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I am writing to provide an update on the accomplishments of Back Country Horsemen of Texas (BCHTX) in 2024 and share our plans for 2025.

In 2024, we had a successful year, starting with our annual fundraiser, the Murder Mystery Ride. This event was a great success, helping us raise funds and attract new members to our organization. We also held multiple workdays at various locations, including Big Mineral and Mineral Wells, where we focused on clearing trails and replacing boards on bridges to enhance trail safety and accessibility.

Looking ahead to 2025, BCHTX has been invited to collaborate with Pedernales Falls State Park on trail maintenance and improvements to their equestrian campground. Additionally, we have reached out to Fort Davis and will be assisting them with future projects while continuing to maintain the other trails under our care.

To further engage our community and grow our membership, we are planning a Western Scavenger Hunt in October. We have also scheduled monthly fun rides to introduce more people to BCHTX, share our mission, and strengthen our membership base. Our goal for 2025 is to gain at least 20 new members while continuing to support and retain our existing members through meaningful activities.

We appreciate the support and guidance of Back Country Horsemen of America and look forward to another productive year. Thank you for your time, and please let us know if you have any recommendations or insights to help us further our mission.

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