

TALES & TRAILS

Newsletter of the Socorro Chapter of the
Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico



Calendar of Future Events

January 1-New Years Day ride at San Lorenzo Canyon. In the saddle at 10 a.m., toast at 9:45 a.m.

January 18-BCHNM Socorro Chapter meetings at Kiva RV Park, **5:30 pm**

July 20-22, 2018- **BCHNM 2018 Rendezvous**, Resumidero Campground, San Pedro Parks Wilderness near Coyote, NM.

Horse-isms

If you want something bad enough you will find a way, if not you will find an excuse.
~Clinton Anderson

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

President's Message

Happy New Years everybody. I hope this is a happy, safe and prosperous new year for all of you.

We had the election for officers at the December meeting and the officers for 2018 are:

President: John Young
Vice President: Diane Wiltshire
Secretary: Jane Farmer
Editor: Dotty Williams
State Delegate: Steve Randall
State Delegate: Mary Randall
Alternate: John Young

I thank all of you for stepping up to the plate and accepting these positions for another year. It is what keeps us going.

My horse and mule goals for 2018:

- 1) Attend the Jack Clark's Mule Sale near Cody, WY
- 2) Learn how to lay down my horses and mules.

I have already started on the training. There are four steps to laying them down.

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For the January meeting come with a list of rides and projects you would like to be a part of and we will get them on the schedule. Remember whomever leads the ride gets to choose the time and place.

~John Young

Meeting Minutes

No meeting minutes due to Christmas Party.

FYI

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico Ride Rules & Trail Etiquette

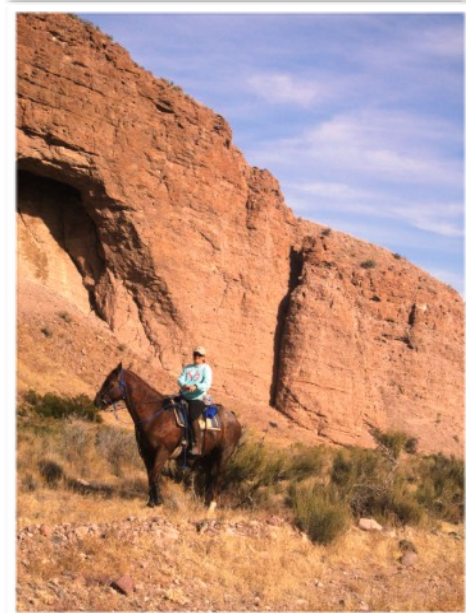
1. No Stallions or intact Jacks are allowed on trail rides.
2. Keep your equine one animal length behind others.
3. Equines that are known kickers must have a red ribbon tied to their tail or tack that is visible from the rear.
4. Do not stop unnecessarily. If a stop is necessary, move off to the side of the trail, and advise the trail boss that you are stopping.
5. Stay behind the Trail Boss at all times.
6. Do not lag behind the group; stay in front of the drag rider and with the rider in front within sight.
7. Do not run or trot up behind another animal
8. Pack animals must be under control and on a lead rope
9. When passing, advise the riders in front of your intention, do so at a walk.
10. Stay on designated trails.
11. Riding Double is not permitted
12. Ride single file in hazardous areas
13. Dogs are not allowed on trail rides.
14. If you bring it in, you pack it out
15. Leave all gates as you found them.
16. No smoking on the trail

These minimal ride rules are to ensure that every rider has a

safe, enjoyable ride. There are numerous other "rules" that could be listed, but if common sense is used, they are not needed

Walnut Canyon Ride

Eight riders went down Walnut Canyon Sunday December 3. The day could not have been better! It was sunny, warm and definitely t-shirt weather. We rode 3 hours and 13 minutes, 9.3 miles and burned 1,021 calories. We missed all of you who could not attend.



Public Lands

HR 1349 passes out of Committee

Now that HR 1349 has passed out of the House Committee on Natural Resources, the bill could be put before a “floor vote” in the House of Representatives at any time. When, or in what form, the bill might be voted upon is unknown. Give the speed and relative stealth by which this bill recently moved through committee, however, BCHA members must be prepared to reach out to their representatives at a moment’s notice. BCHA is monitoring the situation and will alert members once we learn the potential date of a floor vote.

Yet there is nothing stopping members from reaching out to their representative at this time to demonstrate their views on HR 1349. Information on how you can contact your representative in Congress can be found [here](#). Ask to speak with your representative’s Legislative Assistant (LA) for natural resources- or public lands-related issues. Develop a relationship with the LA by speaking with them or leaving a message each week. Make sure they know you represent a broader BCH state or chapter, and tell them about the great things you do as a volunteer to keep trails open for everyone.

The timing of a floor vote would have to be approved by the House leadership. HR 1349 could be voted on as a stand-alone bill or, more likely, it could be packaged with other public land bills or must-pass legislation. Given that amending the Wilderness Act is known by all involved to be highly controversial—the Act has never been amended throughout the Act’s 53-year history—a floor vote on HR 1349 will most likely be bundled with other, less controversial or even potentially beneficial, public lands legislation. Doing so would provide some “cover” for legislators who don’t want to be viewed as voting to undermine the Wilderness Act.

Don’t let them fool you. A vote to undermine the Wilderness Act is still a vote to undermine the Wilderness Act, even if your representative claims they intend to vote in favor of another bill in the package.

We also are on the lookout for introduction of a Senate “companion bill” to HR 1349.

Given that legislation must be passed by both the House and Senate before it goes to the President’s desk for signature, a companion bill could be introduced at any time by anti-Wilderness Senator(s) or, alternatively, should the House pass HR 1349 the bill would automatically be sent to the Senate for consideration.

Consequently, it would be wise to reach out to your senators to let them know your feelings about HR 1349. Contact information for your U.S. senators can be found [here](#).

BCHA continues to work in partnership with a number of regional and national organizations to prevent HR 1349 from being enacted into law. These partners include The

Wilderness Society, American Horse Council, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, American Hiking Society and the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance.

The International Mountain Bicycling Association has publicly stated its opposition to HR 1349. In addition, hundreds of organizations have signed onto letters stating their opposition to HR 1349. HR 1349 was introduced on behalf of two small, Johnny-come-lately organizations that neither understand nor respect the origins and the intent of the 1964 Wilderness Act. They believe the Act should be "modernized" to let mountain bikes have legal access to the last remaining 2.7% of lands in the continental U.S. that are designated as Wilderness. By insisting that "mechanized forms of travel" be allowed in Wilderness (the original purpose of HR 1349), they naively claim that Congress will not try to further pry open the door and insert other damaging provisions into the Act.

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Links

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico- www.bchnm.org

Back Country Horsemen of America- www.bcha.org

Leave No Trace- <https://lnt.org>

Fort Stanton, NM- www.fortstanton.org

Senator Tom Udall- <https://www.tomudall.senate.gov/?p=contact>

Senator Martin Heinrich- <https://www.heinrich.senate.gov/contact/write-martin>

Rio Grande Trail Commission- <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/admin/riograndetrailcommission.html>

NMSU Cooperative Extension: Livestock & Range Publication Listing- http://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/_b/#horses

Troublesome Weeds of New Mexico publication- <http://aces.nmsu.edu/pubs/weeds/welcome.html#a26>

List of plants poisonous to equines - with pictures- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_plants_poisonous_to_equines

Equine evacuation manual from the Gila Chapter - <http://gilabchnm.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/equineevacuation2014.pdf>

Trading Post

Items will be listed month to month contact the editor to run again, Trading post advertisements are free to members, email advertisement to Dotty.

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Two John mules, About 11 years old, both very friendly on the ground. both good with their feet, load good, travel good, get along with dogs. One has a lot of rides and one has about 20 rides, No kicking and striking, both are 14.2 hands tall. For more information call John Young at 505-363 4943



BCHNM license plates, patches, and keyring/flashlights are available to purchase at the monthly meeting:

license plates - \$10, patches - \$5, keyring - \$3



Socorro Back Country Horseman Chapter 2018 Membership Application

Please list all names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or may join as an individual.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name: _____ Telephone _____

Name: _____ Telephone _____

Preferred Hospital/Physician

I/We realize there are inherent risks involved in all activities with equine animals and I/We hereby release BCHA/SBCH/NM and its Officers, Directors and Membership, from liability for any accident, injury, or death that may occur to myself/ourselves or my/our equine by participation in any Back Country Horsemen of America activity. In accordance with EQUINE LIABILITY ACT SJC/SENATE BILL 268.a.a. 1993.

I/We further understand that I/We are fully responsible for our minor children and release BCHA/SBCH/NM of any and all liability for any accident, injury, and/or death of any minor child. Children under the age of eighteen (18) years are not allowed to participate in any BCHA activity unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Ride Rules and Trail Etiquette of the Socorro chapter of the BCHNM.

Dues: \$30.00 - annually for individual \$45.00 - annually for family \$5.00 - One time Event.

Associate Membership \$10.00 (must be a paid-up member of another chapter)

_____ Home Chapter

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please mail application and your dues to: Socorro BCH 102 Romero Dr. Veguita NM 87062