



TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter August 2006

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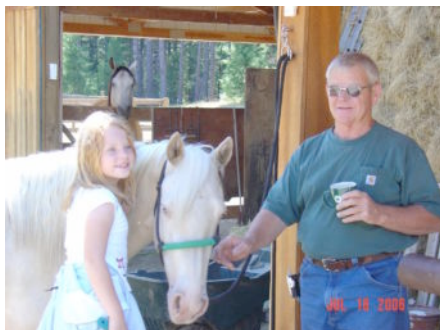
President Jim Hudkins

I hope everyone is able to take advantage of this cooler weather. Summer is going by way too fast. The Labor Day work party is fast approaching, so plan to be there.

Our Chapter will be setting up, operating and judging the Trail Course at the Clayton Community Fair this year. This will be on August 27. Let me know if you would like to help and for sure bring your horse and enter.

Dutchess is still amazing us everyday, just look at the pictures. Maggie, my Granddaughter, leads her, with our supervision of course, and grooms her from head to toe. Dutchess was bugging me to have some of what I was drinking so I poured a little coffee in my hand and she licked it clean. I didn't even have to wash that hand for dinner.

I will see you all at our next meeting, Thursday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. for goodies.



General Membership Meeting

August 17, 2006

Williams Valley Grange

**LAST THURSDAY MEETING THIS YEAR
STARTING AT 7:00 P.M. – goodies at 6:30**

Bandannas

We still have a lot of bandannas left for sale. In a recent article in *Equus* Magazine about trail riding and horse camping the following was said about bandannas:

"And don't forget the humble bandana! Not only does it cut the dust when pulled over your nose, it soaks up perspiration when worn around your neck and provides warmth when drawn over your ears. In emergencies, it can be used as a compress, a hanky, a tourniquet, or even-if large enough a sling. Better bring two or three!"

I would add a few more uses. I dip mine in cold water and put it around my neck to cool me down when out weeding, fixing fence or bucking hay in this hot heat. Another great use is to tie around a bottle of wine as a house-warming gift. Or just give them as gifts. Remember they are only \$5.00 to members. Let me know how many you want and I'll bring them to the next meeting.

Karen

Clayton Community Fair

August 25, 26, 27

NEBCHW is setting up and running the trial course on Saturday August 26. We need help setting up the course and running the course. We are also going to judge the event so we need some people to act as judges. Contact Jim at 276-8876 if you would like to help.

This is a great community event and we hope to see you there!

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If you're not getting your BCHW or BCHA Newsletters please contact Bob Gish at 276-6226.

YOU WON'T FIND THIS IN A TEXT BOOK

Two years ago, Carol's Mini, Ciggy, developed colic. We took him to the Vets, Deer Park Vets, for help. Dennis did everything and then some for him that Veterinarians can do. Dennis called WSU and they could take him for surgery if we got him down there in the next two hours. Surgery was going to cost \$3500 to \$5000 dollars.

You have to understand Ciggy is very special. He is my Granddaughters sitter and he traveled from Fairbanks, Alaska to Deer Park in the tack compartment of their horse trailer when they moved here 4 years ago.

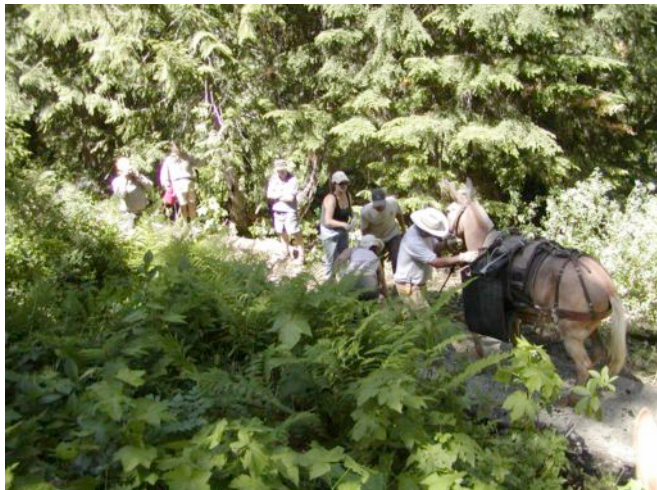
Then Dennis informed us of the rest of the story. There is only a 3 in 10 chance he would survive. I don't know about you but in Vegas, these are terrible odds. There was no way we could warrant doing the surgery.

Now what you won't find in the textbook. Thru the whole treatment process, IV's, painkillers, mineral oils, we were there petting, brushing, holding him and giving him reassurance that we were there for him. Probably what you would do for your mate in a critical situation. Around 3:00 a.m. he did what he was suppose to and today he is back to his old self and toeing my Granddaughter around and escaping from his paddock to eat green grass.

We spend all our time with our pets humanizing them, which is what I'll call most of the training we do with them. The next time you take your horse to a strange place just remember you are their human and they look to you for their care and well-being. Sometimes you just need to be with them.

I am writing this because one of my customer's 4-year-old filly had colic. They dropped her off at the vets to be fixed but she died. Maybe staying with her and being active with her care wouldn't have helped but at least she wouldn't have died in a strange place, alone.

Jim



Trail Talk

Salmo-Basin Work Party-Great Turnout By Vicki Gish

July 29 & 30th, about 30 people from NEBCHW, North Idaho Saddle Mule Club, Conservation NW, and Spokane Mountaineers worked with the Forest Service on the Salmo Basin Trail #506 packing gravel to replace old puncheon with turnpike 1.4 miles in from the trail head. This bridge was 140 feet long. We packed 12,420 lbs of gravel on 11 horses and mules in two days. When this one is finished there are 10 more to work on.

Nancy and Jeff Harshman, Bruce Foreman, Gene Hennige, Rick Stauffer, Les Wilmore, Bob Gish and I packed gravel while Stu and Ginger Nieman were in charge of unloading the gravel at the site. Grandson Zack Best packed water bottles for all on his mule Maggie. We used radios to meet at designated places so we could pass each other on the trail with the pack animals. It was a good system. We rode 16 miles Saturday.

Camie Lindemann, F. S. Trail Tech, prepared our dinner Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning. She went all out with chicken and BBQ ribs with all the trimmings Saturday night and homemade buttermilk biscuits, scrambled eggs, sliced ham, sausage gravy and hash browns Sunday morn. There was so much, I can't remember all of it. Thanks Camie.

July 28, Nancy, Jeff, Rick, Bob, Zack and I logged out the Shedroof Cutoff Trail #511. We had lunch at the junction with the Shedroof Divide trail #512. After lunch the guys hiked down the Hughes Fork trail #312 that goes to Hughes Meadows to check out the trail condition.

The next work party is at Gypsy Meadows on Labor Day weekend. We need a head count so we know how many people to buy food for. Jim and Debbie Nelson have volunteered to do the cooking. Hope you can make it. We have a great time using our animals to keep trails open.



Welcome new member Gene Hennige from Colville – thanks for all your hard work!



Public Lands Issue

I know that you are all waiting for some guidance regarding the Trail Standards Comment period. And several of you have emailed me asking about what you should say.

This is one of those times in which we are told to be careful what you wish for! The FS essentially set everything back to the point prior to our negotiations with them over the standards nearly three years ago. On the plus side we reminded them that they are not above the law, however the implications for negative impacts concerning pack and saddle stock use are huge. Suffice it to say that in it's present form there are only two classes suitable (design parameters fitting pack strings longer than two animals and packing any kind of hard box) within Wilderness, 2 & 3 under the Trail Class Standards and Design Parameters.

Conservatively that will reduce P&S use to 40% of what it was traditionally. We are working to develop a consistent wording for our comment that is based in law and in good engineering. Our plan is to have a Comment out for review by the BCHA officers on the 8th, another review and input by our Attorney and then out to you on or about the 18th. That will leave enough time to meet the comment period deadline of Sept. 1

Thanks for your patience and do pass this message on to your state and chapter officers.

Steven J Didier
Public Lands Chairman
Back Country Horsemen of America



Hughes Meadows Work Party-2006 By Vicki Gish

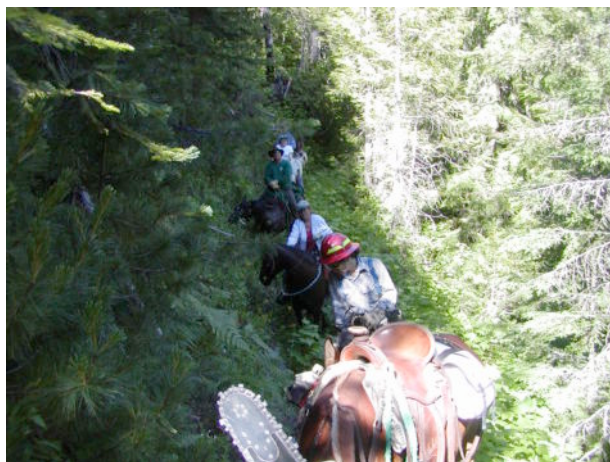
The gate to Hughes Meadows was opened July 15th as they promised. Lu LeMieux, Bruce Foreman, Rachel and Annette Hepler, Dana Ogle, Bob and I were there to work on trails 311 and 312 and reroute a trail around the meadow.

Bob's son Gordon, his wife Kim and their 5 children joined us Saturday night from Kalispell, Mt. The kids loved it. They left Sunday and we kept # 2 grandchild, 7-year-old Zack.

This gorgeous area is full of ferns and HUGH old growth cedars. It reminded me of Moose Creek in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. The problem is when a tree falls across the trail it is a half a day's work to cut it out with a power saw. Thank goodness we didn't have to use a crosscut saw. Some of these old trees are 10 to 15 feet across at the base.

Sunday night Lu, Bruce, Zack, Bob and I headed for 308 Trail Head, American Falls, to meet up with the Montana Conservation Corp. Our mission Monday morning was to pack their camp to Tr. 349. On the trail, we had to cut some downed trees off of the trail; one was 3 feet across, 20 feet from the root wade.

Montana Conservation Corp is rebuilding Tr. 349 to Little Snowy Top. The trail slid off of the mountain a few years ago. They spend 10 days at a time in camp working. This was the second time this month we packed their camp in and we are happy to do it. At that time, we had # 1 grandchild, 9-year-old Colton with us.





Northeast Chapter BCHW 2006 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
08/17	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
08/19-27	Pack Trip-Old Man Lake	Joint Trip with Okanogan	Bob Gish 276-6226
08/25-27	Clayton Community Fair – come see the new Fairgrounds!	Volunteers will be needed - more information soon.	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
09-2/4	Labor Day Work Party-Salmo	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish 276-6226
09/05	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
09/09	Salmo Basin Work Party	Gypsy Meadows	Bob Gish 276-6226
09/23	Membership Meeting	7pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
09/14	Ed/LNT	TBD—Pack Trip??	Vicki Gish 276-6226
10/03	Board Meeting	7pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
10/07	Reiner Rancho Ride & Potluck	Reiner Rancho	Karen Reiner 276-1849
10/21	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Wllms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/07	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/18	Membership Meeting	7 pm, Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/05	Board Meeting	7 pm, Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/??	Christmas Party	To be determined	

**All dates, times and events are subject to change.
Be sure to telephone the contact person prior to the scheduled event.**

We didn't get to paint the Grange last month – but we did have a great BBQ and great conversation.



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I would like to help preserve the Horsemen's rights to use horses on public lands. Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of the trails or the experience of the riders or horses taking part in Trail Rides or other BCHW functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

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 Date: _____ Date: _____

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