

USER FEES

1997

The NBD goes on record in opposition to user fees in wilderness and roadless back country and associated access trailhead facilities. (8 FOR, 2 Against, 5 Abstain)

1998

WHEREAS: Public land managers are faced with increasing budgetary concerns and legislative mandates for user fee programs, and

WHEREAS: BCHA has grave concerns as to the impact of said programs on volunteer service, and

WHEREAS: There is inconsistency in the administration of these program, and

WHEREAS: Recognition of volunteer service varies in different regions and forests, and

WHEREAS: Volunteer services often allow agency funding for trail work to go many times farther than is possible under the current restrictive budgeting process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BCHA recommends legislative or policy statements that mandate fair and equitable treatment of volunteers and volunteer service.

This recommendation should not be considered as an endorsement of, or support for, a user program. BCHA still stands strongly opposed to user fees for the use of, or access to, undeveloped and disbursed areas including wilderness areas.

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1999

The NBD voted to reaffirm the BCHA NB position from 1998.