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**Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.**  
*Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.*

# FFBCH NEWS

June 2019

**The June meeting is scheduled for  
Tuesday, June 25 at  
The Lin Garden  
Chinese Restaurant  
238-A S US Hwy 41, Inverness, FL  
Next to Sav-A-Lot & B&W Rexall  
Dinner 5:30-6:30 business meeting at 6:30 p.m.**



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Carol Christof contacted Lita Hart at the Visitor's Center to discuss the illegal access she has observed on numerous occasions. The following is the response she received from Lita. Please make note of the phone numbers in case you need them.



Carol,

As we discussed today, FWC (Florida Wildlife Commission) is the primary Law Enforcement Agency for the forest. Please see their contact information below. When you do have to report illegal activity on the forest please call one of the numbers below, if you would shoot me an email advising when the activity took place and when you make a call to FWC, we will track the reports from here at the Withlacoochee Visitor Center. Thank you.

The numbers for FWC are as follow:

**FWC Law Enforcement Numbers:**

Wildlife Alert and/or any other after hours reporting (goes straight to their dispatch 24/7) **1-888-404-3922**

**If during the weekdays and normal office hours:**

Office Hours Only

Lake/Sumter (North East Region) 1-352-732-1225

Citrus (North Central Region) 1-386-758-0525

Hernando/Pasco (South West Region) 1-863-648-3200

Tampa Office 1-813-558-5050

Lita Nell Hart, Recreation Administrator, Florida Forest Service

(352) 797-4140, [Lita.Hart@FreshFromFlorida.com](mailto:Lita.Hart@FreshFromFlorida.com)

Withlacoochee Visitor Center, 15003 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34601

## FFBCH Newsletter June 2019

May 2019 FFBCH  
General Meeting  
5/28/2019  
Angelotti's

Call to order @ 6:39 PM by Sally McDavid 21 in attendance

A Motion to approve the April Minutes was made by Calvin McDavid 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Porch and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Calvin McDavid 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darlene Creasman and group approved.

We will possibly have the next meeting at the Chinese Restaurant if we have enough people.

Picnic tables are all made. Steve and Karen Rossman hosted a build day a while back and now all tables are in place and there is a high line at Perryman's.

Carol Christof reported that after numerous calls to Lita about the people entering the forest illegally via the Rail Road Bed she got some response. A forestry officer came and said they would love to catch these people and please call when you see it. They are keeping track.

FWC went through the trash that was dumped up on FR 17 and found the people who dumped it and addressed the issue. So that was a good outcome as well.

General discussion: Lillian wanted to know if something could be done about the flies in the forest.

There was some discussion about the economic impact of horses and horse owners in our immediate community. Most of us bought property here because of the forest. We are underrepresented as contributing to the community. It would be great to have statistics available to show how much horses contribute.

Darlene Creasman mentioned that an effective way to put fly spray on your horse is to spray it on your brush and then brush your horse. That way you don't end up with fly spray all over yourself and it getting carried away in the breeze.

50/50 won by Lillian Baner \$30.50

Meeting adjourned @ 7:05

# Please Respect Other User's Trails

**Stay OFF  
Hiking Trails**





Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$25 and Family memberships = \$30. Or, make a donation!

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



**Current Officers and Directors**

**President—Sally McDavid**  
**Vice President—Fred Fulcher**  
**Secretary—Becky Fulcher**  
**Treasurer—Gary Reynolds**  
**Janet Day - Director**  
**Tom Allen—Director**  
**Barb Porch—Director**  
**Cal McDavid—Director**

**Florida Forest Service**  
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