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Rosie Grindle

President's Message

For this newsletter, it looks like there is plenty to write about. When the Cranston Fire started on July 25 and began making its way through our local mountains, the call went out for trucks and trailers to evacuate animals out of the path of its path. Many Redshank Riders and friends hit the road. For a number of days and nights, there was a steady stream of trucks into Garner Valley with trailers loaded with horses, mules, cattle, goats, chickens, dogs, and even cats. To make matters worse, part way through this



mess, lightning started the Ribbon fire in upper Palm Canyon near Pinyon, the opposite direction of the Cranston fire. So it was off again to evacuate more animals. It was not easy, while some had their animals haltered, tied, and ready; others had stock still out in pastures uncaught. To top that off, many of these had never been trailered.

A little advice; get prepared if there is any chance of an evacuation. Also, take the opportunity to move if it presents itself. Some waited to the last moment to call for help when trailers were at other locations, and the folks that were ready to go took priority over those that were not. This event also went beyond just the initial rescue efforts; many volunteered their ranches to house displaced stock, large and small. While the Gymkhana field took on many of the large animals, the low production of their water well made it difficult to keep up with demands. As many know, one horse can drink up to ten gallons of water a day and with the temperatures nearing 100 degrees, this was the case.

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Not to mention, in the midst of all this, a couple of miles of the main transmission line feeding our electric co-op was destroyed in the fire, which meant no power for wells. Those with generators to power their wells volunteered to provide water to those that did not. Trucks and trailers with water barrels could be seen traveling back and forth. In the end, everyone came together to do what was needed and we thank you all for your help.

On trail conditions, it appears the fire once again burned over some of the PCT that was damaged in the Mountain Fire 5 years ago. However, according to Andy Smith with the Forest Service, it sustained minimum damage. The Southridge Trail and McCall Park trails are another story as these were both in the middle of the fires path. The USFS BAER, (burned area emergency response), team is scheduled to do a damage inventory and closure recommendation for the burned area.

On a lighter note, those of you that missed our August meeting missed a lot of good food and a great time. It was well attended, (which seems to be the case when food is involved), and afterwards, in the driveway by the light of car headlights, we were treated with gentle use/leave no trace presentations by Charlie and Nyna Cheek. While Charlie did an excellent job on how to deal with poop, (yes, I said poop), in the back country, it didn't hold a candle to Nyna's rendition of the impact monster. Between her heavily accessorized and colorful outfit to a granny cart full of what she deemed as camping must-haves, she had us rolling with laughter. Personally, that is one camper I would not want to meet on the trail while just riding, much less leading a string of mules.

One more thing. Ron Cook, owner of Anza Hardware, and his wife donated a generator to be raffled off with proceeds going to local non-profit. I am pleased to announce that Redshank Riders name was drawn as the recipient of the funds raised. Way to go and I want to thank Ron and his wife for their generous donation. Make sure to attend our Packing Clinic in Temecula of September 8.

In closing I would like to quote John Muir in saying, *"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt"*.

Michael Lewis



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

This newsletter is for you, our members. If you would like to share some photos or a story please send them to your newsletter editor, Rhonda at redshank.webmaster@gmail.com

(Please note that items submitted may need to be OK'd for publication by the current unit president and will be used as space allows.)

REDSHANK RIDERS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Mary Ann Puett, Rosie Grindle, Susan Blankenfield, Ali Blankenfield, Greg Bruce, Marci Liefer, Jack Peckham, Gretchen Peckham, Thomas Firth, Melanie Huelson, Alex Rit, Valerie Loering, Cathy Haun Firth, Robyn Painzing, Satcy Kuhns, Charlie Cheek, Nyna Cheek, Gail McCreight, Carol Schmuhl, Kreta Lee, Mike Esposito, Carol Esposito, Art Inserra-Wilstermann, Diana Wilstermann - Inserra, Laurie Stanton, Susan Kontoff, Pebbles Lewis, Mike Lewis

NEXT MONTH - September 13, 2018 at Jack & Gretchen's House—Potluck at

NEW FOLKS: none

REPORTS:

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Pebbles Lewis
Minutes read by Mary Ann

Moved by Stacy Kuhns to accept minutes as read, seconded by Susan

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nyna Cheek
August 2018

Beginning Balance - \$4,805.26

Revenue - \$1,150.69

Expenses - \$50.00

Net Gain - \$1,100.89

Closing Balance - \$5,905.95

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Carol Schmuhl
Memberships - 69

Persons - 31

Families - 33

Individuals - 101

Patron - 1

Benefactor - 1

BOOTH COORDINATOR: Rosie Grindle
1) no report

RIDE REPORT: Cindy Hay
1) no report

PUBLIC LANDS REPORT: Allison Renck
Land and Water Conservation Act – needs to be funded forever. Authorized to receive \$900M per year but never received this funding. Please call or write our Congressmen that they should not be diverting funds that manage trails, purchase of public lands, and allows for public access to the trails, among many things. Allison to send out template for our letters and calls to our Congressman.

HR 1349 – failed in the House so they are attempting to send it through the Senate – KEEP THE BIKES OUT OF THE WILDERNESS.

National Public Lands Day – the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands, held annually

on the fourth Saturday in September (9/22/2018). NPLD brings together hundreds of thousands of individuals and organizational volunteers to help restore America's Public Lands. 2018 marks the 25th Public Lands Day.

- 4) There has been a new bill introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill is called the "Restore our Public Lands Act" HR 6510. It currently has 66 co-signers and 5 are from California – Cook, Castro, Panetta, Takano and Garamendi. This bipartisan bill allocates funds to pay for high-priority deferred maintenance that is needed to support critical infrastructure and visitor service at our nation parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands. This backlog totals \$16 billion.

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As Backcountry Horsemen of California, we all need to support this bill, however it does not address the needs of our National Forests. The National Forests have many high-priority items where maintenance has been delayed. For example, there are many roads and trails which need attention. We would like to suggest that the bill be amended to include support for the Forest Service to address their maintenance backlog.

Please write, call or email your Congressman and tell them you support HR 6510 and that you would like to see it include the Forest Service.

EDUCATION REPORT: Stacy Kuhns

Water courses – if we see areas that need repair or clean-up for anything having to do with water – TMARCD will pay us for clean up/repair

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY REPORT: Mike Lewis (in Cathy Haun-Firth's absence)

1) Great job on last clean up

2) Next clean up will be Saturday, August 18 from 8-10 at the Chevron station

Rhonda to send out reminder

OLD BUSINESS:

Need committee meeting for the planning of Rendezvous 2018

Pack Clinic at Winchester Saddlery – Education Day – demos on packing and leave no trace education – September 8 – 9:00 to 5:00, food served next door, t-shirt booth, Hi-Line demo, camping presentation, hobbling/restraints demo

No update on Cedar Run

Treasure Hunt – meeting next Thursday, 8/16, up to 15 riders. Lots of campers are signed up for event.

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GORDON donated monies and thanks us for the thank you note

NEW BUSINESS:

Cranston Fire - RSR helped to move stock, local folks helped.

Mountain Fire – very little significant damage to trails where we were already working so clean-up will take 2-3 days, fire did not touch the cache of water and tools left up there to repair from prior fire

PCT was closed in sections

Survey by Forest Service regarding visitation – who is using areas of interest within the last 10 years. Report (30 page) will be sent out for all to read. Equine activities appeared not to be included. Equestrian is not among the top 5 activities based on permit data. But since Equine is a small group and do not need nor require a permit for use. Forest Service admits there may be a problem with their method of acquiring the data.

Budget item for trailer maintenance or awning. Mike and Jack to price a 10-12 foot awning installed.

Raffle tickets are being sold for another clock. Rosie Grindle made the piece. Will gather monies from 3 months/meetings and be raffled off in November at General Meeting.

Year End Party – December 1 at the Commons in Garner Valley. Mike to speak with Ron Lawson

THANK YOU TO STACY FOR HOSTING DINNER AND MEETING IN HER HOME.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56PM, moved by Stacy Kuhns, seconded by Rosie Grindle

PRESENTATION – LNT – by Charlie and Nyna Cheek

Next General Meeting is Thursday Sept 13, 2018

It's a Potluck too at Jack & Gretchen Peckham's house @ 6:30 pm.

52135 Saddleback Rd., Anza, CA 92539

They will be serving BBQ Chicken as the main course. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. After the meeting they will show an hour-long movie called: "3 Miles An Hour".

Contact info:

Jack: vicepresident@redshankriders.com

Gretchen: Gretchen@greytthreads.com

SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL OCT 10-14 2018

EQUESTRIAN FILM TRACK | Oct 13 & 14th
Films that showcase the beauty and power of the horse



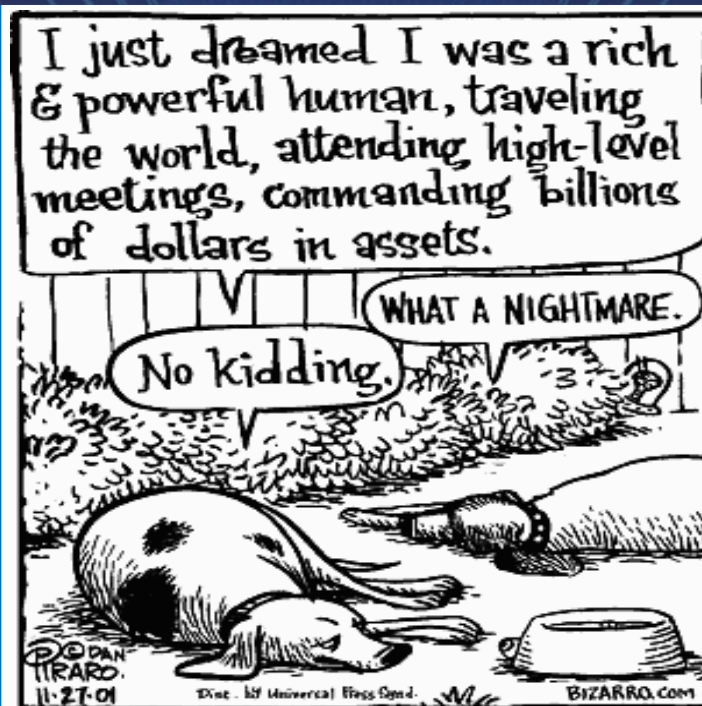
Join us for a fascinating showcase of the world of horses from some of the most creative independent filmmakers working today.

JOIN US @ ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA in the newly expanded Westfield UTC Mall.
Save the Date Oct 13 & 14th

How to Attend? Passes or Individual Tickets Available

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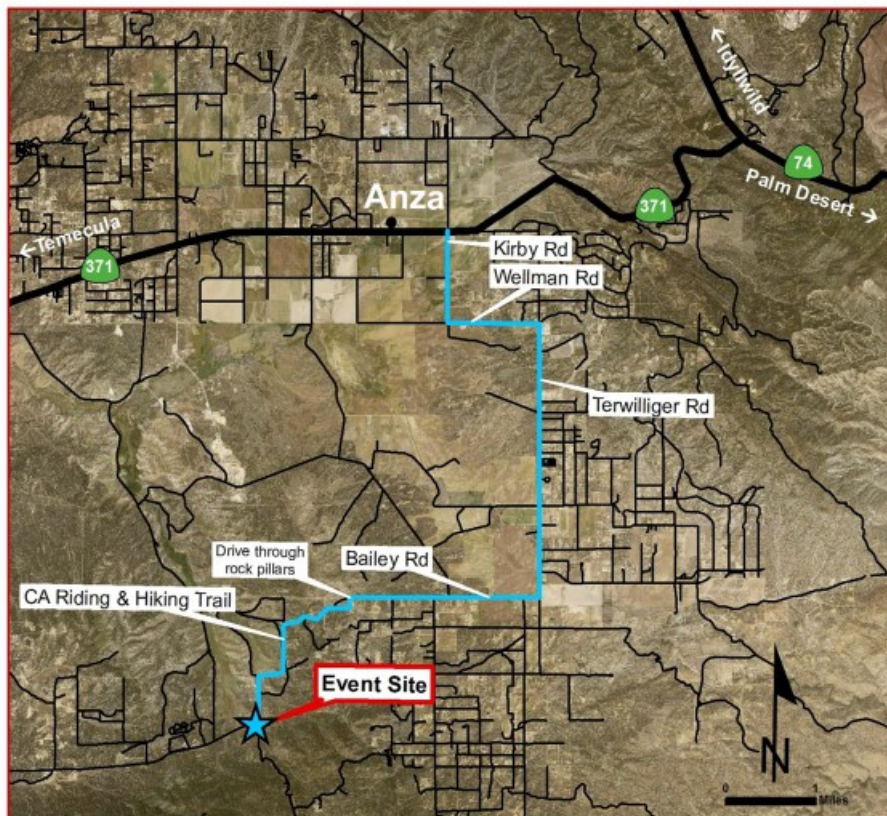
National Public Lands Day 2018

Beauty Mountain Clean Up
Saturday, September 29
9 am to 1 pm

Volunteers across the country, including Redshank Riders Backcountry Horsemen will visit their favorite parks, beaches, wildlife preserves and forests to give back to the treasured lands where we play, learn, and relax in celebration of the 25th annual National Public Lands Day. Join this special event!



A happy volunteer group at 2014 NPLD in Pinyon, CA



The site needs removal of "trigger trash" and Russian thistle. Meet on Cary Rd at intersection with Tule Peak Rd in Anza, CA. Bring water, gloves, sun protection; wear long pants and sturdy shoes.

Members with questions please contact
Tom Firth - educationchair2@redshankriders.com
951-551-9711 • Mobile

DIRECTIONS:

Red, white and blue ribbons will mark the route. From Anza take Kirby Rd south from Hwy 371. Continue south to Wellman Rd, turn left and continue to Terwilliger Rd. Turn left and continued 3 miles to Bailey Rd. Follow Bailey for approx. 2 miles, veer left, go through two sets of rock pillars. Follow the dirt road and turn left on to the California Riding and Hiking Trail/Cary Rd. Park roadside where Cary Rd intersects with Tule Peak Rd.



25TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

ALERT FOR ALL BCHC MEMBERS – PLEASE TAKE ACTION**Restore our Public Lands Act**

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You can contact your Congressman here:

<https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>

Submitted by Allison Renck— PUBLIC LANDS

WANTED

A Host for a Trail Ride! **Any Time....Any Place!**

If you have local trails you would like to share with Redshank Rider members let us know. We are always looking for good places to ride.

Give our ride coordinator a call or e-mail to set up our next trail ride.
Cindy Hay 760-831-9106 - E-mail ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com



Most rides are for BCHCmembers only.

You can become a member of the Red Shank Riders Unit (Back Country Horsemen of California) by sending in the membership application prior to the ride. You can find one at

<http://bchcalifornia.org/docs/MembershipApplication.pdf>

Membership applications will also be available at the ride.

REDSHANK RIDERS



UNIT OF BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

Presents

TREASURE OF THE CAHUILLA MADRE

The Tragic Tale of Shorty the Miner

OCTOBER 20, 2018

CHECK-IN — 8:30AM FIRST GROUP RIDE OUT — 10:00AM

LAST GROUP WILL RETURN TO CAMP AT APPROX. 3:00PM DINNER IS AT 4:30

37550 Tripp Flats Rd

The ride staging area is right off the pavement on Cary/Tripp Flats Road in Anza and the ride will take you into some beautiful areas of Anza.

Primitive Overnight camping is offered for \$5.00 from Sat to Sun.

Follow the marked trail, then find your team's treasures.
Don't have a team? We'll fix you up! 4-6 Riders per team
All dogs must be on a leash in camp. No dogs on the trail.

\$40 INCLUDES DINNER & 5 RAFFLE TICKETS **GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES!**

\$20 YOUTH (17 AND UNDER - MUST WEAR A HELMET) **COSTUME CONTEST!**

Donuts & Coffee Available Saturday a.m.

Bring your own chairs

All dogs must be on a leash in camp. No dogs on the trail.

3 Categories

▪ Horse ▪

▪ Rider ▪

▪ Horse & Rider ▪

For more information and to register online, go to
<http://www.redshankriders.com/treasurehunt.html>
or scan the code below



Enter early, only 60 spots available!

To sign up fill out this form and send to: Gretchen Peckham 52135 Saddleback Rd, Anza, CA 92539 gretchen@greytthreads.com

name _____

email _____

address _____

phone (_____) _____

how many riders _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: BCHC REDSHANK RIDERS

All proceeds of this event help BCHC, Redshank Riders maintain trails and educate horsemen and the public about the "Leave No Trace" outdoor ethics principles.

INYO, SEQUOIA AND SIERRA – FOREST PLANS

- Submitted by Marty Jorgensen for Troy Patton

Since December of 2013, BCHC has been involved with these forests and their new management plans. We attended meetings up and down the State during the public meeting periods from 2014 to June of 2016. We solicited input from BCHC Units before submitting our official comments in June of 2016. Our official BCHC comments were concerns over keeping stock use on trails, keeping the backcountry assessable and parking for trailers at trailheads. We also commented positively on the partnership and volunteer components. All of these comments were in line with our Mission and Purpose. No Units or members expressed concerns (negative or positive) about the additional wilderness areas being added to the plans.

There were over 30,000 comments received and the three forests began to review these comments and consider incorporating them into the plan. By March of 2017, it was clear that based on public comments and vegetation concerns in Sequoia and Sierra it would take them much longer to complete their Revised Final Draft plan. Inyo forest was ready to go forward. This week Inyo Forest released the final draft of their plan.

So right now, here is where each Forest stands:

Sequoia – working on the Revised Final Draft and incorporating comments made into the plan. They are rewriting due to issues with tree mortality. When the plan is released in late 2018 we will review it and have an opportunity to comment.

Sierra – working on the Revised Final Draft and incorporating comments made into the plan. They are rewriting due to tree mortality. When the plan is released late in 2018 we will review it and have an opportunity to comment.

Inyo – Released Final Revised Draft. They have begun the 60-day Objection Period, which ends October 3, 2018. You may only object if you submitted a specific substantive comment about the same matter during the comment period. Objections will be considered and discussed with the objector within 90 days by the Regional Official. The Regional Official will publish answers to the objections in 30 days; and 30 days later, the plan becomes official.

Recently units have been contacted by other groups wanting our support for and against Wilderness (Stewards of Sequoia - against / Sierra Forest Legacy - for). These groups never contacted Thor, me, or any other member of the State Executive Board. The State Executive Board is the only one who can authorize the use of the Backcountry Horsemen of California name or its logo. It is imperative that if contacted you notify the VP's of Public Lands, Troy or Thor about these requests immediately. These are groups much like us, who advocate for their own interests. However, many groups that partner with them or sponsor them are groups with whom we do not want to be associated.

Signing on with them makes it appear that you agree with all the partners on that list and their agendas, which we do not want to do. Signing on to these coalitions has come back to bite us before. We are well known and strong enough to stand on our own.

When this issue came up the BCHC Executive Board was contacted and the consensus was not to take a stand on Wilderness.

CONCLUSION – BCHC Executive Board has no issues with the adding of wilderness. The feeling is that Wilderness is a place where you do not have to deal with mountain bikes and motorcycles. While we acknowledge it is a disadvantage in maintaining trails without chain saws and making sure they are maintained; the advantages of no bikes or motorcycles outweigh that disadvantage. Therefore, BCHC does not want to sign onto either side of this Wilderness issue.

Backcountry Horsemen of California



MAIL TO: BCHC
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Yerington NV 89447

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation)

☐ New ☐ Renewal

☐ Change

(indicate change)

☐ Antelope Valley

☐ Eastern Sierra

☐ High Country

☐ High Sierra

☐ Kern River Valley

☐ Kern Sierra

☐ Lake-Mendo

☐ Los Padres

☐ Mid Valley

☐ Mother Lode

☐ North Bay

☐ Pacific Crest

☐ Redshank Riders

☐ Redwood

☐ San Diego

☐ San Joaquin Sierra

☐ Santa Ana River

☐ Sequoia

☐ Shasta Trinity

☐ Sierra Freepackers

☐ Sutter Buttes

☐ Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership

MEMBER'S NAME – No Business Names, Print Clearly SPOUSE/Co-MEMBER'S NAME – MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS

Street Address/PO Box

City State Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) Area Code Phone number

Email Address: (please print legibly)

Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$

Total Enclosed: \$ Check No.

Parent Unit Membership Types (Check one)

☐ Individual \$50 ☐ Family \$60 ☐ 2 Year Individual \$90 ☐ 2 Year Family \$110 ☐ 3 Year Individual \$125 ☐ 3 Year Family \$150

Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 – Benefactor \$100 – Patron \$250 – Mt. Whitney \$500

Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to your Parent Unit Dues

Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT

Associate Membership for: \$15.00/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: \$15.00/Unit
Unit Name (from above list)

Add additional choices here

Please clip form along dashed line and keep the below portion for your records

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family, (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney

A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Membership.

*A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names who share a common address.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

Complete information regarding BCHC Membership is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at
bhcalifornia.org
or call (775) 463-3634

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new -

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$ 50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (Shared) Membership	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult (18-25 years old)	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$ 90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$125.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor Membership	\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron Membership	\$250.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mt. Whitney Membership	\$500.00

On that form, I also requested:

Associate Memberships \$

My Total Remittance: \$

My Check Number: _____

Date Mailed: _____

Verification of

BCHC membership is available via (1) BCHC unit president's reports (2) BCHC membership chair reports (3) a self-addressed stamped envelope submitted with this form or (4) a valid email address

General Meeting & Potluck!
 Thurs. Sept. 13, 2018 - 6:30pm
 @ Jack & Gretchen Peckham's house
 See info on page 4 for details

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Objectives and Purpose of the Backcountry Horsemen of California

from the BCHC Bylaws



- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.