



BCHA National Director Call Notes

July 29, 2026, at 5:00PM Pacific

44 in attendance

Chairman opened the meeting with an overview of the Executive Committee Call

Financials

- Treasurer provided the balance sheet including all account balances.
- Provided the Stifel investment account values and the CD balances.
- Budget Vs. Actual provided.

Public Lands

American the Beautiful Foundation providing grants. See this link.

<https://www.americatebeautifulfoundation.org/grants>

REI x PNTS 2026 Public Lands Day Campaign: Received offer from the Partnership for the National Trails System to include BCHA funding in its affiliation with REI, Inc. to support events and raise awareness of National Public Lands Day (NPLD, Sept. 26th). BCHA will receive \$15,000 for participating in the largely social media campaign to raise awareness of NPLD and will be eligible to receive up to a \$20,000 grant to advertise and host a NPLD event(s) in association with a National Scenic or Historic Trail. BCHA leadership chose to opt-in to this campaign, with nominations for the NPLD event(s) to be considered by BCHA's Fundraising Committee.

USFS 2005 Travel Management Rule Campaign: In late June, along with AHS, American Trails and the Motorcycle Industry Council, met in DC with Department of Agriculture Under Secretary (USEC) Michael Boren. Discussed the [policy letter](#) submitted in early June by the trails community that voiced opposition to the proposed repeal of the Travel Management Rule (TMR) and urged a middle ground for public process & comment to revise the TMR in order to modernize it to better meet current needs in the field. Appeared to reach agreement with the USEC on the need to retain key sideboards established via the TMR, including:

1. Maintaining the closed-unless-posted-open policy for motorized use on trails;
2. Relying on forest Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) as the primary enforcement tool (versus the posting of on-site signage);
3. Identifying ways to make MVUMs more readable for the public, including using colors (currently black and white) and developing easy-to-use mobile phone apps tied into GPS;
4. Maintaining the need for public process and stakeholder engagement when forests update their MVUMs.

The USEC invited our team to submit a red-lined document of the TMR that would include the trails community's recommended additions and deletions to text in the current Code of Federal Regulations. The letter is expected to be submitted next week.

BLM Travel Management Regulations, Proposed Repeal: The BLM [announced](#) the proposed repeal of portions of their travel management regulations. BCHA authored a letter, with support from AHS and American Trails, to be sent to the BLM before their formal announcement expressing opposition to the proposed repeal.

National Scenic and Historic Trails interactive map:

<https://nps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=d89951079a374f28ab4a3b9fc41025dd>



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Chairman discussed the re-organization of the Public Lands into three areas, and we have good leadership in place. We are receiving good traction in areas, and we will be making tweaks to the structure as it moves along to consistently improve.

Public Lands Chairman discussed the success of how many states submitted regarding the Roadless Rule and how well the Public Lands Structure is working.

BCHA had a meeting with AQHA and will be having another meeting tomorrow. They reached out to us, and this is sounding promising.

Met with the American Outfitters Association, decided we will be nice friends but will not get more involved.

Committees

They are all moving forward with Youth Committee; Lexi is trying to get her feet under her. Asked committee chairs to help get her up to speed. Marketing & Media, Barb has taken over as chair and they are reorganizing.

There has been a push from some forests to not pay for our insurance, to work around a trail work permit. We work with MOU and we are protected under the "Volunteer in the Forest Act" so they are supposed to provide insurance. Looking at backups just in case we lose the insurance coverage.

Comment: Keep up with the local people you work with, it is important in consideration of a lot of changes. Don't ask questions, just keep the line of communication going.

Does insurance cover all lands such as parks, etc.? There is not enough information yet to know the answer, early stages of research.

National Director Comments:

Montana: There is a ride taking place in Montana with Energy and National Resources Committee, if there are any questions to ask them, please let Connie Long know.

Idaho: They have been doing a number of improvements in the Teton National Forest, is this something they could apply for and is the deadline coming soon? Some difficulty hearing the conversation. Is the grant for next year? It is on the website; it goes into 2027. The sooner you apply the better.

New Mexico: Has anything else come up about the Defensive Horse Safety Course? No one has brought it up since the last meeting.

Alabama: Someone asked about challenge coins, does BCHA have these? Not currently, not sure if we have ever had them. When you go to talk to politicians, these put our name on their desks and they like receiving them. Look into Challenge Coins.

Utah: Talked about social media postings; people complaining about horse droppings on trails, if they must clean up after dogs, why don't people need to clean up after horses. Just a heads up in case any further conversations about this arise.



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North Carolina: Equestrian was hospitalized from an accident with a non-yielding mountain biker. We need to document this stuff, fill out the Incident Reporting Form. Document any type of incident. This form should be a general incident form and remove E-bike incident.

The officers have been working closely with Randy; created a job description and working together too on a quarterly basis to make sure everything is proceeding in a positive direction.

Meeting ended at 5:56PM Pacific Time