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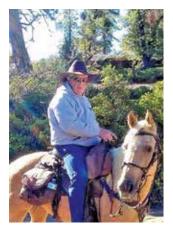
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Concerned Men and Women Dedicated to Gentle Use of California Trails and Backcountry

Presidents Message



Well just got back from a weekend of riding in the desert and thanks to Joe& Carol and Marcee for joining us for a beautiful weekend of riding. This is going to be another good year for desert flowers and the bloom has started.

If you missed Rendezvous in Ceres this year you missed a good one. It is amazing to watch these young pack team members

throw ropes in practice and competition. If you missed them this time you will have another chance at Bishop mule days. Our calendar of events is coming together and next up we have the Desensitization Clinic at Steve Naylon's Luck of the Irish Ranch with lunch on the 20th. A big thank you to Steve and family for making his place available. Next up on the 27th we have the Clovis parade. The following weekend May 3-5 we have the San Joaquin River Gorge Camp out and Work Party. The calendar is coming together but like last year we have been blessed with rain and snow, so now, can we get in on the dates chosen.

We were just told about a crosscut class running with Sierra Forest May 11-12. As soon as I get the details, we will blast out the info. If you go to the state web site Saw Program, you can get started on the application for upcoming classes. June is just

2 months off and we have the raffle ride on the 15th up at the Shaver Fish camp that we have been using in past years. There is more to come for the summer with work parties and rides. We are still looking for a Education chair for our unit and we still have an empty seat to fill on the board of directors. The open seat will be finished at the end of this year and would be a way to get your feet wet to see what board work is like for your unit. Of course, as always, all members and their guests are welcome to attend 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:30pm at The American Legion Hall. Stay safe out there and hope to see you soon on the trail in the middle of the saddle on top.

Your President, Jim Laber

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2024 Calendar

Board Meetings are now on the 3rd. Tuesday of the month. All members are welcome to attend. Board meetings start at 6:30 pm and for now we are meeting at the American Legion Hall, 508 4th Street, Clovis, CA 93612.

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

2024

Apr 20	Desensitization Clinic - Steve Naylons
Apr 16	Board of Directors
Apr 27	Clovis Parade
May 3-5	San Joaquin River Gorge Camp out Work Party
May 18-19	Big Meadows Work Party
May 22-27	Bishop Mule Days
May 21	Board of Directors
Jun 15	Raffle Ride Shaver Lake
Jun TDB	Edison Work Party
Jun 18	Board of Directors
Jul TBD	Crown Valley Work Party
Jul 16	Board of Directors
Jul 25-29	Montana De Oro
Aug 20	Board of Directors
Sept 7	Memorial Ride Big Meadows
Sept 17	Board of Directors
Sept 19-22	Badger Flats Work Party
Sept 24	Tamarack
Oct 3-7	Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO
Oct 15	Board of Directors
Oct 16	General Meeting/Election Meeting
Oct 19	Board of Directors
Oct 25-27	San Joaquin River Gorge Work Party
Nov TBD	Holiday Dinner
Nov 19	Board of Directors
Dec 17	Board of Directors

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, jim@visaliaidea.com. You may call 559.250.7906 and I will get back to you.

Jim Laber 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 in-formed 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.

BACKCOUNTRY CHILAQUILES

Breakfast or dinner, this will be the thing that gives you energy for the activities you have planned for the day or the meal to sustain your hunger after a long day in the backcountry.

INGREDIENTS:

- 16 oz Enchilada Sauce (green or red)
- 20 Corn Tortillas Cut up
- 1 Tbsp of Olive Oil
- 1 cup of Black or Pinto Beans
- 1 cup of Corn (I prefer roasted)
- A ½ cup of cotija cheese
- 5-6 eggs

• 1 lime

• Salt and pepper

TOPPINGS:

- Hot Sauce (chalulah is my favorite)
- Lime slices
- Crema or sour cream
- Pickled onions

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Preheat 38 coals for distribution of 16-22 for a 12 in dutch oven
- 2. Grease your dutch oven or line with tin foil
- 3. Pour the tablespoon of olive oil in the bottom of the dutch oven
- 4. Line the cut up tortillas on the bottom of the dutch oven
- 5. Cover the tortillas with a layer of beans and corn and cheese (or any topping you desire, this could be with meat or other veggies)
- 6. Pour the enchilada sauce over the tortillas and toppings
- 7. Crack the eggs on top and season with salt and pepper
- 8. Set on the coals and cook for 30 minutes, or until browned and egg whites are set with runny yolks
- 9. Top with your preferred toppings and serve!



San Joaquin Sierra Unit

Board Meeting Feb. 20, 2024

Call to order: 6:30

Flag salute

Roll Taken: President: Jim Laber, Vice President: Ruth Cramer, Secretary: Carol Kaminski, Treasurer: Gary Van Sickle Directors: Doug Laber, Sue VanSickle, Jan Mikkelson, Marcee Hansen, Karen Daughrity, Steve Naylon, Loni Langdon

Past President: Joe Kaminski

Minutes review and approved: 1st Doug, 2nd Jan

Correspondence:
Committee reports:

Education: Looking for education person. See newsletter for education

Membership: 1 new. Jan pursuing expiring memberships. Will write article encouraging reason to support BCHC.

Newsletter: Articles due Feb. 20. contact person Doug Laber- looking for articles.

Sunshine: Public lands:

Shaver Lake: Camp closed.

Big Meadows: SJSU out for season. 2024 host sign ups out.

OLD BUSINESS. 1. EVENTS for 2024

February 20 Board of Directors 5:30 • Feb. 20 General Meeting 6:30

March 15-17 Desert ride - Jim and Doug Laber • 22-23 Rendezvous Ceres, Ca • 19 Board of Directors

April 20 Desentizing clinic • 16 Board of Directors • 27 Clovis Parade

May 3-5 San Joaquin River Gorge work party - Marcee • May TBD Big Meadows work party • 22-27 Bishop Mule Days

May 21 Board of Directors

June TBD Raffle Ride - Shaver • TBD Edison work party • 18 Board of Directors

July 25-29 MDO camp out • TBD Crown Valley Work Party • 16 Board of Directors

Aug 1-5 Chamberlain Work Party • 20 Board of Directors

Sept 7 Big Meadows Memorial Ride • 19-22 Badger Flats Work Party • 17 Board of Directors

Oct. 3-7 Coastal Mounted Assistance/SJSU MDO • 16 General /Election Meeting • 15 Board of Directors

Oct. 25 Gorge Work Party

Nov. TBD Holiday Dinner • 19 Board of Directors

Dec. 17 Board of Directors

- 2. Reedley College 2 teams going to Bishop. Fund raising efforts in action. Working on cultivating youth for the future.
- 3. Website continuing to update.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Audit – Gary, Jim, Doug, Carol – in order and signed off.

2. Alan Fry FSU Pack Team update – Mule Packing Club now a reality. Sending 2 teams to Bishop Mule Days.

Alternates going also.

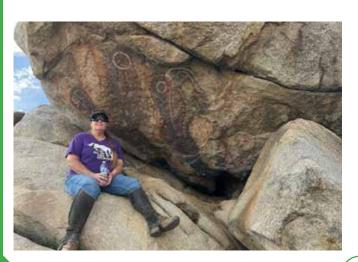
3. Additional Insured - Elks and American Legion Hall –Ruth and Alan working together. Also dicussed insurance for Oct. MDO and Luck 'O the Irish Ranch.

Next meeting: March 19, 2024 Adjorn: 6:16 1st Joe, 2nd Marcee

DESERT RIDE STARLIGHT RANCH

By Jim Laber

We went in on Friday and it was overcast and cold all evening. Instead of getting a short ride in we all went into Rosamond and ate at Roberto's our favorite Mexican restaurant and that part of our world, and they did not disappoint. We returned to the ranch and started a nice fire to keep us warm while the storm continued to recede. Saturday morning it was clearing, and the sun was coming up. The forecast was now right on and after a good breakfast we tacked up and started off on our first ride. Joe & Carol Kaminski, Marcee Hansen, Doug Laber, and Jim Laber were all that made the ride this year and we set out for the Indian Petroglyphs. Because I miscalculated the distance and took a route through too many rocks Joe and Carol only made it halfway. The rest of us went up and got to see the petroglyphs again. On our return we found and mapped a better route in that avoids the rocks but is the same distance round trip of about 10 miles. Sunday morning was clear with light winds, and we were all busy packing up before our ride so on our return we could pretty much load up and start our trip back. Joe and Carol took a ride on their own and Marce Doug and I, headed for bean canyon. Joe and Carol finished their ride and loaded up and returned home. The three of us put on another 10+mile ride and did the same. It was a beautiful weekend, and the desert flowers are just starting to bloom so if you get chance ride or no ride the desert flowers are going to be great again this year.

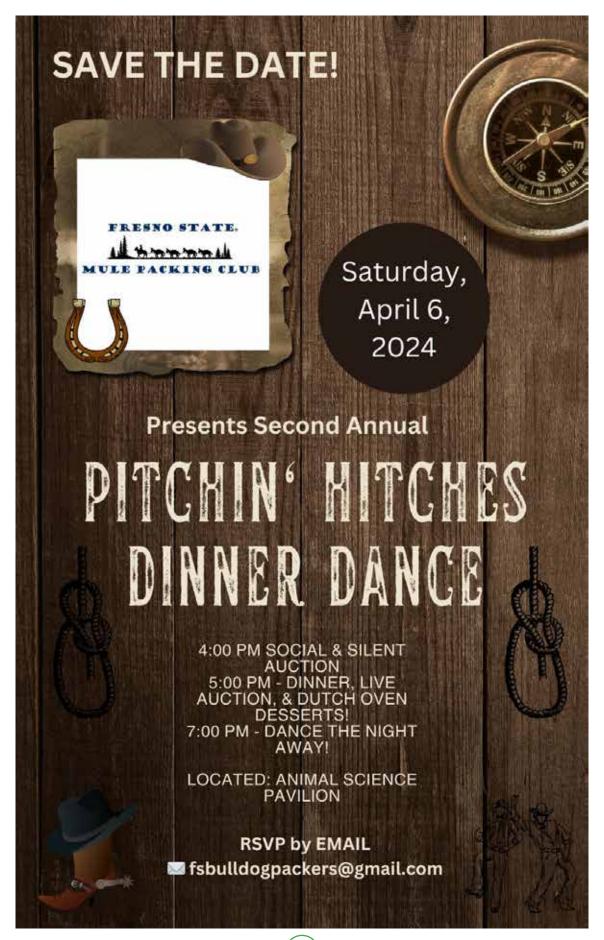












Fresno State Mule Packing Club Second Annual Pitchin' Hitches Dinner Dance

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Yes, I'd like to show my support for the Fresno State Mule Packing Club and most importantly students!
\$600 Sponsorship (includes one reserved table of 8)\$300 Sponsorship (includes 4 reservations)
Number of guests attending: All reservations are held at the door.
Individual Tickets/Donations \$50 per person for dinner # reservation\$
PLEASE FULLY COMPLETE THIS SECTION Please RSVP by March 20, 2024
Name:
Name:
Company:Address:
Phone:
(Reservations can also be made via phone or email)
Payment Options: 1) Zelle to Bulldog Packers (559) 853-9143 & Include "tickets & your email address" in Memo 2) Cash or check payable to "Bulldog Packers" and mail to:
2817 E. Spruce Ave Apt. 127 Fresno, CA 93720
(please include return address for receipt)
Please cut and keep if needed
Date: April 6, 2024 Time: 4 PM - Social and Silent Auction 5 PM - Dinner and Live Auction 7 PM - Dance Place: Fresno State Animal

www.bchcsjsu.org

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 Jim at jim@visaliaidea.com or upload them through the website: www.visaliaidea.com

Advertising Rates

Classified Ads

\$.10/word with a 20 word minimum (\$2.00), \$.50 a line after that.

Display Ad Rate per issue

Business Card Size, \$8.00, 1/2 page, \$35.00, 1/4 page, \$20.00, Full Page, \$50.00

Prices are subject to change without notice. All prices are for one month, due the 10th of the month. Editor reserves the right to refuse inappropriate ads.

All paid Ads include an E-mail Blast to all members with current emails

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, or website (bchcsjsu.org) for the information regarding times and location of upcoming meetings.

Respectfully, Iim Laber

San Joaquin River Gorge Camp Out & Work Party



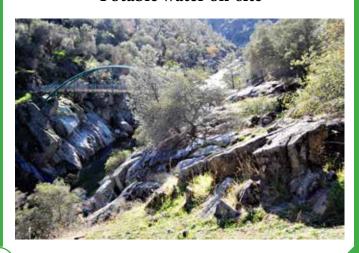
May 3 - 5, 2024

Dinner provided Friday Breakfast & Dinner provided Saturday Bring your lunch, snacks & water.

> RSVP By April 25th to Jim Laber 559-250-7906

On Google Maps as:
"San Joaquin River Gorge
Special Recreation Area"

Bring a Chair.
Corrals & Highline Areas Available.
Potable water on-site



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Backcountry Horsemen of California San Joaquin Sierra Unit



TRAIL TRAILS FUN DAY

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Members only - FREE! (You may sign up as a new member on site)

Location

** Luck of the Irish Ranch **
7939 21st Avenue, Lemoore CA 93245

Visit the website bchcsjsu.org for Map and Directions

Time

Saddle up and ready to ride by 10:00 a.m.

Lunch

BBQ provided - bring your own beverage of choice

Contact

Steve Naylon 559 284-7478 • scnaylon@hotmail.com

RSVP

to Steve by Wednesday, April 17, 2024 so we can plan the food.

This event is meant to provide a fun opportunity to familiarize you and your mount with different obstacles and encounters that may be found on a trail or ranch.

Come and Practice and Join the Fun!
Don't Forget Your Chair

No dogs No stallions

Helmets required if under 18



Back Country Horsemen of California



Combined Ride - San Joaquin Sierra Unit & High Sierra Unit



Come and enjoy Horse Camping at the Group Oak/Lupine Horse Camp at

Montana De Oro State Park

The park's name, "Mountain of Gold," comes from the golden wildflowers that bloom in spring. The Park features over 8,000 acres of rugged cliffs, secluded sandy beaches, coastal plains, streams, canyons, and hills, including 1,347-foot Valencia Peak. No dogs are allowed on trails.

Camp is available from 2:00pm Thursday 07/25/2024 until noon Monday 07/29/2024.

There are miles of horse trails along the beach and in the foothills for all levels of riding.

Potluck: Join us for a potluck dinner Saturday night. Bring an item to be shared and your own meat item for our grill.

Cost: Horse and rider for 4 days is \$ 50.00; Additional individuals \$ 3.00

Group Oak Campground Camp **has 16 corrals** (6 small 10 Large), pit toilets, water for horses only, no showers, and no hook-ups. We have also reserved the Lupine site with 4 Large corrals if needed.

NO CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS AFTER JULY 15, 2024

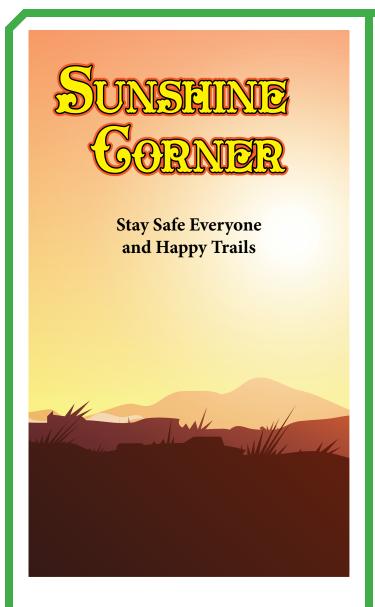
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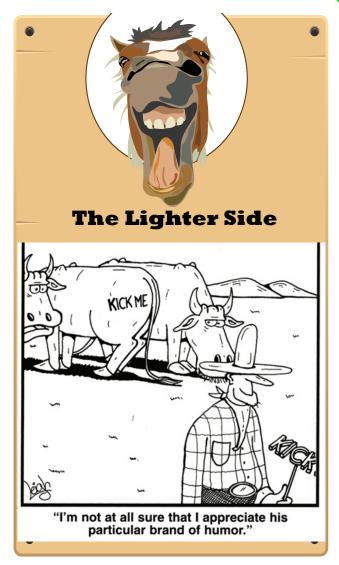
This is a BCHC-SJSU/High Sierra sponsored event and you must be a member of BCHC to attend.

Reservations are limited and will only be taken upon receipt of signed check with reservation form below.

NAME:	PHONE:		
ADDRESS:			
Please make check payable to BCHC-SJSU EMAIL:			
·	Number of Horses with rider	@ \$ 50.00 ea.	\$
Gary Van Sickle			
31831 Road 132	Additional individuals	@\$ 3.00 ea.	\$
Visalia, CA 93292			

TOTAL: \$





WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Andrea McFadden, Clovis

Brian & Kimberly Jones, Mariposa

Doug & Cathy Dollarhide, Escalon (Associate)

Cindy Suarez, Sanger



RENDEZVOUS 2024 CERES CA

The rendezvous was well attended and it was nice to reacquaint while getting in some classes and watching or participating in clinics, trail trials, and packing contests. Both the Reedley and Fresno State Pack Teams that we support, were competing this weedend. We had 10 members present and 3 of them participated in trail trials.







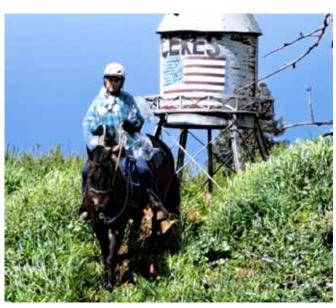


















BCHCSJSU SHIRTS

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 availble for safety on trail rides and work parties as well as a way to promote our unit and its activities.

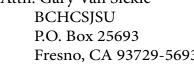
Order you BCHCSJSU Trail Work/Riding Shirt

To order call Gary Van Sickle with size and quanity.

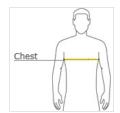
X \$14.65 each _ (Qty)

Make checks payable to BCHCSJUS and send to:

Attn: Gary Van Sickle **BCHCSISU** P.O. Box 25693 Fresno, CA 93729-5693







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

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



TRAIL CREW

KIDS CORNER



BAREBACK

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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



MAIL TO: **BCHC Backcountry Horsemen MEMBERSHIP** of California 1280 State Rt. 208 Yerington, NV 89447 **MEMBERSHIP** PARENT UNIT AFFILIATION: (Select and CHECK a Unit as your Affiliation) APPLICATION Pacific Crest A Family & Youth Antelope Valley Lake-Mendo Shasta Trinity Redshank Riders Eastern Sierra Los Padres Sierra Freepackers Oriented organization High Country Manzanita Riders Redwood Sutter Buttes New Renewal High Sierra Mid Valley San Joaquin Sierra Top of the State Kern River Valley Santa Ana River Motherlode Change Kern Sierra Sequoia North Bay DCTR (Your Membership Number): _____ SPOUSE/CO-MEMBER'S NAME - MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS MEMBER'S NAME - No Business Names, Print Clearly Street Address/PO Box City State Zip Code (full 9 digits if known) Area Code Phone Number Email Address: Email Address: -Donation to BCHC Education Fund (Tax deductible) — — Enclosed: \$ Check No. Parent Unit Membership Types (Check One) 1 Year Individual \$50 1 Year Family \$60 Young Adult (18-25 years old) \$15 Benefactor \$100 Youth (12-17 years old) \$15* 2 Year Individual \$90 2 Year Family \$110 Patron \$250 *Youth members MUST fill out BOTH 3 Year Family \$150 3 Year Individual \$125 Mt. Whitney \$500 Youth Membership forms (available online) Associate Memberships: An Additional \$15 PER UNIT is added to yout Parent Unit Dues Associate Memberships Unit Affiliations MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT Associate Membership for: \$15/Unit Unit Name (from above list) Associate Membership for: \$15/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 KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS** Verification of Individual, Family, (Shared**), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt. Whitney I submitted an Application Form for a new -**BCHC Membership** A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. 1 Year Individual \$50 BCHC Members may NOT hold more than ONE active Parent Verification of BCHC 2 Year Individual \$90 Membership. Membership is 3 Year Individual \$125 **A SHARED Membership if for two adults with differing last names available via: 1 Year Family who share a common address \$60 1) BCHC Unit 2 Year Family \$110 **Associate Memberships** President's reports 3 Year Family These special Memberships are only available to persons already holdingParent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the \$150 Young Adult (18-25 years old) 2) BCHC Membership \$15 Youth (12-17 years old) \$15* Chair reports Parent Membership types, and 2) having selevcted Parent Unit Benefactor \$100 3) a self addressed Patron \$250 stamped envelope Youth Memberships Mt. Whitney \$500 Youth Memberships MUST be accompanied by a signed Youth submitted with this Membership Permission Release and Youth Parent Permission form On that form, I also requested: Form. A Youth Membership is NOT valid until BCHC or the _Associate Memberships 4) a valid email address Parent Unit has received signed copies of these forms. My Total Remittance: Complete information regarding BCHC Membership My Check Number: is available on the MEMBERSHIP TAB at Date Mailed: bchcalifornia.org or call (775) 463-3634



Big Meadows Horse Camp Sponsors



Your unit pays the cost of maintaining and hosting the Big Meadows horse camp. We are seeking sponsors (10) 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.