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Back Country Horsemen of America Receives Development Grant

Back Country Horsemen of America is pleased to announce that they have been awarded a Technical Assistance grant by the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) group of the National Park Service. It is anticipated that this grant will provide BCHA members with the tools to continue and to develop effective, long-term relationships with land managers of all levels of public lands (federal, state, local).

“BCHA is a volunteer-driven, grassroots organization,” stated Terry Morrison, Chairman. “This grant will provide the technical expertise needed to develop programs so that members will have the information they need to respond quickly and successfully to issues related to recreation use on public land. It will be a tremendous benefit to us.”

The RTCA program provides technical planning assistance to help local citizens to build and maintain trails and conserve open space. For this project, staff member Mary Hanson will work directly with BCHA to create an educational program so members will have the knowledge and skills to improve their local park and forest horse trails.

BCHA is a non-profit corporation made up of state organizations, affiliates, and at large members. Their efforts have brought about positive changes in regards to the use of horses and stock in the wilderness and public lands. If you want to know more about Back Country Horsemen of America or become a member, visit their website: www.backcountryhorse.com, or call 888-893-5161.

For more information about the RTCA program, contact Mary at 402-661-1554 or mary_hanson@nps.gov.

The future of horse use on public lands is in our hands!

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