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Working to keep trails open to saddle and pack stock today and for future generations through education, service and voice.

Without trails, where would we ride?

Newsletter – October/November 2010

Prez Sez (A note from our President, Dan Shier)

Our Mission Statement says, in effect, that whenever any matter concerning use of the public lands comes up, we want to be at the table making sure that equestrian's concerns are taken into account to the maximum extent possible. BCHA has now provided us with a detailed outline of how to maximize our effectiveness. Our Chapter has purchased a copy of the CD of the BCHA *Public Lands Workshop*. It consists of three half-hour presentations by Dennis Dailey, an avid horseman and retired Forest Service employee. Using Dennis' ideas, we should be able to do a lot better than simply mobilizing a few members, often unprepared, to show up at an announced meeting. Dennis says that well considered, well delivered ideas which we bring in at the right time are more effective than simply showing up with a lot of attendees. Also highly effective is to develop a continuing relationship with the public employees in areas of interest to us. I believe we should purchase enough additional copies of the CD (at \$12.50 each) so that anyone in the Chapter who expects to attend some of the meetings concerning the public lands will have a chance to view it. Once enough members have viewed it, perhaps we can have a meeting of these people to discuss how we can be more effective and perhaps set up a committee of volunteers for this specific purpose.

See the **Items of Interest** section in this newsletter for a case that confirms some of Dennis' ideas.

For the third year, I will be assembling the best pictures of our FRBCH year on a CD. Last year's CD had a bit over 100 pictures, culled from about 600. We will show these pictures at the Christmas Party and anyone that wants a copy can get the CD. As I have a satellite ISP with a maximum download time each month, sending large number of pictures will be a problem. Mailing the CD is better. Or bring a flash drive to a meeting.

Send a CD with your pictures to:

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Next meeting is November 17th: Red Rocks Grill, 415 Bear Creek Avenue, Morrison, CO 80465, 303-697-9290. The restaurant is in downtown Morrison on Bear Creek Avenue. It is on the right or north side of the street before the liquor store as you are heading west. You can park on the street, in the T&N parking lot across the street or in the parking lot in the back. After you enter the restaurant go to the right and follow the ramp to the private back room.

Upcoming events

2010 Colorado Stewardship Forum - from Julie Chaney:

Please join The Colorado Mountain Club and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado at our 2010 Colorado Stewardship Forum, November 8-9. The registration information for the Stewardship clinic is at the bottom of the page or you can go to <http://tinyurl.com/22qo8v8> for more registration details.



The cost is only \$20 and will be covered as an educational scholarship from our chapter with the proper receipt. If anyone would like to go, please let me know too. I am hoping someone will be willing to attend at least one day. The planners and sponsors are aware it is difficult for equestrians to attend as volunteers, as we are the only ones that have other jobs during the week. These folks

are all either paid staff for their non-profits or land managers and need to host these during the week in order to get speakers and attend themselves. This puts us in a difficult position where we will never be fully included or recognized.

I think it will be extremely beneficial for BCH to attend. I see Connie Meyers from the Carhart Institute is a panelist. She was a guest speaker at a recent BCHA annual board meeting. Her assignment at that time was developing a chainsaw and crosscut training program for volunteers for all Federal agencies. Maybe this would be a good opportunity to see how that is progressing? I also saw Jim Bedwell, Director of Recreation, USFS, listed as a potential keynote (unconfirmed). He, too, was a speaker at least one recent BCHA board meeting (I would need to check my notes to see if he wasn't there twice). It is always good to introduce yourself as a BCHA member and remind them of their commitments to historic pack and saddle stock access.

The Breakout sessions are our chance to establish pack and saddle stock volunteerism as an option to hiking and biking.

State Director's meeting – November 13th: Directors, Chapter Presidents and members are invited to the next BCH of Colorado state directors' meeting on Saturday, November 13th at 11:00 AM at Deer Valley

Ranch on Mt. Princeton Road just west of Nathrop. For directions go to deervalleyranch.com. Check the dining hall to see if the meeting will be held there.

If you would like to stay in a cabin at the resort please call the office directly and tell them you are with BCHCO. Cabins will be available at a special BCHCO rate for the weekend but food will be on your own as the kitchen will be closed for the season.

The cabins do have kitchens or there are some pretty good restaurants in both BV and Salida since Nathrop is about 1/2 way in between. Please contact Bev at the office for RSVPs, 719-395-2353 or 1-877-897-1297. Phone calls are best. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Tree Ambassador (tree cutting program) – beginning November 26th – from Julie Sabados: It's that time of year again! Time for you and your horse to volunteer to assist the South Platte Ranger District with their annual Christmas tree cutting program. During the 7 days that the Forest Service opens up the Buffalo Creek area for Christmas tree cutting to the public, we are there to assist the Forest Service and bring good will to all! This is a fun and very worthwhile program that we have participated in for many years. In reality, we have a great time meeting and greeting folks who come to the area to cut their own Christmas tree. As for practicality, we are there to be available should the Forest Service need our help. We carry Forest Service radios to stay in contact. We are additional "eyes and ears" in an area where lots of people are spread out in search of the perfect Christmas tree.



This program is in the Buffalo Creek area (US 285 to Pine Junction, then south on RT 126 to the start of the cutting area—15 miles down Road 126, turn right at Forest Road 550 and park in the large lot). Smaller trailers can also exit Hwy 285 at Connifer Junction onto Foxton Road (go left under Hwy 285, turn left at stop sign) traveling downhill to the Platte River and turning right for 4 miles to Buffalo Creek and turning left on Hwy 126, going uphill for another 3 miles to FSR 550, turn right and park in the large lot. This road along the river is flat but narrow in spots but carries less traffic than Hwy 126. There is no charge for FRBCH volunteers unless you want to cut your own tree. Then you will need to buy a permit, see details below.

We only go if it is safe—no driving our trailers in snow and ice! There have been only a few times that we have not been able to go; the weather has usually been great. Sometimes dry, sometimes snow on the ground. Our member, Sue McKelvy (303-838-3890), lives in the area and is available early in the

morning before you leave your house to call to check on weather and road conditions.

You can bring a lunch or leave your horse at the parking lot—unhook a vehicle and go to the local Fire Station where it's warm and has running water bathrooms. Lunch is chili or hot dogs for \$4.00 to \$7.00 depending on how much the dessert tempts you. It is a fund raiser for the fire station. Plan to be up there about 9:00am for the safety meeting. You can tack up before or after the brief meeting. Should you have a family member or friend who wants to go with you who is not a member of FRBCH, that is okay. We do, however, need to know who is coming in advance as the Forest Service has volunteer agreements that we need to sign when we arrive up there. The area is nice to ride either when dry or with snow. The area is very mild—not mountainous. You can keep to the roads or go farther into the trees—your choice. The terrain is okay either with horseshoes or without.

People's tootsies stay warm in snow boots—try yours with your saddle—you might be surprised like I was that they fit in the stirrups just fine! It is fun to "dress up" your horse for this also if you wish. Fake



antlers, bows and bells go over very well with the kids. The dates this year are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - 11/26, 27 and 28,

Saturday and Sunday on 12/4 and 5, and also on 12/11 and 12. **Sue McKelvy needs to know who will be attending. Please contact her at 303-838-2890 or sumac@idcomm.com.**

Christmas Tree Permits: Permits to cut a tree at the Forest Services' Annual Christmas Tree cutting event are now on sale. These permits sell out fast and you cannot cut a tree without a permit! Visit the South Platte Ranger District (on Goddard Road, up Hwy 285) to purchase the permits – you might want to call first to see if they still have any permits available – 303-275-5610.

Items of interest

Dennis Dailey, an avid horseman and retired Forest

Service employee - from Dan Shier: In a meeting a few years ago, the Jefferson County Planning Board brought up a whole host of equestrian issues, as they were considering what hard-and-fast rules should be written into the regulations. A number of proposed rules were quite restrictive, as well as showing quite clearly they were written by public health officials who probably don't know which end of the horse the food goes in and which end it comes out. In the end, they adopted my suggestion, that, instead of putting a lot

Holiday Party – December 19th: Our Christmas party is Sunday, December 19th at 4:00pm. The location is at the clubhouse of the Province Town Landing Condos, 7900 West Layton Avenue. This is on South Wadsworth between Quincy and Belleview, right across (East) from Sam's Club. Bring a dish for the pot luck dinner—Julie S. will BBQ a turkey, but we still will need some other main course dishes. **Please RSVP** so that we will know how many are coming in order to provide adequate beverages (soda pop, beer and wine) and eating utensils.

Our Party Elves are busy working on making this a fantastic party, so be sure to come and join the fun! Volunteers are needed to help decorate the clubhouse. Bring your decorations, a festive attitude and come at 3:00pm to help give the room a holiday sparkle.

We will again do the "stealing" gift exchange. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift in the \$15.00 price range, when you get to the party be sure to get a number when you place your gift on the table. We have stealing limits, so the fun does not last too long! We will also have a slide show of our activities during the past year. RSVP or to frbch1@yahoo.com or to Julie S. at 720-733-0399.

2011 Officer Elections – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Yes, we need to elect officers for the 2011 season at the holiday party. BUT before we can elect officers, we need volunteers for the committees. All positions are open for: President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership, Treasurer, Newsletter, 2-year Chapter Director, and 1-year Chapter Director.

As for the newsletter, I am working more hours now than I was when I agreed to be the Newsletter Editor. An idea is to have someone take the job for 6-months at a time, rather than agreeing to a full year.

Volunteers are what make the club function.



of regulations (many unenforceable) on the books, they provide county horse owners with information on best practices, relying primarily on information from CSU. It even includes information on how thick you can spread the poop on a given acreage in a year, so one person's input at the right time can make a big difference.

Currently Jefferson County is revising its "Northern Plains" Community Plan. These are the guidelines to be applied when a developer wants to rezone an area of large lots to smaller lots and more houses.

Such new developments can be designated as horse properties or not. On the 11th of October, they held a meeting on Equestrian issues for the guidelines, with some emphasis preserving the equestrian character of the Fairmount area. Six of us concerned citizens showed up, including myself and Linda Mackety. One sticking point was the minimum lot size for any large animal. We decided to run half an acre up the flagpole and see what other comments we got. The other sticking point was the minimum area available for each large animal. Currently it calls for 9000 square feet for the first large animal and 6000 square feet for each additional animal. [An acre is about 44000 square feet.] I pointed out that a horse would eliminate all vegetation in his corral, regardless of size, and that it would be better from the erosion standpoint to have a smaller area.

Membership Renewals: We begin taking the FRBCH membership renewals at the Christmas party or before.

Past Event

Tarryall Creek - from Dan Shier: The Lost Creek Wilderness trails that come down to Tarryall Creek have not received much attention from us because it takes two hours or more just to get there. As the good weather persisted into September, George Robbins and I decided to spend three nights and two days clearing trail there, as these trails were about the only ones not done this year by either FRBCH or the Forest Service. We camped in the popular dispersed site just downstream from the Twin Eagle Campground. The first day we proceeded up to McCurdy Park and back around the Lake Park loop. There was a fair amount of horse poop on the trail and some abandoned hay cubes at an otherwise clean equestrian camp in McCurdy Park. The Lake Park loop needs a bunch

Talk to your friends about the club and bring them to an event. Our new members (those who have joined since October) are automatically renewed for 2011. There is a renewal form on the back page of this newsletter, along with the address for the Holiday party. This is very handy to take with you to the party. You will have the party directions and the renewal form to make your payment by check or cash at the party. You can also mail in your renewal if you wish, follow the directions on the renewal form.

Support the Horse License Plates: A great Holiday gift! Buy online by going to <https://www.chda.org/purchase/index.php> or contact the Colorado Horse Development Authority (303-292-4981) to obtain a mail in application.



of corridor work, but we cleared the few deadfalls. The second day we did the Ute Creek trail, which had no horse poop. The first 1 ¼ mile is pleasant, running along a babbling brook through timber and open meadows. The last 2 ¼ mile is an unremitting upward grind on a fairly steep gravel trail to Bison Pass. The aspens were at their peak and we got some great pictures.

While camped there, two equestrian ladies came to camp nearby. One praised the new corrals at Goose Creek which she had used recently.



For Your Information – these ads in our newsletter are only from our members – those who have joined as “Corporate Members” who pay an additional membership fee to help support FRBCH. If you can use any of their services, please be sure to give them a call!

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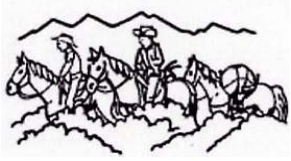
Amy Dunkelman

Instructor and Trainer at Broce Ranch
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Calendar of Events

November 8-9 – Monday, Tuesday	2010 Outdoor Stewardship Forum, Golden
November 13 – Saturday	BCHCO meeting @ Deer Valley Ranch, Nathrop - 11:00am
November 17 – Wednesday	General meeting @ Red Rocks Grill - 6:30pm, 6:00pm setup
November 26, 27, 28 – Fri., Sat., Sun.	Ambassador ride @ Buffalo Creek
December 4, 5 – Saturday, Sunday	Ambassador ride @ Buffalo Creek
December 11, 12 – Saturday, Sunday	Ambassador ride @ Buffalo Creek
December 19 – Sunday	Christmas party, Littleton @ 4:00pm





FRONT RANGE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Year 2011

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS: _____ City _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL: _____ May we use this to send the newsletter? YES _____ NO _____

TELEPHONE: Home _____ Work (if OK to call): _____ Cell: _____

SADDLE Partner (participating individual) \$25.00 _____ **SADDLE Partners (participating family) \$30.00** _____

Yes, I would like to serve on the Finance _____ Education _____ Project _____ Training _____ Membership _____ Records _____ Committee.

SILVER SPUR Partner (supporting individual or family) \$40.00+ _____

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All membership levels include chapter newsletters and a quarterly BCHA newsletter.

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SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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Holiday Party Location

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