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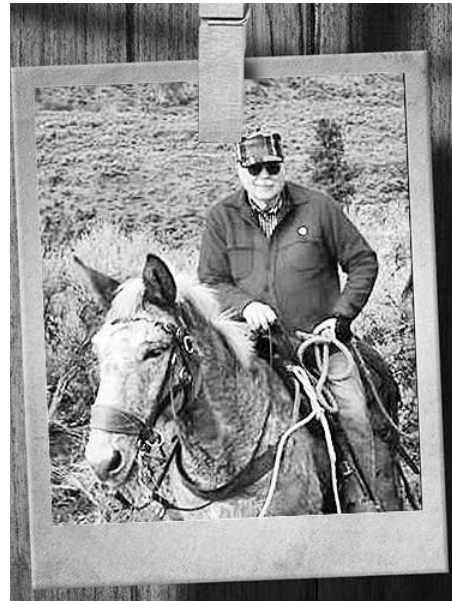
Trygve Culp Remembered

Trygve Culp, an outstanding advocate for backcountry trails and a resident of Okanogan County, passed away December 6th, 2017. After military service as an Army officer during the Vietnam Era, he worked for the Forest Service as a forester for over 20 years, then managed a two-county portion of the Pacific Northwest Scenic Trail.

He was active in the Back Country Horsemen of Washington, serving as President in 2014-2015, and providing leadership on its Board of Directors for many years. An expert sawyer with crosscut and chainsaw, he was instrumental in designing BCHW's original sawyer self-certification agreement with the Forest Service, and urged everyone to maintain trails as our legacy. He was similarly influential on the Board of the Back Country Horsemen of America, serving as Alternate Director and Director.

Trygve also served as Associate Director on the WOGA Board, and worked on the Ride to Rendezvous camp crew for many years. He also recruited others to work on the Ride to Rendezvous, and enjoyed greeting old friends and new on the ride.

Trygve had a special affinity for the Pasayten Wilderness, where his father had worked before him, and introduced several friends to pack trips into Horseshoe Basin. He was a frequent instructor at pack clinics, teaching greenhorns to pack safely and practice Leave No Trace.



~ Darrell Wallace

"In 2003 or thereabouts, Trygve was working for the PNTA in Colville for about a year. In his spare time he laid out a large expansion to the trail system in Pend Oreille County Park – which he helped Northeast Chapter to build, which North-

east maintains it to this day. Trygve and I talked long hours about what we hoped BCHW would become, and we eventually got most of it done. He really cared about BCHW, and took action on almost everything.

~Past-president Bob Gish:

I first met Trygve when we moved to the Okanogan over 12 years ago. Since then we shared many experiences ranging from hunting, packing, trail riding, construction, repair, and recreational riding, to testifying before the Okanogan County Commissioners in favor of increased equine recreation opportunities. Trygve, along with Dave Swanberg and others was a major force behind building the Whistler Canyon Trailhead and the new portion of that trail up through the broken cliffs to meet up with an existing abandoned roadbed to form approximately 13 miles of the Pacific NW National Scenic Trail. Trygve touched countless lives both within BCHW and in the general community.

~Dave Sunde

"Trygve Culp was my friend and companion on many trail rides and pack trips. He knew more about back country travel and survival than anyone I ever knew. His knowledge of horses and how to handle them safely and humanely was unsurpassed. He was always willing to share his knowledge of packing and back country horse travel with those of us who were not as experienced and knowledgeable as he was. Having retired from the U.S. Forest Service, he had a broad knowledge of roads and trails and the maintenance and repair of them. Many of the trails open and usable by horse traffic in the Okanogan Na-

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tional Forest, including the Pasayten Wilderness, are a result of his advocacy for stock use as well as multiple use of public land including roads and trails. He spent many, many volunteer hours maintaining trails on Forest Service, WDNR and WDFW lands so they would be open and usable by pack and saddle stock and other users. As manager of the Pacific Northwest Trail Association trails in the Okanogan and Colville National Forests, he spent many summer months supervising crews repairing and improving PNTA trails in the Loomis Forest as well as the Okanogan and Colville National Forests.

“Trygve was also an Army veteran who served the country honorably for twelve years as an Infantry Officer and Ordinance Officer. Having served in assignments in the Continental U.S. and overseas, he was a staunch advocate of military servicemen and women everywhere. He was also the proud father of a son who was a career Army Officer.”

It would take a book to list all the accomplishments of Trygve Culp. His vast and varied knowledge of the outdoors and specifically forestry, fire, and the local history, and geology was unsurpassed. I consider him one of my best friends and will miss him greatly. As one Norwegian to another, let me leave you with one of my dad's favorite sayings: “A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed.” Trygve's deeds are too many to number.

~ Tom Windsor,
a former officer in the Okanogan Valley Chapter

“With so much sorrow, Okanogan Valley Chapter is mourning the loss of Trygve Culp. He passed away from cancer on December 6th after a most valiant fight met with optimism and an always sunny outlook. As a lifelong resident of Okanogan County, avid hunter and outdoorsman, trail scholar extraordinaire and all around good guy, this loss will be felt well beyond his service to Back Country Horsemen.

Along with his primary membership in Okanogan Valley Chapter, he belonged to Ferry Co. Chapter and up until a conflict with meeting dates, Methow Chapter. He was as dedicated to supporting these chapters as he was to Okanogan.

His experience in the backcountry date back to things he learned at his father's knee and a career with the Forest Service here at the Tonasket Ranger District. He also worked for several years for the Pacific National Trail Association and was responsible for many of the improvements we enjoy on the trails we use today.

No one person would be capable of itemizing his accomplishments but this we know. Over his lifetime, Trygve served as president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor, trail boss, work party boss and director for Okanogan Chapter. If he was not an officer, he was an instigator and whole-hearted participant in all the Okanogan Chapter ventures. Our chapter prospered during his time with us. And if you just needed assistance, he was there to help too.”

~ Peggy Swanberg,
another leader in the Okanogan Valley Chapter

~ In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to BCHW ~



“The Ferry County Chapter was lucky to have had Trygve Culp in our Chapter for a number of years. We were always pleased when he gave us his time to come and demonstrate packing techniques at our Clinics. We were fortunate to have him come with his years of packing experience. He would often recall some of his humorous stories of wrecks and how you can learn safer and easier ways to pack a horse. With his talent and his amusing personality, he would encourage each one who came to try their hand at knot tying and mantying a load.

Trygve was always ready to help us on trails and encouraged our chapter to keep trails open. Just a few of the trails he worked on in the Colville Forest were: Granite Creek, Nick's Loop, and Edd's Mountain. He organized a VIP ride on our Maple Mountain Trail that took us over Granite Creek and up Maple Mountain in the Colville to Sweat Creek in the Okanogan Forest.

Trygve was always ready for a ride into the back country. I know he enjoyed the solitude. In 2008 the US Forest Service asked us to pack in firewood to the Snow Peak Cabin. It did not take much to convince Trygve that a ride in the mountains and a stay at the Snow peak cabin would be a real treat. After a grueling day of loading wood in the soft packs on our pack horses and walking them to the cabin that day, we relaxed on the porch and saw a bear crossing the hill side. That evening he cooked up his famous Spicy Hot Dutch Oven Casserole. He said, ‘If you don't eat it tonight you'll have it for breakfast.’ Trygve Culp, you will be greatly missed in Ferry County; and we'll always remember riding up the trail with you.”

~ Lu Young Ferry, County Chapter

“Well Folks, up in the Okanogan...” - I could never grow tired of hearing that from Trygve Culp. As a new director on the BCHW board, my first experience with Trygve Culp was at a saw training course at Rendezvous. Trygve was the BCHW trainer, and I knew when I left his class this was the kind of organization I wanted to belong to, and from that point on, Trygve and I grew in our friendship. Out of an organization with 2000+ members, I was always humbled that I was fortunate enough to share trail time with Trygve and even ride his mule Harley into Horseshoe Basin in the Eastern Pasayten Wilderness. I enjoyed teasing Trygve that I would always be willing to take his rank old mule and ride the rough out of him so he could handle him. Trygve would always answer that he would give me a dollar for my mule Bill. Trygve's mule now lives with us and is part of our family. Words could not express how much I appreciated Trygve's time and friendship. Rest in peace my friend.

~ Jason Ridlon

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Here We Go Again On Another Ride

By Kathy Young, BCHW President

I want to thank all of you, the members of BCHW, for the support that I have received in the past two years as President of this great organization. I'm in it for another two years thanks to all of you. (That's not spoken with irony... really) Additionally, Jason Ridlon will replace Dave Sunde as Vice President and Bill McKenna will replace Ken Carmichael as BCHA alternate director.

Here's an Action Alert: Leadership training is scheduled for January 20th in Ellensburg. There will be a number of classes for chapter officers, and there will be a number of classes for other leaders. You do not need to hold an official position to attend this training. It is meant for all members who are working toward our mission. Do you want tips on writing a letter to your congressmen, or a testimony in support or opposition of impending legislation? There will be a class for that. I encourage you to attend; there should be something for everybody. Please check out the Leadership Training schedule, and let your director know if you will be attending leadership. If you want to eat, we will need an approximate headcount for catering.

BCHW and BCHW chapters already have a lot of plans in the works for 2018. I've been out to visit at a couple of Chapter meetings and have seen your calendars. From all I can tell it's going to be a busy year. There will be challenges, of course, our Washington State Capital Budget stall for one. The good news is, we will receive partial funding for the RTP grant that was submitted for Forest Service Lands. We can get started on those projects right away in the spring.

One of the big events will be the BCHW Statewide Work Party. This year's SWWP is planned to take place over 2 different event dates. BCHW will work with the FS staff at the Wenatchee River Ranger District on the Black Pine Horse Camp in the Icicle Drainage. The area trails and horse camp are in need of work. The first part of the SWWP will happen on National Trails Day, June 2nd and will clean, brush, repair and install new highline poles in the Black Pine Horse Camp. This will be done in anticipation of the SWWP July 21st -25th.. The July event will conduct work on several area trails that start at the horse camp. Jason Ridlon is looking into partnering with FS to hire a youth crew to be a part of this year's event. My hope is to get more member participation with the 2 dates available. Contact Jason Ridlon for more info and to sign on.

Rendezvous planning is well under way. The Rendezvous poster was distributed to the BCHW Directors to post to their local bulletin boards. An electronic version will be available on the BCHW webpage and Directors, website for email distribution and FaceBook events pages. Make your plans to attend, and please invite your non-BCHW friends and riding partners to join us.

In April, BCHWa will be hosting BCHW's National Board meeting. This is a BCHA event, but we will have many opportunities to help at the meeting and at social events. It will be a chance for our BCHW volunteers to share our beautiful state and our warm hospitality. (What's with the BCHWa? In BCHA speak, Washington is one of 3 W states, along with Wyoming, and hopefully very soon Wisconsin.)

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BCHW Mission Statement

BCHW is affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America (hereinafter "BCHA") and therefore adopts the BCHA mission statement as follows: The mission of this organization shall be:

- To perpetuate the common-sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.





Legislative Report

By Jeff Chapman, Legislative Chair

As I write this, we still have an incomplete legislative process from 2017 in that no capital budget has been passed in Olympia for 2017. That 2-year budget involves the majority of the issues we have been targeting for funding including authorization of the grant programs. Most important to us of these grants are the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program (WWRP), the Nonhighway and Off-Road Vehicle Activities Program (NOVA), and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). RTP includes our primary BCHW trail maintenance grants.

That very late budget is stalling the 2018 state lands maintenance effort, as well as affecting the US Forest Service which has grant projects from NOVA and RTP. Typically we would be addressing the supplemental 1-year augmentation budget in 2018 during a short session. Also in 2018 are the submittals for grants for the next 2 year budget, and planning for that involved knowing what is proceeding from 2017.

Much of last year's session was spent by the Legislature trying to come up with a statewide public school funding solution to address the McCleary lawsuit. While they did finally come up with a way to generate more funding, the Supreme Court ruled it inadequate and wants another billion dollars for schools.

Enter BCHW. Our mission impossible (or at least improbable), should we choose to accept it, is to save the capital budget and its supplemental; boost it; get DNR, State Parks, and WDFW more sustainable funding; and make access to public lands free again (or at least keep it cheap). Do all of this quickly so we have most of the spring months to get out on the trails. Another way to look at it is we want to ride and work during the long summer

days, and in order to do these things we need the state support that is essential to preserving our state trails systems.

Please come to our next Legislative Day in Olympia on Monday, February 19th, 2018. Contact me for more information if you are unfamiliar with this process. You will need to schedule

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Olympia on Monday
February 19th, 2018.*

meetings with your 3 legislators well ahead of time - meetings, which are generally 15 minutes in length. Get together with others from your same legislative district to do this. I will provide you a handout on what we would like you to discuss with your legislators before you meet with them. However, this information is advisory only since the main purpose is that you dialogue with

your legislators on what's important to you as a horse rider and a member or associate of BCHW. As in the past, we plan to assemble in Olympia at 9 am (location to be arranged).

Unlike the past two years, we will not be staging our Legislative Day on the same day as the Big Tent Coalition activities as they aren't having a Lobby Day in 2018).

Our topics for 2018 are a developing matter but will include restoring access to the Tunerville Campground in Pacific County; getting both BCHW trail maintenance grants funded; funding Tenanaway, Blanchard Mtn, the John Wayne Trail, and state land crews/trail construction projects throughout Washington. 🐾

BCHW Legislative Day on the Hill 2018

All Members Are Welcome!

Monday, February 19, 2018 • 9:00 am
Capitol/Legislative Bldg

Call Your Legislators to make appointments Now!
11 am to late afternoon would be best.

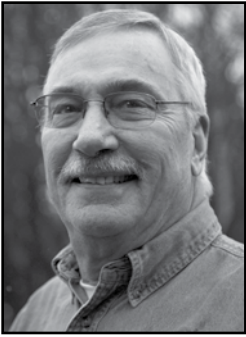
Legislator contact information: 1.800.562.6000, or
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder>, or call the toll free legislative
hotline to contact your legislator.

Questions? Contact Legislative Chair Jeff Chapman
bbbranch@olympus.net • 360.385.6364

Here We Go Again On Another Ride

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In memory of Trygve Culp. As many of you know, in December Trygve lost his battle with cancer. I give him all credit for getting me where I am today, this position of President of Back Country Horsemen of Washington. Trygve was passionate about his family, about wilderness and access to the back country, about trails and BCHW. I will miss his straight thinking and his logic, which was often cloaked in his own brand of Norsk colloquialism. Trygve knew how to gently make a point and then how to firmly set the hook. We were given a gift in knowing him, and we will miss him. 🐾



Chairman of the BCHW Public Lands Committee

By Pete Erben, Public Lands Chair

Hello everyone! My name is Pete Erben and I'd like to introduce myself as your new Chairman of the BCHW Public Lands Committee. Although I don't own a horse, I have been an active member of the Grays Harbor Chapter for the past several years. During that time I have attended and led many trail maintenance work parties and have been involved with and helped coordinate an RTP grant for the maintenance and reconstruction of the West Fork of the Humptulips River Trail.

I recently retired after a 41-year career with the US Forest Service, with nearly all of that time spent on the Olympic National Forest. As a District Recreation Manager and Planner, my job responsibilities included developed and dispersed recreation, wilderness management, and trail planning, construction and maintenance. I believe that this background experience will provide valuable insight in working with the various public land managing agencies to represent all of our members and to help further the mission of the BCHW.

For the BCHW Public Lands Committee to be effective, we need dedicated people who are willing to make the effort to com-

municate with the members of their chapters and recognize issues, which may affect the relationship between the BCH Chapters and the local land managing agencies, especially concerning access and other public lands issues.

At the Board of Directors' Meeting in December, I was fortunate to meet several past committee members as well as new folks who are interested in public lands issues. I was impressed with their optimism and enthusiasm and look forward to working with them in the coming new year. I would like to extend an open invitation to anyone who would like to volunteer as a member of the Public Lands Committee. As a committee member, you will be a "watch dog" for the interests of your chapter and your geographic area of the state.

Our first meeting will be in mid-January via e-mail or conference call. You can expect to hear more on that later. In March we also plan to meet in Ellensburg, at Public Lands Day as part of Rendezvous. I can be reached at (360) 482-1151 or e-mail erben@centurytel.net. I am looking forward to meeting everyone! Happy New Year 🐾

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BCHW-Volunteer Hours Report

By Deb Wesselius, BCHW Volunteer Hours Chair

The BCHW volunteer hour's summary report totals from October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017, has been completed and the totals are shown below. The year end totals represent a job well done by chapter members, officers and Volunteer Hours Coordinator. The Excel document represents the totals by chapter and by agency.

2017 BCHW VOLUNTEER HOURS = 66,654.5

TOTAL VALUE = \$2,238,567.31

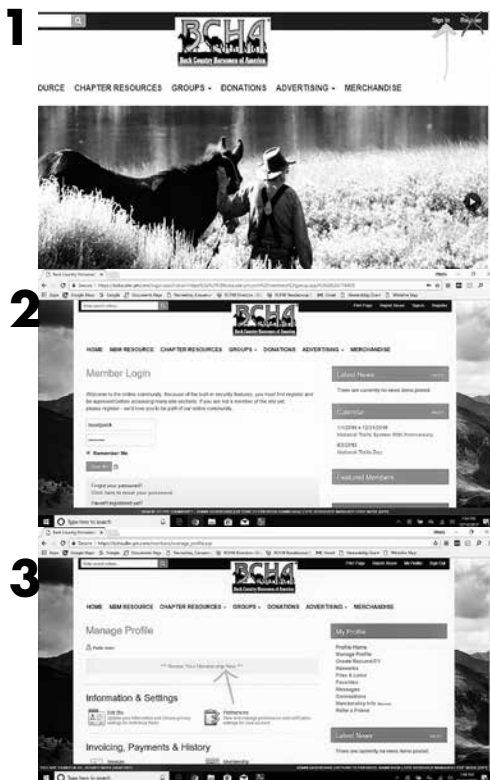
Out of 33 chapters, 31 reported volunteer hours this year. So congratulations to everyone on a job well done. You volunteers are the best.

A big thanks to the BCHW VH Regional folks: Peggy Swanberg-IND, Dave Sunde-OVC, Louise Caywood-PCC, JoAnn Yost-GHC, Barbara Taylor-NEC & Barbara Vache'-CHC who mentor the chapter VHC, work hard keeping the volunteer hour reports reviewed for accuracy. Without their assistance getting the yearly volunteer hour summary reports completed would be much more challenging. 🐾

Please see next page for detailed Volunteer Hours Report

BCHW Membership Registration

By Nicole Sedgwick, Membership Chair



Your Membership is up and running! Be sure to renew your membership online. Here are a few tips to getting it done:

- 1 Go to BCHW.org to renew your membership. It is under the Join BCHW button.
 - 2 DO NOT register! You are already in the system. If you do not know your login and password, contact Nicole Sedgwick.
 - 3 When you first login, there is a bar at the top of the page that tells you to renew. Click on that.
 - You will need to update your profile before it will take you to the renewal page. Also, you have to agree to the liability statement before it will allow you to continue.
 - 4 There is a dropdown menu at the top of the registration page to pick which kind of BCHW membership you want.
 - 5 You can pick as many chapters as you want to belong to.
 - Independents are on the chapter list.
 - The site will total up what you owe at the bottom of the page and give you a chance to enter credit/debit card information.
 - You will also have the option to donate to BCHW.
- So easy!!! Be sure to renew today if you have not done so, yet!



**Back Country Horsemen of Washington
Volunteer Hours Report
State Summary with Legislative Districts**



2017 ~ Final prepared by: Deb Wesselius, BCHW VH Chair

Washington State Chapter - Legislative Districts	Trail Work		L.N.T. Educ.	Admin		Travel Time	Total Volunteer Hours	Personal Total		Total Dollar Value
	Basic	Skilled		Public	Service			Vehicle	Stock	
	Trail	Trail				Miles	Days			
Buckhorn Range Chapter.....24	50	37	37.5	458	281	863.5	4142.5	2	25,237.73	
Capitol Riders Chapter.....22, 2	12	0	15	784.5	22	833.5	400	6	20,208.85	
Cascade Horse Club.....39, 38, 44	382	199	28	796	330.5	1735.5	7593	0	53,605.41	
Crab Creek Riders.....13	94	24.5	57	55.5	110	341	3155	12	12,846.41	
Ferry County Chapter.....7	91	6	6	96.5	44	243.5	2239	20	9,936.18	
Grays Harbor Chapter.....24, 19, 35	557.5	465.5	78	1076.5	784	2961.5	19317	55	107,035.99	
Independents	19	35	20	2100	139.5	2313.5	5416	22	61,834.72	
Inland Empire Chapter.....4, 3, 6, 7, 9	63	128	10	37.5	95.5	334	2670	33	17,628.92	
Island County Chapter.....10	248	80.5	132	137.5	223.5	821.5	3935	0	25,260.62	
Lewis County Chapter.....20, 19	712.5	1206	628	3156.5	1287.5	6990.5	24366	253	248,225.64	
Methow Valley Chapter.....12	357	201.5	51	869	806	2284.5	7470	80	74,233.81	
Mt Adams Chapter.....14	39	7	0	136.5	32	214.5	809	1	6,040.58	
Mt Olympus Chapter.....24	655.5	478	520	984.5	578	3216	13200	138	115,795.66	
Mt St Helens Chapter.....17, 18, 49	958.5	391	195.5	1442.5	885	3872.5	22431	78	130,932.66	
Nisqually Chapter.....2	107.5	32	47	397.5	115.5	699.5	2691	16	21,315.68	
Northeast Chapter.....7	47	8	443	341.5	294.5	1134	5561	15	33,199.77	
Oakland Bay Chapter.....35	0	0	0	26.5	9	35.5	434	0	1,231.29	
Okanogan Valley Chapter....7	102.5	26	148	809	344.5	1430	6533	13	41,326.63	
Olympic Chapter.....35, 26, 23, 24, 28	1068	246	0	2322.5	279	3915.5	8570	113	117,626.87	
Peninsula Chapter.....24	1096	402	795	2181	693	5166.5	22175	101	163,193.22	
Pierce County Chapter.....28, 29	1745.5	1333	226	1592.5	1783.5	6680.5	30762	159	241,805.25	
Ponderosa Chapter.....6, 7, 9, 13	100	0	65	1010.5	158.5	1334	5427	6	36,531.03	
Purple Sage Riders.....8, 9, 16	7	0	1	838.5	97	943.5	4745	10	27,274.30	
Rattlesnake Ridge Riders....16, 8	648	3	219	897	311	2078	10403	81	66,018.10	
Scatter Creek Riders.....20, 24, 35	377.5	62	25.5	503	268	1236	8379	2	38,654.23	
Skagit Chapter.....39	542.5	59.5	0	625	307	1534	8089	8	45,773.77	
Tahoma Chapter.....5	1046.5	739	555.5	2162	933	5436	29005.4	244	200,959.92	
Traildusters Chapter.....44, 38, 39, 10, 1	450.5	139	150	1341	689	2769.5	19293	67	93,358.99	
Wenas Chapter.....15, 14, 35	100.5	227	78	559	274	1238.5	8001	89	52,321.26	
Wenatchee Valley Chapter...12	144	0	11	115	70	340	2836	4	10,938.00	
Whatcom County Chapter...42, 40	440.5	339	194.5	846	621	2441	18860	192	104,255.14	
Willapa Hills Chapter.....19	28.5	7	14.5	268	319	637	4091	0	18,805.55	
Yakima Valley Chapter.....14, 15	0	0	0	509.5	70.5	580	1868	0	15,155.20	
Totals	12291	6881.5	4750.5	29476	13255.5	66654.5	314865	1820	2,238,567.31	

State Agency Report	Trail Work		Public Work			Total Volunteer Hours	Travel Miles		Total Dollar Value
	Basic	Skilled	L.N.T. Educ.	Admin Service	Travel Time		Personal Vehicle	Total Days	
	Trail	Trail				Miles	Days		
U.S.F.S. (A)	4803.5	4158.5	6	442.5	3739	13149.5	71385.55	943	598,256.14
State DNR (B)	3151	883	3	287	1331.5	5655.5	30956	255	213,574.78
State Parks (C)	963	171.5	0	81	571.5	1787	9310	63	61,846.59
National Parks (D)	194.5	164	0	46	89	493.5	2299	42	23,005.62
Education & LNT (E)	0	0	4741.5	0	1388	6129.5	37774.9	70	184,293.72
Dept. Fish & Wildlife (F)	56	29.5	0	55.5	46.5	187.5	1352	14	7,951.96
Administrative (G)	0	10	0	28313	4463.5	32786.5	132830	197	902,592.36
BLM (M)	95	0	0	8	28.5	131.5	1045	1	4,126.46
Private Timber (T)	1656	719.5	0	66	982.5	3424	15521	137	130,410.27
County (W)	1372	745.5	0	177	615.5	2910	12391.5	98	112,509.44
Totals	12291	6881.5	4750.5	29476	13255.5	66654.5	314865	1820	2,238,567.31

BCHW Awards Report

By Lynn Wilhelm-Howell, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

This is your last reminder before Rendezvous to get the wheels turning for the nominee you, or your chapter, have chosen for an award. It takes a bit of time to put together a nomination for someone you feel represents BCHW in one of the categories listed below. Find pictures of your nominee in BCHW activities (very helpful), recommendations from BCHW members, land managers or agency partners, and news clippings will also help the judging team learn about your nominee. Talk amongst your chapter members to assist you in compiling the award packet for your chapter's nominee. The fun part is keeping it all hush, hush!



Nominations may be from either a chapter or a BCHW member. Nomination forms and a current list of all known award program recipients are posted at www.bchw.org under BCHW Awards. Award categories are only given out once to a volunteer. Nominees must be a BCHW member.

BCHW AWARDS CATEGORIES

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT This award is for the BCHW member or couple who has shown a lifetime of dedication to BCHW by actively pursuing and promoting the organization and the BCHW Mission Statement in a variety of ways. This award is for recognition, not a contest.

Lifetime = 1, max 2 awarded

LOPPER AWARD This award is for a BCHW member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication to their chapter or to BCHW by participation and promotion of what the BCHW Mission Statement stands for. This is kind of an "all around" award, with the nominee being active in several different aspects of the many things that make up BCHW.

Lopper = 3, max 4 awarded

CAMP COOK This award is for the BCHW member who willingly keeps the campfires burning and the kettles hot and full of delicious food to share with others. Whether it is at meetings, work parties or social functions, they are in the kitchen making sure all are well fed.

Camp Cook = 1 awarded

TRAIL WARRIOR This person may not make all the chapter functions or even own a computer but they are out rain or shine, day in and day out, working on the trails.

Trail Warrior = 3, max 4 awarded

DESK JOCKEY This person is one of the behind the scenes people, always at a computer or running from meeting to meeting. They keep the wheels of our organization turning.

Desk Jockey = 2, max 3 awarded

JUNIOR BCHW Our future! Who stands out in your chapter? This person would participate in chapter events such as work parties, fundraisers, LNT/education, training or BCHW promotion such as parades.

Junior BCH = 1, max 2 awarded

BACKBONE This award is to recognize that special member who is always there when needed, ready and willing to do some special job that no one else can or will do, sometimes at the last minute. This is a member who is very important in keeping the chapter, organization or an event operating smoothly.

Backbone = 2, max 3 awarded

CINCH AWARD This award was created to recognize those hard working BCHW members who have consistently and competently carried out jobs at the state level, year after year. Recipients shall be Volunteer Committee Chairmen, Volunteer Committee member, or an UNELECTED state officer - they keep the wheels of this great organization running smoothly. They may or may not be very visible - they may be quietly working in the background, reliably doing their jobs. They may or may not be active or hold an office in a chapter or even be a chapter member, but they are invaluable at the state level.

Cinch Award = 1, max 2 awarded

PRESIDENT'S DIAMOND AWARD The President's Diamond Award is decided autonomously from the BCHW Awards Program - the BCHW President awards a person or persons "In recognition of outstanding dedication, passion and commitment to the BCHW mission".

President's Diamond Award = 1, max 2 awarded

SPONSORSHIPS Are extremely important for the success of your BCHW Award Program. Last year eleven different BCHW chapters and two businesses sponsored BCHW awards. These sponsorships, partnered with the BCHW award budget, resulted in thirteen different volunteers to be recognized. BCHW chapters, please continue to support the BCHW Award Program by sponsoring one of the award categories. Also remember that with our 501(c)3 businesses, chapters have a tax advantage for award donations. 🐾

Lynn Wilhelm-Howell redboots4u2@gmail.com

It's That Time of Year to Nominate Deserving Members of BCHW Who Volunteer, with a Prestigious Award!

By Lynn Wilhelm-Howell, BCHW Awards Committee Chair

I know you have been chomping at the bit to get your hands on this Awards Nomination Form! Let's recognize our dedicated volunteers who donate their precious time to our or-

ganization. Award categories, descriptions, and the nomination form are at www.bchwh.org. Award categories are given out only once to a volunteer BCHW Member.

Back Country Horsemen of Washington Award Nomination Form

(one form per nominee)

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Lifetime Achievement _____ | Desk Jockey _____ |
| Lopper Award _____ | Junior BCHW _____ |
| Camp Cook _____ | Backbone Award _____ |
| Trail Warrior _____ | |

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Nominees Name _____

Chapter(s) _____

Submitted by _____

Chapter(s) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please keep in mind, all the award judges must see your presentation to do their evaluation. The judges probably will not know the nominee personally.

Please clip out and mail

Information to include in your nomination presentation:

- In 25 words or less, give an opening statement telling why this person is deserving of special, statewide recognition for this particular award.
- Then separately, on as many pages as you need, create a presentation detailing WHY this person should receive this award.
- Chapters this person has belonged to and for how long
- Positions or job titles this person has held
- An estimate of his or her volunteer hours (Chapter Vol Hour Chairs can help with this)
- Awards this person has won
- Trails or camps this person has worked on
- A little family history
- Include anything which will make your nominee stand out! (Letters of recommendation from land managers, news clippings, photos, etcetera.)

The presentation you submit will be given to the recipient at the awards ceremony.

Mail nomination forms with your presentation via the US Post Office to:
Lynn Wilhelm-Howell • 20059 SE 127th St, Issaquah, WA 98027
Questions: redboots4u2@gmail.com or 206-498-4622

Must be received before Feb 8th, 2018. Awards are presented at the BCHW General Meeting in March.



We Have Formed A New Super Team To Get Work Done On The Trails In Washington State!

By Nicole Sedgwick BCHW Executive Director

COT stands for Collaboration of Organizations for Trail Work. Jason Ridlon, Nicole Sedgwick, and Kathy Young have brought together BCHW with Pacific Crest Trails Association (PCTA), Pacific Northwest Trails Association (PNTA), and Washington Trails Association (WTA) to work collaboratively to get more trail work done.

Why are we doing this? Because each group has different strengths to offer the others and we can be more productive if we work together. Too often we will put a group together to go in and clean up trails only to arrive and find that another organization has already been there and done the work. So instead of tripping over each other, we want to open the lines of communication and work more efficiently.

We have begun by deciding to get the Pasayten Wilderness opened back up for use. This year, we will work on logging out the major trails. In the future, we want to brush and do tread work to get the trails of the Pasayten back up to standard. We want to focus on the following trails this year:

PCTA: the PCT trail.

PNTA: Boundary Trail including Devils Dome as an alternative route west to Ross Lake vs. Three Fools.

BCHW: Finish what we started last summer with the Andrews Creek Project, which includes Ram Creek (Meadow Lake)

Trail #505, Crystal Lake #517, and Peepsight #525. We also need to fix one of the puncheons we built this last summer that got caught in the fire.

WTA: Boundary Trail, Hidden Lakes #477, and Larch Creek #502 to Peeve Pass.

The United States Forest Service also has funding and plans to work in the Pasayten this summer. Jason Ridlon has written a letter to them explaining what we would like to work on and has asked how that fits into their plans.

As we have been meeting to discuss this work, we have also been discussing other work we are focusing on this coming summer and have been able to adapt our plans to be more successful. For instance, WTA is also planning on going to Salmo-Priest to clean up some trails. We discussed it and have adapted our plans to work together to accomplish so much more.

In the future, as we settle into this, we plan to expand across the state with our work. It just simplified things to begin in one area that we were all interested in.

I have been hearing that chapters have been coming together in regional areas and also working with other organizations in a more local area to accomplish the same thing. I am so proud to be a part of such a wonderful organization that always puts the better good above any personal agendas. Keep up the amazing work. 🐾

Chair of Rendezvous

By Nicole Sedgwick



BCHW is looking for a chair of the Rendezvous for next year. I will be happy to support you. It would be great if someone could decide to do this job before Rendezvous because then you could shadow me at the event to see what it is all about.

Most of the work will be done throughout the year. You will need to schedule clinicians, run publicity, write articles, and oversee the other chairs of the show. Everyone does such a great job of taking care of their part of the event, that you could not ask for a better event to oversee.

Contact either Nicole Sedgwick or Kathy Young if you are interested. President Kathy Young, president@bchw.org, 206.551.7824 Executive Director Nicole Sedgwick, bchwexec@bchw.org, 360.640.1495 🐾



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For more information go to BCHW.org

Or

Contact: Nicole Sedgwick, bchwexec@bchw.org



2018 Leadership Training Set for January 20

By Kim Merrick, BCHW Education Chair

Leadership training for new and returning chapter officers will be held at the Armory in Ellensburg, 901 E. 7th Avenue, Ellensburg, WA 98926, on Saturday, January 20th. Coffee and pastries will be provided by BCHW for donation.

Classes will begin at 9:25 after a welcome from Kathy Young. Eighteen classes will be offered on 5 different 'tracks'; members can attend any classes they choose. Lunch is scheduled from 12:45 – 1:30, and classes will end around 3:40pm.



Cascade Grilling will have food on site: breakfast will be available for \$5, lunch for \$8, or members can bring a lunch. There is probably not time to leave for lunch.

Feedback from members is essential, and will be solicited from participants. We need to know what to improve!

Contact Kim Merrick at eloise55@gmail.com or 253-261-6188 or go to <http://bchw.org/lnt/main/Leadership%20Training%2001-20-2018%20One%20Page.pdf>.

bchw.org/lnt/main/Leadership%20Training%2001-20-2018%20One%20Page.pdf. 🐾

Leave No Trace will attend the 2018 BCHW Leadership in Ellensburg this coming January 20. I will be there to speak with chapter Representatives on how to present and encourage all equestrians on the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace. You don't have to be a Chapter LNT rep to attend.

Double Diamond Award Info for 2017 Projects

The Double Diamond Award, recognizes a chapter for completing an outstanding volunteer project. Fall is upon us, with a productive work season drawing to a close for many chapters. It is time for reflection on 2017 projects; consider if your state or chapter accomplished something major that should be nominated for the BCHA 2017 Double Diamond Award.

The winning project will be selected by the BCHA Service Committee at the National Board Meeting in Spokane, WA, held April 23-25, 2018. Some basic facts for nominating a project:

It is one specific project, accomplished Jan 1 - Dec. 31, 2017. It can include, but not limited to, trail maintenance, trail con-

struction, trailhead construction, educational programs, and youth programs.

Multiple outings to accomplish the project are acceptable. Nominations will consist of a narrative describing the project, not to exceed four typewritten pages. Additionally, a maximum of eight photos can be included, as well as support letters.

Nominations must be received by April 1, 2018, by email attachment (preferred), or by US Postal.

So.....gather the facts and locate some photos. More on how to nominate a project will follow in the Winter Edition of the BCHA Newsletter. If you have questions before then, email volunteer@bcha.org or call 573-406-2566 OR go to <http://www.bcha.org/get-involved/volunteering/double-diamond> 🐾

Content Deadline for the March/April 2018 Newsletter is January 18th

Cover Photos can be sent anytime, 8x10 Vertical orientation is best (300 dpi).

You can send articles, photos and calendar of events early!

Please email your articles (700 word maximum) and 3 or 4 photos with caption and photo byline to thn@bchw.org as soon as possible.

ATTENTION!

Buck Creek Trailhead Highlines

PHOTOS BY CONNIE BAUGHER



Gary Mack, Len Rolph, Leroy Rosier and Teunis starting the first post hole which required lots of hand digging.



Lifting the 12 foot steel post in place.



Tamping The Posts In Place With Rock.

By Connie Baugher, Mt. Adams Chapter Trail Scout and Membership Chair

In 2000 Washington State Department of Natural Resources and Mt. Adams Chapter BCHW worked together to design and build corrals for horses at Trail Head # 1 in the Buck Creek trail system located in Skamania County in the south, central area of Washington State. The corrals were built using treated railroad ties for posts and treated 8" poles. By 2015 many of the posts had rotted and poles had worked loose making the facility dangerous for horse use. Mt. Adams Chapter's Director Teunis Wyers was contacted by Stephanie Margheim, Volunteer Specialist, Southeast Region DNR asking if we were interested in repairing the facility. There wasn't much left to repair and using the same kind of treated material was no longer an option.

Mt. Adams Chapter discussed the project and decided that installing high lines in the restored area, if DNR was agreeable, would be a more permanent solution. Teunis Wyers volunteered to spearhead this much-needed project. First, he and Donn Rasmusson, DNR Recreation Specialist, loaded and hauled off the discarded posts and poles. DNR manufactured the 4 highline poles out of 4" x 12' round steel pipes with a loop for the cable welded on the top and steel 1-foot cross bracing on the bottoms. Mt. Adams Chapter was given a donation of 3/8" stainless steel cable for the high lines. Teunis' team of Leroy Rosier with his tractor with a post hole auger mounted on the back, Len Rolph and Gary Mack spent a beautiful Friday installing the posts and

stringing the line on one set of posts. The other cable will be strung in the spring when the one post is solid in the ground. Thanks to this project this Buck Creek Horse Camp will remain open for equestrian use in the years to come. Maps for the Buck Creek Trail and other DNR trails are available at the DNR website at www.dnr.gov/go Look under "Trail Maps" or call 509-925-8510.

"Riding Southwest Washington Horse Trails" by Kim McCarrel has excellent directions to the Buck Creek Trailhead #1 and a good map with a description of the Buck Creek trail system. It's an outstanding book. ↪

PHOTOS BY CONNIE BAUGHER



Membership expires: 12/31/2017
John Doe
123 Horseback Loop SE
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Please check with your chapter treasurer or refer to page 14 of this issue for the membership renewal form.

Members!

This is your **last issue** of The Trailhead News if you have not paid your 2018 membership dues yet. Please pay them now. Your membership expiration date is located on your mailing label. For questions, please contact your chapter treasurer or Nicole Sedgwick, Executive Director/Membership Chair, at bhcwexec@bchw.org or membership@bchw.org.

BCHW Board of Directors Meeting December 2, 2017 (Partial Minutes, complete located on bchw.org)

Call to Order 9:03 am. Roll Call: Mount Adams and Scatter Creek Riders Chapters excused. Quorum established
 Adoption of Agenda: Bill McKenna made a motion to adopt the Meeting Agenda. Seconded by Dave Sunde. Motion passed.
 Approval of Board of Directors Minutes for 3rd Quarter
 Julie Dalzell made a motion to accept the BOD Minutes for 3rd Quarter. Seconded by Jim Anderson. Motion Passed

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

(reports are posted to the Directors webpage)
 Executive Committee: Report posted. Kathy thanked Nicole for doing good job.

Membership Committee: Nicole Sedgwick advised that there are 140 members that have renewed using the new system. Nicole has input the names of the Lifetime members into the system, so the individuals do not need to input the information themselves. New members need to complete the paper application and send to Nicole for processing.

Treasurer: Report posted. Teri advised that there has been concerns with spam that is coming through asking for money. She encouraged the directors to pass this information down to their chapters. There has already been one chapter experiencing same situation. Chris Enrico advised that websites with officer names can be hacked and emails harvested.

Ways and Means: There are 19 calendars left. Teri Starke has donation forms if you need them. Teri Starke will no longer be handling the Horse Source. Lori Lennox has volunteered to handle it. Further discussion on this matter was tabled until the New Business agenda item.

Winery ride: Dave Jackson reported the following: 665 pre-registrations, 50 late/on site registrations, 571 riders, \$31,404.41 Gross Revenue; \$17,309.71; Net Profit Teri Starke handed out volunteer chapter checks. This is the second largest fund raiser for BCHW. Dave reported that the number of volunteers was down and Kathy Young urged members to volunteer next year.

Statewide Work Party: Report posted. Jason Ridlon reported that the next one is scheduled for July 21-25, 2018. Jason is working on organizing the Hot Shot Crew for work at Andrews Creek scheduled for June 29-July 4, 2018, and work in the Salmo Priest area scheduled for Aug 8-12, 2018.

Membership Development: Report posted. Ken Carmichael advised that meetings so far have gone well. The participants are asking for handouts, and some are being posted on Ponderosa Website. Ken is developing job descriptions for chapter officers and various committee chairs. A template for newsletters is being developed and will be posted on BCHW website for chapter use.

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2018 BCHW

Membership Application

All adult members need to sign the form. Chapter Members: contact your Chapter for an application.
 Independent Members mail to: BCHW ATTN: Membership, P.O. Box 1132, Ellensburg, WA 98926-1132

I would like to help preserve the Horsemen's rights to use horses on public lands.

New Member Renewal/Past Member #: _____ County _____ Legislative District _____

Adult Names (please print) _____

Children Names (please print) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Email _____

Occupation _____

Do you want to be a volunteer? Yes No What would you like to volunteer for? _____

By signing this application I agree to receive notices from BCHW by electronic transmission at the above email address.

State membership for 2018 calendar year

Family Membership	\$ 54	_____
Single Membership	\$ 41	_____
Additional State Donation	\$	_____
Optional Memberships		
(Includes Family or Single Membership)		
Contributing Member	\$ 75	_____
Sustaining Member	\$ 125	_____
Patron Member	\$ 250	_____
Benefactor Member	\$ 500	_____
Lifetime (Single) Member	\$ 1,200	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$	_____

Please do not mail me The Trailhead News, I will read it online at the BCHW website.

Liability Release & Notices

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children. 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 Back Country Horsemen of Washington, including chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of 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.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

Signed _____ Dated _____

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a public charity as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, membership dues paid to BCHW may be treated as deductions characterized as "charitable contributions" when computing federal and state income tax obligations.



Please clip out and mail



2 modules of the Membership Development Training will be presented at Leadership Training in January. Ken is arranging another training session with chapters from the west side.

Governance & Bylaws: Report posted. **ACTION ITEM** Ken Carmichael advised that signed “Whistle Blower” statement forms are needed from the following chapters: Island, Methow Valley, Oakland, Peninsula, Watcom, Yakima Valley, and Darrell Wallace. Ken asked that the signed “Conflict of Interest” statements be turned in to Ken today. These forms are needed from the state level BCHW Committee members, directors, and officers. Chapters do not need to turn forms in.

Legislative: Report posted. ACTION ITEM Jeff Chapman asked directors to be sure someone in their chapter is on his email list so legislative information is getting passed down to the chapters. Chris Enrico advised that he attended a DNR User meeting this week to discuss Capitol Forest. DNR advised that the Capitol Forest will close down if the State Legislature doesn't pass a budget. Lori Lennox asked that Jeff put the work “action” in subject line of his emails so that the reader knows to respond.

Legislative Day in Olympia is scheduled for Feb 19, 2018. Appointments with your legislators should be made by mid-January.

Chris Enrico reported that he has a database for legislators. Contact him if you want it.

Joyce Willms, BCHW Lobbyist will sign new contract at same rates for 2018. She wants to develop a flyer with data to have available.

The State of Washington is discussing options for the The Discover Pass. It is being recommended that it would be a non-opt out cost added to your vehicle license renewals.

Danny Chappell asked is this cost would apply to all vehicles/trailers in a household. Jeff advised that he thought it would be power units only.

Public Lands: No report posted. Public Lands Chairman Pete Erben reported. Darrell Wallace and Pete Erben have been participating in the “Western States Public Lands Committee”. There was a meeting with DNR to talk about Capitol Forest and other public lands. DNR is very interested in working with BCHW. Met with Olympic National Forest talked about maintenance of road systems. Pete Erben is involved in the formation of the Olympic Peninsula Access Coalition, which will include both horsemen and other access users. Continued access and road maintenance will be their focus. Pete is encouraging all users with related interests work together. This cooperation is getting attention. The Coalition will work with Rangers and will be involved in work and providing input. The National Forests are working with various user groups focusing on National Park access and maintenance. Some timber companies are also on these committees and providing input on road systems, etc.

Executive Director: Report Posted. Posters for Rendezvous are now available. Nicole asked the Directors to take a few back home and hang some up around their town. The poster is also available on BCHW website if you need more copies of it if you want to share on social media.

Grants: Report posted. BCHW spend all of their available grant money. Darrell pointed out that \$30,000 of the grant was spent on

administrative costs in lieu of having this an operating expense. So this saves BCHW money. Peninsula Chapter was recognized for their 315% participation in work financed by grant funds.

The next Forest Service Grant of \$150,000 scored 8 and will start sometime this month. Darrell is waiting on the paperwork.

Grant #16-2714, Maintaining County, State & National Park Trails for \$465,418 scored 12th and it is likely that it will be funded when the capitol budget is passed.

BCHW Store: Lori encouraged everyone to buy stuff. Store was very successful at the Wine Ride.

Volunteer Hours: Report posted

BCHW Awards: ACTION ITEM Committee chair Lynn Wilhelm-Howell encouraged nominations from the chapters. Keep in mind the Junior Achievement Award and nominate someone. Donations are needed from the Chapters to purchase the awards. If your chapter sends a check, be sure to write “awards” on your check so Teri knows where to apply the funds. Potential of a Packing Award has been tabled. Criteria needs to be developed.

ACTION ITEM Be sure to report any competition awards earned at Rendezvous to Lynn Wilhelm-Howell so that the winners have proper recognition at the awards ceremony at Rendezvous.

Safety: Nothing reported

Sawyer Program: Several crosscut saws have been donated to BCHW and are available for members and chapters. Contact Tom Faubion for information on how to obtain a saw. If you get one, take care of it because a lot of labor has gone into refurbishing them.

LNT: Jane Byram reported that the LNT committee meeting on Friday night prior to the BOD meeting was successful. There will be an LNT segment at Leadership Training in January.

Publicity/THN: The Trailhead News publishing contract is renewing. Further discussion when meeting reaches the Business segment. New BCHW brochures are available. Nicole advised that Director Information will be posted on Your Membership after Dec 10. **ACTION ITEM** Chapters need to post the names of their newly elected officers on the Directory in the Directors' website by Dec 10 post so that the names appear in the next THN issue. Ken Carmichael will send all directors on the group email instructions for director responsibilities. Please be sure that your new directors are posted. It was recommended that the alternate director receive all the information that is sent to directors so they are in the loop.

Website/Facebook: Nothing reported

Trail Miles/BCHW History: Report posted. Scott Lee declared a failure of the ad hoc committee to reach consensus. There has been a disagreement among the committee on how to define a trail mile and no compromise could be reached. Discussion followed with various suggestions on how to accomplish the definition:

Chris Enrico suggested that we talk to 2 primary chapters Peninsula & Lewis and find out what their definition is and go with that. Jason Ridilon suggested that the question be asked at Leadership Training.

Nicole Sedgwick suggested that a survey be taken of the membership and then committee could analyze.

Continued Online at BCHW.org

Due to Space Limitations the Complete Minutes are posted on BCHW.org.



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FREE Listing on BCHW Chapter Events Calendar

Be sure to: • Contact the ride host to check for updates on the event. • Check to see if dogs are welcome.

Note: The BCHW Trailhead News represents as many events as possible; however, it makes no guarantees an event will be published. The calendar of events is subject to change. Please check with ride contact for most updated information. Please send calendar corrections to: bchw@wamedia.com.

Leadership Training
 Saturday, January 20
 8:45am - Coffee & Pastries
 9:25am - Classes Begin
 901 E. 7th Avenue, Ellensburg, WA 98926

February 17, 2018 - BCHW Membership Development Program Seminar
 All BCHW members welcome
 Port Angeles, WA
 Ken Carmichael
kcarmichael2225@gmail.com • 509-466-2225

February 18, 2018 - BCHW Membership Development Program Seminar
 All BCHW members welcome
 Little Rock, WA
 Ken Carmichael
kcarmichael2225@gmail.com • 509-466-2225

BCH Legislative Day on the Hill
 Monday, February 19 • 9:00am
 Capitol Legislative Building
 Olympia, WA

Whatcom BCHW 21st Annual Fundraiser Auction
 Friday, February 23, 2018
 Everson Auction Barn.
 contact Bill McKenna at 360-599-2526 web-site: <http://www.whatcom-bch.com>

2018 Rendezvous
 Friday, March 16- Sunday March 18, 2018
 Kittitas Valley Event Center,
 901 E 7th Ave
 Ellensburg, WA 98926
 Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
 360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

1st QTR BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting
 Saturday, March 17, 2018
 Kittitas Valley Event Center
 901 E 7th Ave
 Ellensburg, WA 98926
 Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
 360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

13th Annual Great Gravel Pac-in
 Saturday, March 24 • 8:00am - 3:00pm
 Mima Falls Trailhead in Capitol Forest
 Near 12736 Marksman St, SW Olympia 98512

Ferry County Chapter Sherman Creek Ride
 Saturday, May 12
 Meet at Haig's Cove CG at 9AM
 Rob Michael – 509-738-4166

Joe Watt Canyon BCHW Prize Ride
 Saturday, May 19th

National Trails Day
 Black Pine Horse Camp Clean Up
 Leavenworth
 Saturday, June 2nd
jhridlon@fairpoint.net • 509 699-9927

2nd Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting
 Saturday, June 16
 Kittitas Valley Event Center
 901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
 Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
 360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Pierce Co BCHW Annual Prize Ride
 Saturday, July 21, 2018
 Come for the day or camp for the weekend.
 Discover Pass mandatory.
 Sahara Creek CG/Elbe State Forest
 Contact: Terry, Terrywentriding@gmail.com

Ferry County Chapter Annual Steak Ride
 Friday-Saturday, July 27-29
 Jungle Hill Campground
 Lesa Gregory – 509-690-2773

3rd Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting
 Saturday, September 15
 Kittitas Valley Event Center
 901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
 Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
 360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Ferry County Chapter Maple Mountain Ride and Pot Luck
 Saturday, September 22
 George Young – 509-775-9998

4th Quarter BCHW Board of Directors' Meeting
 Saturday, December 1
 Kittitas Valley Event Center
 901 E 7th Ave, Ellensburg, WA
 Exec Director Nicole Sedgwick
 360-640-1495 • bchwexec@bchw.org

Remember to email an article and photos of your event to the THN at: bchw@wamedia.com

Mark your calendars for the following Forest Service fee-free days in 2018:

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 March 19: State Parks' 105th Birthday
 April 14: Springtime free day
 April 22: Earth Day
 June 2: National Trails Day
 June 9: National Get Outdoors Day
 June 10: Free Fishing Day
 Aug. 25: National Park Service Birthday
 Sept. 29: National Public Lands Day
 Nov. 11: Veterans' Day
 Nov. 23: Autumn free day