



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes DRAFT

October 28, 2025, at 5:00 PST

Zoom: [Click here to access meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 817 5603 0264 Passcode: 568627

TOPIC

Welcome & Introductions

Called to order: 5:07PM

Agenda

No changes

Minutes: September 2025

Motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Motion passed.

Financial Reports – September 2025

Treasurer provided the balances of the bank accounts and investment accounts.

CDs have been renewed for another 5 months; this provided us with the highest interest.

Youth grant distribution provided, and total equity and net revenue given.

Operation donations income provided.

Museum donation income provided. We paid \$15,000 to the museum out of savings.

Motion to approve the financial reports as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Public Lands

[Department of Agriculture, US Forest Service Travel Management Rule Withdrawal](#): Much like the proposed withdrawal of the agency's Roadless Rule (described in last month's Public Lands Report), we have learned that the Forest Service will soon **propose** to rescind (eliminate) its 2005 Travel Management Rule (TMR). The TMR established regulations by which the agency manages motorized vehicle use on national forests and grasslands. It was proposed and adopted by the Bush Administration to address one of the top threats to the integrity of the national forest system at the time: "unmanaged recreation," specifically motorized recreation.

Among other requirements, the TMR directed national forests to prepare Travel Management Plans that identify which routes and areas on public lands are open to motorized travel. TMPs are an essential tool for minimizing conflict among forest visitors, while protecting wildlife and preventing widespread damage to soils, vegetation and watersheds. Repeal of the TMR would lead to a chaotic situation in which the safety of public lands users would be compromised, and public lands and waters could be adversely affected. Countless visitors—hikers, equestrians, birdwatchers, plus those who seek solitude or natural quiet—could lose opportunities for a safe and enjoyable experience when visiting public lands. Randy developed a 1-page fact sheet on the importance of the TMR.



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BCHA joined a coalition of national organizations that are preparing to defend the TMR, once the Forest Service publicly announces its intent to scrap the rule; the announcement is expected in January.

[Department of Agriculture, US Forest Service Roadless Rule Withdrawal](#): See Sept.2025 Public Lands Report. BCHA assembled a team of officers from key BCH states (MT, UT, WY) willing to serve as media spokespeople and to reach out to their congressional delegation in defense of the Roadless Rule.

[Coalition Zoom Meetings](#): Randy represented BCHA in the following coalition zoom meetings:

- AHC Recreation, Trails & Land Use Committee— discussion included the following topics: proposed repeal of the US Forest Service Roadless Rule, America the Beautiful Act (S.1547), Dept. of Interior NEPA changes.
- Coalition for Recreational Trails— discussion included the following topics: advancement of RTP Full Funding Act, House of Reps. champions, introduction of RTP “marker” bill.
- Trails are Common Ground— discussion included the following topics: website updates, recommendations for trail system modernization to accommodate all users and minimize conflict (optimize vs. compromise?).
- Travel Management Core Group— discussion included the following topics: outlining steps in preparation for Jan. 2026 FS announcement, new bills in Congress to enhance OHV access to national parks, particularly in Utah.
- PNTS Advocacy & Policy Committee—discussion included the following topics: Government shutdown, proposed repeal of US Forest Service TMR (as announced by Randy/BCHA).

Committee Updates

- Fundraising
 - Still working and committee members are submitting updates on the work they are doing. Discussion on Legacy.
- Partnership
- Museum:
 - The post wording was sent to the EC for review. Suggested to add “Valley” to the “Flat head”.
 - History: Craig has asked Sherry to obtain and organize BCHA history for BCHA records.
- Sawyer Program:



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- Saw training is continuing next week. There is a full class for training at different levels.
- There have been some accusations that this saw class is illegal coming out of Region 8. However, this training is not on government land, it is on private land. The accusations are incorrect!

Updates from the Chairman

- National Board Meeting
 - 2026 Budget is in the red and we need to discuss a couple things. Discussion on auction income. We decided a couple months ago that silent auction will be split among committees and live auction goes into operations.
 - Non-Director Travel: Consider removing non-director travel and committee chairs who are not directors. Possibly pay for meals only. Suggested to keep paying half the hotel and \$500 toward travel.
 - Volunteer meals: Discussion paying for volunteer meals. Suggested to encourage local members to help is a good incentive and suggested to keep paying for meals.
 - Poll the National Directors to see what states pay or help pay for their travel.
 - Location – Do we want to stay in Kansas, or do we start looking for someplace else for the next few years? Suggested having it for 3 years in central, 3 in the west and 3 in the east. We need to have discussions on logistics and the type of meeting/convention we want to have.
- November EC and ND Call Dates (T-Day)
 - Keep the meetings same as normal.
- December EC and ND Call (month off?)
 - We will not be having a meeting in December.

Next EC Meeting: November 25th, 2025

National Director Call tomorrow night.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6:20PM

Attendance Required: Mark Himmel, Craig Ferdig, Latifia Rodriguez, Heather Schultz, Greg Schatz, Jim Allen, Brad Pollman, Heather Cox, Darrel Wallace

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade



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