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I received a call from Chip to look into the subject of Long Valley. I have been reading thru the documents of the draft Long Valley Management Plan in the San Jacinto State Park. It is available for review and public comment closing Dec 16th by contacting Luke Serna, Park & Recreation Specialist 8885 Rio San Diego Dr, suite 270 San Diego, Ca. 92108 or email [lserna@parks.ca.gov](mailto:lserna@parks.ca.gov). The website that I have been looking at documents on is the following, [http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=25592](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=25592) Long Valley Creek enters Long Valley from the west, its upper headwaters beginning at San Jacinto Peak and Jean Peak before flowing through Tamarack Valley and Round Valley. Once in the Valley, Long Valley Creek takes a southward turn then exits the Valley at the southern end before turning eastward and cascading down San Jacinto Mountain toward the Coachella Valley. Long Valley is in the first place the visitors from the tram come to. Some of the program overview is they are relocating visitor center, constructing a new ranger station, a multi -purpose outdoor activity area, improved kiosk, improve trail by moving them away from sensitive resources while improving access., construct a small equestrian staging area with corrals and water for 6 horses, replace pathway from tramway including access for disabled and medical transport.

The January 2012 meeting will be held at Little Red Schoolhouse in Anza on Hwy 371 on Thursday the 12th at 7pm..

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!!! Enjoy all your family and friends. See you all at the Christmas ride and Party at Carol's. (Flyer on pg 7).

Life's short, ride often!!! It'll keep ya sane. Cya on the trails, Stacy

*\*For your convenience, all board members contact information is on the 1st page of each newsletter*

## PUBLIC LANDS INFO submitted by Stacy

Trail Classification that BCHA/BCHC has been pushing the units to ensure that the trails that are classified will accommodate pack and saddle stock. Ann Lange, BCHA National Director handed out a massive National Forest System Trails Data Report at the State Board Meeting in October. Ann suggested the units that have not completed the task of verifying the data on the report, needs to make the effort to complete their area of work and get with the FS as soon as possible.

The lawsuit that BCHA filed against the Forest Service regarding the new trail classification system was to ensure that we did not lose our access to lands and trails that we equine users have historically used in the past. The result of that lawsuit was an agreement by the Forest Service and BCHA to work together on a local basis to clear up any areas that were a possible problem.

I will be reviewing the Forest Service information on trails that we would never have been able to access in the past. It has now come down to the responsibility of the local units to get together with the Forest Service in their area to clear up any items of concern. Ann Lange has brought back from BCHA a listing of trails for the forests here in California, which includes how those trails are classified by the Forest Service. Each unit has reviewed the list and will take action as might be necessary to resolve items of concern. At the BCHC meeting in January 2012 in Visalia, each unit to report on their progress with the disposition of this project

RE: A copy of the HR41 Beauty Mountain Wilderness statement from Mike Pool, deputy Director of BLM on October 25,2011 is in this issue of newsletter on page 4.

You should have received the BCHA newsletter for the Fall of 2011. On page 9, the article Seeing Red by Dennis Dailey, Senior Advisor Wilderness, Recreation, and Trails discusses the use of / non use of chainsaws in the Wilderness. Dennis suggests that we take the step of addressing this with the proper person in a letter this winter if you believe you have a need for chainsaw use in the wilderness. In the article Dennis refers to House Report 95-540. if anyone would like me to email them a copy I have the 30 page report.

## Redshank Riders Nov 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

**Location:** 371 Diner

Meeting began at 6:50 pm

24 Attendees/ 2 guests: Jose Torres & Robin Santillan

Anne read the minutes from Oct.; Audrey moved to accept, Gail 2nd.

**Treasurers Report:** Mike reported for both that expenses totaled \$397.61. Ending balance: \$4196.86

**Membership Report:** 127 total

**Trail Development & Maintenance:** Mike reported that the Packing clinic will be held on January 15th at his ranch. Tule Springs project starts Saturday. Contact Mike if interested in providing pack support.

**Adopt a Highway:** Audrey discussed that October 30th was a success.

**Public Lands:** No report

**Education:** No report

**Newsletter:** "Tails of the Trail" is our new masthead artwork donated by Rhonda. 30 copies are still being printed and mailed at great expense. There was discussion about what to do about that. Stacy suggested a fundraiser to off-set the cost. Pete volunteered to call all of the recipients of the mailed copies to see if it is necessary. The prize to Bob Jones for naming the newsletter will be a bag of feed.

**Historian:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** Stacy asked who had tools or other items that belong to the unit that need to be stored in the trailer. Audrey recorded a list. Pete read to us a list of tools that we have been given by the San Diego Trails Council to work on the Riding & Hiking Trail. They are disbanding and there will most likely be more coming to us from them. Ron needs our volunteer hours! email to: rlsaddle@verizon.net

**New Business:** There is an opportunity to participate in a fundraiser for all units to sell calendars with chances to win prizes. As the investment and risks are high, we decided not to get involved in this opportunity.

**Rides:**

Dec 4th at Carol Schmuhl's - Ride ~ XMAS Party ~ Potluck ~ Gift Exchange & Meeting

**See Flyer on pg 7**

Chip Herzig was our guest speaker

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:40 pm Moved by Robyn, 2nd by Sandy



**Filling up the new BCHC trailer...** Audrey and I drove to Gail's and pick up a bunch of stuff, getting everything into one spot.

Everyone is getting their sheds and garages back.. Yeah!

**Business Card Ad**  
 your ad will appear in every  
 Redshank Rider Newsletter  
 & the website for one year.  
 contact Anne: [anne@starfiredesignstudio.com](mailto:anne@starfiredesignstudio.com) for more info  
**\$50 for 1 Year**

**Statement of Mike Pool, Deputy Director Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands H.R. 41, Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act of 2011 October 25, 2011**

Thank you for inviting the Department of the Interior to testify on H.R. 41, the Beauty Mountain and Agua Tibia Wilderness Act of 2011. H.R. 41 significantly expands the Beauty Mountain Wilderness established by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act (P.L. 111-11). The Department welcomes the opportunity to enhance protection for this important area and supports this wilderness expansion. We would also like the opportunity to work with the sponsor and the Committee on minor and technical amendments to the bill, and note that the BLM can administratively accomplish the placement of recreational facilities described in the bill. The Department defers to the Department of Agriculture regarding the expansion of the Agua Tibia Wilderness involving National Forest System Lands.

**Background**

The Omnibus Public Land Management Act (P.L. 111-11) designated the Beauty Mountain Wilderness on 15,600 acres of public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Riverside County, California. This designation constituted the northern half of the Beauty Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA) within Riverside County; the law did not address the southern half of Beauty Mountain within San Diego County.

The Beauty Mountain area supports a rich complement of wildlife species because of its location within the transition zone from the oak woodlands and mountain chaparral of the eastern edge of the Peninsular Range to the creosote bush scrub at the western edge of the Colorado Desert. Home to several threatened or endangered desert species, these public lands enhance important wildlife corridors and landscape connections to the expansive Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Within an hour's drive of the major population centers of San Diego and Riverside, this area is a popular destination for a variety of dispersed outdoor recreational activities including camping, hiking, horseback riding and hunting.

**41**

41 enlarges the existing Beauty Mountain Wilderness by approximately 14,000 acres. The expansion of the wilderness area is critical to maintain open space and to protect this significant area of chaparral, canyons and forest in northern San Diego County. In 2007 and 2008, the BLM testified in support of the wilderness designation of Beauty Mountain, but noted that the southern boundary of the area was arbitrarily cut off at the county line. We welcome the completion of this wilderness area provided for in this legislation.

41 represents several years of collaborative effort by Representative Issa that involved close coordination with elected officials, environmental organizations, community groups, adjacent landowners, and concerned individuals in San Diego County. Representative Issa worked diligently to seek consensus on the wilderness expansion from all segments of the public as well as private landowners adjacent to the wilderness.

There are several minor amendments to H.R. 41 that we would like to address. First, the BLM prepared a new map for Congressman Issa last year, dated March 2, 2010. This map more accurately reflects current land status showing the recent acquisition of private lands (largely through donation to the Federal government) within the proposed wilderness area. We recommend that the bill be updated to reference the new map from 2010, which reflects a wilderness addition of just over 14,000 acres.

Additionally, the BLM would like the opportunity to work on technical language modifications for consistency with other wilderness legislation. Finally, while we do not object to the intent of section 201 regarding the placement of recreational facilities such as a campground, parking areas and related facilities on adjacent lands, we prefer that these proposals be analyzed through the land management planning process, which includes public input and review. We request that it not be included in legislative language as it may reduce the agency's flexibility in the future. The BLM recommends that these issues instead be addressed in Committee report language.

**Conclusion**

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of the provisions of H.R. 41 regarding the expansion of the Beauty Mountain Wilderness. I will be happy to answer any questions. *(article submitted by Stacy Kuhns)*

# Packers Corner

By: Michael Lewis

**Fuller Ridge:** With an early snow coming to the local mountains, the San Jacinto State Park/Fuller Ridge project has wrapped up for the season with all the gear being packed out at the end of October. According to Sam Commarto, in two years of work, they are barely half done with the project. With three more years of funding, there will be many more opportunities to join in with pack-ins and outs and the many re-supply trips during the summer. This would be a great project to get started packing on with a good area's to load and unload along with a very good trail and plenty of help. It's about a 13 mile round trip with traffic control where we cross hwy 243 at trail head. Add to that the crew really shows their appreciation both verbally and in action. The cook fixes lunch when we get there and some of the crew helps unload and load. One trip we even had some of the crew stay in camp till we got there so they could "meet the packers", after having done that they donned their packs and headed for the to the project. We are looking forward to helping once again next year.

**Future Projects:** SBNF Project Proposals for 2012 and need for FALC Support  
"FALC" stands for Fast Attack Light Infantry, or packers.

- Hwy 74 north to start of Lion's Peak Project (below) 7.5 mi. Exit at Sloan Ranch Rd. and end at Goff Flat. Total 11 mi. Locate blowdowns and brushy sections, est 2 vol days - SBNF
- Cedar Springs trail crossing to Fobes Saddle 3.9 mi. Access via Moris Ranch Rd. and Cedar Springs trail. Photograph very eroded section of PCT extending 0.64 mi. north of CS trail jcn. Locate deadfalls and brushy sections. Est 2 vol days.
- Fobes Saddle to Saddle Junction 12.3 mi. Locate deadfalls and other problems. Access from Fobes Ranch and exit Devil's Slide trail, total 16.4 mi. Est 2 vol days - SBNF

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**Lions Peak Project** SBNF. 1.42 mi. from 33.613 N, 116.56242 W to 33.64259 N, 116.57061 W. **Mile 0159. to 0160.5.** Scouted by Geo. Boone and Pete Fish 8/11. Clear thick brush and remove slough from narrow trail. Remove hazardous leaner across trail near Lions Peak. Remove about 1.5 miles of hazardous multistrand barbed wire along PCT. Suggest moving wire by quad/trailer to helispot off Sloan Ranch Rd. for helicopter pickup. Est 100 vol days - SBNF. Needs packer support from Goff Flat which will require spot tread repair to make old Sloan Ranch Rd., which has been 'demobilized', stock friendly.

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**Pyramid Peak Project.** SBNF. 2.07 mi. Brushy section between Lions Peak and Eagle Spring Projects. **160.5 to 162.5.** Needs packer support via Cedar Springs trail. Scouted 8/11 by Boone and Fish. Est 50 vol days.

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**Eagle Spring Project.** SBNF. Very badly eroded section extending 0.64 mi trail north of Cedar Springs trail crossing (from 33.66629 N, 116.57527 W to 33.67239 N, 116.58199 W). **Mi 162.5 to 163.2.** Needs extensive runoff control. Est 40 vol days. Need packer support via Cedar Springs trail. Scouted 8/11 by Boone and Fish. Ideal SCA or NWTC project.

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**Packing Clinic:** Remember to keep January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 free for our packing clinic. This will be an education day that is free and open to all Backcountry Horsemen members. Any questions and to let us know you are coming contact [mike@stumblinranch.com](mailto:mike@stumblinranch.com). Look for the pack clinic flyer on pg 6.



## REDSHANK RIDERS - BCHC PACK CLINIC

SUNDAY - JANUARY 15, 2012

AT 9:30 - ?

MIKE & PEBBLES LEWIS HOME

52820 ELDER CREEK RD AGUANGA, CA. 92536

This is a BCHC Education Event

Must be a BCHC Member - If you're not you can join that day

Please call Mike at (951) 760-9255 if you are attending

With number who will be in your party

**Lunch will be provided**

**We will be going over;**

How to Pack Proper Loads and Tie Hitches

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# REDSHANK RIDERS



## Christmas Party!

**Sunday December 4, 2011**

**If the weather is too inclement to ride, the Agenda will start at noon**

**Ride out at 10:00 a.m.**

**Level II ride · Length of ride TBD by weather  
approximately 2 hrs, few rocky areas,  
possible very small water crossing.**

### Agenda:

- Ride ● Potluck
- General Meeting
- Election of
- 2012 Officers
- Gift Exchange

### Potluck:

**Dessert:** A thru H  
**Main Dish:** I thru Q  
**Side Dish:** R thru Z

**Drinks provided  
by Redshank**

### Optional Gift Exchange

**please bring a  
horse-related item  
valued  
\$15 to \$20**

**40682 Ivel Rd. Hemet Ca 92544**

#### FROM ANZA:

#371 to Wilson Valley Road / turn right. Wilson Valley Road to Sage Road (R-3)/turn right Sage Road (R-3) to East Benton Road/turn left. East Benton Road to Crossover Road/turn left (WATCH FOR "RSR" SIGNS)  
 (\*)Crossover Road thru stop sign under trees, up hill to second stop sign, Calle Segovia  
 You are now on Calle Segovia & Calle Portillo/go straight to Via La Blanco / turn left  
 Via La Blanco to Exa Ely Road /turn right. Exa Ely Road to Rope Road / turn right  
 Rope Road to Paseo De Van Scoyck /turn right. Paseo De Van Scoyck to Ivel Road / turn left  
 Second driveway on the right - look for the cowboys "40682"

#### FROM TEMECULA / MURRIETA via Rancho California Road:

Rancho California Road to Glen Oaks Road/turn right. Glen Oaks Road to Mesa Road / turn left  
 Mesa Road to stop sign (turns into East Benton Road) go straight to Crossover Road  
 Follow directions from Crossover Road above (\*)

#### FROM TEMECULA via DePortola Road:

DePortola Road to Glen Oaks Road /turn left. Glen Oaks Road to Mesa Road/turn right, Mesa Road to stop sign (turns into East Benton Road) go straight to Crossover Road. Follow directions from Crossover Road above (\*)

#### FROM HEMET:

Sage Road (R-3) to East Benton Road/turn right. East Benton Road to Crossover Road/turn left  
 Follow directions from Crossover Road above (\*)

**RSVP to Carol: 909-767-1061**

HOPE to SEE YOU THERE

## Congress Urged to Protect 134,000 Public Acres In and Near the Pass

reprinted from article by Guy McCarthy 11-11-2011

Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar recommended Thursday that Congress approve the proposed Sand to Snow National Monument, which includes Whitewater Canyon and Southern California's highest point, San Geronio Mountain. A proposal to create a 134,000-acre "Sand to Snow National Monument" on public lands in and near the San Geronio Pass received backing Thursday from the Department of Interior and the Bureau of Land Management. Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar recommended Thursday that Congress approve monument protection for the area, which includes Whitewater Canyon and Southern California's highest point, San Geronio Mountain. The lands also include the entire San Geronio Wilderness, Sonoran desert, and Big Morongo Canyon. They border three Wildlands Conservancy preserves, the Morongo Valley community, and the west end of Joshua Tree National Park.

Including lands already designated as wilderness in a national monument benefits neighboring lands and communities, said David Myers, executive director of the Wildlands Conservancy in Oak Glen. "When you elevate a wilderness area to national monument status it gains more national stature and helps promote tourism," Myers said in a phone interview Friday. "This proposal also affords higher levels protection for other BLM and Forest Service lands outside the wilderness area.

"It's important to note it does not impact any private lands," Myers said. The Sand to Snow National Monument will likely be the most diverse national monument in the lower 48 states, Myers said.

"Where else do you have a desert river, desert forest with pinyon pine, juniper, Joshua trees, transitional black oak and canyon oak forests, oak woodlands, chaparral, and conifer forests with incense cedar, white fir, ponderosa pine, and alpine terrain?" Myers said. "There would be nearly 10,000 feet elevation change in this one national monument." The proposed Sand to Snow monument is one of three BLM areas in Southern California referred to Congress by Salazar, an appointee of President Barack Obama.

The other areas are the proposed Beauty Mountain area, which bridges Riverside and San Diego counties east of Temecula, and the proposed Mojave Trails National Monument, north of Twenty-nine Palms in northeast San Bernardino County.

Salazar's recommendation to Congress on Thursday includes areas in eight other states. "Basically, the Obama administration is stating it will support a public lands bill that combines proposals and legislation for all these areas," Myers said.

In letters dated Nov. 10, 2011, Salazar urged leaders of the House and Senate to consider "significant local support" for the Sand to Snow National Monument and other proposed protection areas, and to "take action on the proposals." California Sen. Dianne Feinstein's bill to create the Sand to Snow National Monument and Mojave Trails National Monument is known as the [California Desert Protection Act of 2011](#).

Submitted by Stacy Kuhns

### Tentative Event & Ride Schedule 2011-12

**Dec 4** – RSR December Party Ride at Carol Schmuhl's (flyer on Pg 7)

**Jan 12** – RSR General Meeting @ the Little Red Schoolhouse on Hwy 371 at 7 pm

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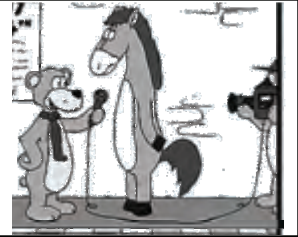


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# THE NEWS ROOM

## Read, Discuss, Act



### This is from the State Board Meeting in October Discipline - Bylaw Revision

This provision is a means by which a Unit Board may suspend or expel any member of the organization whose conduct is deemed in conflict with the organization's goals and purposes. This action requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a regular meeting. The member shall be given written notice of removal for cause thirty (30) days in advance of the intended suspension or expulsion.

Written notice shall include instruction that the member may submit a written response to the Unit Board and shall specify the time and place such written response may be submitted. The member must be given at least ten (10) days to submit a written response.

If the Unit Board decides in favor of suspension or expulsion, both the member and the BCHC Membership Coordinator shall be notified, in writing, within ten (10) days, of the action taken.

December's  
General Meeting  
is also a Ride,  
Potluck  
&  
Gift Exchange  
at  
Carol Schmuhl's House

Ride out at 10 am

(See the event flyer on page 7.)



Are YOU Interested in volunteering to help keep OUR unit achieving its goals by being on the board? Our elections will be held at the December General Meeting. We would like to know who is interested in helping out. We will put together a slate of officers so it can be voted on at the December meeting. It is a great way to give back.

Thanks, Stacy

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Redshank Riders



**Redshank Riders**  
 Ride & Unit Meeting  
 ~ Sunday, Dec 4h @ Carol Schmuhs ~  
**Flyer on pg 7**

