

Backcountry Horsemen of California

2024 YEARLY REPORT

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

WHICH UNIT WILL YOU JOIN?

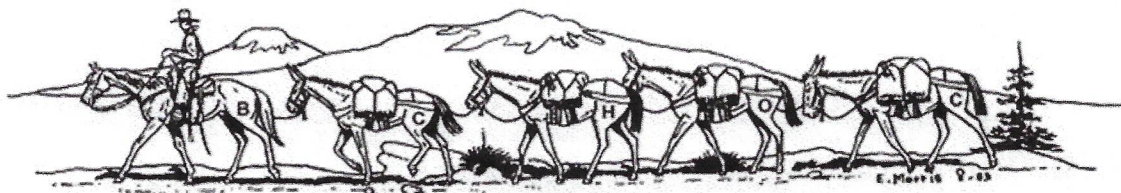
A map of California with various regions labeled. The units are distributed across the state as follows:

- Top of the State
- Redwood
- Shasta Trinity
- High Country
- Sutter Buttes
- Lake Mendocino
- North Bay
- Mother Lode
- Mid Valley
- Sierra Freepackers
- Eastern Sierra
- San Joaquin Sierra
- High Sierra
- Sequoia
- Kern Sierra
- Kern River Valley
- Los Padres
- Antelope Valley
- Pacific Crest
- Santa Ana River
- Redshank Riders
- Manzanita Riders

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WHETHER YOU LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS, DESERT, FOOTHILLS, COASTAL AREA OR VALLEY, THERE'S A UNIT FOR YOU!

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BCH CA has 22 units, approximately 2000 members.

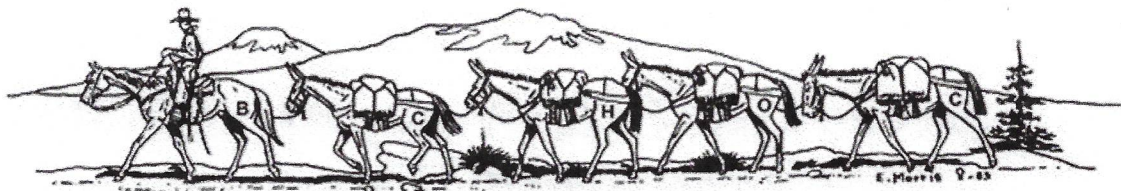
California has 18 National Forest, 9 National Parks, 17 National Monuments. All units support trail work with some of the trails being PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) approx. 1700 miles. TRT (Tahoe Rim Trail) Pony Express Trail.

The BCH CA continues to set aside a percentage of income to build the following funds:

- "Legal Fund".
- "Education Fund"

State Board Activities:

- Jan. 3, E board Zoom mtg.
- Jan. 6, Officer training in. Murietta, (So Cal.) @Tractor Supply
- Jan. 27, Officer training in Porterville (Mid State), @ Westwood Lge. Animal Vet Clinic.
- Feb. 9, E board mtg. in Bakersfield
- Feb. 10, State Board of Directors met in Bakersfield.
- Mar. 15, BCHC EB Zoom mtg.
- Mar. 22-24 BCHC Rendezvous in Ceres, at Diamond Bar Arena.
- Mar. 25-27, sent 2 reps. to the BCHA 2024 National Board Mtg. in Casper, Wyoming.
- May. 22-26 Bishop Mule Days, BCH CA Information table with a youth area having cross-cut saw demos. Units sponsored Colligate Packing Teams.
- June. 22-23 E board summer mtg. in Bakersfield.
- Aug. 19th BCHC EB mtg. - zoom call.
- Oct. 4 E board mtg. Rolling Hills Casino, Corning, CA.
- Oct. 5, State Board of Directors meeting, also Public Land and Education meetings.
- Dec. 12 BCHC Board Meeting, Zoom Call
- Enabling trail maintenance and trail support projects:
- Continuing to build the Chain saw education platform.
- Supply education for Grant Writing among units and state programs.
- BCHC maintains a Web site and social media accounts.
- Publishes 4 newsletters, Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall



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BCH CA units help sponsor some of the Collegiate teams at Mule Day. In 2024 we had:

- 2 Teams - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo sponsored by Los Padres Unit.
- 2 Teams - Fresno State
- 1 Team - Modesto Junior College sponsored by Mid Valley Unit.
- 1 Team - Reedley Junior College,
- 2 Teams - UC Davis sponsored by Mother Lode Unit.

BCH of California is a provider for Leave No Trace (LNT) offering Master courses specializing in stock. The Center for Outdoor Ethics is based out of Colorado. Our goal is to minimize impact and teach others the seven LNT principles which are:

- 1. Plan Ahead and Prepare,
- 2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces,
- 3. Dispose of Waste Properly,
- 4. Leave What You Find,
- 5. Minimize Campfire Impacts,
- 6. Respect Wildlife,
- 7. Be Considerate of Others.

We include Stock Care and Stock Management in our courses.

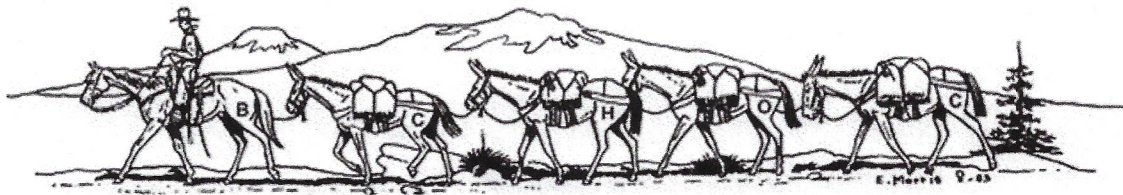
Denise Robinson and Ruth Heuer attended the annual providers meeting in Colorado via zoom, February of this year. Typically we certify 10 instructors with each course. We have one Master Stock course scheduled for this Fall of 2025 in northern California at the Center of Excellence.

BCH of California also offers a Wilderness Rider program which is the Master course with a twist that partners with the following agencies; BLM, USFS and NPS in California. This volunteer program has specific items that need to be completed each year.

BCH of California has an annual 3 day Rendezvous where education is encouraged by attending the many classes offered during the weekend. These include many LNT topics, packing skills, competitions, collegiate teams and socializing throughout the state. There is a point system for LNT topics which members can earn pins.

BCH of California is working on yet another education flyer concerning wolves. A new poster promoting membership and an updated film on Who and What We Do.

Backcountry Horsemen of California and US Forest Service with Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps present the USFS Pack Stock Center of Excellence Apprenticeship Intern Programs.



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Six years ago Back Country Horsemen of California initiated this Intern Program to help to retain the packing programs in the Forest Service. Many of the existing stock programs employees are aging out and BCHC wants to make sure highly trained individuals are coming up to make sure the stock programs are continued.

BCHC aspires to support Packer Interns each year. The one intern will be located at the Region 5 Center of Excellence (COE) in Mammoth Lakes California, as they are equipped to best teach the intern all of the goals that we in turn wish this program to achieve. In addition, the Center of Excellence (COE) provides consistent, professional staff that work directly with us (BCHC) to accomplish our similar goals.

The mission of this program is to recruit and train an Intern that may become the new generation of highly skilled packer, trail workers, wilderness managers and volunteers that have a strong desire to protect our public lands, while preserving traditional wilderness skills and maintaining accessibility.

The Packer Intern will develop the skills and knowledge to help perpetuate the common sense use of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness and will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; whether as an employee of the agencies stock program, or as a private citizen.

This year BCHC received 30 applications from interested 18 to 30 year olds to consider. There was a lot of talent represented and it was a tough decision to come up with our new intern, 2024's Inter was Jenna Haack. The program has been so successful that the term has been extended to 16 weeks for a cost of \$16,400 and half of the cost is now funded with grants. Also, some of the other applicants were hired by pack stations up and down the Sierra's.

In the Shasta Trinity Unit and Top of the State Unit received a grant to provide a packing intern on the Shasta Trinity and Klamath National Forests. The grant was \$11,300 and the two units provided \$6000 for a total of \$17,300. The California Conservation Corp Foundation provided more funding to extend the time frame to September 30th, 2024. We had 32 applicants for the position of which we interviewed 7 that we felt were highly qualified. Both the Forest Service and the BCHC units were extremely happy with the results of our hire.

BCHC would like to see this program expanded to give more opportunity to young adults. BCHC is looking at additional grants and into developing a perpetual Endowment Fund for the intern program.

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Volunteer Hours Report

January/1/2024-December/31/2024

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	P1 Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	3138	\$33.49	\$105,091.62	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	2032	\$50.23	\$102,067.36	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	823	\$33.49	\$27,562.27	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	2640	\$33.49	\$88,413.60	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	1388	\$33.49	\$46,484.12	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	3432	\$33.49	\$114,937.68	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	3492	\$33.49	\$116,947.08	Calculated per hour
Total Hours	16945			
Wilderness Trail Miles	638			
Other Trail Miles	1397			
Total Trail Miles	2035			
Personal Vehicle	67096	\$0.67	\$44,954.32	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	35705	\$1.35	\$48,201.75	Calculated per mile
Total Travel Miles	102801			
Power Equipment	41	\$35.00	\$1,435.00	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	10	\$140.00	\$1,400.00	Calculated per hour
Total Equipment Hours	51			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	322			
Total Stock Days	1385	\$125.00	\$173,125.00	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$12,797.10		\$12,797.10	
		Total	\$883,416.90	