



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 28th , 2026, at 5:00 PST

Zoom: [Click here to access meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 884 0342 4683

Passcode: 505942

Welcome & Introductions

Meeting called to order at 5:01PM Pacific Time

Agenda

Any questions about the agenda, no questions raised.

Minutes: June 2026

Any questions on the minutes, what was said on the Wilderness thing is not quite correct due to changes, sees BCHA moving to wilderness groups.

Motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

Financial Reports – June 2026

Financial reports provided by the Vice Chairman.

- Budget Vs. Actual
 - Not many changes since last month
 - Donations provided
 - Cost for administration is within budget
 - Travel Expenses provided for the AHC Conference
 - Committees have used some of their budgets but not all.
- Balance Sheet
 - Bank Accounts balances provided in total
 - Stifel Investment Values provided.
 - Restricted committee revenue is from the silent auction to be used if committees need it. Divided equally.

Motion to accept the financials as reported. Seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

American Horse Council Survey: Discussion on the National Equine Economic Impact Study. Should BCHA give \$1,000 toward the study? What does it get BCHA? Fundraising will give the committee \$1,000 toward the survey. **Motion to pay the \$1,000 out of the fundraising budget, seconded. All in favor none opposed. Motion passed.**

Public Lands

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 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



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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 back 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 redlined 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.

Coalition Meetings: Randy represented BCHA in the following key coalition meetings:

- American Horse Council—During AHC's annual meeting and fly-in, chaired meeting of AHC's Recreation, Trails & Land Use Committee. Received AHC's Champion Award on behalf of BCHA.
- American Quarter Horse Association—Based on a contact made at the AHC meeting, coordinated introductory zoom meeting between AQHA and BCHA leadership to explore common interests.
- Northwest Trails Roundtable—Topics included activities associated with Legacy Restoration Fund reauthorization in Congress (i.e., America the Beautiful Act, S.1547/HR 9250), challenges of partner organizations securing US Forest Service agreements, and US Forest Service Travel Mgt Rule.
- Partnership for the National Trails System—Participated in Advocacy & Policy Committee zoom meeting.
- Travel Management Core Group— Zoom discussion of coalition activities in preparation of proposed repeal or revision of longstanding US Forest Service and BLM travel management policies.
- Coalition for Recreational Trails—Zoom discussion regarding lack of movement of Recreational Trails Program Full Funding Act (S.811) and pros and cons of decoupling the bill from the Transportation Reauthorization package, which likely will not be reauthorized this year.



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Committee Updates

Volunteer hours: The award was corrected and sent to the chapter.

Public Lands: Trying to follow what is going on with the Forest Service, motorized are getting permits to go in and clear trails.

Randy will be creating a spreadsheet to keep track of everything going on.

Corner crossing is crossing from one piece of state land to another, access to State School Trust Lands.

Partnerships: Called Back Country Hunters and Anglers, they wanted this out in the prairie. After researching Back Country Hunters & Anglers there are some conflicts BCHA does not want to be involved with. They have no way of knowing what their chapters are doing.

Suggested staying away from the corner crossing issue. We need to work with the anti-disposal of public lands.

Agreements: USDA is confusing the type of agreements they are coming out with

<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-105publ19/pdf/PLAW-105publ19.pdf>

Updates from the Chairman

Next EC Meeting: August 25th, 2026

National Director Call Tomorrow Night.

Adjourn 6:02PM

Attendance Required: Mark Himmel, Craig Ferdig, Latifia Rodriguez, Greg Schatz, Jim Allen, Keith Holley, Heather Cox, Darrell Wallace

Absent: Heather Schultz

Staff: Randy Rasmussen, Michelle Wade