



Meeting began at 5:06 Pacific Time

Chairman provided an overview of the Executive Committee Meeting held last night. Watching the Stifel accounts, we will be having a meeting with them in March and set up quarterly meetings.

Financial Report

January 2026 Financial Reports

CDs-No interest compounded for January.

Stifel Investment Account: Fees, values and investments total provided.

Museum Fundraiser is complete; income & expenses were offset.

Membership is down and we don't expect to make the budgeted amount.

Public Lands

Draft Bill to Prohibit Agencies from Restricting Class 1 E-bike Use: BCHA was alerted by The Wilderness Society to a draft bill (yet to be introduced in Congress) that, if introduced and passed, would prohibit all federal land management agencies from restricting the use of Class 1 e-bikes on all trails other than a National Scenic Trail or trails within designated Wilderness or Wild & Scenic River corridors. Randy recommended to the EC that we first attempt polite outreach to the congressman who appears prepared to introduce the bill, explaining in detail our steadfast opposition. BCHA's opposition would be based on concerns regarding:

1. Potential unsafe conditions and increased trail conflict experienced by equine users on multi-use trails as a result of fast-moving e-bikes; and
2. The potential for displacement of equine users on trails with a high volume of e-bike use.

Important to the discussion is the point that the bill would represent a top-down, one-size-fits-all mandate, as:

3. The draft bill, as written, would preclude the agencies from making decisions at the local level—without the input of affected stakeholders like hikers and horsemen. Local decision-making by federal land agencies is a long-standing



talking point made by western conservatives who adamantly oppose top-down mandates.

Since the congressman in question has stated his appreciation in the past for Back Country Horsemen in his state, and of because the crucial leadership in Congress he holds over the budgets of federal land agencies, BCHA has undertaken respectful outreach to his office and the entities in-state that requested the bill. Randy alerted and requested proactive outreach to the congressman's office by the BCH state national directors, the statewide hiking organization (via help from American Hiking Society), the Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, and the state Horse Council (via help from American Horse Council). Randy also will attempt to meet with the congressman's office in Washington DC during Hike the Hill.

Equestrian Legacy Radio: It was Randy's turn as guest in the monthly Saddle Up America aired on Equestrian Legacy Radio. He spoke about the purpose of BCHA's engagement in Hike the Hill, plus other topics. The interview can be accessed via: <https://www.equestrianlegacy.net/>

Hike the Hill Webinars: Randy participated in multi-day webinars with trail colleagues in preparation for the upcoming Hike the Hill event (March 1st-6th). He presented to the audience the importance of the US Forest Service 2005 Travel Management Rule, the current proposal by the administration to repeal the Rule, and the potential consequences of doing so.

Coalition Zoom Meetings: Randy represented BCHA in the following coalition zoom meetings:

- AHC Recreation, Trails & Land Use Committee— discussion included the following topics:
Dec. 2025 US Forest Service Trail Program Status Report, FY'26 federal agency trail budgets, e-bike issues, updates via Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (EXPLORE Act implementation).



- Coalition for Recreational Trails— discussion regarding advancement of RTP Full Funding Act.
- Travel Management Core Group— ongoing discussion of proactive steps to avert the full repeal of the US Forest Service Travel Management Rule.
- PNTS Advocacy & Policy Committee—planning discussions related to upcoming Hike the Hill.
- Northwest Trails Roundtable—Legacy Restoration Fund, FY'26 appropriations, FS Trails Report, etc.

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Committee Updates

Youth Committee: New Committee Chair-Lexi Studebaker from Kansas will be attending the National Board Meeting

Marketing & Media: Dana Chambers stepped down as Chair. If you have someone in mind for the M&M Chair, please let Craig Ferdig know.

Expansion Committee: Dana Chambers stepped down as Co-Chair; Misty from Texas is the chair.

Youth Grant Committee: More applications were submitted in the last week.

Chapter Support Grant- There are 16 applications

Volunteer Committee: A number of states who have not submitted a report, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri Nevada North Carolina North Dakota Oregon Texas West Virginia
Double Diamond has 2 applications.

Education Committee: Will be having a webinar on March 17th regarding Light on the Land. Waiting for the last edits to be completed in the videos.

Partnership Committee: Consists of past chairs, partnership will have a report that indicates how the partnership is working, what we get out of it, etc.
Working on the governance policy and nominations for EC open positions.



Saw: Viewed a video that shows an electric saw does not stop and runs through chaps. Osha could state no electric chainsaws used in/with Forest Service. We are going to watch and see how this turns out but please be extremely careful and don't rely on electric chainsaws stopping just because you're wearing chaps. The video will be on the saw page of the website.

New Policies and Job Description

A policy has been created for everyone who has a BCHA credit card.

Director of Public Lands job description was approved last night during the EC meeting.

National Board Meeting Updates

- We have a packed agenda.
- 2 resolutions have been submitted.
- National Director Orientation is on April 2nd at 5:00PM Pacific Time. What to expect, rolls and responsibilities during the National Board Meeting.
- If you have a change of directors, please let Michelle know at michellewade@bcha.org
- Would you like to see a seminar on the volunteer hours, a show of hands said yes. We will have a volunteer hours seminar on Sunday at the National Board Meeting.
- A survey regarding future National Board Meetings was sent to all National Directors, please fill this out so we have a better idea where and what you prefer.

Meeting ended at 5:51PM Pacific