

As a proud member of Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA), I am officially declaring my intention to run for a position on the Executive Committee. I am fully committed and dedicated to the mission of BCHA, particularly in marketing and growing the organization by fostering strong relationships with other trail advocacy groups dedicated to opening, improving, and maintaining trails across Texas, other states.

I believe I am fully qualified to hold this position due to my extensive leadership experience within similar organizations and within BCCTX. Serving as the BCCTX National Director from 2023 to 2024, Chair in 2024, Vice Chair in 2023, and Texas Public Land Chair from 2023 to 2024, I have demonstrated my ability to lead and advocate for the interests of trail riders effectively.

Throughout my involvement with BCHA and other organizations, I have actively contributed to the advancement of our mission. My tenure as TETRA Region 3 Director from 2016 to 2021, TETRA 2nd Vice President in 2021, and TETRA 1st Vice President in 2022 has provided me with invaluable experience in leadership and advocacy for trail preservation efforts.

Furthermore, I am deeply committed to environmental stewardship, regularly participating in annual trail cleaning rides at various state and federal parks, including Texas and Oklahoma State Parks, Bureau of Land Management areas, National Parks, and Corp of Engineers properties. My volunteer work as a Back Country Liaison at the Bridger-Teton National Forest's Blackrock Ranger District in Summer 2022 further underscores my dedication to preserving our natural landscapes.

In summary, I am excited about the opportunity to bring my leadership, dedication, and passion for trail advocacy to the Executive Committee of BCHA. I am committed to promoting responsible trail use and ensuring access to the back country for future generations. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

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