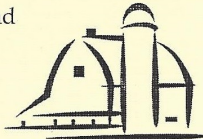
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