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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN



OF CALIFORNIA

Concerned Men and Women Dedicated to Gentle Use of California Trails and Backcountry

Presidents Message



For the second year in a row, the memorial ride has been canceled. With forest closures planning rides has proven to be a real challenge. So far the coast is open to riding at Montana de Oro.

Coming up in Oct. the MDO Coastal Mounted Assistance will be having a ride at Montana de Oro.

This is not a BCHC event, but a fun ride. Also in Oct. will be the state Rendezvous in Tulare at the fair grounds. This will take place Oct. 29-31. Come and see what is going on in the state and pick up some tips from the clinicians.

Nov. will be our elections, place to be decided. If you or anyone you know are interested in running please let a board member know. Dec. 11th will be our annual Christmas dinner, save the date and plan to attend.

Thanks to all our unit members who continue to make this such a great unit.

Hope to see you soon at one of the events. Thanks to all who continue to participate and those of you who continue to be part of our unit. Don't forget if you would like to sponsor a ride we would be glad to have your input.

Remember to stay in the saddle. The ground is hard.

Joe Kaminski
President

CONTEST TIME

Find the Hidden Hoof Print! 

First person to find the hidden hoof print in this newsletter and email Jim Laber @ jim@visaliaidea.com

Will Get A Free
BCHCSJSU Long Sleeve Color T-Shirt

GOOD LUCK!



CLICK FOR REGISTRATION FORM



THE BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA PROUDLY PRESENT THE

RENDEZVOUS

October 29-31, 2021
Tulare County Fairgrounds

ADMISSION IS FREE!

JOIN THE FUN:

- Auction
- Raffles
- Kids Corral
- Classes
- Shopping
- Dinners
- Leave No Trace
- Camping
- Beer, Wine & Cheese Tasting
- BLM Wild Horse & Burro Adoption
- & More

CONTESTS:

- Trail Obstacle Challenge
- Packing Contests
- Dutch Oven Competition
- Western Art Show

CLINICIANS:

- Lee & Jennifer Roeser
McGee Creek Pack Station
- JoDe Collins
Double C's Performance Mules & Donkeys
- Loni Langdon
Masterson Method
- The Ride Foundation
Horse Gentling Demo

LIVE MUSIC:

Western Singer
Gary Gragnani



Preserving Our Trails for Future Generations

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This trail challenge is an arena obstacle course that tests the skills of a horse, mule, and rider. Each rider will be sent out alone on the course with a set of instructions about each obstacle. The rider can expect natural and man-made obstacles that closely mimic those encountered while out on the trail.



TULARE COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS

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BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
OF CALIFORNIA RENDEZVOUS

TRAIL CHALLENGE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Classes: Open, Amateur, Novice,
Wrangler (12-17), Packer w/ one animal

\$50
PER RIDER

JOIN US ON
OCTOBER
30



8:00 AM

For more information, please visit www.bchcalifornia.org or call Cathy at 559.734.8414

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA



VENDOR APPRECIATION BEER, WINE & CHEESE TASTING!



When: Saturday Oct 30, 2021 • 3pm - 5pm

Where: Vendor area

Admission \$20.00

includes an
etched souvenir
tasting glass

**Invite your friends,
family &
future members**



open to the public, must be 21 years or older to participate

This fundraiser helps support BCHC (c)4

2021 Calendar

Board Meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm at the Clovis Elks Lodge, 535 Woodworth Ave. (Bullard & Woodworth).

Calendar & Ride schedule is on-going, and new events and rides will be published when confirmed. Note: Dates and events are subject to change or cancellation; calling the contact person is recommended or checking www.bchcsjsu.org

2021

April 6	Board Meeting
April	Jody Collins Mule and Donkey Clinic(horses welcome)
April 10	Trail Trial-Desensitization-Fun Day
April 24	Clovis Parade
May 1	Shaver Camp Opening
May	Begining Packing and Ride
May 4	Board Meeting
May 15-16	Shaver Trail Project/Get Together Potluck
May 19	General Meeting
May 22-23	Big Meadows Work Party Contact Joe 559 909-0505
May 25-30	Bishop Mule Days (non BCHC event)
June 8	Board Meeting
June 10-11	Cara Ride. Limit 7
June 12-13	Maxson Meadows Work Party Contact Joe 559 909-0505
June 26-July 2	Edison work party Contact Joe 559 909-0505
July 6	Board Meeting
July 8-12	MDO Coast Ride/Camp Out Click for Info/Reservation Form
Aug 3	Board Meeting
Aug 21	Poker Ride Shaver Lake Fishing Camp access road.
Sept 7	Board Meeting
Sept 11	BCHC SJSU Memorial Ride Location TBA
Oct 5	Board Meeting
October 7-11	Coastal Mounted Unit MDO (non BCHC event)
Oct 29-31	Rendezous
November 2	Board Meeting
November 6	Play Day/General Meeting Elections Meeting.
November 20	Fredi's celebration of life. Clovis Veterans Memorial at 2:00 pm
December 7	Board Meeting
December 11	Christmas Dinner

Is there any activity that you would like to sponsor? We are always looking to improve the club and making it fun for all members. Please submit your ideas, [kaminskiclan@gmail.com](mailto:kaminski@bchcsjsu.org). You may call 559.909 0505 and I will get back to you.

Joe Kaminski
President

Remember to check for any Unit updates at our Web Site:

www.bchcsjsu.org for the San Joaquin/Sierra Unit,

www.bchcalifornia.org for the State Web Site

The purpose of this publication is to keep its members informed on important issues that affect all horsemen and to inform the membership on up-coming events within the unit. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the editor & authors and not necessarily shared by BCHC.

BBQ Dutch Oven Chicken and Potatoes

This BBQ Dutch Oven Chicken and Potatoes recipe couldn't be easier, and it will absolutely be a big hit on your next camping trip.

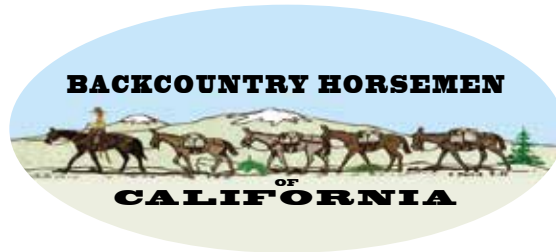
INGREDIENTS:

- 3-4 large chicken breasts
- 1 package of bacon
- 5 small potatoes, sliced into 1/4 – 1/2 inch slices
- 1 red onion, chopped
- 1 lb butter, optional
- 1 bottle of your favorite BBQ sauce
- 26 coals



INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make sure your coals are burning nicely. Place dutch oven on top and put bacon in dutch oven.
1. Cook bacon until cooked. Drain most of the excess grease (you want to keep probably 1/4 cup in the dutch oven)
1. Add onions, potatoes, chicken breasts, onion, butter, and BBQ sauce into the dutch oven.
1. Cover with lid and make sure there are 14 coals underneath the the dutch oven and 12 on top.
1. Cook about 35-50 minutes, or until the chicken is done.



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Aug. 3, 2021

Call to order: 6:35

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Joe Kaminski, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle

Directors: Sue Van Sickle, Jan Mikkelson, Marcee Hansen, Debbie McDougald, Past President Duane Peverill

Minutes review and approved: 1st Duane, Sue 2nd.

Correspondence:

Committee reports:

Education:

Membership: 1 Cathy Albertson

Newsletter: Articles due Aug 20. Looking for articles.

Public lands: Jose' Basin - open

Sunshine: Jim Dixon - Annie retired

Shaver Lake: Ruth to meet with Patrick Hansen for poker ride. Reservations coming in.

Big Meadows: Toilet pumping bill received.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. Poker Ride - auction items needed. Board voted to spend \$200. Marcee to purchase. Duane 1st, Debbie 2nd. Passed. Gary and Sue to bring tables. Duane to provide bags for poker tickets. Gary to provide raffle tickets. Water bottles in ice chest at horse camp. Pat - chili beans. Cara to haul toilets.

2. Rendezvous - \$100 check to High Sierra to sponsor belt buckle for Trail Challenge. Ruth 1st, Duane 2nd. Passed. Duane to send blast stating need for Rendezvous help. Rendezvous meeting Aug. 3. Joe to check on Health certificates for food vendors.

3. Trailer law update - no opposition. Mathis said no opposition. Should pass.

2021 Events

Aug. 21 Shaver Lake Poker Ride

Sept. 11 Memorial Ride location- Big Meadows/ Dessert auction to be held.

Oct. 7-11 Coastal Mounted Ride (non-club)

RENDEZVOUS Oct. 29-31.

Nov. 6 Election meeting

Dec. 11 Christmas dinner

2. Rendezvous Help needed.

3. Trailer law change - passed 1st committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next meeting Sept.7,2021

Adjorn 7:15 Ruth 1st, Duane 2nd

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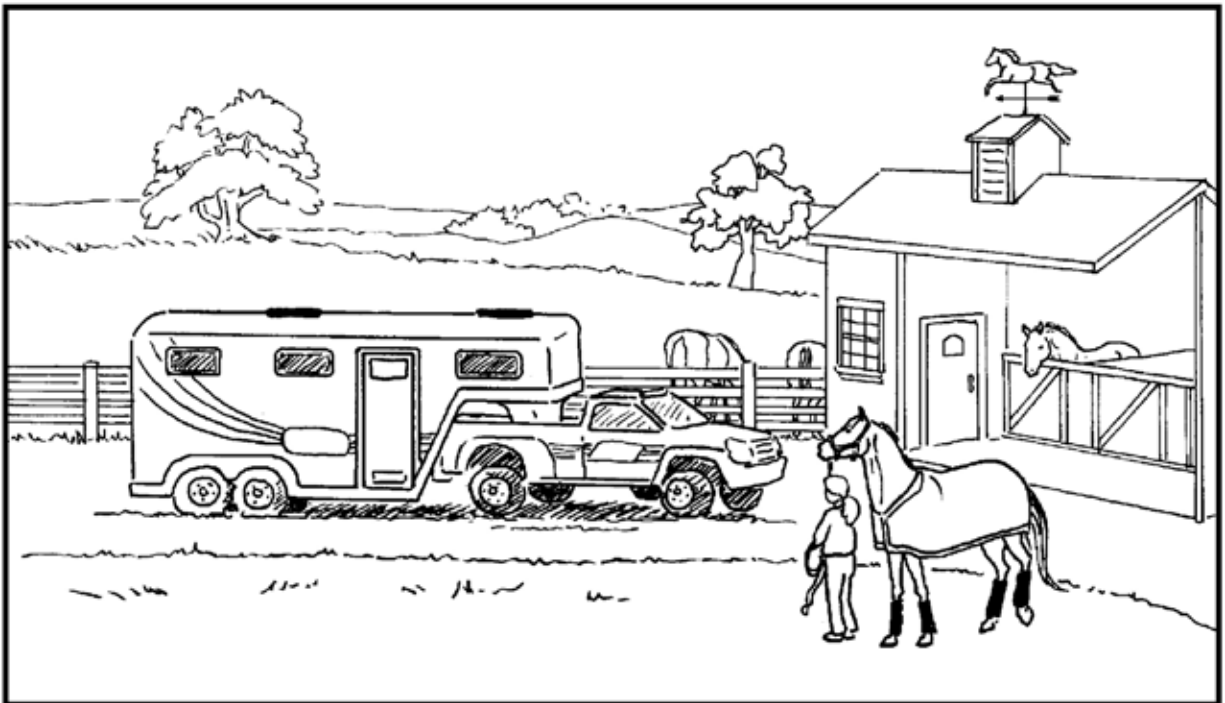
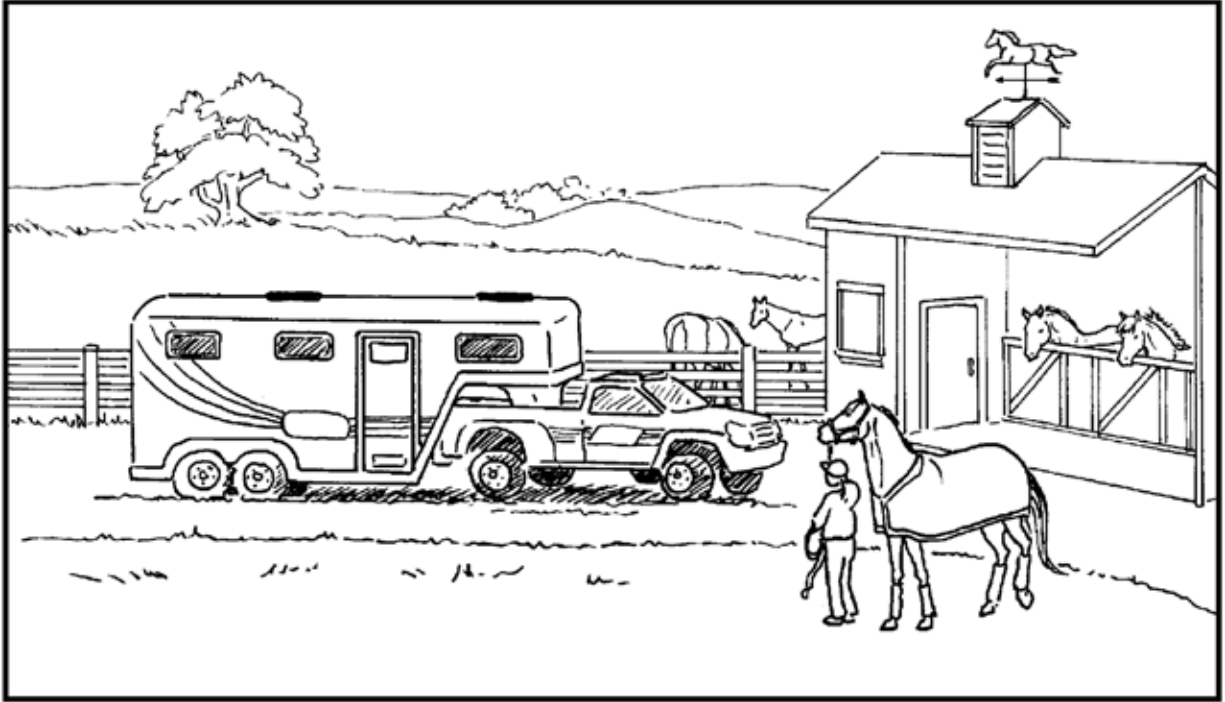
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KIDS CORNER

Can you find 8 differences in the two pictures?



Answers: background horse, barn window, window on door, trailer door stripe, extra tree, girl's hat, shipping boots, horse in stall

SUNSHINE CORNER

Stay Safe Everyone
and Happy Trails



The Lighter Side

Q: What do you call a scary horse in the dark?

A: *A nightmare!*

Q: What disease was the horse scared of getting?

A: *Hay fever!*

Q: What do you call a horse that lives next door?

A: *Your neigh-bor!*

Q: Why do horses like to fart when they buck?

A: *Because they can't achieve full horse power without gas.*

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Kristine Kassahn, Fresno

Renee Badertscher, Fresno

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BIG MEADOWS OR GRANTS GROVE

Well, we started with a destination in mind for a day ride. We had heard from good sources that they had opened Big Meadows back up the 15th of September but here we were at the gate and it was all locked up. They had closed back up Friday evening because of the KNP fire and fire safety in general. We wanted to ride but had noticed taped off entries to all the trails we saw on the way up. Never having rode the trails around Grants Grove and hearing it was a good trail system we decided to drive over and see if it was open. Upon arrival it was in fact open so we got the horses saddled up and started out. Now mind you the trails around there are open to horses but the Grant tree, Gamlin Cabin and the Fallen Monarch are normally foot traffic only with paved trail. Because of the closures traffic was very light and we were able to walk the horses past all these but normally there would be a docent there to restrict access. Up the trail we found the northern boundary trail which led us onto the Manzanita trail which brought us to the Azalea Trail and then the Sunset Trail. We wound up finding and clearing trees on both the Manzanita and Azalea trail and came across a few trees in the trail too large for our small Silky saws but overall the trail was in good condition with good work arounds. The trails had ample shade good footing and plenty of up-hill, down-hill, switch backs, and bridges to challenge us and our rides. We usually get a half a dozen rides up to Weaver Lake during the riding season and overall this was an unexpected great ride and we got 8.5 -10.2 miles depending on whose tracking app you believe. Yes I will be adding this one in for an annual excursion at least. Most TOPO map apps show the trails around Grants Grove and the village but fail to name them. There are good markers at trail intersections. Although my app tracked well on the trail we only knew which one we were on by reading the markers. If you go you will want to follow the signs for RV and Bus parking and have a map so you know where the trail heads are.

GENERAL GRANT TREE

The General Grant Tree is the second-largest tree in the world, standing 267 feet tall, and nearly 29 feet wide at the base.

The General Grant Tree, the second-largest sequoia in the world, is a 3,000-year-old wonder and the centerpiece of Grant Grove in Kings Canyon National Park.

A massive specimen of *Sequoiadendron giganteum*, General Grant measures almost 270 feet tall and 107 feet around at its base. The tree was named in 1867 to honor Ulysses S. Grant, and was coined "the Nation's Christmas Tree" by President Calvin Coolidge. It is one of the "biggest" attractions in America's national park system.

Visit the historic Gamlin Cabin and the Fallen Monarch along this 1/3 mile (.5 km) paved trail. North and west of the Kings Canyon Visitor Center 1 mile (1.6 km).



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Make sure you check out our website for updates on the Home page, Calendar page, and Newsletters. We also have a Photos page of our latest activities.

If you have any photos send them to Duane at wpeverill@sebastiancorp.net

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Attention

Your SJS Unit Board of Directors would like to invite any of our members to attend the monthly Board meetings or General meetings. It is important all directors have the same opportunity to hear the information, concerns or suggestions you wish to share. We are volunteers doing our best to keep our Unit informed and working smoothly. Refer to the newsletter for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully,
Joe Kaminski

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Dear BCHC Members

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Please forward "Travel Advantage" newsletter to your friends and family and other BCHC supporters. The more we get the word out, the more people will use the BCHC Getaway travel site to take advantage of great rates on hotels, flights, rental cars and other travel-related items, the more BCHC will earn for our Treasury!!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the travel site, how it works or what BCHC earns by participating in this great opportunity. Thank you for supporting and promoting BCHC Getaway!!

C.J. Hargreaves
BCHC Editor/Travel Site Coordinator
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BCHCSJSU SHIRTS

On the trails we work and ride we share the trail with others, that at times have trouble seeing us because of shadows and various modes of transportation used, especially in non wilderness designated areas.

For that reason your unit board of directors has made this shirt available for safety on trail rides and work parties as well as a way to promote our unit and its activities.

Order you BCHCSJSU Trail Work/Riding Shirt

To order call Gary Van Sickle with size and quantity.

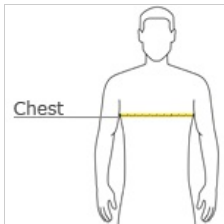
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CHEST
 Measure under the arm and around the fullest part of the chest with arms down, keeping tape horizontal.

SIZE CHART

	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52	54-56	58-60	62-64

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of California**



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New **Renewal**
 Change

(indicate change)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake-Mendo	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Crest	<input type="checkbox"/> Sequoia
<input type="checkbox"/> High Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Los Padres	<input type="checkbox"/> Redshank Riders	<input type="checkbox"/> Shasta Trinity
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<input type="checkbox"/> Kern River Valley	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother Lode	<input type="checkbox"/> San Diego	<input type="checkbox"/> Sutter Buttes
		<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Sierra	<input type="checkbox"/> Top of the State

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

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Donation to BCHC Education Fund (tax deductible) \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No. _____

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

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

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Unit Name (from above list)

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/Unit
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Add additional choices here

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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.

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$ 90.00
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<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: _____
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Your unit pays the cost of maintaining and hosting the Big Meadows horse camp. We are seeking sponsors (8) in total that will be exclusive to the Business/Industry type. Sponsorships are \$500 each per calendar year. Sponsors will be advertised on our web page, our facebook page, at the camp, and in our monthly newsletter. Please show your support to these sponsors. If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor please contact Joe Kaminski at (559) 909-0505. If interested in being a camp host for this season, contact Jim Knabke at (559) 779-4715.




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Objectives & Purpose of the Backcountry Horseman 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 the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horseman on all public lands.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legis-lation 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.
- To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the back-country and to help educate backcountry users on the ways to use the trail and foraged in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.
- To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.
- To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.
- To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry out these purposes.