## Vivian Eason Bio

Howdy, wanted to introduce myself a bit. I've been a member of BCHW for many years and belong to a few chapters in Thurston County and surrounding areas. I own a small farm and have five Tennessee Walking horses, dogs, chickens and cats.

I recently retired after working over 40 years in government with the last being Thurston County Emergency Management where I served on the Washington State Emergency Management Council and was also involved in the Legislative Committee over the years. I served in the Army Reserves as a Civil Affairs Specialist for 31 years and retired from there in 2019.

I'm not one to sit on the sidelines and watch things happen so I spent the last 10 months of my life campaigning for Thurston County Commissioner and even though not elected, I had the opportunity to meet and become friends with several of our State Representatives and Senators. I'm hoping these relationships with help me as the new BCHW Legislative Chair.

I became more involved in local politics about 11 years ago when Thurston County discovered the Mazama Pocket Gopher. I spent a few years being involved in trying to protect our land use rights. This really opened my eyes to how we must be involved in decisions affecting our community, livestock ownership and our right to ride in the beautiful Pacific NW.

I look forward to meeting you all in the near future as my life now allows me time to attend events that I wasn't able to attend in the past.

Hope to see you on the trails.