

# TRAIL TALK

Northeast Chapter October 2007

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**Mission Statement** – The purpose of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is to perpetuate the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Jim Hudkins

Wow: It seems like I was just saying spring is around the corner. I'm not sure what we are in at present. It's warm and sunny then it's cold and rainy. This weekend looks real promising for a good ride or to get those things done outside you've been putting off.

Derrick Knowles will be presenting at the October 20 meeting and we will enjoy a potluck and good company too. It will be brought up too about whether to have a Christmas Party and auction or to begin a new tradition of an Annual Banquet and auction in January.

I would like to thank all those who helped at the Rodeo and Clayton Community Fair by selling tickets. The Fair Board really appreciated it too. Thank you to Steve and Kathy Smith, Cathy Johnson, Carol Z., Barb Taylor, Tom and Barb Moser and whomever I'm forgetting for helping assemble and take down the trail course at the Fair and Pony Club Fall Fun Show. All that participated enjoyed the challenge.

## ELECTIONS

Hopefully everyone has been contacted about what office they would like to fill for next year. These are very important jobs and with a change of the guard every year it helps the Chapter from becoming one sided or stagnant. Nominations will be taken for the following positions and your ballot will be mailed with the November Newsletter. The Offices are as follows:

President	Vice President	
Secretary	Treasurer	Trail Boss
State Director	Alternate State Director	
LNT	Board Member at Large (2)	

Trust me I know what a commitment it is to take one of these positions. I would not trade anything as these last two years as President.

There are also a number of appointed positions that need to be filled.

Thank you.

## General Membership Meeting

October 20, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Williams Valley Grange

**SATURDAY Meeting**

**POTLUCK AT 6:30 P.M.**

## Director's Report:

In September Cyndi Johnson and I traveled to Lone to participate in step one of the Proof of Concept management and fiscal planning process with Colville National Forest. The theory being put to the test is that; through collaboration with the public, and with a predictable budget, Colville USFS can increase managed outcomes and decrease overall costs.

Of the 50% non-allocated budget we were asked to rate and apply a percentage of the funds to the nine categories which included; Commercial Forest Products, Grazing Management, Lands, Minerals and Infrastructure, Noxious Weed Reduction, Recreational Services and Heritage Management, Timber Stand Improvements, Wildfire Prevention and Control; Wildlife Urban Interface Fuels Reduction, and Wildlife, Fisheries Habitat Improvements.

After these categories were rated and given a budget %, a second daylong meeting was held. This day was spent, first by presenting the previously identified priorities to the County Commissioners from Stevens, Ferry and Pend Orielle Counties, then answering questions or providing clarification for county commissioners, and listening as forest service staff and commissioners planned the final budget proposal. This fiscal plan will be in place for at least the next ten years, with annual reviews to see how our allocations are matching the need. A major benefit of this pilot project is that Colville National Forest will have a stable budget, with many exciting grant and partnership opportunities. Proof of Concept is considered an innovative approach to public lands management and it was with some pride that Rick Brazell told us that Colville was expressly chosen because of its strong partnership with community and a high level of community involvement.

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Hi guys,

Wanted to give you an update on the work party this weekend. We had about 20 folks, including Leon and Virginia w/ BCH. We finally opened the Shedroof Cutoff/Thunder Creek loop--there are still a couple of small logs down that can be stepped over, but all of the large logs that were blocking access are gone. We also cleared the Shedroof Divide trail from the junction with the Cutoff Trail north to the Salmo Loop, so you can now ride from Gypsy to Little Snowy Top. There were over 100 logs down on this section, so it's pretty amazing we got it done. And last but not least, we cleared about 2 miles on the Shedroof Divide north from Pass Creek Pass. Finishing the entire divide next season will be a fun challenge.

Anyway, wanted to let you know what we got done. Things are looking better up there.

Talk with you soon,

Derrick Knowles

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## 2008 Trail Ride By Don Dyer

First the good news, the location has been chosen. The ride will take place a few miles outside of Chewelah. For those of us that are in the Spokane area it is less than a two-hour drive. Exact directions will be given closer to the time of the drive and once your money has been paid. The camping spot is a large meadow with good water for horses and a lot of good camping. It is a large grassy meadow so we will be able to spread out if we wish with room for lots of us.


I will begin taking reservations for our chapter and the Northeast Chapter the **First of Oct.** no money has to be paid at that time. Your name will be put on a list, the middle of January I will email you a reservation form and you can mail back the form with your fifty percent deposit. That must be received by the **first of February.** If you wish your name to be put on the list you can call me at 509-283-4250.

Now for the bad news, **we are having our first and only date change. The new date will be July 13-17<sup>th</sup>.** A critical person involved with putting this ride together could not go on the prior dates. Luckily this came early in the planning so I agreed to change the dates.

I will be attempting to put this in the Trailhead Head news; my plans are to send it to them sometime in November. If you are planning on attending the ride please get your name in early.

Hope to see you there.

**HORSESHOEING**



**JIM HUDKINS**  
**954-7446**

NEXT APPOINTMENT \_\_\_\_\_

Coming Up:

Leadership Training in Cle Elum on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Northeast Chapter Board Planning Session: January 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Jeanne's house- members welcome

BCHW Membership Convention, Auction, Dinner, Dance,  
Vendors, Barrel Racing and fun at the Kittitas Fairgrounds  
in Ellensburg. March 21-23, 2008



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**IT'S COMING!!** Time to circle the wagons with Backcountry Horsemen of Washington at the 2008 Annual Membership Gathering & Jubilee Celebration

**WHEN is the Jubilee?**

❖ MARCH 21 –23, 2008

**WHERE** Kittitas County Fairgrounds in Ellensburg

**WHAT** The Jubilee celebration weekend includes the annual BCHW membership meeting, silent auction, dinner, live auction and dance your socks off to the music of a darn good band. Sunday Morning Cowboy Camp Meeting, barrel racing, vendors and good times with friends.

**WHY** Celebrate?      Becoming a 501 c 3      Being awarded \$75,000.00 in grants      Being BCHW

For 2008 the annual BCHW gathering was voted by membership to be held in Ellensburg, and the consensus for the best timing of the event was March. This means we don't have very much time to pull everything together, but what we have planned so far is sounding like a lot of fun. Here's the pitch: we need help to pull this special Jubilee Celebration off (with the holidays slowing things down somewhat).

A preliminary planning session was held and there are some blanks on the "organizational chart". If you or your chapter want to jump up and volunteer for any of the following jobs it would be greatly appreciated and rewarded. The reward is still to be determined but may be discounted overnight accommodations at the fairgrounds, or a break in the cost of dinner. Suffice to say - We need help to pull this off and want people to feel like it is worth their time to attend, to help, to have fun.

Opportunities to step up and volunteer include:

- Advertising – let's get this party on the map!      • Sponsor Contacts      • Business Contacts
- RV/Motel Lodging manager (easy job)      • Donations coordinator      • Vendors Chair (we really need a vendor coordinator)      • Concessions – (Idea) one chapter get together to sell water, snacks, coffee, pop
- Guest Registration      • Youth Activities – Youth spotters for live auction      • Cowboy Worship Service

Live auction will be limited to 30-35 extra special items – For example: a chainsaw, horse art and metal sculptures, panniers, wall tent, saddle, sports tickets, one ton of weed-free hay, pack trip, and GPS unit. Members and chapters are being asked to donate one quality item or cash amount of \$100.00 toward purchase of auction items. These donations must be sent to the January Leadership Training Meeting for collection so that the Live Auction Committee can advertise.

At this stage, please contact Dave and Peg Swanberg, Jeanne Koester, or Janet Culp because what we really need is a Jubilee Event Coordinator to take it from here. Thank you.

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## **BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON 2008 JUBILEE CELEBRATION CELEBRATION TABLE AUCTION**

The 2008 Jubilee activities will include the opportunity for 8 people to dine in high style at the head "Celebration" table. This privilege will be sold by an e-mail auction and is available to any chapter, corporation or group of 8 friends wishing to bid for the honor of being seated at the best table in the house. The CELEBRATION TABLE will be placed near the Master of Ceremony podium, close to all the action of the live auction and the dance floor. By placing the winning bid for the CELEBRATION TABLE, you will be recognized as dedicated supporters of BCHW. Other special amenities will include complimentary appetizers and wine, a free beverage of your choice from the no host bar, dinner service from your own attentive wait person, accompanied by a special dessert and other small tokens befitting your status at the head Celebration table.

The winning bid is for the dinner and extras for 8 people so your bid represents the total amount you will pay. Bid on this opportunity by e-mail at [davenpeg@gdmail.net](mailto:davenpeg@gdmail.net) place the words Celebration Bid in the subject line and then your name and the amount of your bid in the body of your e-mail. I will notify you via return e-mail of the status of your bid and also keep you apprised of the status of any other bid amounts if you become outbid by another group. The beginning bid amount is \$350. Bidding begins immediately and in order to

make final arrangements, will end at midnight, February 22, 2008. Remember, this is for the good of the organization, and your eager participation will be rewarded by VIP treatment at the Celebration Table so place your email bid now to [davenpeg@gdmail.com](mailto:davenpeg@gdmail.com)

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS; The Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) Board of Directors recognizes the need for, and places a high priority upon, the creation of interest in our organization among the youth in our communities, and

WHEREAS; requiring young people to meet the standard membership requirements of our organization is an obstacle to full participation for some young people, and

WHEREAS; the members of this board believe it would be appropriate to create a special classification of membership for young people who are current members of other recognized youth organizations, such as 4-H, if the organizations involved carry liability insurance coverage for those young people (current members) participating in BCHW activities, and

WHEREAS; it would be appropriate in such circumstances to allow the youth group involved to qualify as a member of BCHW and pay a single membership fee and entitled to a single vote by an authorized adult representative of the youth group, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. A new special membership classification should be created to allow youth participation in BCHW activities through membership in recognized youth group organizations.
2. To qualify for membership as a youth group organization, the following conditions must be met:
  - a. The youth group organization must document in writing it is, or is affiliated with, a governmental or other legal entity authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in question.
  - b. The youth group organization must have liability insurance which will cover the activities of the youth group members, including organized participation in BCHW events, be able to present a written certificate of liability insurance coverage, and make available the signature of a person authorized to legally bind the youth group organization with respect to a hold harmless agreement.
  - c. The youth group organization must be responsible for the youth group organization's membership records, and guarantee that no child who is not a current member in good standing of the youth group will be allowed to participate in BCHW activities.
  - d. Provide a responsible adult supervisor(s) to accompany any youth group organization member during participation in any BCHW activity.
3. If the above special membership criteria are satisfied, the youth group organization may join BCHW as a single member by paying the corresponding annual membership dues, and thereafter all young people who are members of that group shall be able to participate in BCHW activities and events.
4. Upon notice of approval the BCHW by-laws will be amended to create a new youth group membership classification according to the terms and conditions set forth in this resolution.

Approved by an affirmative vote of the Board of Directors on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2007.  
Robert Gish, President

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## DIRECTORS REPORT CONTINUED:

It is in our best interests to get involved and stay involved. Colville is one of our most user-friendly equestrian national forests. Rest assured there will be more news on this "Proof of Concept" management model. This isn't a new theory, and in many ways it seems a "no-brainer". Translation: If we work together, within a predictable and fixed budget, we will achieve better outcomes than if we try to go it alone without a stable fiscal foundation.

Other National Forests around the U.S.A. aren't as user-friendly. In fact BCHA is even now considering action steps in response to limited designated trail use in the Chattahoochee-Oconee NF, which includes N. Georgia, Tennessee and Mid-Georgia BCH. Here the intent is to limit equestrian access to 186 miles of trails that in many cases do not have an accessible trailhead or trailhead parking, and the plan lacks loop rides which limits out and back rides with dubious access. We know from our own local experience that just because a trail may be open to us, if we can't park our horse trailers-we can't ride it. Don't rest on your laurels and think it can't happen here-it already is.

On to another topic: At the September BCHW Board of Directors Meeting two exciting things happened. The major big deal is that BCHW is changing over from a c 4 tax-exempt organization to a 501 c 3. It means many more opportunities for contributions and tax deductions and grants for both state and chapter benefit. If anyone has questions about how this 501 c 3 business works I think I can probably answer most questions or get you the answers since I have been researching and working with the folks from Mt St Helens Chapter that have volunteered to take BCHW through the IRS application steps.

The second exciting event was the adoption of the Youth Resolution-which will allow BCHW to partner with youth groups such as 4H and Pony Club. I have already contact several 4H groups about planning future joint activities and there is a lot of room for development and fun.

Excerpt From Blue Ribbon Coalition article: Ever heard the term "analysis paralysis"? According to Blue Ribbon Coalition's Brian Hawthorne: "The radical preservationist groups are attempting to mount what is, in his opinion, a corporate takeover of the US Forest Service. By convincing federal courts extensive environmental analysis is required ay every stage of Forest Service operations, they are attempting to create a situation where navigating the analytical processes is so cumbersome and so expensive that these groups achieve what is, in effect, a "pocket veto". over all FS operations. The regulations the preservationists want is a carte-blanc to hold up any project on Forest Service lands they don't want. It is not a true analysis paralysis because they only stop projects they don't like. There is a coalition of 14 environmental groups that sued on July 26, 2007 in Federal Court to revert back to Reagan-era rules that require extensive analysis at every stage. This move is widely seen as a blow to the US Forest Service's attempt to end "analysis paralysis" When Rick Brazell was asked at the Proof of Concept meetings what Colville would do if it were sued as a result of this forest planning model Rick's response was encouraging. And I paraphrase-but basically if Colville National Forest has to go to court over some action that is a result of the Proof of Concept process the response is simply, "this is what the people wanted". It seems unlikely that any environmental group would be able to successfully challenge that response.

Here's a way cool product-not even out on the market yet: SPOT Satellite Messenger- for about half the price of a GPS personal locator beacon. This new emergency beacon technology uses GPS signals and a private satellite network to bleep communications of four iterations, including 1) "I'm okay" 2) Summon emergency responder 3) Request help for family and friends 4) Track Location. The product is due on the market in time for Christmas and, if I made an effective sales pitch, it will be advertised in Trailhead News.

BTY: The Northeast Chapter's grant application for two equine mounted weed sprayers was not funded. Darn!! The next grant in development is through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. It is an ambitious collaboration which is intended to include the 3 county weed boards, Colville National Forest, WSU Extension, BCHW and 4H Youth. Let's hope this effort is successful. We need those weed sprayers for the Chapter tool kit-and we need to be aggressive in our efforts to counter the bad press about horses spreading weeds-which includes practicing Leave No Trace and addressing noxious weed concerns on public land.

Ride on.....

Jeanne Koester

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## Come Join Us!

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members over 18), and enclose payment:

- **Chapter members**, return completed form to Northeast Chapter BCHW, PO Box 3094, Deer Park, WA 99006 or bring it to a meeting and give to the Chapter Treasurer.
- **Independent members**, make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to: BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



### MEMBER INFO:

New Member  Renewal – Membership number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  E-mail my newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

Adult's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative district (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

### STATE MEMBERSHIP

#### Basic Membership

- Single \$36.00  
 Family \$49.00

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Additional State Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Subtotal** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Chapter Name (or Independent): \_\_\_\_\_

Northeast  
 Chapter Dues (determined by chapter) \$ 10.00  
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**Subtotal** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Grand Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LIABILITY RELEASE

ALL ADULT members MUST sign!

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America, and if so designated by the applicant, the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

Revised 10/17/06



## NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW 2007 Calendar Of Events



Date	Event	Details	Contact
10/20	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
	Speaker is Derrick Knowles from Conservation Northwest - POTLUCK at 6:30 p.m.		
11/06	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/17	Membership Meeting	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
11/30	BCHW/USFS and State Land Managers Meeting @ Cle Elum		Bob Gish 276-6226
12/1	4 <sup>TH</sup> Quarter BCHW Board of Directors Meeting		Bob Gish 276-6226
12/4	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m. Pizza Factory	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
12/15	2007 Christmas Party	7 p.m. Willms Valley Grange	Jim Hudkins 276-8876
1/19	Leadership Training in Cle Elum		
1/27	Northeast Board Planning Session Jeanne's house members welcome		
March 21-23	BCHW Membership Convention, Auction, Dinner, Dance, Vendors		

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

### Newsletter Editor Needed!

Hello all. I am looking for someone to take over as the Chapter newsletter editor for 2008. My last newsletter will be December 2007. It is fun to put together the newsletter each month and a good way to get involved in the Chapter. I am more than willing to train someone new to show you how to put it together and how to make it efficient on your time. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming the editor.

Cathy Johnson – 796-4950

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**Next General Meeting SATURDAY  
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