

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation in Washington State is a multi-billion dollar industry that relies on durable and open access to and on our wealth of federal, state, and local public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW) is a statewide non-profit organization with chapters in communities throughout Washington State that provide volunteer services to federal, state, and local government agencies in the common effort to maintain the recreational trails, trailheads, campgrounds, and other facilities on public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, BCHW contributes over 60,000 volunteer hours in labor with equipment per year to this effort including instructing an award-winning "Leave No Trace" education program; and

**WHEREAS**, 2014 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act, and BCHW is proud to be a partner to organizations and individuals who work to sustain our wilderness areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Back Country Horsemen of Washington is dedicated to preserving the heritage of pack and saddle stock use in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to be

### *Back Country Horsemen Day*

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.



Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee