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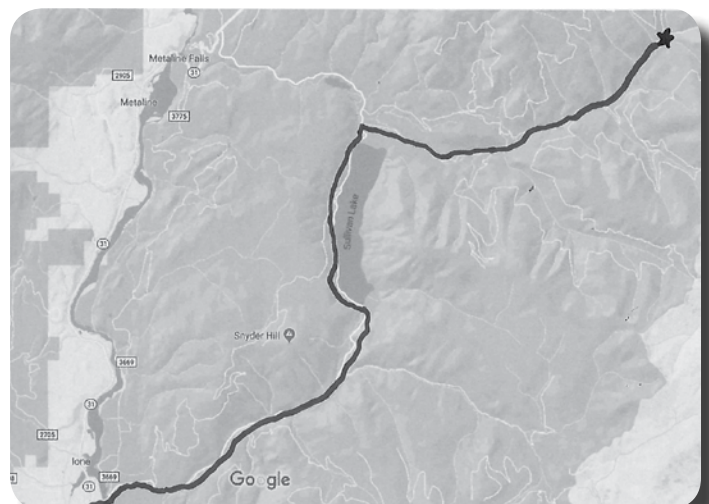
By Darrell Wallace

Last year, the scheduled Statewide Work Party at Gypsy Meadows in the Colville National Forest was wiped out by the Noisy Creek fire. Lots of us, including Jason Ridlon, were heartbroken at that news. BCHW members from all over the state who had “riding in the inland rain forest” on their bucket list were REALLY disappointed.

Well, here’s another chance! Northeast Chapter is hosting a work party August 8-12, 2018, at Gypsy Meadows, and we have RTP funding to support our work. Packers, sawyers, swampers, loppers - we can use you! Jason has agreed to come over and supervise trail operations and safety. Northeast Chapter will provide some meals and certified hay (ask about both when you sign up). We have some tools but encourage BCHW volunteers to bring their own, as well. Our partners WTA and PNTA will be working with us as well. It won’t be as big as a Statewide Work Party, but we can make a difference and have fun!

Saturday, August 11th, is a day off to enjoy a fun loop ride in the Salmo-Priest Wilderness: we know the 6-mile loop will be open (no more fires!), and we hope to have the 20-mile loop open, as well.

To sign up: email Darrell Wallace (dlwallace700@gmail.com). Indicate what skill set(s) you want to bring to the party and which days you would like to participate. Campsites are limited so sign up early. 🐾





Just In Case You're Wondering...

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

I'm writing this in May for a July issue of the THN. May has always been my month to attempt to clean up my place. I never seem to get as many rides in as I'd like. These are the days to fix the fence, and do barn repairs so that I don't have to think about it for the rest of the trail season. Does it work? Well, not so much, but I try. I'm not in the mood to try to be profound, or even to be behind this computer, so I am just going to throw out a few of my random thoughts, maybe some of them will entertain, educate or just provoke. Then I'm heading back outside to hack at blackberry vines and plan my calendar of rides and work parties in my head.

First: Lori Darlin's new mule halter just arrived in the mail. It's going to create some conversation, you can bet on that. It's not traditional. It's not leather. It's not even rope or nylon...it's BIOTHANE. What is the world coming to? I'm looking forward to no mold, cracking, or stiffness. It won't soak up water and promises to be easy wipe-clean-with-a-damp-cloth maintenance. I do love traditional leather, but hey, I'll just tell everyone she's an Endurance Mule. It's good to embrace new technology, or at least give it a chance, right? There's a message in there somewhere.

Next: I just have to give more kudos to us. BCHW hosted a really excellent BCHA National Board meeting in April. I

think I can speak for all of our volunteers that jumped in to lend a hand when I say "we all had a perfect time." It was very gratifying to me to see how our volunteers so willingly made themselves available for any job that needed to be done. My thanks go out to each of those volunteers. BCHA continues to build momentum nationally with 31 states participating and about three more that are trying to form state organizations. The representatives that met in Spokane at the National Board meeting were busy for the entire event with regional forums and with committee work. Our BCHW/BCHA Directors contributed a lot on the business level; information, policy, procedures that

we operate by. Darrell Wallace will serve again as the BCHA Vice President. Mike McGlenn, a BCHW member, and former BCHA chairman was elected to serve on the BCHA Executive Committee. BCHA Director Jason Ridlon and Alternate Director Bill McKenna will be serving on various BCHA planning and policy committees for the coming year.

And I've been thinking about: Engagement. Not the marriage kind, but how we encounter and communicate with each other and with other groups and organizations and agencies that are out with us using trails. I've been navigating through

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BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.





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By Nicole Sedgwick BCHW Executive Director

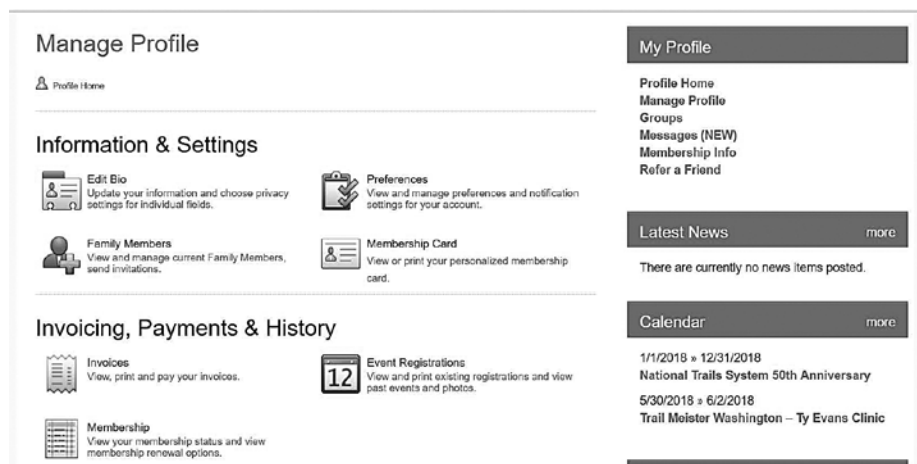
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Prez Says

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a transaction that should be simple and straightforward, and yet that is not the experience I’m having. It makes me realize how it is so vital for our organization and our members to make sure that we communicate openly and that we address issues directly and without rancor or blame. It has been pointed out to me that we can’t assume that everyone we deal with has the background or the facts that many of our members know innately through experience. It really comes to light when we are dealing with agency partners and their seemingly revolving door employee positions. New personnel in the Forest Service (FS) or Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office likely will not have the historical background that a former long-term ranger has had with BCHW. It’s even less likely that they will have

had boots on the ground in every part of their district. It’s hard to reconcile that when so many of our members know these public lands like the backs of their hands, having roamed over them for years. So I ask you when you are faced with stalls, roadblocks and lack of communication, please take a moment, change tactics, provide more information, but don’t give up. OUR trails need us, and we need OUR trails. We want to be in a position to gain trust and to be able to use our skills to get things done. Only constructive engagement will help us accomplish our goals. You know, of course, the best engagement is with friends across a campfire after a day out on the trail. You should probably invite that new forest ranger to join you. 🐾



Organic Powered Recreation

By Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair

Advocacy is a matter of promoting the goals, objectives, and plans for your organization, preferably without doing so at another group's expense. The lobbying of "human-powered recreation" groups that emphasize superiority over animals based on questionable and biased studies has always troubled me. We find ourselves on the defense for riding and owning horses even though in the big picture horses are a very low impact way of life rooted in biodegradable living and travel for both rider and animal. Yes, you can see horse manure and hoof prints until they deteriorate or weather away. On the other hand, human power has given us many good things and also some terrible things including septic tank and sewage system failures, homelessness, climate change, overcrowding, and a limited capacity to recycle some of the creations of our society such as the disposal of plastics and metals, both used in bicycle components. Are paved trails made of oil that have to be resurfaced with more oil and tar products superior to dirt trails in the long run for the environment? Are excavated "skills" trails with mountain bike banking and jumps less ground disturbing than a plain trail that has had hoof prints on it by a low number of animals? I think the "human-powered" lobby, while effective on the surface, should worry less about their superiority over farm animals and more about their own long-term impacts on sustainability.

The fact is riding, driving, and leading horses is a natural form of recreation that we should be proud of. Let's call this the Organic Powered Recreation Initiative. It isn't about excluding others but about focusing on the interrelationship between people and animals in the outdoor environment with an emphasis on trails. It is a gentle side of the story that seems to be missing in the social dialog on outdoor recreation.

One part of this effort is the relationship between horses and farms. This comes to mind with legislative advocacy for the grants distributed under the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP). One of the categories is Farmland Preservation, and of all recreation groups, we are the one who benefits from these grants. The trails connection is what I refer to as the "Farm to Trail Initiative." I have thought a lot about this over the last few days while riding the Palouse To Cascades Trail (formerly the John Wayne Pioneer Trail) with the John Wayne Pioneer Wagons and Riders. I am in fact writing this article from one of the

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The Palouse To Cascades Trail near Malden

small towns along the way, the town of Malden. There is something uniquely different about this working-lands ex-railroad trail that weaves through vast farms and scablands. There is a historical story to be told here that is as fundamental to America as the one any national scenic trail represents. It is a story of hardship, struggle, survival, and how communities come together to get through economic challenges. Riding this trail can be as difficult as it comes both with long days in the saddle and relentlessly hot weather. It is a testament to the durability of the JWPWR drivers and riders that they come out each year to keep this trail open, actively engaging the communities along the way with trail friendly dialog, and deal with animal, people, and equipment calamities that are remarkably similar to what our pioneers went through. With the coyotes, full skies, and rock canyons, this is a part of Washington that the recreational rider often misses but shouldn't.

In BCHW we will continue to advocate the positive aspects of recreating with horses and mules as a way to promote the human-animal bond in a natural world. Just like life along the Palouse To Cascades Trail, horse ownership and riding has significant challenges in a society heavily biased towards new technology. But the rewards are worth it. 🐾

2018 Joe Watt Prize Ride

PHOTOS BY JIM THODE



By Cathy Nelson, Trail Dusters BCHW Chapter Director

While working with the Snohomish County Parks Department on multiuse issues on 1,500 acre Lord Hill Park between Monroe and Snohomish it became evident that the park was drastically lacking in signage. The trainer at the gym, relatives, hikers and families on the trail, etc. were lost and asking for directions. It was apparent we needed more signs.

I knew the policy for obtaining the proceeds of the Joe Watt Prize Ride. I had also helped Jason Ridlon with the ride in the past and thought our club could pull it off with help. First I got club support, then submitted a proposal to our BCHW Vice President

who advised me shortly after that at the December board meeting that the ride this year belonged to the Traildusters.

It soon became evident that Jason would still be very involved, a huge help and guide. He had chaired the ride as an Alpine Lakes member and had continued to be a major player after the ride became a BCHW fundraiser.

There are some clear policies and procedures for the ride. I now also have lots of notes. There is seed money for the ride, so the sponsoring chapter doesn't need to spend their own money or worry about coming up with the funds.

The biggest challenge was collecting a lot of quality prizes. Several other generous BCHW chapters donated prizes, which were incredibly supportive. Riding Warehouse and K & S Saddlery were helpful by donating or matching funds with us. In the end, we had plenty of nice prizes.

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Joe Watt Ride prizes, waiting to be won.

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Joe Watt Riders.

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Marking the Trail.

2018 Joe Watt Prize Ride

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A winner.

There are 3 check stations out on the course in addition to the dartboard stations at registration. Our chapter managed one, Cascade Horse Club and Tahoma took the other two. We had enough volunteers from our club and other BCHW members for all the different needed positions.

The trail was pre-rode 2 weeks before the ride and flagged the day before, as a fun ride for those who wanted to get a ride in and also help with a job at the event. The weather was perfect. Music was provided by BCHW member Andy Bales. The BCHW store was set up and open for business. The ride came off as a great success and a good time was had by all.

I recommend that any chapter or member who would like some funds for a project consider taking on this event as a proj-

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Marking the trail in preparation for the ride.

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The cooks at the Joe Watt ride.

ect. There were infinite amounts of BCHW support and expertise. It was a lot of work, lots of fun and we made enough money to purchase a lot of signs.


Traildusters thanks everyone who pitched in to help or donate items to this ride. It is only possible when we all work together. "Start Planning Early." 

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The Registration table and BCHW store, open for business.

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BCHW membership tent.

Skagit Chapter Work Party at Les Hilde Trailhead

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By Marilyn Pineda, BCHW Skagit Chapter Newsletter Editor

Reaching out to others can bring rewards, sometimes more significant than what would be imagined. Skagit Chapter is always trying to find ways to make itself known to people in local communities, and this last year our Head Trail Boss, Rich Ruhl, had the opportunity to establish contact with the Grey Knight Patrol Squadron. The Grey Knights are stationed on the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station near Oak Harbor, Washington. There is a community service program on the base, and they jumped at the chance to come into the woods with us to help with our trail projects and to put in some great community service hours!

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A couple of the Grey Knights working.

The members of Grey Knights come from all over the United States, and we find ourselves in an honored position when they can join us. They spend their working hours serving their country, and then they go out of their way to

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Working with the Grey Knights.

Skagit Chapter Work Party at Les Hilde Trailhead

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spend some of their precious free time working on trails with us! When they don't make it to a work party, it is because they have been deployed. During those times we find ourselves looking forward to occasional emails to hear how they are doing while they are abroad. While they are gone, the Knights express in their emails that they look forward to coming back out into the woods with us once they get back to NAS Whidbey. The Knights who come each month are always in somewhat of a change – established volunteers bring new members with them on a rather rotational basis as individuals are transferred in and out to other Navy Stations.

The dynamics of teaming up with this group has been an eye-opener. The men and women coming to our work parties from the NAS are high energy, strong and downright fun to be with while we are toiling together with our earth tools, saws, and loppers. They travel in carpools for an hour to get to the Les Hilde Trailhead – and they say they come because they love it! We find these young people to be bright and engaging with conversational questions and stories to tell. Skagit Chapter has several young children that come to our work parties, too, and these children become enamored by them! Little did we realize that heroes would be discovered in the process of networking!

The experiences we have with the Grey Knights are golden, and continually offer special memories for everyone involved! Our Chapter has been encouraged to search cre-

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Lunch time with the Grey Knights.

actively for other groups of people - of ALL ages - that may like to volunteer with us out on the trails. The fact is a lot of people love woodland trails, not just those of us riding horses or mules! All we have to do is share our passion for recreational lands, and odds are they will come to join us in our labors of love. ♡

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Ponderosa Chapter Working with BLM

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BLM staffer Chris Shaffer in the new manure bunker.



Kiosk with Chris Shaffer & Doug Bailey.

By Ken Carmichael, Ponderosa Chapter Director BCHW

The Ponderosa chapter has been working closely with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on several projects.

We continue to improve the camping and riding experience at the Rock Creek Recreation Area (Escure Ranch). On May 24th, with the help of BLM staffer Chris Shaffer, we built a manure bunker at the equestrian campground. We are encouraging campers to deposit manure here rather than leaving it in the corrals, at highlines or scattering it near the campsites. We find that some campers do not come prepared to move the manure, so the chapter donated a wheel barrel and rake for their use.

We also installed a kiosk in the equestrian portion of the campground that will emphasize trail safety, trail etiquette,

BLM regulations and the proper disposal of manure.

On May 29th the chapter used Don Dyer's side by side to install trail signs along many of the trails. This is a long-range plan to improve safety and the recreational experience on this multi-use, 13,000-acre property. Further improvements will include "You are here" signs as locations are approved. Also on this trip, we installed springs on many of the gates. This is cattle country, and it is important that all gates are closed. We are starting to GPS the trails so that we can improve the map. Using the Side By Side allowed us to move much faster and carry more equipment than with the horses but sure was no cleaner.


When the RTP grant is awarded, we will start work on the Lakeview Property corrals and the trail at Telford. 

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Don Dyer and Doug Bailey installing trail signs.

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Doug Bailey supervising the BLM post hole digger.

Pack Forest Has A New Trail!



By Barb Talbot, Pierce County Chapter BCHW

Pack Forest, near Eatonville, Washington, has been a popular year-round trail riding area for many years. It is owned and operated by the University of Washington. The University School of Environmental Sciences and Forestry Sciences do a lot of field study, maintain a sustainable forest, and provide recreational opportunities for horseback riders and hikers.

A few years ago, the top area above the 1300 road was logged, and the old horse trail was destroyed. The cool thing about the logging project is that Mount Rainier came out to display her magnificence. The views are stunning! Three years ago, Pack Forest hired a new forest manager named Jeff Kelly. Jeff soon realized that the trails were in poor condition from years of neglect and needed repair or replacement in the worst way. Jeff hired Trail Specialist Aaron Robinson to start the daunting task of bringing the trails up to standard. Diane McCuin and I asked Jeff if there were plans to replace the destroyed horse trail in the logged area and, if there weren't, could we lay out a new trail to take advantage of the new views. No plans were made for a trail replacement. There were experimental fenced areas already in place, and new seedlings planted everywhere. Jeff told us to talk to Aaron to see what we could do.

Aaron had already worked with Tom Faubion on the

Hugo Peak Eagle Scout project and knew us from Tom's Crew and figured we were okay. We all went up to the logged area and got a general idea as to where a trail could go and not be in the way of the other projects. That was a year and a half ago. Diane and I started flagging and clearing all of

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the logging debris just so we could see the topography, all the while being careful not to disturb the seedlings. Some of the log debris piles were six feet high. Arron educated us on the latest trail gradient and drainage standards. There was a lot of reflagging. We enlisted our husbands, and Aaron for the debris pitching and chainsawing. The day finally came,

and we actually had a trail route!

Time to call on our Pierce Back Country Horseman trail guru Tom Faubion. Tom put out an urgent message to Pierce County Back Country Horsemen explaining that we need all the able bodies possible to complete this trail. His crew dug and finished the 1½ mile trail in 3 days, March 10, 11 and April 14. Tom's crew consisted of Billy Rodwell, John Jensen, Ron Celestres, Louise Caywood, Jerry Parsons, Gavin Cole, Dave Jones, Bill Kehner, Greg McCuin, Diane McCuin, and Barb Talbot. Aaron Robinson was with us working every step of the way. Without Tom and his BCH crew, we would be on this project for another year! Big thanks to all! 🐾

BCHW's National Trails Day



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Safety meeting L-R, 1st & 2nd persons-Wenatchee River Ranger District employees, Greg McCuin - PCC, Linda McAskill - TAH, Ron Celestres - TAH, Bill Kehner - PCC, Tom Conner - LCC, Nicole Sedgwick - TAH (foreground), Mark Reise - IND (background), Al Norrbom - TAH, Michael Sedgwick - TAH, Glenn Hallberg - WHC, Cathy Nelson - TDC, Marianne Honeycutt - TDC, Rob DeBoer - SKT, Jason Ridlon - IND, Jeff Leisey - Wenatchee River Ranger District, Leavenworth.

By Doc Wesselius, BCHW Safety Chair

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood? Hard to tell! It wasn't hard to tell that Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) volunteers had chipped wood at the Black Pine Horse Camp - there were huge piles of wood chips throughout the campground.

Jason Ridlon organized a BCHW work party for National Trails Day at Black Pine Horse Camp, located 18 miles from Leavenworth. It was a huge undertaking to consolidate the manpower and machinery needed to reclaim the horse camp after a decade of underbrush regrowth. The facility had been inaccessible due to a bridge outage. Jason also got authorization to install new Highline poles in the campsites. The object was to not only open up the camp for public use but also get it ready to accommodate volunteers for a scheduled BCHW statewide work party to work on trails out of the camp in July.

Working with Wenatchee National Forest District arrangements were made to first remove "hazardous trees" from the camp. US Forest Service personnel fell the trees then volunteers stacked the branches for chipping. After a campsite was free of dangerous

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Lopping L-R, Mary Jo Krutak - TAH, Geri Jo Wolanski - TAH, Heidi Staheli - TAH.



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Clearing, Rich Guthrie - TDC.

Important Safety Reminder

Stihl Chainsaws Experiencing Fuel Geysers



Submitted by Tom Mix, Saw Program Coordinator

Greetings staff, sawyers and volunteer leaders,

The Interim Chief of the Forest Service has **suspended the purchase of Stihl chainsaws** until further notice because of the **high probability of the brand experiencing a fuel geyser** - the rapid expulsion of fuel that results from excessive pressure in power equipment and fuel storage containers.

The National Technology and Development Program (NTDP) has been working with chainsaw manufacturers and the portable power industry to search for engineering solutions to these events. To date, no viable solutions are available.

All reported chainsaw geysering events resulting in injury involved Stihl brand chainsaws. Unlike Stihl, other brands have vented fuel tanks. When operating properly, these chainsaws should not geyser.

As many of you are approaching field season, **know the ways you can protect yourselves and your fellow trail maintainers:**

- **Be aware.** Fuel geysering can occur anytime there is fuel, heat, and pressure. It's not just chainsaws. Geysering occurs with fuel bottles, leaf blowers, fuel cans, and other multi-position small engines. Anticipate that anytime you open a gas cap, a geysering event could occur. Never remove a fuel cap anywhere near an ignition source.
- **Be informed.** Visit the national fuel geysering web site and be familiar with the fuel geysering resources on PCTA's website.
- **Be engaged.** Report all incidents of geysering to PCTA and the Forest Service. This will help define the conditions causing these events. 🐾

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trees, logging crews started clearing away the underbrush. Jason rented two large chippers to chop up the limbs and underbrush. Volunteers named the pair "Betsy" (the temperamental one) and "Big Bertha" while continually feeding them discarded branches. The piles of chipped wood were then spread with a front-end loader under Highline areas after the Highline poles were set in concrete.

At first, the Highline pole installers thought it was going to be a long day. Jason had a friend bring a mechanized posthole auger to dig holes, but the first four holes were almost in solid rock. The remaining twelve Highline poles, fortunately, were put in place a lot faster; the camps were in the softer soil. An excavator was kept busy removing broken hitching rails, old stumps and



clumps of vine maple roots to make the campsites more accommodating for multiple vehicles.

Although the camp had a new vault toilet, two older wooden toilets were left in place, but they needed to be painted. After a fresh coat of paint, outside and inside, they blended into the surroundings; complete with a new hitching rail.

Volunteers started clearing brush on Thursday, and by Sunday afternoon 44 BCHW members from 11 chapters plus 4 USFS personnel had participated in the project. Volunteer hours valued at \$18,137.00 labor match were accumulated for the restoring the horse camp. Everyone looked forward to a large gathering for the State Wide Work Party July 21 - 25 to clear trails out of the restored horse camp. 🐾

Ponderosa Chapter and FFA

By Ken Carmichael

On March 6, 2018, the Reardan High School FFA class came to the chapter meeting to present the pros and cons of providing legal protection for Sasquatch; you read that right. The presentation was for the FFA national contest, and they needed to make presentations before entering the state competition.

It was lots of fun, and the chapter asked some excellent questions. This presentation was of particular interest to BCH as we frequently ride horses in the wilderness areas including the North Cascade Mountains. We are very familiar with the legislation and management practices that guide the grizzly bear and wolf recovery.

They did an excellent job of keeping the dynamics of the presentation going. It was fast-paced, and they seemed very engaged with the subject. It was also impressive that the students chose a topic that would be difficult to get their arms around until there is sufficient evidence that a Sasquatch exists. Having a student dressed as Sasquatch put a human touch to the presentation and a sense




of realization that the topic could take on real life.

We enjoyed having the opportunity to interact with the students on the topic. This subject could affect BCH.

Another group in the Reardan High School FFA created a presentation on the pros and cons of legal marijuana. They will go to the national competition in October representing Washington State.

On May 30th I met with four classes of FFA and one class of Natural Resources and Environmental Science totaling 75 students. I provided a 101 course on Back Country Horsemen then we talked about Leave No Trace. The goal was to introduce LNT to the students and impress upon them the importance of their participation. We

want them involved by learning the 7 Principles, practicing these Principles and encourage others to do so. We must act smarter and more creatively.

This was an excellent opportunity to meet with students that either own horses or are actively involved in outdoor activities. 

2018 BCHW Membership Application

All adult members need to sign the form. Chapter Members: contact your Chapter for an application.

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I would like to help preserve the Horsemen's rights to use horses on public lands.

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Do you want to be a volunteer? ☐ Yes ☐ No What would you like to volunteer for? _____

By signing this application I agree to receive notices from BCHW by electronic transmission at the above email address.

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Signed _____ Dated _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

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Share the Trail Event

By Meghan Adamire, Vice-President for Mount Olympus Chapter

BCHW Mount Olympus Chapter and Olympic National Park sponsored the second annual Share the Trail event for hikers, runners, bicycle riders, horse and mule riders and packers. The free event was held on Saturday, April 28th in Port Angeles, WA. Twenty chapter members, including several children, donated well over 300 hours to help promote, coordinate, set-up and staff this event.

The event had informational booths set up by Olympic National Park, Department of Natural Resources, Olympic Discovery Trail, Clallam Conservation District, and Sound Bikes and Kayaks. Participants gathered maps on the different trail systems in the area, learned how horses and mules help keep trails open for multiple user groups, and how to pass horses and mules on the trail safely. They could even try their hand at packing on a seasoned mule.

The BCHW Leave No Trace (LNT) trailer was an excellent addition to the event, showing BCHW's commitment to LNT, and ensuring that Mt. Olympus chapter members could set up a fantastic presentation inside the spacious LNT tent found in the trailer. All the LNT ethics to practice while hiking, biking, horseback riding, and camping were covered in great detail, and complemented chapter member photos that were on display to inspire others to go see beautiful back country areas for themselves and put the LNT principals to use.

Probably one of the biggest highlights of the event was the kid's activity area. Even though the weather was a bit damp that day, Bella the pony gave many rides to excited children. When

they were ready to dry out, they headed over to the craft tables to create crayon leaf rubs, color and decorate cut-out cardboard horses, and create stick people out of tree branches, twigs, and yarn. Smaller children were given whistles as a part of their 10 essentials for the back country, and older children were given compasses to help them start creating their own kit of essentials to take in the back country. It was fantastic to see their enthusiasm knowing that they are the future of our back country trails.

Chapter members kept a fire stoked up all day to provide

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Kelley Burns, Riley Baysinger, Larry Baysinger.

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Bella the Pony, Paisley Warren, Sherry Baysinger.



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From left to right: Boones Jones, Lily Meyer, Riley Baysinger, Henry the Mule, Meghan Adamire, Larry Lack.

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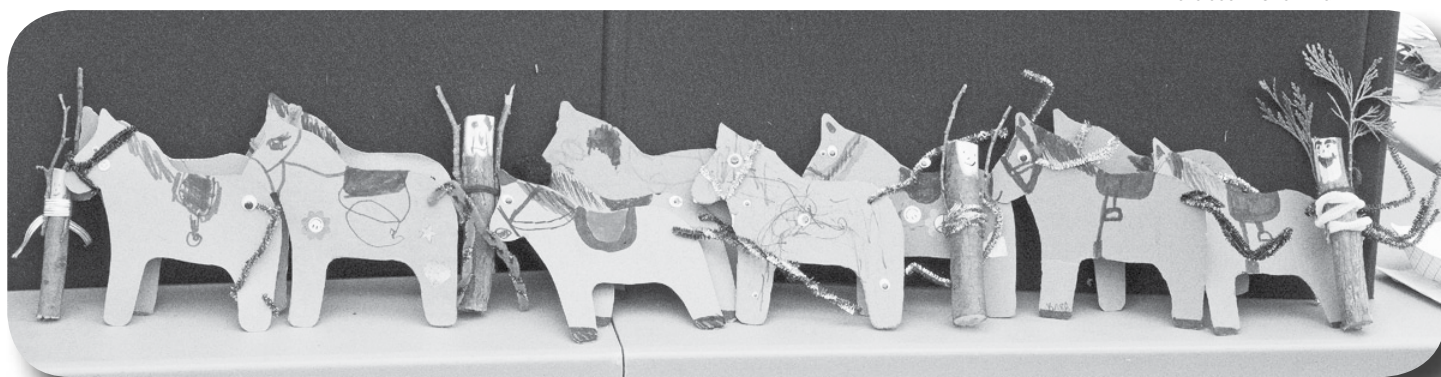


Dax Baysinger, Ellie Adamire participating in craft activities.

cowboy coffee for event goers, then cooked up a delicious lunch of BBQ hot dogs, chili and chili dogs that could be followed up with brownies made in a Dutch oven demonstration. Fantastic door prizes were given out, including gift certificates from Coyote BBQ Pub and Kokopelli Grill; a shirt and water bottle from Cowboy Country; horse treats, a sweatshirt and t-shirt from Lietz Farms; and a VSSL utility light and survival kit perfectly sized for saddle bags or backpacks from Brown's Outdoor.

Mt. Olympus Chapter looks forward to partnering with Olympic National Park to host this educational event for many years to come to help bring various trail users together and unite us in our shared goal of keeping trails open for generations to come. 2

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Finished craft activities for the kids.

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New Name for Cross-State Trail: Palouse to Cascades State Park

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By Kayla Bonar, Daily Record News Staff Writer

A trail that crosses the state of Washington will have a new name: the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail.

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission unanimously agreed to rename the John Wayne Pioneer Trail and Iron Horse State Park on Thursday during a meeting in Spokane, according to a State Parks announcement.

The commission received about 400 comments on the renaming.

The trail follows the former Milwaukee Railroad bed for 285 miles across two-thirds of the state of Washington, from the western slopes of the Cascade Mountains to the Idaho border. It's popular with hikers, runners, horseback riders and bicyclists.

State Parks decided to rename the trail because the two names were confusing, and because John Wayne also never spent any significant time in Eastern Washington, nor did he have a historical connection to the area, staff said.

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Washington State Parks generally tries to avoid naming trails after individuals, instead focusing on geographical location, geology, archaeology or site history.

In addition to suggestions from the public, the staff proposed seven names: Cascalouse State Park Trail, Columbian State Park Trail, Cross Washington State Park Trail, Iron Horse State Park Trail, Milwaukee Road State Park Trail, Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail and Trail of the Olympian State Park Trail. Cascalouse State Park Trail (a contraction of the Cascade and Palouse geographic areas). ➤

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Mount St Helens Annual Fun Ride

Saturday, July 14
Kalama Horse Camp/Gifford Pinchot National Forest
Forest Service Pass Required
Come for the Day or Camp for the Weekend
Weed-Seed Free Forage Required
www.mountsthelens-bchw.org

NW Region Annual Prize Ride

Saturday July 14, 2018
Harry Osborn Trailhead Hamilton, Wa
Riders out 9:30-11:30
Overnight camping available
Discover Pass required
info: Janine 360 853 8482

Western Dream Ride

Friday-Sunday, July 20-22
Flying Horseshoe Ranch, Cle Elum, WA
Camping available
Cost: adults \$125, Kids 6-12 \$60, under 6 free.
Includes 5 meals, raffle and auction
www.olympicbchw.org
Julianne Rice: 360-509-4633,
avasgrammy05@gmail.com or
Sue Sundahl: 360-380-0343,
pappihorse@wavecable.com

BCHW State Wide Work Party 6

Saturday-Wednesday, July 21-25
Black Pine Horse Camp
Leavenworth, WA
jhrldon@fairpoint.net • 509 699-9927

Ferry County Chapter Annual Steak Ride

Friday-Saturday, July 27-29
Jungle Hill Campground
\$25.00 adults, \$15.00 children under 12
www.fccbchw.com
Lesia Gregory • 509-690-2773

Pierce Co BCHW Annual Prize Ride

Saturday, July 28, 2018
Sahara Creek CG Elbe State Forest
Come for the day or camp for the weekend.
Discover Pass mandatory.
253-847-1626

Tahoma Chapter 28th Annual Prize Ride

Saturday, September 8
<http://www.tahomabchw.org/>

Cascade Horse Club BCHW annual prize ride

Saturday, September 15, 2018
Pilchuck Tree Farm, Arlington, Wa
Registration starts 8:30
Riders out between 9-11 AM
Contact info: 425-791-4003

3rd Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, September 15
Kittitas Valley Event Center
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Mt. Olympus Chapter Annual Campout

Friday - Sunday, September 21-23
Ride-out Saturday, Sept 22 at 10:00 AM
Littleton Horse Camp/Mt. Muller Trail, Port Angeles, WA
USFS Pass & Weed-Free Forage Required
Come for the ride, or camp out all weekend
Pot-luck & children's activities on Sat. night
Info: Meghan Adamire, 360-460-0882
mtolympuschapterbchw@gmail.com

Ferry County Chapter Maple Mountain Ride & Pot Luck

Saturday, September 22
George Young • 509-775-9998

Willapa Hills Fall Fun Ride

Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018
Oxbow trails on SR6, Milepost 10 near Raymond, WA
First rider out 9:00/Last 11:00
no dogs or stallions please
\$20.00 Adult donation is for ride, lunch, and a chance at a door prize
\$15.00 Youth donation for same
Lunch only ticket \$6.00
Tack sale also
Call 360-942-8299 or
360-942.3672 for more info

Ponderosa Chapter Annual Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser

Saturday, September 29
Riverside State Park near Spokane
Ken Carmichael • 509-466-2225
kcarmichael2225@gmail.com

Traildusters Halloween Prize Ride

Saturday, October 6, 2018
Arlington, WA
Call Cathy Nelson 425-231-2148
tripplenfarm@gmail.com

17th Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride

Saturday, October 27
Zillah, WA
bchwwineryride@gmail.com

4th Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, December 1
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Mark your calendars for the following Forest Service fee-free days in 2018:

Aug. 25: National Park Service Birthday
Sept. 29: National Public Lands Day
Nov. 11: Veterans' Day
Nov. 23: Autumn free day

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