

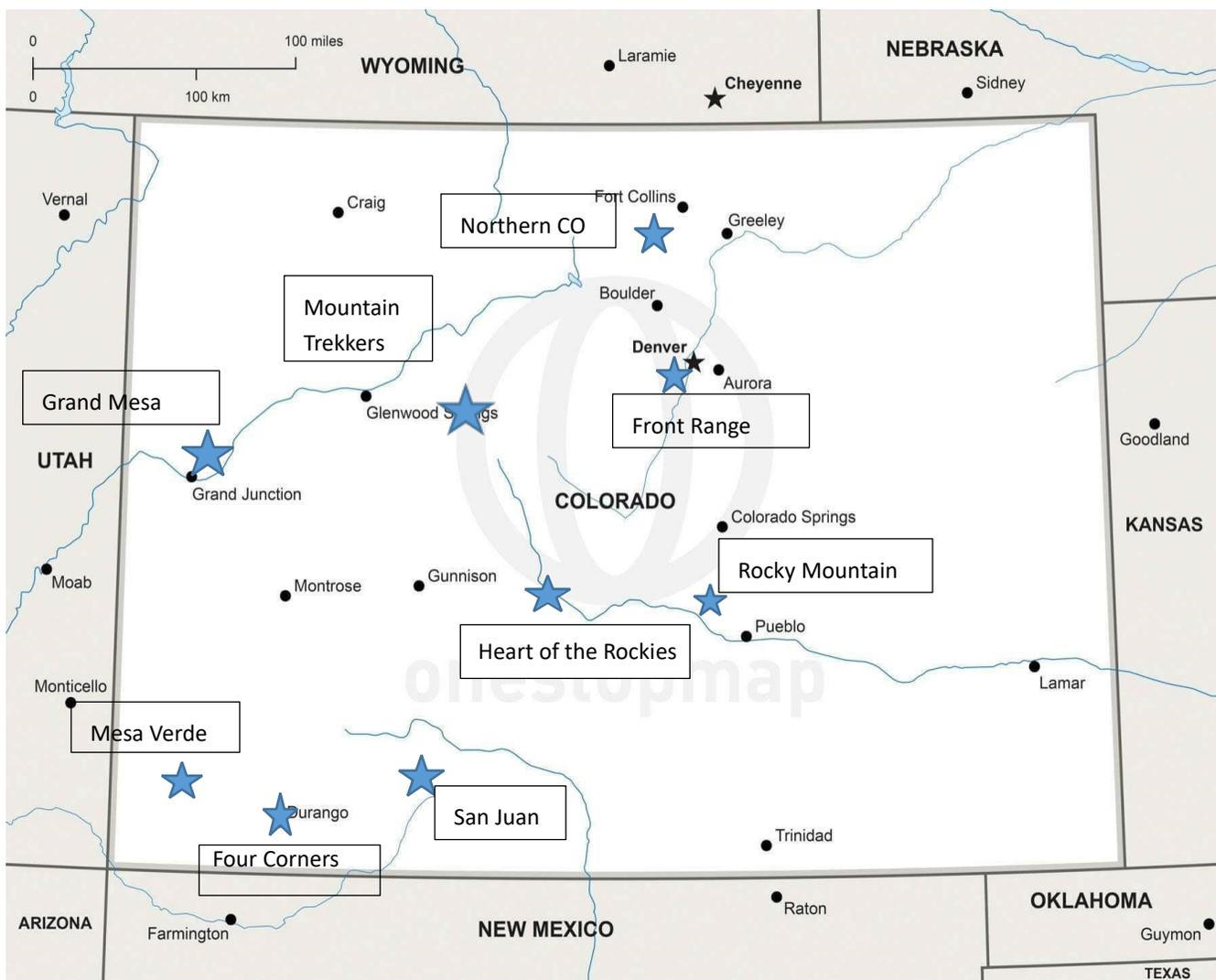
# BCH of Colorado Report

Back Country Horsemen of America

National Board Meeting

Kansas City, MO

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**\*\*No report: Four Corners, Grand Mesa**

## STATE REPORT

### Back Country Horsemen of Colorado (BCHCO)

#### Purpose and Mission Statement

- ★ Perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and Wilderness areas.
- ★ Work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- ★ Assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.
- ★ Educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- ★ Foster and encourage the formation of new Back Country Horsemen Chapters within Colorado

#### Organization & Outreach

- ★ We hold at nine chapters, membership decreased
  - ★ Our annual meetings were held in March and October 2025. Most state directors are engaged.
  - ★ Four of our nine chapters are a c(3); state is a c(4).
- 2011 Butte, MT NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis
- 2012 Eugene, OR NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis
- 2013 Rapid City, ND NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis
- 2014 Chattanooga, TN NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis
- 2015 Sacramento, CA NBM was attended by Jan Potterveld and Larry Zauberis
- 2016 Las Vegas, NV NBM was attended by Jan Potterveld and Larry Zauberis
- 2017 Great Falls, MT NBM was attended by Jan Potterveld and Larry Zauberis
- 2018 Spokane, WA NBM was attended by Larry Zauberis and Tif Rodriguez
- 2019 Asheville, NC NBM was attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH) and Monica Falk (TWBCH)
- 2020 Virtual Via Zoom was attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH), Barbara Tigyer (RMBCH)
- 2021 Virtual Via Zoom was attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH), Barbara Tigyer (RMBCH)
- 2022 Kansas City, MO NBM was attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH), Barbara Tigyer (RMBCH)
- 2023 Kalispell, MT NBM was attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH), Nancy McDonald (NCBCH)
- 2024 Casper, WY NBM was attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH), Nancy McDonald (NCBCH), Jay McDonald, Alternate (NCBCH)
- 2025 Prescott, AZ NBM was attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH), Nancy McDonald (NCBCH), Jay McDonald, Alternate (NCBCH), and many BCHCO members!!

#### Issues & Problems

- ★ Participation and lack of wanting to take leadership roles is a recurring theme within chapters.
- ★ Educating folks on the value of state and national, why we are here and what we do; national should be taking a larger role in helping states.
- ★ Unity of chapters within state; we are all a part of the same organization but factions seem to be an issue.
- ★ Communication - making sure important information coming from state and national reaches our chapter members and boots on the ground.
- ★ Engagement of members statewide throughout the year.
- ★ Ensuring that leaders in chapters understand BCH is a bipartisan organization and when representing BCH personal agendas shouldn't lead.

## STATE REPORT: BCHCO (Continued)

### Projects & Plans

- ★ Fundraising
- ★ Membership challenge and drive – Chair
- ★ Revising and updating bylaws
- ★ Continue to build on Colorado Saw Program
- ★ Revitalizing education and incorporating BCHA’s webinars into our statewide Leadership Symposium
- ★ Hopeful for another statewide rendezvous
- ★ Continuing to set up best practices to pass down to newly placed officers; focus on mentoring and successor training, so new folks coming on are ready

### Organization Details

#### **2025 and 2026 Executive Committee:**

Chair – L Jay McDonald (NCBCH)

Vice Chair – Leslie Miller (RCBCH, HRBCH)

Secretary – Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH)

Treasurer – Larry Zauberis (4CBCH)

Volunteer Hours – Larry Zauberis (4CBCH)

National Directors – Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH) and Nancy McDonald (NCBCH); Jay McDonald (NCBCH, alt.)

#### **Chapter Directors (Current):**

4CBCH - Larry Zauberis; (no second); (no alternate)

FRBCH – Shawna Jarvis; Julie Chaney

NCBCH - Nancy McDonald; L Jay McDonald; Vicki Buchanan (alternate)

SJBCH – Ron Toland; Allan Netzer; John Nelson (alternate)

HRBCH – Leslie Miller; Beth Morgan; (no alternate)

RMBCH - Leslie Miller; no second; no alternate

GMBCH – Laurie Kollasch; Andrea Byrne (alternate)

MVBCH - Tif Rodriguez; Alice Pierson; (no alternate)

MTBCH – Rika Moore; Sarah Crawford; Jessica Gilbert (alternate)

Committees: Education, Expansion/Networking, Public Lands; need for fundraising

**STATE REPORT: BCHCO (Continued)**

**2025 Volunteer Hours**

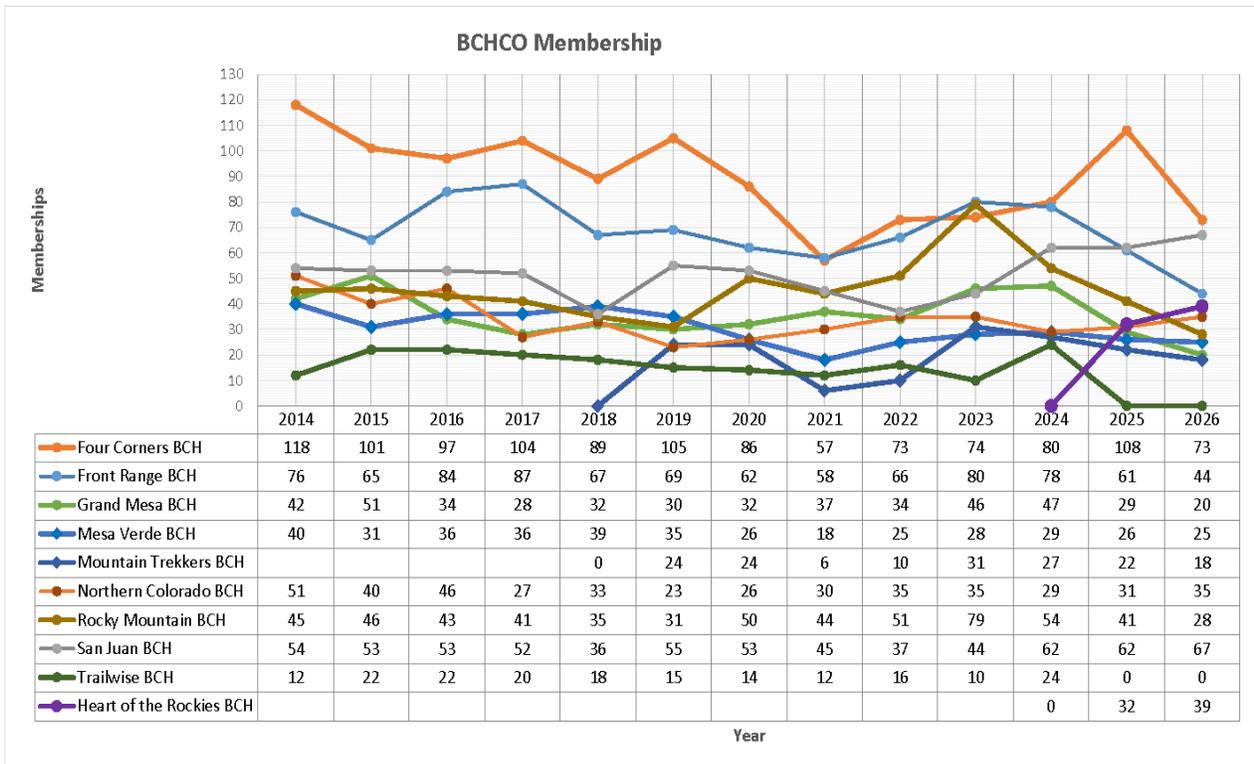
<b>Backcountry Horsemen of America</b> <b>Volunteer Hours Report</b> January 1 - December 31, 2025 Back Country Horsemen of Colorado				
	P1 Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	1333	\$34.79	<b>\$46,383.77</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	667	\$52.19	<b>\$34,810.73</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	308	\$34.79	<b>\$10,727.50</b>	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	355	\$34.79	<b>\$12,333.06</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	249	\$34.79	<b>\$8,655.75</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	688	\$34.79	<b>\$23,947.70</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	4898	\$34.79	<b>\$170,406.64</b>	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>8498</b>			
Wilderness Trail Miles	163			
National Scenic Trail Miles	0			
Other Trail Miles	1289			
<b>Total Trail Miles</b>	<b>1452</b>			
Personal Vehicle	17343	\$0.67	<b>\$11,620.01</b>	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	17095	\$1.35	<b>\$23,078.25</b>	Calculated per mile
<b>Total Travel Miles</b>	<b>34438</b>			
Power Equipment	171	\$35.00	<b>\$5,993.75</b>	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	62	\$140.00	<b>\$8,680.00</b>	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Equipment Hours</b>	<b>233</b>			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	288			
<b>Total Stock Days</b>	<b>272</b>	\$125.00	<b>\$34,000.00</b>	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$2,625.50		<b>\$2,625.50</b>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$393,262.65</b>	

**Value of Volunteer Labor for 2025: \$ 393,262.65**

# STATE REPORT: BCHCO (Continued)



## Membership Statistics Statewide



# CHAPTER REPORT

## Front Range Back Country Horsemen (FRBCH)

### Accomplishments

#### Education/Outreach

\*\*Our new Website has been in place for a year, has been phenomenally successful for our Chapter image. We keep pushing people to our website for updates, information, and for our Calendar, which has sign-up capabilities.

\*\*Our newsletter is a huge part of our communication. The new format has been very inviting and highly informative.

\*\*Continued use of Facebook and Instagram. Newsworthy articles, important horse/rider information, and news about our Chapter. We have increased our followers.

\*\*We invited speakers to our monthly meetings, which seemed to improve our members' turn out. We had a variety of speakers talk about animal health, saddle fitting, bridle fitting, forest service, wildlife information, and a Farrier.

\*\*Included a local riding club (PERC) to join us in a trail clearing event at Indian Creek.

\*\*Did a presentation at a riding club monthly meeting (PERC) to explain what FRBCH is about, was successful we added new members.

### Current & Future Projects

\*\*New board members with innovative ideas and enthusiasm.

\*\*Planning a couple of social rides to include guests, to do as a meet and greet type of events.

\*\*Planning a 30-year celebration for our Chapter that has been in existence since 1996. We plan to celebrate "the year of the horse" and our anniversary. Poker Ride, Education, horse related clinic, and Vendors.

\*\*Trail clearing at Indian Creek May 15-17 if allowed per Outside 285 proposition.

\*\*Trail clearing at Huerfano State Wildlife Park/BLM in July and replacing picnic table wood on 13 tables.

\*\*Holiday Kick-off Celebration – October

\*\*Christmas Tree Ambassador Program Nov/Dec

### Issues and Problems

Long standing, experienced members are ageing out (horses too)

Our Chapter is not widely recognized in the Horse Community continuing to educate when the opportunity arises at other riding groups and bike groups.

Try to increase membership by social media, speakers at monthly meetings, social events, and youth members and encourage volunteering.

### Organization Details

**President:** Shawna Jarvis

**Vice President:** Open

**Secretary:** Karen Chaney

**Treasurer:** Karen Schick

**Board Members:** Julie Chaney, Valorie Walters, Debbie Schultze & Savanna Barnett

**State Board Representatives:** Julie Chaney, Shawna Jarvis, Alternate: Debbie Schultze

# Chapter Report FRBCH (Cont.)

## Dues Structure

Individual \$60

Family \$70

Corporate \$90

Multi Chapter Affiliate Member \$33 / Multi Family \$37

## 2025 TOTALS:

Membership 52

Volunteered hours 5,058.

Traveled miles 8,757.

Trail Miles Cleared 233

Total Equipment hours 26

Total Stock Days 55

## History

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2018 2,449 Volunteer Hours; 17 Family and 17 Individual Memberships

2019 2,552 Volunteer Hours; 14 Family and 11 Individual Memberships

2020 498 Volunteer Hours; 9 Family and 9 Individual Memberships

2021 365 Volunteer Hours; 12 Family and 12 Individual Memberships

2022 507 Volunteer Hours; 12 Family and 13 Individual Memberships

2023 684 Volunteer Hours; 16 Family and 13 Individual Memberships



# CHAPTER REPORT

## Heart of the Rockies Back Country Horsemen (HRBCH)

(For end of 2025 into 2026)

President –Linny Embry

V. President - Beth Morgan

Secretary - Barb Tignor

Treasurer - Linda Bebell

State director - Barb Tignor

State Director - Leslie Miller

Board members - JoAnn Allen, Judi Ready, Nancy Hyde

### **Trails & Facilities**

- The past year has been one of education and connection for our members.
- We are the recipients of the BCHA grant that allowed us to put needed tools in our shed and a trauma kit for future trail work
- Trail clearing of some really big trees from Trail #200A and #203C in the San Isabel Forest opened up some really nice equine accessibility.
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- HRBCH endeavors to uphold the BCH mission statement.
- 1st aid, CPR and EAD training for six members
- HRBCH was the Sawyer training host in May and had 4 members get certified
- There has been a great understanding for the need to educate the public on how to correctly use and sustain our vast back country land.
- We encountered trail users while on our social rides which gave opportunity to educate them on equine trail use.
- Our chapter organized a meet and greet day at one of the local ranches that has llamas and donkeys.
- We became familiar with the collaboration efforts needed with the local public land agencies
- There were seeds planted to initiate work to be done in the future, to upgrade and maintain the existing trails, campgrounds and equine facilities to better serve those that want and will use them.
- HRBCH will be collaborating with GARNA to partner with them in educating the youth groups in our area: ElevateHer, Boys and Girls club and 4-H. As we get more recognized by the other trail advocates in the area we will be able to join them in the education of our community to ensure that our public lands are available to all who enjoy the outdoor recreation in our area.

# Chapter Report HRBCH (Cont.)

## Dues Structure

- Individual \$50
- Family \$60
- Bus./Assoc. \$70

## History

2024 Incorporated in October: official chapter of BCHA 34 members

2025 Attained 501c(3) 45 members 133 volunteer hours

### And so our story begins.....

HRBCH began on Nov. 2024 with approximately 24 volunteer members signing up. The first official meeting was a well attended luncheon where our officers were voted in, bylaws were put in place and scheduling began.

The excitement of starting this new Chapter resonated with all that attended.

The founding members were a group of trail/equestrian riders that have ridden together in the Heart of the Rockies counties (Chaffee, Fremont, Lake and Saguache) for 20+ yrs. What a vision they had to kindle friendship, create new acquaintances and bring back to the valley a recognition of the equestrian movement on our public trails. We will make great waves in renewing trails that have been long forgotten and overgrown. Equestrian parking will be made more available and camping areas will be established or recovered for the equine enthusiasts that live here and those that travel throughout our area HRBCH wheels are rolling forward. Goals were set, legality requirements met, and the work began.

The chapter applied for and received a significant grant from the BCHA to purchase tools and a trauma kit to use for maintaining and clearing trails.

All the “firsts” of HRBCH chapter have been positive and beneficial to further solidify our mission of keeping trails open for all.

The first meeting

The first annual Christmas party

The first annual Tack sale as a fund raiser

The first (second and third) social ride brought enjoyment fellowship laughter memory maker and bonding to all that participated along with the opportunity to be trail ambassadors for BCH

\*\*\*Our gratitude extends beyond our boundaries as we recognized the BCHCO and BCHA that have given us unmeasurable support to help us succeed.

Also, we take our hats and helmets off to them, along with many other organizations that partnered with HRBCH to host the sawyer certification course here in our local area and forests.

It's hard to measure our success, but we have more than doubled our membership and we are alive with enthusiasm to make our hooves be heard.

Come join the stampede that is happening.

**We need you!!!!!!**



# CHAPTER REPORT

## Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen (MVBCH)

### Accomplishments

#### Trails & Facilities

- The Mavreeso and Goble Trails require our annual use of chainsaws to clear. We had to do some reroutes and heavy brushing as both are high elevation trails and require quite a bit of maintenance. Snow always delays us a bit in the high country but this year with virtually no snow, we think we can get in there sooner.
- MVBCH continues to maintain the Equestrian Facility at Transfer Campground.
- Will do more of the Bear Creek bridge packout this year.

#### Education/Outreach

- On National Trails Day members provided public education about user interface on trails, handouts, and the opportunity to interact with horses and mules at a very popular spot, Chicken Creek, in the frontcountry, that has become very popular with new trails and bikes.
- Continuing education for our members included learning about Equine Dentistry, trail maintenance, first aid/CPR, saw, packing demos, trail obstacles.
- We are pursuing evolving partnerships with other outdoor stewardship organizations.
- Many of our members have utilized their Wilderness Study Area Monitor training for the BLM and are putting that to good use to support the CO BLM mapping project.
- Our newsletter is published monthly online. In addition to our website, a Facebook page is maintained with 377 members. We are thinking of starting a page as our group is private and so folks can't share posts we put up.

### Current and Future Projects

- Pack out the old bridge from Bear Creek.
- Work with the BLM to maintain the trailhead parking area of the Summit Ridge Recreational Area.
- Provide pack stock support for USFS Projects on the SJNF and BLM Canyon of the Ancients National Monument.
- Provide educational outreach at a trailhead on National Trails Day.
- Award a \$1500 scholarship for higher education to a local graduate with an interest in outdoor resource management.
- Plan group campouts in support of trail workdays.
- Do monthly WSA Monitoring for the BLM.
- Put on a packing clinic to facilitate support of agency projects.
- Hold our annual Poker Ride fundraiser.
- Explore partnership with local trail user groups.
- Make sure our public lands remain in public hands.

### Issues and Problems

- Our membership is aging. We need younger members over time.
- We want to monitor problems caused by non-equestrian use of equestrian campgrounds. This is quite a problem in the Transfer Horse Camp that we maintain.
- User Interface between bikers, e-bikers, and equestrians continue to be a challenge.

## CHAPTER REPORT MVBCH (Cont.)

### Organization

<b>President</b>	Rex Alford
<b>Vice President</b>	Cheryl Dyer
<b>Secretary</b>	Jan Gilbert
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lyn Rowley
<b>Board Member</b>	Alice Pierson
<b>National Director</b>	Tif Rodriguez
<b>State Board Representatives</b>	Tif Rodriguez, Alice Pierson, No Alternate

### Dues Structure

Individual	\$43
Family	\$48
Corporate	\$43
Youth	\$14

### History

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2023	684 Volunteer Hours; 16 Family and 13 Individual Memberships
2024	788 Volunteer Hours; 14 Family and 12 Individual Memberships
2025	580 Volunteer Hours; 25 total memberships



## CHAPTER REPORT

### Mountain Trekkers Back Country Horsemen (MTBCH)

#### Accomplishments

#### Trails & Facilities

- Maintained the Mucky Lake trail in White River National Forest near Gypsum.
- Maintained the McKenzie Gulch trail in White River National Forest near Eagle and Sylvan Lake State Park.
- VVMTA, Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance, assisted with more volunteers. MTBCH is now a working trail maintenance partner with VVMTA. VVMTA has put “Yield to Horses” signs for trail users at the top and bottom of some of our frequently used multi-use trails.
- Equestrian trail advocacy for Sweetwater Lake on the Garfield-Eagle county line and within Eagle County. We stay involved through public meetings to ensure equestrians have a voice in management decisions.

#### Education/Outreach

- Our Spring Fling ride, always at the beginning of our riding season, took place on May 24 on Eagle County Open Space trails. A new board was voted in after the two hour ride.
- We led two membership trail rides this summer, one at Sweetwater Lake in Gypsum and one at Meadow Mountain in Minturn.
- Our Annual Poker Ride was a big success and took place on September 14 on Eagle County Open space. The event drew a lot of attention to equestrian trail users in our community and created positive press, and brought in over \$1,000.
- Six of our members attended the super fun BCHCO Rendezvous in the fall.
- We held our annual holiday party in December.

#### Current and Future Projects

- We will be making a donation to Mountain Valley Horse Rescue, a nonprofit in our area, with funds generated during the 2025 Poker Ride. We hope to create an alliance by holding our 2026 Spring Fling on their adjacent land and to help bring awareness to the BCHA purpose of trail maintenance and education, and create new memberships.
- We will continue with trail maintenance at Mucky Lake and McKenzie Gulch.
- We will continue to advocate for equestrian use and facilities at Sweetwater Lake and with Eagle County as they develop their Open Space Plan.
- We are hosting a camping trip in April 2026 at the Onion Creek equestrian campsite in Moab, Utah for members only. This will kick off the season and encourage members to renew and others to join our membership earlier in the season.

# Chapter Report MTBCH (Cont.)

## Issues and Problems

- It was a tough summer in Eagle County due to several fires. Some of our members played a role in sheltering displaced animals during the Derby Mesa fire.
- We will continue to work on growing our membership.

## Organization Details

**President** - Rika Moore

**Vice President**- Dede Dickinson

**Treasurer** - Sarah Crawford

**Board Member at Large** - Tracy Beckett, Jessica Rabins

## Dues Structure

Individual	\$35
Family	\$55
Assoc. Club	\$55
Youth	\$25

## History

In the Summer of 2018, Eagle County residents came together to create the Mountain Trekkers chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of America. We are a group of devoted equestrians who volunteer our time to clear, maintain, and improve trails for everyone to use. We seek to be a unifying voice for the horse community by advocating for horseback riding and stock access to public lands. Mountain Trekkers isn't a group just for equestrians and stockmen; it's a collaborative group of folks who are passionate about our wilderness and our community.

The Mountain Trekkers area of focus covers some of the most coveted wilderness in the Colorado Rockies. This includes the Holy Cross, Eagles Nest, Hunter-Frying Pan, and Flat Tops Wilderness Areas, and the White River National Forest. We work in cooperation with land management agencies such as the United States Forest Service, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Land Management.



## CHAPTER REPORT

### Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen (NCBCH)

#### Accomplishments

##### TRAILS & FACILITIES:

- **Major accomplishment: Built 8 corrals at the Historic Buckhorn Ranger Station in Arapaho Roosevelt NF. This Ranger Station recently received National Register of Historic Places status.**
- **Rebuilt and cleared the enclosure area around the RS complex.**
- USFS rebuild of Jack's Gulch Campground is ongoing.
- Continued adoption of two trails in ARNF
- Maintained Lady Moon, Mt Margaret and Elkhorn Creek TH gate accesses.
- Members helped to reroute a section of Mt Margaret Trail and worked on the ADA Trail from Lady Moon TH near Red Feather Lakes, CO
- Wire removed from several sections of abandoned fences on Lone Pine Wildlife Area as well as wire removal from sections of Lady Moon and Elkhorn Trails
- Maintaining corrals at HQ TH on Pole Mountain, maintaining the bog area there as well, maintaining corrals in State Forest SP near Gould, CO and maintaining Pelton Creek CG in collaboration th GreatDivide BCH, WY

##### EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:

- New Sawyers were certified and plans are in the works to schedule sawyer trainings in our area
- Laramie WY Ranger regarding building the bridge over Little Laramie River near Centennial, WY where materials have been stacked out for at least 3 years. Collaborative effort with Great Divide BCH
- Member Gerry Cole presented a hobbling clinic for members and public
- Member Rick Farasyn planned a successful ride at Tres Piedres in Northern NM
- Facebook page is updated regularly

#### Current and Future Projects

- Cleanup of campsite tables, bear boxes, etc at Jack's Gulch when authorized
- Replanting trees across the ARNF burn scar when authorized
- Continued efforts to reconnect the trail from Disappointment Falls off Lady Moon trail to Elkhorn trail to the West
- Continued efforts to get accurate signage on Pole Mountain trail system
- Replace/rework 7 gates in Red Feather Lakes (RFL) area along Granite Ridge/Lady Moon and Mt Margaret trails
- Continue maintaining corrals/TH referenced above

# Chapter Reporter NCBCH (Cont.)

## Issues and Problems

- Ongoing - President and VP are expected to schedule everything
- Ongoing - when older members 'age out' or no longer have horses/mules their support stops - with few exceptions
- Ongoing - reluctance to or forgetfulness of utilizing the EBike and Campsite incident report forms
- Ongoing - Mountain bikers are taking over trails - Ebikes are compounding that problem
- Ongoing - Members want social rides but nobody will plan/coordinate them
- New younger members 'burned out' in part due to slowness when working with the USFS and other government agencies

## Organization Details

President: Vickie Buchanan

Vice President: Jay McDonald

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Rick Farasyn

Board Member: Jenifer Nordstrom, Nancy McDonald, Jenna Vanderhoff, Marsha Eilert

National Director: Nancy McDonald

State Board Representatives: Jay and Nancy McDonald

## Dues Structure

Individual \$40

Family \$75

Youth \$30

## History

2003 Incorporated September 23; NonProfit 501c3

Volunteer hours are missing/misplaced until 2019. Multiple persons were responsible for submitting these reports with no chain of command as to where they were sent or retained.

Records for 2015 - 2017 show membership numbers of: 14 Family/27 Individual 15 Family/27. Individual and 16 Family /30 Individual Memberships respectively.

2018 Unavailable

2019 1322 Volunteer Hours; 17 Family and 15 Individual Memberships

2020 1232 Volunteer Hours; 18 Family and 16 Individual Memberships

2021 975 Volunteer Hours; 26 Family and 22 Individual Memberships

2022 713 Volunteer Hours; 26 Family and 17 Individual Memberships

2023 331 Volunteer Hours; 18 Family and 14 Individual Memberships

2024 1060 Volunteer Hours; 16 Family and 20 Individual Memberships

2025 879 Volunteer Hours; 07 Family and 30 Individual Memberships

# CHAPTER REPORT

## Rocky Mountain Back Country Horsemen

RM BCH faced many challenges in 2025 due to lack of leadership and participation. By the end of the year the entire board resigned and were planning on closing the chapter. Several past members stepped up to the plate to take on leadership roles keeping the chapter alive. With new leadership and a new dedication to the mission of BCHA we are looking forward to new growth.

# CHAPTER REPORT

## San Juan Back Country Horsemen (SJBCH)

### Accomplishments

#### Trails & Facilities

- Sign restoration: ~50 signs in RG and SJ NF
- National Trails Day/Treasure Falls cleanup (annual event)
- Two trips to pack tools/eqpt 6 miles in/out Fish Lake trail for PRD
- 30-mile trail head re-route (RG NF)
- Trail clearing (miles and tree count not available)
  - Archuleta Creek
  - CDT: Elwood to Silver Pass
  - Fish Lake
  - Quartz Ridge
  - Blanco River
  - Leche Creek
  - La Garita
  - Hossick Lake
  - Anderson

### Education/Outreach

#### General meetings

- James White: Stories from Blanco Basin Road
- James White: Packing materials and constructing West Fork bridges
- Adam Tlachac: Pine beetles in the San Juans
- Candelarias: Trail ride and dinner at the ranch
- Ash Tulley: Outfitter's perspective
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#### Current and Future Projects

- Amish community requests trail projects for 8 young men for 4 weeks. Plan to spend one week in each of 4 local Ranger Districts.
- Geolocate outfitter camps for PRD
- Recon to assess trail damage from recent flood

# CHAPTER REPORT SJBCH (Cont.)

## Issues and Problems

### Pagosa Area Recreation Coalition (PARC)

- Provided East Fork, Turkey Springs comments re: development
- Letter of Concern re: community participation
- DUST2 “rebuttal” re: proposals for new mtn bike park
- Grant Letter of Support for “PARC 2”
- Met with PRD to protest inappropriate public statements in PARC meetings, e.g. PRD advocating for landscape-level change in favor of mechanized access and detrimental to equine use

### Organization Details

President	Ron Toland
Vice President	John Nelson
Secretary	Leann Wilson
Treasurer	Allan Netzer
Board Member	
National Director	
State Board Representatives	Ron Toland, Allan Netzer

### Dues Structure

Individual	\$45
Family	\$50
Corporate	NA
Youth	NA