

Back Country Horsemen of America

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BCH OF AMERICA POLICY STATEMENT: BACKCOUNTRY CACHE POLICY

The Back Country Horsemen of America support the USFS "cache policy" that is currently being used in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. This policy has been used in parts of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho since 1985. It calls for elimination of caches in wilderness in an orderly and reasonable fashion. With today's modern light weight equipment most outfitters and private foremen users have found that the need to cache heavy equipment and the need to leave permanent structures in the wilderness areas is unnecessary. Permanent caches violate the "wilderness concept" that the Wilderness Act of 1964 was to establish. We see a need for the USFS to enforce this policy as a nation wide policy, equally from District to District, Forest to Forest, Region to Region. The membership of BCH of America feel this policy supports the objectives and goals of this organization as listed in our constitution.