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## It's Trail Time Again

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

**W**e have had a dynamic beginning to the year; busy with Leadership, Legislative Day, Rendezvous and hosting the BCHA Nat'l board meeting. Now, if you're like me, with all of that accomplished, the real fun is starting now. I do realize that some of you are out working on THE TRAIL year round. However, with increasingly better weather and more daylight hours, more and more of us will be heading out on THE TRAIL. After a nail-biter of a state legislative session, we can look forward to RTP funding that will add support to our funding contributions and will greatly assist us in completing our planned projects. My calendar is already full, and if yours looks anything like mine, we should get a lot accomplished this year.

As we have been hearing, volunteerism will need to increase to help to alleviate the trails maintenance backlog in our National Forests. At Rendezvous this year I overheard a lot of plans being made among members and chapters and saw that collaborative work with other trails organizations is getting put onto calendars. Add to that the assistance that BCHW members lend to trails on BLM, DNR, WDFW, State, County and private properties and we could all have full-time jobs that end with a campfire every night. Let's do what we can to help, let's push a little further, and of course, we will have some fun while we do it. (A reminder: If you have not done so, now is the time to check to make sure that any Volunteer Service Agreements are in order.)

It seems to me that sawyer certifications are increasing among our members as well. BCHW has a saw program that is recognized as one of the best, if not the best, to the extent that some Forest Service Districts are recommending our program to other recreation and trails organizations that want training. The interest in packing and stock handling also seems to be getting more attention. I'd like to hear from you on what we can do as an organization to further support these interests and activities. Additionally, should we create more or different skills clinics at the BCHW level? If we do, where and when should they occur? Will clinics draw in new members better than attending meetings will? (Personally, I'd say YES.) Do you

have an idea or a venue for an event that could occur during our late fall slow-down time or at Rendezvous next year? Now is the time when that ball needs to start rolling. I know that you will have those chats out there over a campfire. Toss new ideas around, lay some groundwork and good things will happen.

At Rendezvous this year, BCHW had the pleasure of welcoming Tracy Tophooven USFS Pacific Northwest Region Director of Recreation, Lands, and Minerals as one of the speakers who presented at our Public Lands Day session. Tracy provided copies of the National Strategy for a Sustainable Trail System,

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*"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give"*

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Winston Churchill

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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.





# Thank You for all of Your Help with Rendezvous

By Nicole Sedgwick BCHW Executive Director

I am so thrilled with how everyone pulls together to make Rendezvous the success that it is that I ran out and bought thank you cards so I could write everyone that helped a nice note. I thought I would begin by thanking all of our wonderful clinicians who came and presented. Then I wanted to thank members who took care of parts of the Rendezvous like auctions, crosscut competition, packing demo, LNT. As I started to make my list of who to thank, I began to get very overwhelmed and worry about missing people. For instance, I was prepared to write a very nice thank you to Mt. St. Helens chapter for the fabulous job with the tack sale. However, I began to think of all the people who donated or consigned things even to make the sale happen in the first place. Or what about Tahoma chapter and the auctions? What about all of the people and chapters who donated things to be auctioned and the people who bought items? Lori Lennox and Teri Starke were instrumental in helping me organize Rendezvous. Jason Ridlon took care of getting our trailers for registration and the round pen. Then I began to think of all the people who did things behind the scenes to help out. Like Bill McKenna and Joe Remenar working hard to figure out how to put up the BCHA display without instructions. Susan Heiser looked after the horse barn and took notes in a clinic. Rob and Deanna DeBoer helped me clean up after the auction

Saturday night so the place looked nice for Cowboy Church and the General meeting the next morning. I know about these people, but what about the people I did not even see helping out?

So I decided to write this article to say a great big thank you to all BCHW members for participating in Rendezvous in the many ways you did. It is great to see everyone come together to talk, learn, and laugh together.

I lost count of all the side meetings that took place, too. So much planning happened. We had discussions about grant funds available for different projects, what work is already planned and happening this coming season, what we can do to improve communication.

It was also great to get a chance to socially mix with land managers and other organization members, too. We had USFS, DNR, WTA, PCTA, PNTA, JWTA, and probably some others I missed. I had invited members from snowmobile and dirt bike groups to listen to our sawyer update meeting, too.

I have said it before, and I will continue to say: BCHW is one of the best groups of people I have ever met. You are all so focused on improving yourselves, others, and our trails. What more could we ask for? 🐾

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## Prez Says

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published November 2017. Here is one of the things I found worth noting from that publication; the Forest Service recognizes a need for change, and is "Shifting to a model of shared stewardship – shifting from a model of the Forest Service trying to 'do it all'... to a model where the Forest Service, trail users, and stakeholders form a collective community of stewards who provide support to and receive shared benefits from trails." Granted, this change was surely driven in some part by legislation, but we look forward to the shift, and toward smoothing the road to our volunteer projects. I think BCHW is already ahead of the game and is well positioned with other groups to enter

into these collaborative efforts. I do believe that we will also need to monitor the shift. These are our public lands, and we have the same responsibility to preserve and protect them that the Forest Service does.

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give" – Winston Churchill

BCHW, you are some of the most generous people I know. You give with your hearts, generously; with your wallets, supportively; and perhaps most valuably with your time and with your attention. Your passion shows, and it has an impact. See you out on THE TRAIL. 🐾



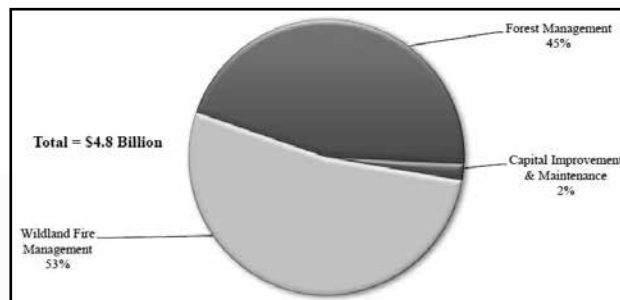


# Letter to the US Forest Service

By Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair

As a key in, BCHW finds the proposal by the federal administration to fund Capital Improvement and Maintenance (CIM) for the USFS at 2 percent of budget to be completely inadequate to keep roads and trails open on National Forest lands. The CIM budget should be in the 10 percent-15 percent range. In recent years it has been funded at 7 percent. To reduce the CIM budget to such a low amount will put the trail maintenance effort on National Forests into shutdown mode. 🐾

Figure NRE-1. FS Discretionary Budget Authority



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TO: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies (Senate)

RE: US Forest Service 2019 Proposed Capital Improvement and Maintenance budget

The Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a non-profit 501c-3 organization that works through the volunteer efforts of our members to maintain trails, trailheads, and campgrounds on our state and federal public lands in Washington State. We are one of the primary organizations that provide volunteer support for clearing trails on the US National Forest system and have been part of the National Sustainability and Stewardship strategies. However, our efforts to assist with addressing the growing backlog of trail maintenance on Forest Service lands can only be productive if the Forest Service (USFS) has the funds for planning, management, materials, and supplies to design, lead, and complete trail projects on their trail systems. Otherwise the trails do not get repaired, become unusable, and over time disappear off the trail inventory. This is at a time when the public need for outdoor recreational access for health and social benefit is growing, not shrinking.

We in BCHW are stock users and packers. For us to be able to maintain trails due to weather damage as well as deferred maintenance. Many of the roads are impassable and can remain so for several years. We often are in the position of not just volunteering our time, labor, and stock use but also having to cover our increased vehicle repair costs. Heavy reconstruction of bridges and puncheons can require specialized equipment and bulky materials which we must not only pack but also in many cases provide. Training and safety requirements put additional cost impacts on both staff and volunteers. There is no shortage of regulations on what are best and required management practices. The shortage is in the funding to meet both the requirements and the work that needs to be completed.

BCHW volunteers have witnessed the effects of wildfires on recreational assets on USFS lands. The damage lasts many years after the fires are put out and the BAER response teams go home. Some of our most treasured areas remain wastelands with soft trails, failed puncheons, and falling dead timber. We can do very little without major dynamic support from agencies for relocating and reconstructing trails. How can they do that if they don't have any staff?

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This problem has been growing for decades, and in 2013 there was a GAO study of USFS recreational trails. This graph (below) from that study shows that the 80 million a year in the USFS budget for trails is sorely inadequate (Figure 7 GAO-13-618 Forest Service Trail Maintenance)

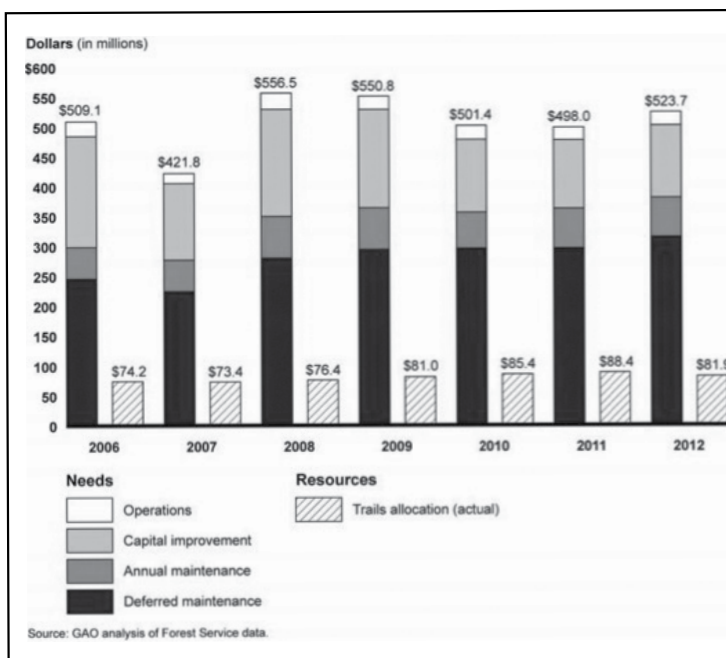
While the solution will require boosting that 80M per year, there has been no movement to do so. Approaching 2019, the Administration's proposed budget is to lower that amount to an unsustainable level (the CMTL portion for trails would be lowered from \$54M to \$9.4M).

New studies highlight how recreation on public lands contributes significantly to the national economy through visitations from tourists, recreationists, and other citizens, and this is certainly true. But the beneficiaries of this robust revenue are not the agencies that provide the services unless they are appropriated a share through the budget process. A bus may carry a lot of visitors but it needs gas, maintenance, roads to run on, and access to view sites and facilities. The investment in maintenance pays dividends in economic benefit. That reinvestment needs to come from Congress in responsible appropriations. We therefore ask that Congress do its part in supporting public lands recreation by properly funding the Capital Maintenance trails budget of the USFS at \$100M or more. Equally important is the Capital Maintenance roads budget. Instead of lowering the road funding from \$138M to \$56M, raise that item to \$150M.

Thank you,

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jeff Chapman, Legislative Committee Chair  
 Back Country Horsemen of Washington

Figure 7 GAO-13-618 Forest Service Trail Maintenance



BCHW work party in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest 2017



# Why Wear Personal Protective Equipment?

By "Doc" Wesselius, BCHW Safety Committee

**W**hy wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)? From the perspective of personal safety, the answer is obvious. From the standpoint of BCHW, the answer is more complex because of our organization's involvement with many dissimilar land management agencies and the intricacies of their tort insurance. Administrators of various public lands are not consistent with safety standards for their employees and trail maintenance volunteers - some do not even have documented safety requirements. Government land man-



*Packing for Pacific Crest Trail Association.*

agement agencies also do not have the same insurance coverage for volunteers injured on the land they manage. Therefore it is mandatory that BCHW trail projects on public lands be in compliance with the regulations of the administrative agency to insure that our insurance coverage is pertinent.

The "big dog" in the standardization of safety regulations is the United States Forest Service. Since USFS has documented safety standards for their trail maintenance, for their liability protection, most other land management agencies implement USFS trail maintenance safety regulations. BCHW utilized the USFS safety regulations to standardize the requirements for our trail work volunteers. Our safety regulations must be approved by USFS before a "Volunteer Service Agreement" can be issued for our trail projects. These regulations can only be changed by a process that involves USFS changing their requirements. There might be a disagreement on a portion of these requirements but to change them one must first convince USFS, not BCHW, to change their regulations.



*Crosscut sawing with proper personal protective equipment.*



*Chainsawing with proper personal protective equipment.*

USFS has also requested that all photographs that we use for promotion of BCHW be in compliance with their PPE requirements. There will be a concerted effort to comply with this request; photographs will be scrutinized before publication and use in our calendar. It will be the responsibility of each BCHW chapter to screen photographs that are posted on their Facebook group site. Photographs that accompany articles for local publications also need to represent our membership in compliance with safety regulations. When taking a photograph with your volunteers working on a trail project, make sure that they are in their PPE. Please see page 8 for PPE requirements. **2**

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## Why Wear Personal Protective Equipment

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### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

See FSH 6709.11.21.13

PPE	Trail Maintenance	Chainsaw Operations	Crosscut Saw Operations
<b>Hard Hat</b>	Hard hat	Hard hat or cutting helmet meeting ANSI 289.1	Same as chain saw
<b>Safety Glasses</b>	Eye protection; any prescription safety glasses must have side shields.	ANSI 287.1 (clear safety glasses, at a minimum) or equivalent (mesh "bug-eye" type or mesh face shield type) (OSHA 1910.266(d) (1) (vii) (8) Note)	Same as chain saw
<b>Hearing Protection</b>	Hearing protection if working near chainsaw	Hearing protection required for gasoline powered chain saw use	None required
<b>Gloves</b>	Work gloves	Gloves or chain saw mitts are required for all chain saw operations. Leather required for sharpening. Alternative style of gloves may be used for inclement weather conditions, based on JHA.	Same as chain saw
<b>Shirt, Pants</b>	Long sleeved shirt and long pants	Long sleeved shirt and long pants	Same as chain saw
<b>Leg Protection</b>	None required	Chaps or cut-resistant pants for chain saw use shall meet the requirements for Forest Service 6170-4 or ASTM F-1897 (current version). Chaps shall overlap boots at least 2".	None required
<b>Boots</b>	Slip-resistant heels and soles with firm, flexible support	Cut-resistant or leather, laced 8 inch (204mm) high boots that provide ankle support and non-skid soles (hard toes are optional). OPTIONAL - Use JHA to determine proper footwear for the environment and/or related tasks.	Cut-resistant or leather, laced boots that provide ankle support and nonskid soles (hard toes are optional). Use JHA to determine proper footwear for the environment and/or related tasks.
<b>Specialized</b>		Wear additional PPE as identified by local conditions, safety data sheets (SDS) or JHA/RA	Same as chain saw

## 2019 Calendar Available for Purchase at the June Board Meeting!

By Teri Starke

The 2019 calendar will be available for purchase at the June board of directors meeting; chapter directors should bring chapter checks to the meeting to get the calendars your chapter wants. The 2018 calendars sold out by December of 2017 so don't wait to get your calendars.

Ashley Johnson is already working on the 2020 calendar, and we have a couple of informational updates to pass on to all of you. The deadline for pictures to make it into the 2020 calendar is February 1st, 2019; she needs the additional time for layout and to get the calendar to the printer so we can have it available for sale at the June board meetings. Also please do

not send printed pictures, they have to be scanned and the resolution is not good enough to use in the calendar. Any picture discs will not be returned so make sure you have copies of those great pictures. The preferred way to get pictures into the calendar is to email the pictures to Ashley at bchwcalendarphotos@gmail.com.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) have to be observed in all pictures selected for the calendar and are listed here. Please take a minute to look over the updated requirements from "Doc" Wesseliuss' article above on this page. 🐾



# Joe Watt Canyon Prize Ride

## May 19th, 2018

**S**unny Thorp has sprung into full spring in the great Kittitas County with blooming Lupine, Lilacs, and Balsamroot abound.


Get a jump on your riding season by starting off the year with the Joe Watt Canyon Prize ride. This ride is hosted by the Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW.org), specifically the Trailduster Chapter (Traildusters.org), on Saturday, May 19th, 2018 in Thorp, WA (Ellensburg), just two short hours from Seattle. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a trail that is designed for all levels of riding. Also, food will be provided at the ride on Saturday by Cascade Mountain Grilling located in Ellensburg. They will have delicious coffee, breakfast, and lunch available to purchase. Furthermore, musical entertainment will be provided before prizes are announced. There will be great prizes available, and the BCHW store will be there selling merchandise in case you need an extra layer or a cute coffee mug.

Come for the entire weekend and camp with family and friends in the beautiful grassy canyon of Joe Watt. Enjoy a great trail ride, good company, and a scenic area. We would love meeting new folks and returning supporters as well.

Not only is this ride a fun-packed weekend, but it is also a fundraiser for specific trail projects throughout the state. This year the proceeds from this ride will go to improving the signage at Lord Hill Park located in Snohomish County that consists of

1,400 acres. This park is enjoyed by all user groups from all over the state, including, equestrians, 4-H programs, Boy Scouts, hikers, bicyclists, fishermen, and family day outings. There has been a need professed by many user groups of additional informative signage at the Park. In response, Traildusters chapter is teaming with Snohomish County Parks Department and using the funds raised from the Joe Watt Prize ride to answer this spoken need.

We are excited to host this ride and meet new horse enthusiasts and catch up with returning individuals. We are planning on good weather, great times, and terrific riding! If you are interested in good camping experiences, meeting new friends, and helping maintain trails for future years, join BCHW to participate in all of our fun events. There is more information on how to join at [www.bchw.org](http://www.bchw.org) and the Joe Watt Prize ride. [www.bchw.org/Int/main/2018\\_Joe\\_Watt\\_ride.pdf](http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/2018_Joe_Watt_ride.pdf) and [www.bchw.org/Int/main/2018\\_Joe\\_Watt\\_ride.pdf](http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/2018_Joe_Watt_ride.pdf)

Please refer to the Joe Watt Prize ride flyer for further questions or requirements. A Washington State Discover pass or a Washington Department of Wildlife vehicle access pass is required. Passes can be obtained online at [www.wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/discoverpass](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/discoverpass) 

*The Joe Watt Canyon Prize Ride is Sponsored by BCHW*



### Back Country Horsemen of Washington's JOE WATT CANYON PRIZE RIDE May 19, 2018

- First Place \$500 in Cash / Second Place \$250 in Cash / Plus many great prizes!
- \$10 for one hand \$20 for 4 hands and \$5 each additional hand
- All proceeds this year will go to help purchase signage for the Lord Hill Regional Park in Snohomish, WA. Overlooking the Snohomish valley, Lord Hill is a 1,463 acre park that has a high equestrian usage <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Lord-Hill-Regional-Park-35>. Support for this great park will continue to make it available to all users.

Washington Discover Pass or Fish and Wildlife Vehicle Access Pass  
**REQUIRED**

No stallions or dogs allowed on the Prize Ride

No alcohol on Prize Ride

Stock may water in creek, no potable water available

Free overnight camping (dry)

Weed free feed not required

Breakfast, coffee and lunch available for purchase day of event by Cascade Mountain Grilling

### Riders out 9am to noon! Prizes at 4pm!

#### DIRECTIONS TO JOE WATT CANYON, THORP, WA

Signs will be posted along this route:

From I-90 take Thorp Exit #101, head South on Thorp Highway

Turn right onto Thorp Cemetery Road

Follow to Joe Watt Canyon Road, turn left

Proceed to end of road, use gate on the right. Please close gate behind you.

GPS coordinates: 47.070281 -120.737215

**FAQs, map and more at <http://bchw.org/> under "Upcoming Events"**

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# A Highline for Horses Almost Anywhere

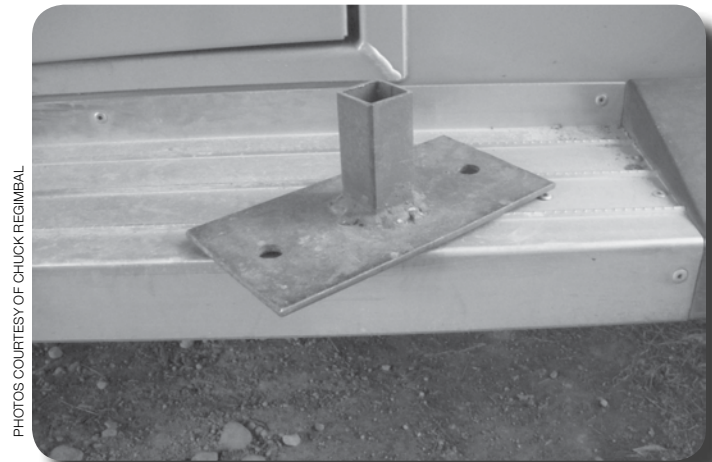
By Chuck Regimbal, Olympic Chapter BCHW

1. There are times when a highline is not easy to secure to surrounding features. One example is at Burke Lake, in the middle of a gravel parking lot. Sometimes all the good trees at the Nile are taken, and you are left in the middle of the meadow.
2. The usual method for highlining in places like these includes tying one end of the highline to or over a horse trailer. The other end though is a problem. For this method, the far end of the highline is fastened to a pole, and that pole needs some lines to hold that pole in place. Imagine a volleyball net is supported by two poles, and four guy lines anchored in the ground. These ground anchors are not strong enough to resist the stresses horses will apply to the highline.
3. One really good solution involves anchoring the guy lines holding the pole to plates secured under the tires of my truck/camper. This method provides 11,000 pounds of weight keeping these plates from moving. The horses tugging on the highline will not make the camper rock as the anchor plates are not attached in any way to the camper. They are firmly grounded.
4. The following text detail the installation.
  - a. Separate the truck/camper from the horse trailer and park the truck/camper about 50 feet away from the horse trailer and parallel to it. Level the truck/camper AND drive on top of the anchor plates. One anchor plate to be under the front tire, and one anchor plate to be under the rear tire, both on the side facing the horse trailer.
  - b. Locate the pole on the side of the camper closest to the trailer and about 10 feet from the camper.
  - c. Run the highline over the horse trailer and tie it to the top of the pole.
  - d. Run guy lines from the top of the pole to the plates and tighten both the highline and the guy lines until the highline is taut. These should be adjustable as they will slack up slightly after a few hours of horse tugging on the highline.
5. Here is the final installation next to my truck/camper. The location is Burke lake, in a parking lot. The other end of the line is tied to my horse trailer. The pole is quite stout.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHUCK REGIMBAL

6. Provide a base plate to prevent the bottom of the pole from drilling into the ground and from stopping the bottom of the pole from kicking out if a horse bumps it. See photo below.



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The small holes are for spikes to ground the base of the pole from moving sideways. This method is the limit of this method, as in some places the rocks are at the surface preventing driving of spikes to secure the base of the pole.

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# Membership Development

By Ken Carmichael, BCHW Membership Development Chair

Just an update on what we have been doing with the Membership Development Program.

Since November 2017, we have met with 85 BCHW members representing 27 chapters in five seminars plus Leadership Training. At each meeting, Membership Development Manuals were given to each chapter.

We have covered many aspects of Membership Development. They included:

- Developing Leadership In The Chapters
- Elevating Public Awareness Of Bchw And Its Mission
- Increasing Bchw Membership Through New Members
- Retention Of BCHW Membership
- Augmenting Attendance At Chapter Events

A great deal of information was discussed and participants were encouraged to take the manuals home and find a few ideas that will work for their chapter, recognizing that not all chapters

are the same. We encourage chapters to add their own ideas to those that were discussed.

The goal of the Membership Development Committee is to identify and document the benefits of BCH membership and develop marketing materials and methods to attract and retain members by using chapter resources and talent. The program depends heavily on the efforts of the chapters to implement ideas that are developed.

We want all the chapters, and interested members, to have the opportunity to use this information. Where ever we can put a group together for a day, we can provide the program. The chapters who have not yet been involved include: Ferry County, Methow Valley, Mt. Adams, Mt. St. Helens and Inland Empire.

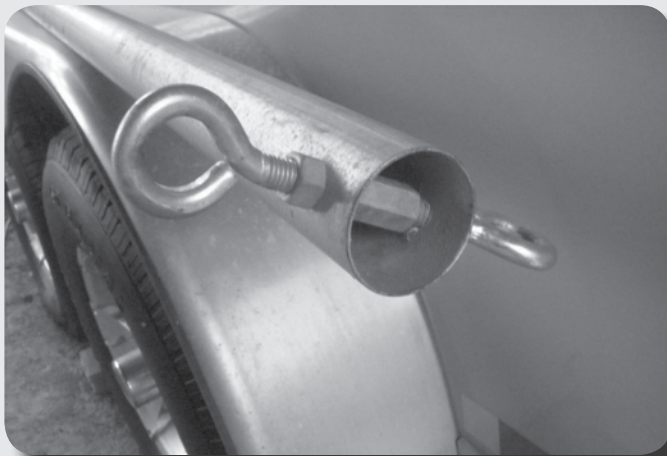
In cooperation with BCHA the BCHW Membership Development Program Manual will be provided to each of the states at the BCHA board meeting in April.

Let's work together to increase and enhance the BCH membership. 🐾

## A Highline for Horses Almost Anywhere

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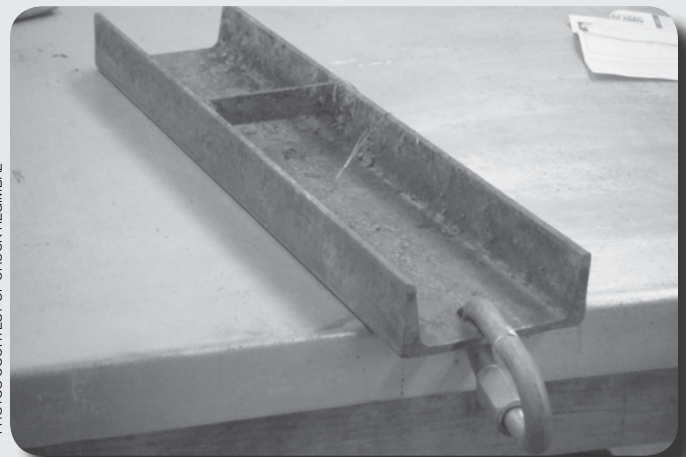
7. The pole itself is about 99 inches tall, or about as high as you can reach. It is made of 2-inch electrical metal tubing (EMT). This tubing is stronger than 2-inch tubing used for muffler pipe. It is not too expensive. The top of the pole has two 1/2 inch eyebolts fastened together with a threaded coupling. See photo below:



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Storing the pole is a problem. It will fit along the slant wall or another place of your choice, such as a hay rack.

8 The anchor plates are 4 inches by 1 1/2 inch channel iron 18 inches long; they are more than stout enough. Sometimes to get the camper level, I place several blocks under the tires and over the channel. To prevent the channel from ever sliding out when not in contact with the rubber tires, I welded a crossbar to the underside. See photo. The threaded link is the point of attachment for the guy lines



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9. I have used this arrangement multiple times and consider it a reliable solution for an old problem. 🐾

# Congratulations to Your BCHW Awards Recipients for 2017

By Lynn Wilhelm-Howell, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

What an amazing year we have had. There are 11 recipients in 5 categories this year which is: Lifetime Achievement, Lopper, Trail Warrior, and Backbone. Our President selected two recipients for the well-deserved Diamond Award, in recognition of outstanding dedi-

cation, passion, and commitment to the BCHW mission. Every year I get the opportunity to learn about volunteers in our midst who are consistently giving of their time and expertise. It is such a pleasure to be a part of the process. So, keep the nominations coming! 🐾

## Lifetime Achievement Awards



**Karen Johnson**  
Scatter Creek Riders and Capitol Riders



**Peg Greiwe** – Pierce County

## Lopper Awards



**Bernie Stratton** – Lewis County

## Lopper Awards cont.



**Pete Stoothoff** – Methow Valley



**Audrey Gunderson** – Trail Dusters  
Fellow BCHW Member accepting for her



**Peter Mahrt** – Mt St Helens



## Trail Warrior Award



**Ron Celestres** – Tahoma

## Backbone Award



**Kim Habel** – Scatter Creek Riders



**Judith Hoyle** – Buckhorn Range

## President's Diamond Award



**Tom Faubion** – Pierce County



**Bill Ford** – Methow Valley

## Fun Awards at Rendezvous

### BCHW and WTA – Sawyer Program Awards

**Gary Zink** received an award for his work both on and off the trail for trails maintenance. Tom Faubion received an award for getting saws sharpened and sized for sawyers state wide.

**Jim Thode** received an award for being the BCHW webmaster for almost 20 years.

### Chapter Pride On Display

Pierce County Chapter

### Hard Hat Decorating Contest –

1st - Renee Stevens • 2nd - Kim Merrick • 3rd – Greg Dielman

### Photo Contest

#### General

1st – Betty Wagoner • 2nd – J Adams  
Volunteer Work

1st – Dave Seibel • 2nd – Dave Seibel

#### Humorous

1st – Dar Brady • 2nd – Dave Seibel

#### On the Trail

1st – J Barcony • 2nd – Dar Brady

#### Wildlife

1st – J Adams • 2nd – J Barcony

### People's Choice Award – Dar Brady Table Decoration Contest

1st – Awesome Mission Statement – Mt St Helens Chapter

2nd – Show Me the Green – Ferry County Chapter

3rd – Just Fabulous – Grays Harbor Truck and Trailer Rodeo

#### Women

1st – Heidi Staheli • 2nd - Chery Clark •

3rd – Claire Fisher

#### Men

1st – Del Sage • 2nd – Greg Dielman • 3rd – Jason Cumming

### Crosscut Saw Competition

Individual 8" round

1st - Jim Thode (0.14.59) • 2nd – Ken Evans (0.23.78)

Individual 14" round

1st – Jim Thode (0.19.55) • 2nd – Quade Henderson (1.55)

Team 8" round

1st – Cindy Chenier & Sheri Wright (0.24.25)

Team 14" round

1st – Mark Reiss & Jim Thode (0.19.57)

No time like the present to start thinking about your 2018 volunteer nominations. While you are out riding, volunteering, exploring or participating in work parties, keep your eye out for deserving people to nominate. Nominations are kept as confidential as possible until the committee announces the recipients. Pretty please, do not hold general membership votes or put notifications in newsletters until after Rendezvous.

The BCHW Awards committee wishes to give a special Thank You, to the chapters and businesses that donated or sponsored the award program. Contributions for an award sponsorship and donations

are a necessary part of the continued success of the BCHW Award program. Your continued support of your BCHW awards program is much appreciated.

### Thank You goes to:

BCHW Chapters: Ponderosa, Tahoma, Mt. Saint Helens, Peninsula, Pierce County & Wenatchee.

Businesses: Chris Tornow – Saddlery & Pack Equipment, and Harbor Saw & Supply.



# Life Flight Network

By Robert Eversole, Northeast Chapter

**W**e've all heard the stories. "A horseback rider found himself in trouble after falling from a horse and had to be airlifted to safety." A few of us have been the subject of the story, and most of us have no idea how any of it works. Myself included. To remedy that I recently took advantage of an opportunity to talk with the folks at Life Flight Network, the air ambulance service that covers the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain West. To say my awareness has been elevated is an understatement.

I met Dominic Pomponio, Regional Director of the Life Flight Network at their base in Spokane, WA, where he educated me on what it is that Life Flight Network does and how they do it.

Founded in 1978 (Happy 40th by the way!), the Life Flight Network is a medical transport service that brings the Intensive Care Unit to you when you need it. They deliver highly trained Flight Nurses, Flight Paramedics, pilots, and aircraft to provide air ambulance transportation to seriously ill and injured patients.

During my visit, Dominic had me trade in my mule, for a Koala. A Leonardo AW119 "Koala" that is. This beast travels at 175 MPH, day or night, and drinks jet fuel. And unlike Ruger, it arrives complete with a mobile intensive care unit and the crew to keep you going until you arrive at the hospital. I won't say the Koala is better than my mule, but it's certainly better equipped!

After the tour, we talked at length about the specifics of how Life Flight Network operates. Here are a few of the questions we talked about.

**Q** What happens from the point an accident happens to the patient arriving at the hospital?

- 1) Injury occurs
- 2) The emergency message is sent via InReach, SPOT, Personal Locator Beacon, 911, etc.



- 3) The message is received by local first responders such as law enforcement, Search and Rescue agencies and fire departments. These first responder organizations assess the situation and the needs of the patient before contacting Life Flight Network. (NOTE: If you need emergency medical care call 9-1-1 or press the SOS button on your locator beacon. Do not call Life Flight Network directly.)
- 4) 8 minutes after receiving the call Life Flight can have aircraft in the air and on the way to the person in need.
- 5) Life Flight Network arrives on scene assesses the patient, secures them in the aircraft and departs for the nearest hospital capable of rendering suitable care.

**Q** Is Life Flight Network just for the wilderness?

No. Life Flight Network is for whenever air transport is determined to be the most effective and medically necessary means to get you to the hospital. Whether it's the backcountry, your front yard, or from a smaller hospital to a larger one, they can transport you to help. 🐾



# Introducing the Methow Valley Trails Collaborative




*Burch Mountain Trail MVTC 2017 Save A Trail Project work party.*

By Cathy Upper, President, Methow Valley chapter of BCHW

The Methow Valley Trails Collaborative (MVTC) is a unique umbrella organization conceived and started up in 2016 by Methow Trails, a local non-profit that oversees and maintains more than 120 miles of cross-country ski trails in the Methow Valley. This elaborate and connected cross-country trail system is notably among the finest in North America for Nordic skiing. In the summer, these trails, plus a great many others in surrounding national forest lands and wildernesses, become a Mecca for outdoor enthusiasts. They provide unparalleled recreational enjoyment and are actively supported by the community and visiting tourists.

Founders of MVTC had an ambitious dream to bring any and all trail-user groups together to share information, goals and their efforts to maintain and improve the trails. Trail user groups include Washington Trails Association, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Methow Trails, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, the Methow

Valley Back Country Horsemen, Methow Snowmobile Association, Rendezvous Huts, guides and outfitters, backcountry skiing, mountaineering, trail running, dirt biking and ATV clubs. Since the trails are on public lands, the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW), and the Washington State Parks departments were vital in making this endeavor work.

During the startup of MVTC, the founders hosted quarterly meetings and hired a facilitator to ensure success. A steering committee was formed, and the groups that demonstrated serious commitment by regularly attending most of the meetings were given voting rights. Considering we required no association dues and the government agencies had restrictions on contributions, it was mainly an information sharing group. How empowering this was to the MVTC cannot be overstated. I feel joy and excitement about the different projects that have been brought to our attention and want to be a part of them. To date, the Methow Valley chapter of BCHW has contributed \$100 towards meeting room rentals, volunteered for the 2017 MVTC “save a trail project” at Burch Mountain, and committed to the 2018 Riser Lake/Lewis Butte “save a trail project.” The USFS and WDFW strongly support this new leadership group, and I feel that working together has strengthened our capacity to achieve our goals. Thank you to Methow Trails and all who are making MVTC a success. 



*MVTC new signage for Burch Mountain trail.*

 Methow Valley  
Trails Collaborative

# Skagit County BCHW Chapter Focuses Outreach to Young People



By Marilyn Pineda, Newsletter Editor, Skagit County Chapter

The BCHW Annual Leadership Training was held at the Kittitas Fair Grounds in January. The class taken most to heart was Membership Development – and in that area, Skagit Chapter has a special emphasis on their outreach efforts toward YOUNG people! They are, after all, the reason we are all trying so hard to perpetuate the heritage of our recreational lands, are they not?

With the fresh breath of enthusiasm captured from Leadership Training Day, Skagit has been working on several projects to stir new life into our Membership Development. We have created an official Membership Committee, currently consisting of 3 very active members – one of which is a NEW member, herself! We have a new Public Group Facebook Page, Back Country Horsemen of Washington – SKAGIT CHAPTER, found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2061194167460008/> if anyone cares to come check us out. We post all of our events and activities there, including our weekly Trail Boss Rides, so that others can join us. Most of our activities occur at the DNR Les Hilde Trail Head adjacent to the Harry Osborn forest system. We see Shares, Tags, and Comments and, slowly but surely, a growing number of new faces.



In conjunction with these new and improved administrative efforts, we have been continuing to make a special point to invite children to our monthly trail work parties - kids love being in the woods, and it is a fun way to instill community service ethics. We also promote our riding activities to be family friendly.

To encourage people to come to our functions and to motivate further the participation of kids in Skagit Chapter activities we have implemented a Photo Contest with 3 Categories: 1) Pictures Of Kids 2) Pictures By Kids and 3) Pictures By Adults. The pictures must be taken at Skagit Chapter functions, and are submitted to our new SKAGIT CHAPTER Facebook Group Page to be shared in the Photo Contest Albums for all their friends to see! We naturally have great prizes for each Category. The objective of this Photo Contest is not only to give adults an incentive to come to our functions but to bring their young family members, as well!



We found it to be pretty easy to start the trend of seeing young members of the next generation at our Chapter gatherings – make a point of bringing your grandchildren, nieces, and nephews!! I'm betting most of us have them. 🐾



# New Riding Opportunities

By Ken Carmichael, Ponderosa Chapter Directors

Some of the best riding opportunities, in my opinion, are on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) properties west of Spokane.

I find it nice to get out of the suburban area to ride some real open range country. Some of the BLM properties that I have ridden and enjoyed include:

- Fish Trap Lake
- Escure Ranch (Rock Creek Recreation Area)
- Lakeview Ranch
- Telford
- Coffee Pot Lake
- Twin Lakes

There are others that also make for good riding. These rides are primarily open rangeland. They manage for multiple uses across regions and landscapes.

Fish Trap Lake is close enough to Spokane for a day riding. Escure Ranch is farther, and we typically spend a weekend. It has a couple of corrals, highlines, restrooms and stock water. Lakeview is another overnight camp. We are still working to improve this site, but it will turn into a nice overnight camp. Telford is some nice open range riding. One of our projects is to identify a trail; it is a work in progress. Coffee Pot Lake and Twin Lakes are smaller sites, and it has been a while since I was there. These areas always offer good exploring.

PBCH is currently organizing work parties for Lakeview Ranch, Telford and Escure Ranch. At Lakeview, we are rebuilding corrals that have deteriorated over time. They will be built to accommodate recreational stock. There is horse water there, and we hope in the future to work with BLM on other improvements. At the Escure Ranch, we will be putting in new trail signs and springs on the gates. At Telford, we will be establishing a trail that has been planned by BLM for some time. All of these projects will enhance the riding experience. We call these work parties because we have fun.

The Ponderosa Chapter of Back Country Horsemen (PBCH) enjoys riding and working on these properties because of the open terrain, fantastic riding and the fact that BLM staff is a fine group of people to work with. They encourage responsible horsemen to be on the land and work with us to have good facilities.

To learn more about riding opportunities on BLM property, please contact the BLM at 509-536-1200. Unfortunately, their website [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov) does not provide any information about specific locations. However, the office can provide information and maps.

For more information about Ponderosa, Back Country Horsemen see the website [www.pbchw.com](http://www.pbchw.com) or call me at 509-466-2225. I will always talk horses. 🐾

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# Are You Having Fun in BCH?

By Ken Carmichael

**A**re you having fun in BCHW? I am and I think I know why. I will relate it to a football team, as everyone loves football, right?

The players that are in the game on the field and making a difference are probably having more fun than the players that sit on the sidelines through the whole game. The latter group suits up and is on the team but loose interest because they are not as deeply involved.

The same thing is true in BCH. I believe that the people that are on the field taking an active part are having more fun. When deciding whether to go to the next meeting, or event, we all make the decision based on our priorities. If we do not feel that we have an interest in the topic or something to contribute then it is easy to stay home. But if we are part of the process, contribute to the event, have input, have knowledge about the subject and are interested in the outcome then we are more likely to participate and have fun.

BCH is made up of people with all sorts of skills, talents, abilities and interests. This is a good thing for several reasons. First you are bound to find someone with the same skills, talents, abilities and interests as yourself. Second, in the Ponderosa chapter I have documented 51 volunteer opportunities and they vary in skills, talents, abilities and interests. So, there is an opportunity for everyone to participate and have as much fun as I have. There is always something that fits you and the time you can commit to BCH.

Please, do not sit on the sidelines and let the great opportunities, and fun, in BCH go by. Ask your chapter president where you can join in to share in the fun. And if there is something that you want to see happen in BCH, then tell your president that YOU want to make it happen and ask for his/her support and encouragement. They will love to have you on the BCH team. 🐾

## New Rules For Insurance Certificates

By Patti Sander, Ponderosa Chapter

**I** have received notification from the insurance carrier that they are going to start charging a fee each time a certificate of insurance has to be revised. At this point, I don't know what the fee is going to be, but this new procedure will begin in the very near future.

From this point forward, please be sure that the certificate requests you submit to me have all the correct information on them the first time. Don't rely on the information you may have on file from a previous year. Before you submit the certificate request, take the time to contact the landowner(s) and confirm the following:

1. How they want their name to appear
2. Do they require to be named as an additional insured

3. The date of the event(s)
4. Their mailing address
5. Any specific wording they require on the certificate
6. Their email address and telephone number

The certificate request form and instructions for completing the form can be found on the Director's Website as follows:

Item 5 Forms, Letterhead, Logos and Templates

Subsection: Administration

Subsection: Insurance

As always, if you have questions, visit [bchw.org](http://bchw.org). 🐾

## Content Deadline for the July/August 2018 Newsletter is June 1st

Cover Photos can be sent anytime, 8x10 Vertical orientation is best (300 dpi).

**You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!**

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to [thn@bchw.org](mailto:thn@bchw.org) as soon as possible.

**ATTENTION!**



# BCHW General Membership Meeting

## March 18, 2018

Kittitas Valley Event Center – Teanaway Room

By Janelle Wilson, BCHW Secretary

**M**eeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Kathy Young, President.

Kathy introduced guests.

Agendas were distributed.

Kathy thanked the Rendezvous team. "Clearing Trails As We Ride"

Guest Speaker – Jeff Chapman introduced Robert Yates, Friends of John Wayne Pioneer Trail, and electric bike user. Robert Yates addressed the group about electric assist bicycles (E-Bikes). With the help of slides, he explained what e-bikes are, how they work, and what they can do. He also explained the legislation - SB6434 – which is only regarding state of Washington land. Robert responded to questions.

Attendance: 82 people were present at the meeting by 10:32 a.m.

Agenda was accepted as distributed and amended.

Minutes from the 2017 General Meeting were outlined by Kathy Young, President. Minutes were approved as published. BCHA – Kathy announced that Darrell Wallace became the Vice Chair of BCHA. The National Board Meeting will be in Spokane on April 23-25, 2018. Bill McKenna, BCHA Alternate and Whatcom Director, is coordinating volunteers. Bill explained that members can sign up on the website to attend or volunteer. Bring Home the Hardhat Fund bucket was circulated and an additional \$463.08 was collected at the General Membership Meeting to bid on the hat at the BCHA National Board Meeting.

### BCHW

Accomplishments Video was prepared by Louise Caywood. Volunteer Hours Legislative Day flyer was prepared by WAMedia. Pete Erben, new Public Lands Chair, was introduced. Dana Chambers, new Membership Chair, was introduced. YM program was addressed. Executive Director, Nicole Sedgwick will be attending a YM Conference and get all our questions answered. YM Tips will be in the THN. Kathy thanked the BCHW chairs, Directors, and committees for all their work for BCHW. She explained the two grants that BCHW received for trail work for the next two years. Nicole Sedgwick was named to NOVA advisory committee. Jim Thode was named to the RTP grant committee as the equestrian representative. National Wilderness Stewardship grant proposal is due in April; so Nicole asked that chapters submit projects to her by April 15th. Andrews Creek Project pamphlet was explained. Due to fire there was no State-wide Work Party in 2017. 2018 Statewide Work Party (SWWP 6) will be at Black Pine Horse Camp July 21-25.

### Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

### Announcements:

Nicole Sedgwick, Executive Director, explained that there is a stack of flyers from WAMedia to help chapter members write to their legislators.

2018 Rendezvous Tack Sale sold at least \$17,000.00 of tack.

### New Business:

Kathy Young, President, asked 3 times for new business and there was none.

### Awards:

BCHW and WTA – Saw Program Awards

Gary Zink was given a joint award for all his work both on and off the trail for trails maintenance. Gary thanked everyone and all those who contributed to the success of the saw certification program.

Tom Faubion was given an award for getting saws sharpened and sized for sawyers state wide.

Jim Thode was given an award for being the BCHW webmaster. For almost 20 years he has tirelessly posted tech tips for crosscut saw and other things for BCHW on-line.

### Lifetime Achievement Awards

Karen Johnson – Scatter Creek Riders and Capitol Riders  
Peg Greiwe – Pierce County

### Lopper Awards

Bernie Stratton – Lewis County, Audery Gunderson – Trail Dusters  
Pete Stoothoff – Methow Valley, Peter Mahrt – Mt St Helens

### Trail Warrior Award

Ron Celestres - Tahoma

### Backbone Award

Kim Habel – Scatter Creek Riders, Judith Hoyle – Buckhorn Range

### President's Diamond Award

Bill Ford – Methow Valley, Tom Faubion – Pierce County

### Chapter Pride Display 2018

Pierce County BCHW General Membership Meeting 2018 –

### Hard Hat Decorating Contest

1st - Renee Stevens , 2nd - Kim Merrick, 3rd – Greg Dielman

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## General Membership Meeting

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### Photo Contest

#### General

1st – Betty Wagoner, 2nd – J Adams

#### Volunteer Work

1st – Dave Seibel, 2nd – Dave Seibel

#### Humorous

1st – Dar Brady, 2nd – Dave Seibel

#### On the Trail

1st – J Barcony, 2nd – Dar Brady

#### Wildlife

1st – J Adams, 2nd – J Barcony

#### People's Choice Award – Dar Brady

#### Table Decoration Contest

1st – Awesome Mission Statement – Mt St Helens Chapter

2nd – Show Me the Green – Ferry County Chapter

3rd – Just Fabulous – Grays Harbor

#### Truck and Trailer Rodeo

#### Women

1st – Heidi Staheli, 2nd – Chery Clark, 3rd – Claire Fisher

#### Men

1st – Del Sage, 2nd – Greg Dielman, 3rd – Jason Cummings

### Crosscut Saw Competition

#### Individual 8" round

1st – Jim Thode (0.14.59), 2nd – Ken Evans (0.23.78)

#### Individual 14" round

1st – Jim Thode (0.19.55)

2nd – Quade Henderson (1.55) BCHW General Membership

#### Team 8" round

1st – Cindy Chenier & Sheri Wright (0.24.25)

#### Team 14" round

1st – Mark Reiss & Jim Thode (0.19.57)

Kathy Young announced that all auctions together raised - \$19,986

A moment of silence was held for all those members that BCHW has lost this year.

Accomplishments Video was presented.

### Announcements:

State Parks is considering renaming the John Wayne Trail.

Cathy Upper, Methow Valley Chapter, announced that the new horse camp has been started. She thanked Crab Creek Riders chapter for donating money for one of the campsites. More money is needed.

Meeting was adjourned at: 12:20 p.m. 🐾

## 2018 BCHW

### Membership Application

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

Independent Members mail to: BCHW ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 1132, Ellensburg, WA 98926-1132

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

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal/Past Member #: \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Legislative District \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Names (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Children Names (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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.*

### State membership for 2018 calendar year

Family Membership \$ 54 \_\_\_\_\_

Single Membership \$ 41 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional State Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Optional Memberships

(Includes Family or Single Membership)

Contributing Member \$ 75 \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining Member \$ 125 \_\_\_\_\_

Patron Member \$ 250 \_\_\_\_\_

Benefactor Member \$ 500 \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime (Single) Member \$1,200 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please do not mail me The Trailhead News, I will read it online at the BCHW website.

### Liability Release & Notices

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children. Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses taking part in Trail Rides or other BCHW functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages, which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.



# FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

Be sure to: • Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event.

• Check to see if dogs are welcome.

Note: The BCHW Trailhead News represents as many events as possible; however, it makes no guarantees an event will be published. The calendar of events is subject to change. Please check with ride contact for most updated information. Please send calendar corrections to: [bchw@wamedia.com](mailto:bchw@wamedia.com).

## **Lewis County Chapter Burnt Ridge Fun Ride**

Saturday, May 12

9:00 a.m.

Burnt Ridge Road

Register by May 12th

Cost \$10

No Camping Available

Lunch Available \$4-\$7

Joe Chenier, President • 360-274-4069

Jim Thode, Director • 360-978-5336

[Chenier.jc@gmail.com](mailto:Chenier.jc@gmail.com)

[bchw.org/LCBCHW/bch1.htm](http://bchw.org/LCBCHW/bch1.htm)

## **Ferry County Chapter Sherman Creek Ride**

Saturday, May 12

Meet at Haig's Cove CG at 9AM

Rob Michael • 509-738-4166

## **Joe Watt Canyon BCHW Prize Ride**

Sponsored by Traildusters  
and BCHW members

May 19, 2018 Thorp, WA

Come for the day or camp for the weekend

Shelli Churchill 360-631-2350

Jason Ridlon 509-699-9927

<http://bchw.org>

## **National Trails Day Black Pine Horse Camp Black Pine Horse Camp Wenatchee River Ranger District**

Saturday, June 2nd

[jhridlon@fairpoint.net](mailto:jhridlon@fairpoint.net) • 509 699-9927

## **Horseplay! Benefit Ride Whatcom Chapter BCHW**

Saturday, June 9

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Lunch at 12 p.m.

Butler Hill Equestrian Center, 7478 Butler

Hill Rd, Burlington, WA

Includes arena obstacle challenge, trail ride,

smoked brisket cookout

\$40/rider, 25/spectator

Mountain trail contest, intermediate and

advanced levels – add \$20/rider

Ribbon Awards, Prize Drawings

Proceeds benefit Whatcom BCHW

Contact with questions: Helen Almojera

[almojera@frontier.com](mailto:almojera@frontier.com), 360-592-8080 or

Geri Surratt [gsurratt@q.com](mailto:gsurratt@q.com), 360-303-1072

[www.whatcom-bch.com/](http://www.whatcom-bch.com/)

## **2nd Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting**

Saturday, June 16

Kittitas Valley Event Center

901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA

Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick

360-640-1495 • [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

## **Grays Harbor Chapter Prize Ride**

Saturday, June 23

Behind Matlock Store, 0.7 Miles Down

Beeville Rd, Turn Right, Follow Signs

Register by Day of Ride

Camping Fri/Sat, Out by 3pm Sun

No Pass Required

Cost \$20 (inc lunch & 2 prize tickets)

Barb Paris – 360-482-4197

[ibriding@centurytel.net](mailto:ibriding@centurytel.net)

[bchw.org/GraysHarborChapter](http://bchw.org/GraysHarborChapter)

## **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](http://www.mountsthelens-bchw.org)

## **NW Region Annual Prize Ride**

Saturday, July 14

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 on available

Cost: \$adults \$125, Kids 6-12 \$60,

under 6 free.

Includes 5 meals, raffle and auction

[www.olympicbchw.org](http://www.olympicbchw.org)

Julianne Rice: 360-509-4633,

[avasgrammy05@gmail.com](mailto:avasgrammy05@gmail.com) or

Sue Sundahl: 360-380-0343,

[pappihorse@wavecable.com](mailto:pappihorse@wavecable.com)

## **BCHW State Wide Work Party**

Saturday-Wednesday, July 21-25

Wenatchee River Ranger District

## **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](http://www.fccbchw.com)

Lesa 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 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](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

## **Ferry County Chapter Maple Mountain Ride and Pot Luck**

Saturday, September 22

George Young • 509-775-9998

**Remember to email an article and photos of your event to the THN at: [bchw@wamedia.com](mailto:bchw@wamedia.com).**



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### 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](mailto:kcarmichael2225@gmail.com)

### Traildusters Halloween Prize Ride

Saturday, October 6, 2018  
Arlington, WA  
Call Cathy Nelson 425-231-2148  
[tripplenfarm@gmail](mailto:tripplenfarm@gmail)

### 17th Annual Winery Ride and Halloween Costume/Prize Ride

Saturday, October 27

### 4th Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting

Saturday, December 1  
Kittitas Valley Event Center  
901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA  
Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick  
360-640-1495 • [bchwexec@bchw.org](mailto:bchwexec@bchw.org)

## Example

Your Chapter Ride or Event Must Be Open To  
All BCHW Members To Have A FREE Listing

**Lines in the listing have a  
maximum character count of  
32, including spaces. Please  
keep this in mind.**

Please submit the following information with  
your event listing to [bchw@wamedia.com](mailto:bchw@wamedia.com).

Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Ride \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
First Rider Out \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Register \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Pass Required (if needed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Weed-Seed-Free Feed Required \_\_\_\_\_  
Camping (if available) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost to Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Cost to Non-member \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Website \_\_\_\_\_

## Mark your calendars for the following Forest Service fee-free days in 2018:

June 2: National Trails Day  
June 9: National Get Outdoors Day  
June 10: Free Fishing Day  
Aug. 25: National Park Service Birthday  
Sept. 29: National Public Lands Day  
Nov. 11: Veterans' Day  
Nov. 23: Autumn free day

