

TALES & TRAILS

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



Calendar of Future Events

February 10- 6 Mile Canyon. Meet at Baptist Church Parking lot in Socorro at 10 a.m. Please see meeting minutes for more details.

February 24-San Lorenzo Canyon clean-up. 10 a.m. No horses. Lunch at Lemitar Truck Stop.

March 4: Socorro Riverine Bosque Trail: Meet on the south side of the road across from Escondida Lake. In the saddle by 10 a.m. RSVP John Young 505-363-4943

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

Horse-isms

Desensitizing strengthens the thinking side of your horses brain and weakens the reactive side.
-Clinton Anderson

President's Message

Yesterday I went up to Kiva RV Park to help Diane move her horses to their new residence about 4 miles up the valley. Bob and Diane have been very strong supporters of the Socorro BCH for several years. We have used their facilities for all kinds of events, meetings and clinics. Myself and all the chapter would like to thank them for their support over the years. I am sure we will see Diane at many of our rides and events in the future. Again, Thank You.

Ride with Jane Farmer in the northeast portion of the Magdalena Mts. on Saturday, February 10, 2018. We will meet at the corner of California and Highway 60 in the Baptist Church parking lot. The ride is easy to moderate. This will be a new ride for a lot of people so it is a good time to see some new, very pretty country that is fairly close.

The February meeting will be held at Rob Lewis' house on the 15th of February. The meeting will start at 6 pm and will be at 25 Schmitt Rd. in Lemitar, NM.

Attached to the news letter is a 2018 Membership Application. Please fill out and get your dues to the address listed on the application. Also print out a copy and pass on to other horse people or people interested in saving our trails. We need to actively work on recruiting new members to keep the club going.

~John Young, President

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Meeting Minutes

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of NEW MEXICO SOCORRO CHAPTER MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2018

President John Young opened the meeting at the KIVA RV Park at 5:30 p.m.
Treasurer Report: Current balance: \$1,449.91

New Business:

Mary Randall stated that she had received a check from a lady in Pie Town who wanted to join our club, yet receive information regarding each club in the state. After some discussion about Associate Memberships, it was decided that Mary would return the lady's check. She would suggest to the lady that she join the Zuni Chapter (in Grants) and send a check for \$10 for an associate membership with the Socorro Chapter.

Membership dues are due.

SOBTF Report: No report as Kevin Carson was not present.

Diane Wiltshire announced that the KIVA has been leased; she and her husband will be moving to land they own NW of the KIVA. It will no longer be appropriate to have BCHNM meetings at the KIVA. Several suggestions were entertained for future meetings:

Rob Lewis' house in Lemitar

Fat Sats in Belen

Rodeo Café at the arena in Belen

It was decided to have the February meeting at Rob Lewis' house in Lemitar (across from John Young's place on Schmittle Road). **Meeting will be at 6 p.m.** The location of future meetings and the frequency of meetings will be discussed at that time.

Ground training sessions put on by Diane and John were discussed. They will be resumed in the near future or when weather warms up. The next training will be at Donna Ketchison's place. (Directions to follow at a later date). Cost

is \$5.00 for BCHNM members; \$10.00 for non-BCHNM members. Becky will contact the Belen rodeo facility personnel to find out if there is a charge to use the arena.

John asked if Jane would contact the County and find out what and when activities are taking place at the new Socorro Rodeo Facility.

Elena Marshall mentioned that there is a Carson James clinic in Socorro June 30-July 1. Registration/participation for 2 days is \$400; One day is \$225.

Rides:

February 10: 6 Mile Canyon. Meet at the Baptist church parking lot in Socorro, NW corner of California and Spring (HWY 60), at 10 a.m. RSVP Jane Farmer 575-838-7345.. The group will travel on Hwy 60 up Sedillo Hill. At the top of the hill there will be a green gate on the west side (our left). Parking is 2 miles on a 2-track, rough, rocky road. 4-wheel drive is not necessary, but speed should be slow. A good steel trailer will make it fine. Last one through the gates: SHUT GATE. Bring lunch/snacks. Shoes are recommended for horses/mules.

Trail difficulty: 2% medium; 98 percent easy on a 4-wheel trail. The 2% is merely bailing off the hill to get down to the 4-wheel trail. It is comparable to bailing off the hill at Pound corrals when going through Walnut Canyon.

February 24: Socorro Riverine Bosque Trail. John will contact BLM/SOBTF to see what kind of projects need to be done there.

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Fall ?? - White Sands. John will check for trail information and where camping might be available.

Fundraisers: Suggestions are always appreciated. Right now the 50/50 is the only one active.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Farmer, Secretary

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

New Year's Day Ride



After a short shot of port, seven riders made a circle in San Lorenzo Canyon. The weather was beautiful, though slightly nippy. It was a nice chance to visit with two new members: Veronica and Mary Helen. What a great way to start the year



Public Lands

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NEW MEXICO JANUARY, 2018 LANDS REPORT

Carson National Forest Plan

The Carson National Forest has recently announced the issuance of its Preliminary Draft Proposed Plan, with comments due by February 1, 2018. The following comes from the Forest Service notice:

The Carson National Forest has completed several draft documents as part of forest plan revision. They are available for review on our forest plan revision web page. The forest has completed:

- Preliminary Draft Proposed Plan (PDPP) – This PDPP is dated December 2017 and includes changes made in response to public comments received on the PDPP dated July 2017. The focus of this updated PDPP is providing for restoration and diverse ecosystem services.
- Alternatives to the PDPP (narrative) – This document compares different ways (alternatives) to address issues. Issues came from the public, other stakeholders, agencies, and tribes who commented over the past year on the forest plan revision process and specifically on the previous PDPP.
- Alternatives to the PDPP (matrix) – This document compares the differences between alternatives in a matrix form.
- Proposed Wilderness Analysis Areas (PWAA) – The PWAA paper describes how the evaluated areas for wilderness characteristics were included in an alternative. Proposed wilderness analysis areas will be analyzed by alternative for effects to ecological, social, and economic conditions in an environmental impact statement.

Other supporting documents include:

- Draft Habitat Connectivity Plan Components
- Draft Canada Lynx Southern Rockies Management Direction

Crosswalk

The Carson NF will now begin developing the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) which will analyze and compare the alternatives for effects on ecological, social, and economic conditions. Development of the DEIS will take several months. The completion of a draft proposed plan and DEIS is anticipated to be late summer/early fall 2018.

As we develop the DEIS we will continue to consider comments from the public on the above draft documents. As we have stated each time we provide documents for public review, our forest plan and EIS will not be final until a record of decision is signed (anticipated fall 2019). While we continually accept comments, it would help in the progress of our forest plan revision effort to receive comments for the above documents by February 01, 2017 [sic].

The forest will have a hard copy of these documents available at each of district offices for the public to review.

Contact information concerning the plan revisions is as follows:

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p: 575-758-6221

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I need volunteers familiar with the Carson National Forest trails to review the PDPP and send me their comments, particularly on the roads, trails, and wilderness sections. I will in turn forward them to the FS and to The Wilderness Society, which is working hard on NM forest plan revision issues.

Cerro del Yuta and San Antonio Wilderness Act

The NM Wildlife Federation has sent out the following information:

Senate Passes Cerro del Yuta and San Antonio Wilderness Act

At the end of December, the Senate passed the Cerro del Yuta and San Antonio Wilderness Act, introduced by Senators Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall earlier this year. The bill, which passed with unanimous, bipartisan support in the Senate, would create additional wilderness protections in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument, affording sportsmen and women and outdoor recreationists unmatched opportunities to enjoy this pristine part of the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument for generations to come.

We encourage you to reach out to your representative in the House to encourage them to support passage of this bill!

The Mountain Bikes in Wilderness Act

The following comes from Randy Rasmussen at National:

The editorial board of the LA Times came out today soundly against HR 1349 (bikes in Wilderness):

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-mountain-bikes-wilderness-20180103-story.html>

The fight against this bill will continue on the floor of the House of Representatives and in the Senate. In NM, the only Congressman favoring the legislation is Steve Pearce. Please continue to express your opposition to this anti-conservation representative.

Olson to New Mexico

On a personal note, I will be moving to NM full time in April and look forward to riding and working in the back country with you.

Allen H. Olson

Public Lands/Legislative Chair

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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