

**BCHI State Board of Directors Meeting  
July 10, 2010  
Peewee Creek Trailhead, Priest River, Idaho  
Hosted by Priest River Valley BCH**

Phil Ryan, State Chairman, opened the meeting at 830am. Phil thanked the Priest River Valley BCH chapter for hosting the meeting, and providing the delicious meals and Dutch oven cooking. Dale Schremp, PRVBCH president presented information and a USFS map of the local trail systems and the wildlife habitat of the woodland caribou and the grizzly bear in the Panhandle of Idaho. Jody Foss presented "*The Sagebrush Story*", a 600 mile solo trip with her mules from Bend, Oregon to Virginia City Nevada in the evening. New state directors were introduced: Sarah Johnson, alternate, from Salmon River; Marcy Ott, alternate and Steve Larkin, alternate from Selkirk Valley; Clara Armstrong, alternate North Central; Jim Freeland, alternate Treasure Valley; and Bill Correll, alternate Twin Rivers. Secretary Dorothy Bailey held roll call- all chapters were present except Sawtooth. The minutes from the March 2010 BCHI BOD meeting were read and approved as amended.

### **2010 BCHI State Elections**

#### **Slate of officers**

The National Director position is a reappointment every other year, one director position even numbered years and the other director position odd numbered years

Val Johnson, National Director-reappointed for 2010

Alternate National Director- reappointed annually

Terry Steiner, Alternate National Director-reappointed for 2010

Dorothy reminded the chapters to submit the Annual Schedule of Public Events form by the November BOD meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kay Ryan gave the treasurer's report. Motion made by Robbin Schindele to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Debbie Gullo. Motion carried. Kay stated there are 1043 BCHI members.

**National Director's Reports:** Val Johnson reported on the April BCHA National Board Meeting in Branson, MI. He is very pleased with BCHA relationship with the Wilderness Society and their support and credibility related to the areas of conservation. The Boulder White Clouds Bill has the support of all of the Idaho congressmen. If this bill is adopted BCHI would like to be involved in the management plan. Val read a Resolution from the Montana BCH that reinforced the purpose of the BCHA and our BCHI organizations as a reminder to adhere to the purposes of BCHA. This resolution helps give us our strength and our credibility. Our organization should stay within our narrow focus (the objectives of the BCHA mission statement).

Rod Parks reported BCHA has 12,838 members. Alabama presented a Resolution that identifies BCHA as the national premier expert on backcountry horsemen issues. BCHA may be proposing a 4WD truck raffle-\$100 per ticket, limit of 2000 tickets- more info will be available in the future. The state of Illinois will oversee the national raffle. The Pigeon River & Beyond chapter in Michigan received the Double Diamond award for passage of right to ride law on state lands. The 2011 BCHA National Board Meeting will be held in Butte, MT. 2009 BCHA volunteer hours are 345,690 and volunteer dollars \$7,497,864.08. Dennis Dailey was elected as the BCHA Senior Advisor Recreation Trails. Rod reported on the Coalition of the Recreation Trails Program.

CRT has created a Recreational Trails Council of Advisors comprised of organizations that support the continuation and expansion of the RTP in the next national surface transportation program. The responsibility of Advisors is to lend their name to support letters to Congress members and to the Administration. Rod Parks made a motion that BCHI join as a member of the “Coalition for Recreational Trails, Recreational Trails Program Council of Advisors” Robbin Schindele seconded the motion. Motion passed. The state secretary will register our organization on the website: [www.americantrails.org/rtp](http://www.americantrails.org/rtp). CRT has created a Recreational Trails Council of Advisors comprised of organizations that support the continuation and expansion of the RTP in the next national surface transportation program. The responsibility of Advisors is to lend their name to support letters to Congress members, and to the Administration.

Steve Didier reported on BCHA state and affiliates expansion: Georgia, Tennessee, Black Hills of South Dakota, Central Michigan, Florida, Massachusetts, Kentucky and West Virginia. There are a total of 27 states and several affiliates are members of BCHA.

**Broomtales Report:** Marilyn Rousher reminded the state directors and chapter presidents to submit articles about work projects and chapter events for the Broomtales. Sara Johnson suggested the chapters should send their membership meeting minutes to Marilyn and photos and articles for the newspaper. The Broomtales is printed three times a year, in March, June and October. Debbie Samovar handed out a list of 42 names that were eliminated from the NOCA mailing list for the Broomtales, each chapter should review the list and send corrections to Debbie or Dorothy Bailey.

### **Trail Classification- Rod Parks: A Training Program to assist BCH Chapters Monitor Implementation of the Forest Service Trails Classification System**

**Introduction:** “In 1998, the Forest Service determined that a more uniform and integrated national trail classification system would improve inventory and on-the-ground management. Consequently, in 1999 the Forest Service transitioned from the three trail classes of way, secondary, and mainline to the five Trail Classes in effect today.” (FS RIN0596-AC47) The change created different trail classes for all major recreational users, many of which will not accommodate pack and saddle stock use. Back Country Horsemen are concerned that managers will assign trail classes that will not accommodate pack and saddle stock use on trails that were historically accessible to stock. Preliminary information received from the Forest Service indicates that as much as 59% of the existing trail system will not be managed for pack and saddle stock under the new system. Back Country Horsemen need to get involved in monitoring the implementation of the program or we may find that our favorite trails are no longer managed for our use.

**BACKGROUND:** The Forest Service Trail Classification System has changed standards for pack and saddle stock trails that evolved over, and have been time tested for, nearly a hundred years. From the time that the Forest Reserves were established in 1891 until the 1990s, trails were regarded as the primary transportation facility to provide for “(a) safe and unobstructed passage of loaded animals and foot travelers at a walking gait and in single file; and (b) durability designed to meet expected use and liability of damage from natural causes.” (Forest Service Trail Handbook, 1935). The historical trail classification included three classes of trails – mainline/primary, secondary and way. All would accommodate equestrian use -- mainline and secondary trails would accommodate both pack and saddle stock, and way trails would accommodate saddle stock. The new classification system views trails in an entirely different manner -- as a recreational facility.

Under the new system, trail management will be based on the management intent for the trail, as determined by the applicable land management plan or travel management decisions. It will provide a range of trail classes (development scales) from minimally developed to fully developed and different design parameters to accommodate Hiker/Pedestrian, Pack and Saddle, Bicycle, Motorcycle, All-Terrain Vehicle, Four Wheel Drive Vehicle, and several winter-sports activities. At the less developed levels, design parameters for Hiker/Pedestrian, Bicycles and Motorcycles will not accommodate pack and saddle stock use. Prior to BCHA involvement, the new Pack and Saddle Stock parameters were marginal in designated wilderness, and the more primitive backcountry areas. Through our law suit and subsequent communications with the Forest Service we have negotiated pack and saddle stock parameters – a menu of choices – that will preserve our historic access to National Forest System Lands. The menu, however, includes choices for other user types as well.

**MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM:** When BCHA first got involved in the Trail Classification Process, we were concerned that managers would assign trail classes and design parameters that would not accommodate pack and saddle stock on trails that were historically accessible to stock.

***WHY DO WE NEED TO BE CONCERNED!***

In the spring of 2009, BCHA requested data from the Forest Service on the amount of trails in the system that are managed and designed for pack and saddle stock use. The data revealed that 40% of the trail system was being managed for pack and saddle stock, and 41% was designed for pack and saddle stock. 59% of the trail system is not designed for, and may not, in the future, accommodate pack and saddle stock use! This undoubtedly constitutes a major change in the managed and designed use of trails from the historical 3 class system -- mainline/primary, secondary, and way trails -- all of which (with some exceptions in special management areas) would accommodate saddle or pack and saddle stock use. The Forest Service emphasized in the letter accompanying the implementation data that it was “working/draft data. As we continue our training, data validation and update efforts Agency-wide, the quality of the information will improve.” It is preliminary data and may be changed as the quality of information improves! We have an opportunity, consistent with the court’s decision, to help them improve the quality of that data. If we choose not to do so, we may find that our favorite trails are no longer managed for us. USFS Trail classification system:

The trail system will be a five type classification system

- 1 – Minimally developed – no saddle stock
- 2 – Moderately developed – open to saddle but no pack stock
- 3 – Developed trail – open to pack & saddle stock
- 4 – Highly developed – wide trail with passing lanes
- 5 – Paved paths – not open to pack & saddle stock

**Steps in the process:** Anyone can request the USFS to review archive trail maps pre 1990 and may request copies made of the maps and also copies of historical FS maps. Within the next few months a list of Idaho trails will be provided by the USFS and will be designated Forest and by District and will be reviewed by the BCHI chapters. The BCHI chapters should help to review and update the trail data. It is our responsibility to make an effort and to help negotiate any differences with the USFS and if anyone is unable to resolve a discrepancy on a neutral basis contact the BCHI Land Chair. If there are any trail systems that are not on the map- the chapters should review these with the USFS District Rangers, report any discrepancies to the BCHI State Lands Chair, then these will be forwarded to the BCHA National Lands Chair.

It is the responsibility of the BCHI state directors to present this information to their chapters. Additional information is available on the BCHA website. Please review the resource material which is a 78 page "Trail Fundamentals and Trail Management Objectives" USFS I training reference manual. The 5 point step process is available on this website. Rod Parks asked the chapters to form a BCHI Chapters Coalition for USFS Trail Classifications as an upcoming project. See following list:

<b>BCHI Chapter Coalitions to share the USFS Natl Forest Trail Classification</b>	<b>Idaho National Forest</b>
<b>Boise</b>	Boise
<b>Cache Peak</b>	Sawtooth
<b>Eagle Rock</b>	Caribou and Targee
<b>Heartland</b>	Payette
<b>High Desert</b>	Sawtooth
<b>North Central</b>	Clearwater and Nez Perce
<b>North Idaho</b>	Kanisku
<b>Panhandle</b>	St Joe and CDA
<b>Priest River</b>	Kanisku
<b>Salmon River</b>	Challis and Salmon
<b>Sawtooth</b>	Sawtooth
<b>Selkirk Valley</b>	Kanisku
<b>Squaw Butte</b>	Boise
<b>Treasure Valley</b>	Boise
<b>Twin Rivers</b>	Clearwater and Nez Perce

**Forest Service Agreements:** Dale Schremp led the following discussion: PRVBCH has a long history of volunteer work for the Forest Service on the Priest Lake Ranger District. The PRVBCH has been a strong advocacy group for trail and trailhead maintenance and improvements. The PRV Chapter supports access to public lands and recreation in general. For years the volunteer work was accomplished using a "Sponsored Volunteer Agreement". Under the Sponsored Volunteer Agreement the Forest Service considers volunteers as paid employees with regard to Idaho Workers Compensation Insurance coverage. In 2010 the Forest Service strongly recommended that PRVBCH discontinue volunteer work under the Sponsored Volunteer Agreement and instead work under a "Challenge Cost Share Agreement". The Challenge Cost Share Agreement does NOT include the provision to cover volunteers with Idaho Workers Compensation Insurance and treats the volunteer organization more as "contractors" rather than volunteers. Chapter members have been diligent to participate in Forest Service training- Chainsaw Certification and Defensive Horsemanship-as required under the Sponsored Volunteer Agreement and have a very good safety record over the many years of volunteer work. The state directors had a discussion regarding the following: What types of agreements do other Chapters in Idaho use when working as volunteers for the Forest Service?

Each BCHI chapter discussed if their chapter has a cost share agreement or a sponsored volunteer agreement with their USFS district office for USFS work projects. Chainsaw certification is not required under the Challenge Cost Share Agreement. Questions presented to the BOD: What types of agreements are used Nationwide? Is there any other alternative for (Workers Compensation) type insurance for our volunteers?

Is there any possibility for a MOU or other agreement with the Forest Service at the National level that will give field offices and Ranger Districts direction or policy to continue use of the Sponsored Volunteer Agreement? Individuals are often covered under their homeowner's insurance in lieu of workmen's comp. Steve Didier will share the MOU with Dale- this information is available on the BCHA website. BCHA is in favor of continuing the sponsored volunteer agreements. Raenette reminded the state directors for those chapters that do not have an agreement signed with the USFS that if the chapter is doing a USFS work project there must be a USFS representative present on the work project. If your chapter is doing a work project without the permission of the district Ranger you chapter could be cited.

Each chapter should contact the USFS District Ranger in your USFS district and establish your chapter's work agreements. Dale will follow-up with the BCHI chapters after PRVBCH has met with the Priest Lake Ranger District Ranger.

**Rotation of BOD meetings and the rotation of the Annual State Convention** alternating locations between the North and south chapters- Raenette Didier presented the following three suggestions for the BCHI convention rotation.

- 1) Alphabetically
- 2) North/South
- 3) Regional Schedule

#### **1986 – To present**

Boise  
 Cache Peak 2004  
 Eagle Rock 1992, 1997, 2001  
 Heartland  
 High Desert 1994, 1999, 2009  
 North Central 1988, 1995, 2006, 2010  
 North Idaho  
 Panhandle 1987, 1996, 2005, 2011  
 Priest River 1993, 2003  
 Salmon 1990, 1998, 2008  
 Sawtooth  
 Selkirk  
 Squaw Butte 2007  
 Treasure Valley 1991, 2002  
 Twin Rivers 1989, 2000  
 Outdoor Show 2006-2008

#### **ALPHA LIST**

2018  
 2019  
 2020  
 2021  
 2022  
 2023  
 2024  
 2011  
 2012  
 (2008)  
 2013  
 2014  
 2015  
 2016  
 2017

#### **NORTH/SOUTH**

2012 Squaw Butte  
 2013 Selkirk  
 2014 Sawtooth  
 2015 Priest River  
 2016 Heartland  
 2017 Boise  
 2018 Twin Rivers  
 2019 Eagle Rock  
 2020 Treasure Valley  
 2021 North Idaho  
 2022 Cache Peak  
 2023 Salmon  
 2024 High Desert  
 2010 North Central  
 2011 Panhandle

#### **REGIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

Selkirk, North Idaho, Priest River & Panhandle for Northern Region

Twin Rivers, North Central, Salmon, Heartland for Central Region

Boise, Treasure Valley, Squaw Butte for Western Region

High Desert, Cache Peak, Sawtooth, Eagle Rock for Eastern Region

*Using this formula would make it easier for smaller chapters; however, they would be responsible to help with a convention every four years.*

Raenette will email the state secretary the BCHI State Convention planner and the secretary will send the information to the chapters. Each chapter reviewed the three rotations proposals. The BOD voted in favor of the second rotation. This system will become effective in 2012.

**Wilderness Coalition:** Phil reported on the Trail Coalition Advocacy meeting to address trail management in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness area. In the spring, BCHI met with the Wilderness Society, the Idaho Trails Association, Outfitters and Guides Association, and Back Country Hunters and Anglers, Trout Unlimited, the Nez Perce National Forest and the Payette National Forest. The purpose is to work together to improve the trail system in the Frank Church Wilderness. There are two scheduled projects for this summer. One project was June 25-26 on the Churchill Trail out of Dixie, Idaho, which was moved to another location. Ian Barlow demonstrated traditional skills of using ropes, pulleys and hoists to move rocks and trees just as they did when they made the first trails and roads in the mountains. The second project is this weekend, July 10-11 at the Missouri Creek Trail outside of Yellowstone, Idaho. These are great opportunities to work with other user groups and build a foundation of cooperation within the various groups. Remember what we said several years ago, "Partnerships are the key to success". The Federal Mint has issued six new quarters this year and one of them is the "Frank Church Wilderness" coin. Val Johnson made a motion to request BCHI representation on the Wilderness Coalition. Robbin Schindele seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Public Lands Report:** Gary Towle reported that BCHI is waiting on the development of the BLM Owyhee Initiative proposed wilderness area land management plan. BCHI will provide stock use for help transporting transits. Raenette informed the BOD that NCBCCH could lose four bridges- their chapter has a meeting scheduled with the USFS. Raenette reminded the chapters to report any public land issues to Gary Towle, BCHI Public Lands Liaison.

**Owyhee Initiative:** Ken Nunguesser reported that 90% of the proposed wilderness area boundaries are completed. A number of signs and fences have been installed. Law enforcement has been monitoring user groups in the area. BCHI will be involved in the travel management plan, assisting with the marking of the established boundaries and the implementation of posting signs.

**Hiker Poster:** Robin Schindele reported the BCHI Hiker poster was presented at the April BCHA National Board Meeting. BCHA did not endorse the poster. BCHA has request for BCHI to delete the statement" remove your pack "from the poster. Robbin will send the revised poster to Raenette to post on the BCHI website.

**Questions concerning the accounting and use of the following Funds were brought up by Treasurer Kay Ryan and were discussed by the attendees of the meeting:**

#### **Education Fund**

Education Fund will remain as it is with money still being tracked. As an aside note, the BCHI Biker posters were paid for under the Foundation money, Ambassador's Program.

#### **Broomtales fund**

**Question:** What is the newsletter actually called? Broomtails or Broomtales? It is listed both ways in the records. **Answer:** The newsletter is Broomtales.

**Question:** Why do we need to show this as a fund now that we no longer have a grant? If donations are made, we can keep a record of those at the time they are given and expunge them when we pay for a publication. In most cases, a single publication will exceed a donation. Gretel indicated that she simply "funded" Broomtales with money from the general account at the beginning of the year. Why not just pay as we go?

**Answer:** There is no reason at this time to keep a separate accounting of the fund. It can be dropped from accountability and paid from the general fund (as it already is). In the future, a grant may mean that accounting will need to be done but it can be done at that time. Val Johnson made a motion that the separate Broomtales newsletter account should be discontinued (unless future grant money is received for the Broomtales newsletter) and should be placed in the general BCHI fund. Seconded by Marybeth Conger. Motion passed.

**Question:** Does the Broomtales Editor get a petty cash fund of \$25 as noted above?

**Answer:** No.

### **Endowment Fund/Legal Fund:**

**Question:** In the 2001 original Endowment proposal that was approved by the board, it states that BCHI should appoint a finance committee to establish and oversee the endowment fund. Who is this committee? **Answer:** No committee has been appointed. To date, the Treasurer has been overseeing the fund.

**Question:** At the 2002 convention general meeting, a motion was made and approved that the principal in the account “can’t be used, just the interest it bears.” Do we have any specific uses for the money? **Answer:** The intent was that the organization would become self sufficient by generous donations and the interest would be used to pay for the organization’s day-to-day expenses. While that hasn’t happen yet, perhaps it will in the future.

**Question:** When the fund was originally set up, it was done so jointly with the legal fund and the interest was divided equally between the two funds. Then sometime after September, 2003, the interest distribution changed with 1/3 going to the endowment and 2/3 going to legal. Who decided to do this and why and do you want to continue with this distribution? **Answer:** At some point, the Treasurer was just “told” to make the 1/3, 2/3 distribution. As of the July 2010 BOD meeting, it was moved and approved that the distribution remain the same unless changed later. It is now part of the written record.

**Question:** When money is received from a sponsor or benefactor through a chapter, where does the money for the recruiting chapter come from? Since only the interest can be used from the Endowment fund would it be better to pull the recruitment money from the General Fund and keep the full donation credited to the fund? **Answer:** Chapters may take out their percentage “finders fee” before the money is donated making a win-win situation for all involved without additional costs of calculations and writing checks.

**EIN:** To be in compliance with the IRS, a form 990N was to be filed by all non-profit organizations by May 15 this year. Until this year, filing was not mandatory and as such, no filing was made for BCHI. The Treasurer attempted to file the form but realized the EIN that has been used for many years by BCHI is actually for BCHA. Two other EINs were on record so the Treasurer tried one of the other EINs. This number was for the BCHA Foundation. With this information, the Treasurer tried the third EIN and learned that it was for the BCHI Foundation. The Treasurer contacted the IRS to locate the BCHI number but learned there was no number for just BCHI. A new EIN was applied for. The paperwork has now arrived and the Treasurer has attempted to submit the 990N form (unsuccessfully as of this meeting date). The IRS has indicated that failure to submit the form will result in losing the non-profit status.

Many organizations had previously submitted the form on a voluntary basis. The BCHI Foundation said they have submitted their form. Work will continue on this problem.

**BCHI Reimbursement form:** Kay has developed a form for reimbursement expenses for the BCHI state officers, the form will be posted on the BCHI website.

**Petty cash fund for the state secretary's office expenses:** Raenette made a motion that the state secretary's expenses will be audited at the same time during the treasurer's annual audit at the March BCHI BOD meeting. Seconded by Gary Towle. Motion passed.

**Mileage reimbursement:** 25 cents per mile is the acceptable rate of reimbursement for the BCHI officers and the Broomtales editor for attending the BCHI State BOD meeting and the BCHI Annual state convention. Terry Steiner made a motion that the mileage reimbursement for the BCHI state officers should be reviewed on an annual basis. Seconded by Marybeth Conger. Motion passed.

**2011 Idaho Sportsmen's Show:** \$600 was allocated for the booth fees for the Idaho Sportsmen's Show in Idaho Falls in February 2011 and the Boise location in March 2011. Val Johnson made the motion, seconded by Marybeth Conger. Motion passed.

**Chapter Bylaws:** Discussion among the state directors should the chapter's bylaws be reviewed by BCHI and sent to the BCHI Chairman and there was discussion regarding training for the BCHI Board of Directors at future BOD meetings. The state secretary will be requesting each chapter in the state of Idaho to send a copy of their Chapter Bylaws and their Constitution to keep on file for the state secretary's records. It was recommended the chapters compare their Bylaws to the BCHA bylaws available on the BCHA website.

#### **Resolutions, proposals and chapter issues.**

**Video Conferencing for BCHI Board Meetings:** Ken Nungesser of Treasure Valley presented this proposal of using the method of video conferencing for board meetings. Ken presented information about video conferencing locations in the state and this technology would have a cost savings for chapters. The state directors were asked to discuss this proposal with their chapters. Ken will present the cost of the video conferencing at the November BOD meeting. Question: would the chapters be responsible for the cost of the use of the video conference rental costs?

**Possibility of paying only \$18.00 to BCHI for calendar sales and chapters keeping the 10% of sales** Ken presented this Treasure Valley chapter proposal have the chapters pay only \$18.00 per calendar to the state and reduce the turnaround time to pay the chapters their 10% of their sales. The proposal was withdrawn in lieu of the Heartland chapter proposal.

Anita VanGrunsvan, Heartland Chapter presented the following proposal.

### **Proposal**

The Heartland Chapter of Backcountry Horseman of Idaho presents the following proposal to the state Board of Directors:

WHEREAS: The local chapters of Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho have been selling calendars for two years of which 90% of the monies have benefited the state.

WHEREAS: The Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho now have sufficient monies set aside for their foreseeable expenses.

WHEREAS: The local chapters expend considerable time and effort selling calendars.

WHEREAS: The local chapters need sources of funding for their activities.

WHEREAS: The return of additional monies to the local chapters would encourage their efforts on behalf of the state and help with funding of their local activities.

BE IT PROPOSED: That Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho reimburse to the local chapters 25% of the calendar sales monies for the 2011 calendars AND

BE IT FURTHER PROPOSED: That state delegates vote on a reimbursement percentage annually at the conventions after 2011.

Submitted to the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho Board of Directors  
July 10, 2010 by the Heartland Chapter,  
Linda Hemminger and Anita VanGrunsvan, State Directors

Heartland expressed that the 25 % reimbursement of sales to the chapters should help encourage the chapters to sell the calendars. Discussion of pros and cons of this proposal and a reminder from the chair that the calendar program was implemented as a fund raiser to keep BCHI solvent without raising dues. It was not implemented to provide funds for chapter work projects.

Val Johnson made a motion that the Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho reimburse to the local chapters 25% of the calendar sales monies for the 2011 calendars and that the state delegates vote on a reimbursement percentage annually at the conventions after 2011. Seconded by Marybeth Conger. Motion passed. Phil Ryan, Chairman informed the BOD unsold calendars can't be returned to the state. The calendars belong to the chapters and can't give them back to the state. The calendars are to be paid for at the March 2011 meeting. Money to be turned in to the state treasurer. Their reimbursement check will be issued at the March 2011 meeting.

### **Chapter Reports**

***Boise:*** Gary Towle reported the chapter has rides scheduled at Hidden Springs, Bureau Sands Dunes, an overnight Warm Springs work project with the Fish and Game restoring and cleaning remote cabins. The Boise chapter shared a booth at the Sportsmen's Show in March and the Horse Expo in April with the Squaw Butte and Treasure Valley chapters. The chapter now has a web site.

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***Cache Peak:*** Lorraine Genzmer reported in June six members of the chapter helped the Castle Rock Reserve pack out barb wire rolls from their repairing of fences. Pike Genzmer took three pack animals. Minidoka Forest Service is to schedule our help to pack out debris from Independence Lake and old bridge. They are supposed to be engineering a new bridge to be packed in. This has not been scheduled as of yet but we were told it would happen this year. Fred Genzmer was a guest speaker on the radio program "Hoof Beats Across America".

***Eagle Rock:*** Connie Bowcutt reported their chapter had a Spring Fling in May with 35 participants. Phil Ryan, Steve and Raenette Didier attended an ERBCH membership meeting and presented an informative presentation about BCHI and BCHA. Summer chapter events: Overnight Rides at Stoddard Creek, Ride to Copper Basin, Pack clinic and Dutch oven planned at the Outfitters Pack Station. Ride planned at Harriman State Park to listen to elk bugling; annual picnic planned in August, pack trip planned at Landon Valley. The chapter gave Vern and Lorraine Smith a lifetime membership and presented them with a framed picture. Work parties were cancelled due to inclement weather.

***Heartland:*** Linda Hemminger reported their chapter had a Mountain Trail Challenge with 30 participants in June at Al Becker's. The chapter had a breakfast ride in April, Council Mountain ride in May, and New Meadows trail ride in June; in July helping Squaw Butte on the Arling Trail. In August a work party is planned at the Deseret Cabin Trailhead and trails 201 and 210. One of their members, Jean Revaul has been involved in the Payette Forest Coalition studying biomass in the forest for a biomass burner in Council. The chapter has proposed a new trailhead near Evergreen Campground halfway between New Meadows and Council. Also proposed is turning a decommissioned logging road into loop trails for non motorized use.

***High Desert:*** Bonnie Stacy reported their chapter had one work project in early June clearing the Rimview Trail and their next project with the USFS may be to build new horse corrals at Porcupine Springs Campground.

***North Central:*** Raenette Didier reported their chapter work projects include Pittsburgh Landing corral repair, trail maintenance at John's Creek Loop in the Nez Perce NF in April. On National Trails Day in June the chapter rode in the Wilderness Gateway in the Clearwater NF and did trail maintenance. Their chapter continues to be involved in the county weed spraying program supported with RAC money in the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests. In August their chapter has planned a Moore's Station fun ride in the Gospel Hump area and with an emphasis on LNT education.

***North Idaho:*** Debbie Gullo reported the chapter had a spring tune up, a membership ride and potluck. Members attended a Defensive Horsemanship class. National Trail Day ride was cancelled due to inclement weather. Members cleaned the Wylie Knob trailhead. The chapter has a fund raiser planned for August. Their chapter does not have any scheduled trail work projects this year.

***Panhandle:*** Karen Kimball reported their chapter presented a three session map, compass and GPS program with hands on training. In April the chapter cleared their adopted trail at Marie Creek, working on the creek crossings and they hauled out garbage. In May the chapter had a packing clinic for members. One of the members demonstrated the St. Joe Transporter and the chapter purchased one of the Transporters. On National Trails Day the chapter participated in a joint venture with the Panhandle Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Club and did several projects on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pass Trailhead. They installed two hitching posts, two horse pass through gates and cleared several trails. In June the chapter installed trail signs at Lost Creek. The chapter's project in August will be clearing trails at Red Ives on the St. Joe. The Panhandle chapter will be hosting the 2011 BCHI State Convention at the Coeur d' Alene Inn in Coeur'd Alene, the weekend of November 11 and 12, 2011.

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***Priest River:*** Terry Steiner reported the chapter had their annual work party during Memorial Day weekend and cleared 32 miles of trails, work included 24 feet of bridge work on Navigation Trail and 25 feet of puncheon on the Lakeshore Trail. 101 participants attended the Annual Poker Ride at the Peewee Creek Trail on June 12, and also in June Bob and Marybeth Lynch presented the principles of LNT at the Kid's Free Fishing Derby on one of the small lakes at the Priest Lake Golf Course. On July 17, the chapter will be hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Competitive Trail ride at Peewee Creek. The chapter plans on having one work party and one group pleasure ride each month through September.

***Salmon River:*** Val Johnson reported the chapter conducted a Packing Clinic at the Annual Salmon Select Horse and Mule Sale at the fairgrounds in April. SRBCH assists the Whitewater Therapeutic Riding Association with a fundraiser/trail ride at the Eagle Valley Ranch. The chapter is planning monthly rides throughout the riding season. The chapter has a July project planned with RAC funds to haul culverts from the Falcon Berry Ranch. The chapter has adopted a BLM trail, the Bee Light Trail.

***Selkirk Valley:*** Bud Bailey reported the chapter had a Series of GPS classes in March, and an Equine/Human First Aid Class. The chapter hosted a Packing Clinic and Hoof Repair and Emergency Hoof Repair Class for chapter members in April; the chapter received a \$1200 grant from the Idaho Horse Council, we used \$700 for Chain saw and packing saw boxes; other possible purchases: Spot Beacon, radios, first aid kits. In May members attended Chainsaw Certification Class instructed by the Bonners Ferry USFS; in May performed trail maintenance on the Wylie Knob trail 483 clearing winter downfalls. The Kootenai River Trail Overlook was the first chapter ride of the spring season, meeting and potluck in May. In June- Danford Trail-chapter ride, meeting and potluck. In July, the chapter has a work project with the Bonners Ferry FS to pack water into a work site past Keno Mtn and pack camping gear for the Pend Oreille Pedalers to the work project site. The chapter has work projects scheduled with the Bonners Ferry Forest Service on Grouse Mountain (camp August 8-14 with the Sierra Club), reconstruct the tread on the top of the ridge; Myrtle Creek and Goat Mountain, and packing in lumber and paint to Shorty's Peak, replacement signs for Boulder Meadows and the Orville Heath trail. Sandpoint USFS work project planned for 2010: Rattle Creek Ridge Trail work project, which is a restoration project of a historic trail system.

***Squaw Butte:*** Marybeth Conger reported the chapter had three fun rides. Members of Squaw Butte, Treasure Valley and the Boise chapters shared a BCHI information booth at the Sportsmen's Show at the Boise fairgrounds. The chapter had a Wilderness First Responder First Aid Class, a Sawyer Certification Class, a two day Backcountry Skills Clinic, Defensive Horsemanship and Beginning & Advances Stock Packing courses - The chapter had a trail project in the Boise National Forest. The chapter had their Annual Yard Sale and gave a packing demo to a 4H group at Cascade Lake.

***Treasure Valley:*** Ken Nungesser reported the chapter had a work project cleaning up the trash at Wilson Creek in March and had another work party in June and cleaned three and one half miles of the trail at Crooked River. In July TVBCH packed in materials for the Pistol Creek Trail and repaired the roof on the 44 Cabin and work on clearing the trails at Bear Valley the chapter shared a booth at the Horse Expo with the Squaw Butte and Boise chapters in April.

***Twin Rivers:*** Rod Parks reported the March Outdoor Show co-sponsored by the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce and TRBCH in Lewiston. The chapter held a Recreation Hands on Packing clinic and the Dutch oven competition. Work projects for the summer months include a Fish and Game project at Green Creek Trailhead clearing brush around the old school house, leveled the parking lot with a dozer, installed a hitch rail, built a non motorized access gate, and screwed down the metal roof on the school house. The Poker ride in May was held at the Fordyce Trail on Lick Creek. The chapter helped with removing the old fencing at Red Bird Canyon, the wire and posts will be packed out by an ATV club after the harvest is over.

## **Chapter Reports**

### ***Twin Rivers:***

The chapter removed old fences in the Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness in the Umatilla NF in Washington, thirteen loads of wire and t-posts. The chapter is planning on building a picnic shelter at Hellsgate State Park in memory of Don Uhlman at the trailhead in the park. The chapter started the Dough /creek Adopt a Cabin in June, but another work project is planned to seal the floors and the deck and create a fire break around the cabin. In July the chapter is hosting the July Kids Camp at the Deary Pony Club. Possible plans to move the location next year to the Blacks Ranch on Washington Fish and Wildlife land.

**Education Report/ BCHI Wilderness Packing Clinic:** Robbin Schindele gave an update on the progress on the Squaw Butte 2011 BCHI Wilderness Pack Clinic being held in August 2011 at the Grandjean Trailhead, Sawtooth Wilderness. See attached progress report and the draft application form. If anyone is interested in participating as an instructor for the clinic, contact Bill Conger.

### **Ways and Means / Calendars, Number of 2011 Calendars by chapter**

Boise	65	Priest River	80
Cache Peak	50	Salmon	75
Eagle Rock	30	Sawtooth	not present
Heartland	75	Selkirk	45
High Desert	100	Squaw Butte	300
North Central	200	Treasure Valley	150
North Idaho	0	Twin Rivers	300
Panhandle	200		

**2010 State Convention Update:** Raenette Didier reported the convention will be in Grangeville on November 6. The November BOD meeting will be on November 5. The registration form and the photo contest application is available on the BCHI website.

### **Topics for November Board meeting in Grangeville (November 5th)**

BCHI Chapter Coalitions for the USFS Trail Classifications  
 Review BCHA/BCHI Mission statement in the Bylaws  
 Review BCHI Chapters Bylaws  
 Video Conferencing for Board meetings- costs

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm  
 Respectfully submitted by  
 Dorothy Bailey, BCHI State Secretary