BCHA National Director Call Notes

August 26, 2026

Meeting began at 5:02PM, Pacific Time

Financial

Treasurer provided financial reports including the Balance Sheet and the Budget vs. Actual.

- CDs have been renewed
- Received a grant from the Wilderness Society

Investment Accounts (Stifel: Legacy and Legal)
A review of the fees found we may be paying slightly higher fees than maybe needed. The EC reviewed a report, and the EC made and approved a motion to begin looking at alternate companies. We are hoping to have an answer by November.

National Board Meeting

2028 & 2029 National Board Meeting will be held in Missoula Montana; the 2028 contract has been signed. The room rate will be a little higher, the food and beverage minimum is lower and a look at airfare shows flying may be less expensive as well. We will be going to the museum.

2027 National Board Meeting budget was also discussed, and it was approved by the Executive Committee.

Public Lands

Objections to (yet another!) Tahoe NF Class 1 E-Bike Authorization: Prepared and submitted detailed objections to the Tahoe NF draft decision and Final EA to authorize Class 1 e-bike use on 119 miles of currently non-motorized trails shared by hikers and horsemen. Objections were supported and signed onto by BCH California and its Mother Load Unit. According to current Trail Classification Standards, some of the trails in question have both a Designed and a Managed use of Pack & Saddle, one of which is an important feeder trail into the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (which by law does not allow bike use). Chief among BCHA's concerns is that the USFS continues to avoid analyzing the cumulative impacts of a half dozen recent and proposed e-bike authorizations on the Tahoe NF and adjacent USFS administered Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, including its failure to recognize the unique risks to horsemen, and related recreational use "displacement," associated with authorizing Class 1 e-bike use on over 415 miles of shared-use trails.

USFS 2005 Travel Management Rule Campaign: Learned that the pending FS proposal shifted from full repeal to a review of concepts to update/revise the Rule. This represents a significant

advancement of the collective campaign by BCHA and others to avoid the Rule's outright repeal. Worked with AHS and American Trails on a proposal for revisions to the Rule that would require:

- More frequent updates of forest Travel Plans,
- Use of mobile apps for sharing resultant Motor Vehicle Use Maps for each forest, and
- Separating "adaptive" modes of travel from requirements related to conventional off-road vehicles.

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

- American Horse Council—Chaired zoom meeting of AHC's Recreation, Trails & Land Use Committee that included discussion joint action regarding: FY'27 congressional appropriations, support for America the Beautiful Act and its Legacy Restoration fund reauthorization, Interagency 2026 recreation visitation data report (and BCHA proposed additions), US Forest Service Travel Management Rule repeal/revision.
- American Quarter Horse Association—Based on a contact made at AHC's annual meeting, coordinated second zoom meeting between AQHA and BCHA leadership to further explore joint interests/programs.
- Equestrian Legacy Radio—Participated in monthly airing of Saddle Up American that highlights BCHA activities and topics of interest to its listening audience. Joined by BCHA's Youth chair who reported on current BCHA initiatives to attract young adults.
- Northwest Trails Roundtable—Topics included activities associated with field tours for members of Congress during August recess, BCHA objections to Tahoe NF e-bike EA, the new proposal to change BLM travel mgt policies, rumors of USFS "Trail Work Permits" to be required for volunteer organizations.
- Travel Management Core Group— Zoom discussion of coalition activities in preparation for FS proposal to revise the Travel Mgt Rule. Learned of Under Secretary Boren's interest in facilitating use of e-bikes on non-motorized trails via the revision process.

• Coalition for Recreational Trails—Zoom discussion regarding outreach to alternate congressional champions in the House to champion the RTP Full Funding Act (S.811).

Roadless Rule

Thank you to all for sending in your letters regarding the Roadless Rule. The TMR and Roadless Rule impact each state differently. Our initial call to action to write in on whether they opposed it or not and how it impacts them. What BCHA has done, there are some links for this and if you did not get them, please reach out to Michelle. Heather Schultz put together an FAQ sheet that was sent to all National Directors. Mack really stressed that one lesson we learned from the previous call to action, many people just copied and pasted these letters, and these letters will only be counted as one letter which is why we stress personalizing these letters. In the letter there are

three options, leave it alone, rescind it completely and the third option is to cut back the identify areas significantly.

What other things can BCHA provide for you? If you can't think of anything during the meeting you can call or email us later.
The comment period closes on September 21st, 2026. Midnight Eastern Time
https://maps.roadless.org/

Regulations.gov Where to read the Roadless rule documents and the make comments.

The two 2001 Roadless Rule "retention" bills in Congress are: S. 2042 and in the House, HR 3930

AQHA
AQHA has provided a partnership contract to BCHA. They would like to send their members to our website to find trails, the trails page is in the construction stage. The ultimate goal is to help states and chapters gain membership.

Back Country Hunters & Anglers
They have put out some policy and controversial statements that is keeping BCHA at a distance. We have not broken off the relationship; it just hasn't moved forward at this time. They have state organizations we would need to build relationships with on the local level.
Comment: Caution that a lot of hunters and anglers use motorized vehicles. This is in conflict with what BCHA stands for.

Other Comments:
No other comments.

Meeting ended at 6:12PM, Pacific Time.