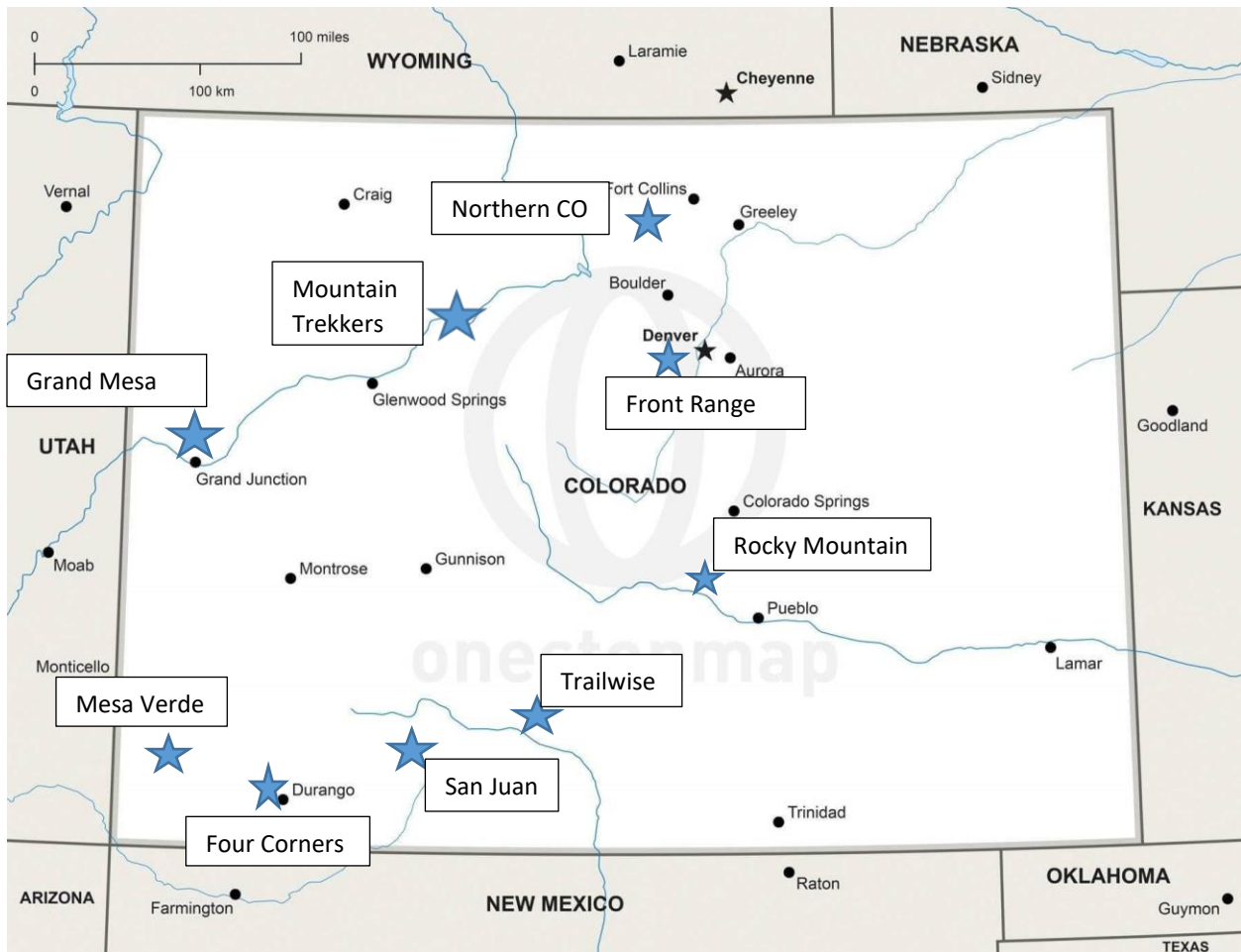


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STATE REPORT

Back Country Horsemen of Colorado (BCHCO)

Organization & Outreach

- ★ Because membership numbers have been decreasing statewide slowly it's been a focus - **OUR MEMBER NUMBERS INCREASED!!**
- ★ Through state outreach and marketing efforts, we added a ninth chapter to our BCH family in 2018! Welcome Mountain Trekkers BCH!
- ★ All nine of our chapters are all active, although we struggle with participation statewide. Our three annual meetings were held in Buena Vista, CO, at the Buena Vista Community Center, the most central location for all of our chapters. They were held on March 17, August 18 and November 3, 2018. The main topics of discussion included organizational progress, building of committees, public land and how to retain and increase membership statewide.
- ★ Two of our nine chapters are a c(3); state did research into regaining c(3) status at the request of our San Juan chapter. We have straightened out our EIN number and are nonprofit, but we have opted not to apply for c(3) status. This is due to many discussions, outreach with c(3)s and non-c(3)s, and in very large part to the ability to use national as a fiduciary, which is a great benefit for BCH states and chapters. We feel c(3) is putting more tasks on already overworked volunteers. We are encouraging all chapters that are not a c(3) to do the same, use BCHA as the fiduciary, so money stays in the organization and chapters and state can benefit from c(3) opportunities when they arise. There is not a long lag time when money is disbursed, once received by national.

2011 Butte, MT NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis

2012 Eugene, OR NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis

2013 Rapid City, ND NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis

2014 Chattanooga, TN NBM was attended by Julie Chaney and Larry Zauberis

2015 Sacramento, CA NBM was attended by Jan Potterveld and Larry Zauberis

2016 Las Vegas, NV NBM was attended by Jan Potterveld and Larry Zauberis

2017 Great Falls, MT NBM was attended by Jan Potterveld and Larry Zauberis

2018 Spokane, WA NBM was attended by Larry Zauberis and Tif Rodriguez

2019 Asheville, NC NBM will be attended by Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH) and Monica Falk (TWBCH)

Issues & Problems

- ★ Membership recruitment and retention is a recurring theme within chapters.
- ★ Educating folks on the value of state, why we are here and what we do.
- ★ Communication - making sure important information coming from state reaches our chapter members and boots on the ground.
- ★ Engagement of members statewide throughout the year.

Projects & Plans

- ★ Updating, revamping our website; offering online memberships and donations; offering membership directly through state for those that don't have quite enough folks yet to form their own chapter and others that need it.
- ★ We are looking at incorporating BCHA's webinars into our statewide Leadership Symposium. We moved it to biannually and plan to hold one this year.
- ★ We are also looking at supporting for the first time a statewide rendezvous.
- ★ We've restructured our committees, have been encouraging chairs to participate with their committees in between BOD meetings. Improving connections with chapters statewide is still a goal; enable the success of new folks coming on and long-term success of the operation and viability of state is also a goal.
- ★ Continuing to set up best practices to pass down to newly placed officers; focus on mentoring and successor training, so new folks coming on are ready.
- ★ Unfortunately we were unable to do our statewide youth packing challenge in 2018 due to various reasons.
- ★ We are supporting the partnership of one of our chapters with San Juan Mountains Association, a Share The Trails event on National Trails Day 2019 at Mud Springs SRMA, BLM land in Cortez, CO.
- ★ Implementing a quarterly e-news, specific for BCHCO members.

Organization Details

Executive Committee:

Chair – Latifia “Tif” Rodriguez (MVBCH)

Vice Chair – Monica Falk (TWBCH)

Secretary – Kim Meyer (FRBCH)

Treasurer – Larry Zauberis (4CBCH)

Volunteer Hours – Larry Zauberis (4CBCH)

National Directors – Tif Rodriguez (MVBCH) and Larry Zauberis (4CBCH)

Monica Falk (TWBCH) – Alternate

Chapter Directors:

Kim Meyer; Julie Chaney; John Case (alternate) - FRBCH

Nancy McDonald; L Jay McDonald - NCBCH

Larry Smith; Kristie Hefling - SJBCH

Carla Loftis; Anne Robinson (alternate) - TWBCH

Barb Tigyer; Debi Weger - RMBCH

Christina Vander Berg; Terry Randall - GMBCH

Chuck Wanner - MVBCH

Kendra Pardee; Dani Neumann - MTBCH

Committees: Education, Expansion/Networking, Membership, Public Lands, Fundraising – Chairs will be determined at our March 9, 2019, BOD meeting. Fundraising is new so we'll develop as we go.

STATE REPORT (CONT.)

2018 Volunteer Hours

State/Chapter Summary or Project Name	Volunteer Work								Transportation			Equipment Hours		Horses & Mules		Donations
	Trail Work Hours			Trail Miles		Education	Public	Admin	Travel	Personal	Stock	Power	Heavy	Quantity	Stock	Dollar
	Basic	Skilled	Recon	Wilderness	Other	& LNT	Meetings	Service	Time	POV Miles	Haul Miles	Equip	Equip	Stock	Days	Amount
Four Corners BCH	684	85	3	0	29	0	0	0	148.05	5252	1259	0	0	14	16	\$ -
Front Range BCH	754.25	8	0	109	0	105.15	0	247.5	526.05	10576	7721	0	0	102	162	\$1,350.00
Grand Mesa BCH	147	49	39	0	44.75	9	49	25	154.5	1368	1465	2	0	34	34	\$ -
Mesa Verde BCH	1353.15	182	149.75	20	640.09	62.5	89.25	154.5	458.15	10491	6249	10	16	182	182	\$934.39
Mountain Trekkers BCH	88	4	4	41.25	0	56	18	312.5	0	1406	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Northern Colorado BCH	433	396	19	74	103.5	0	0	98	202.5	1565	6804	0	0	249	279	\$ -
Rocky Mountain BCH	402	12	0	0	0	170	0	0	153	5208	0	0	0	67	67	\$ -
San Juan BCH	482	250.5	27	176.7	65.2	0	324	266	487	1635	4096	0	0	179	179	\$ -
Trail Wise BCH	65.75	25	150	60	525	90	120	8	451	2075	4689	15	0	253	265	
Totals	4409.15	1011.5	391.75	480.95	1407.54	492.65	600.25	1111.5	2580.25	39576	32283	27	16	1080	1184	\$ 2,284.39

Value of Volunteer Labor for 2018: \$467,940



CHAPTER REPORT

Four Corners Back Country Horsemen (4CBCH)

Accomplishments

Trails & Facilities

- ★ May 2018 - Six members spent the day planting Limber Pine seedlings on a large old burn scar at Vallecito Reservoir.
- ★ May 2018 - Four members spent four hours installing a hitch rail and a metal sign identifying Sauls Creek newly installed parking lot as a joint effort between BP, USFS and 4CBCH.
- ★ Sept. 2018 - Three members left from Lower Molas Campground and trekked up to the Colorado Trail. A 20-25 foot section of trail was repaired/rebuilt where a washout has damaged the trail tread. One packhorse was utilized for the trip as well as three riding horses.
- ★ Sept. 2018 - Chris Park workday. SCC conservation crew was hired for a week and the chapter worked with the crew on a Saturday chapter workday reconstructing a 250 yard section of trail. 18 chapter members came out for various parts of the day, working side by side with the SCC. We honed trail construction techniques with actual hands on instruction. A very successful weeklong trail work effort by the SCC eight-man crew that was funded by a \$1,000.00 BCHA Education Committee grant and a \$5,000 contribution by 4CBCH.

Education

- ★ The chapter meets monthly at the Florida Grange and as a benefit/perk to members a speaker is provided. Topics are various and range from USFS personnel giving talks on wildlife, 416 fire impacts, trail maintenance and construction, veterinarians talking about horse health horse health, feed manufactures speaking about the care and feeding of horses.

Current and Future Projects

- ★ The chapter gave back to the community by donating \$1,000.00 to a local hay bank. The drought impacted hay prices this summer and also drastically affected summer pasture availability. Any horse owner in LaPlata or surrounding counties could apply and receive hay that they otherwise could not afford due to the drought/fire.
- ★ April 2018-The tack sale was again a success. Over 400 volunteer hours logged, Gross sales \$44,155.08 with a profit of over \$3,500.00 after expenses and consignor payback. This is the clubs largest fundraiser and volunteer effort.
- ★ October 2018-Club members again rode and walked as a unit in the largest non motorized parade in the country, the Cowboy Gathering Parade. We combined our unit with the Mesa Verde and San Juan chapter.
- ★ Our summer trail work was curtailed by the 416 Fire, which impacted all of our trail work projects. Pretty much all work projects were cancelled for the summer. A project that was taken on short notice was coordinating the evacuation of horses and livestock that were in the line of the fire. 28 members donated their farms/stables as evacuation sites. Only one farm was utilized but the unity displayed by 4CBCH could have provided a safe place for livestock and horses.
- ★ Social rides, a way for riding members to connect and enjoy new trails, were held but again impacted by the 416 fire. We plan on continuing these rides in 2019.

CHAPTER REPORT: 4CBCH (Continued)

Projects and Plans

Organization Details

Board of Directors (for 2019)

President	Julie Figg
Vice President	Chuck Wanner
Secretary	Kathy Sherer
Treasurer	Ken Hoff
Board Members	Chris Smythe, Bill Gilbert, Rachel Mikelson, Katie Minkler
National Director	Larry Zauberis
State Representatives	Larry Zauberis (BCHCO Treasurer) Vacant

Dues Structure

Individual	\$30
Family	\$40
Associate	\$35 (Business/Organization)

Front Range Back Country Horsemen (FRBCH)

Accomplishments

- ★ Maintain trails in the Mount Evans Wilderness ([73,459 acres](#)) - mostly clearing fallen trees and some noxious weed management
- ★ Maintain trails in the Lost Creek Wilderness ([114,875 acres](#)) - mostly clearing fallen trees
- ★ Maintain our two adopted segments of the Colorado Trail
- ★ Our annual Colorado Trail Ride. Volunteers from our chapter serve as trail ride leaders, camp cooks, and transport camping gear and horse feed. We put on a week-long ride every summer and over five years riders can complete the full 486 miles with us.
- ★ Educational booth at the Colorado Horse Expo
- ★ Annual spring horsemanship "tune up" clinic with Forest Service mule packer
- ★ Assist National Forest personnel with other projects as needed, such as trail maintenance and Christmas tree cutting
- ★ Evolving partnerships with other outdoor stewardship organizations (hikers, mountain bikers) who use and help maintain some of the same trails we do

Projects and Plans

- ★ We will continue with all the projects listed above.
- ★ We are planning more trailwork projects that involve camping. Many of our members have campers or living quarters horse trailers and we get better participation.

Issues and Problems

- ★ Aging trailwork volunteers, fewer people willing and able to work on the trails.

Organization Details

Board of Directors (for 2018)

President	Sharon Jayne
Vice President	Kim Meyer
Secretary	Courtney Case
Treasurer	Kitty Bladt
Board Members	
State Representatives	Kim Meyer (BCHCO Secretary) Julie Chaney

Dues Structure

Individual	\$30
Family	\$35
Corporate Sponsor	\$55

- ★ We were founded in 1996.
- ★ At the end of 2018 we had 68 members.
- ★ In 2018 we volunteered 2,504 hours, traveled over 18,000 miles and put in 162 stock days for a total value of \$71,383.



Grand Mesa Back Country Horsemen (GMBCH)

Accomplishments

Trails & Facilities

- ★ Last year we cleared and trimmed all the trails on Pinon Mesa which is part of the Grand Mesa National Forest. That would include Turkey Flats, Reservoir #1, Black Pines, Haypress, and Harold's Trail. We were finished with this work by the middle of June and ready for an early start with our trail work on the Uncompaghre when the fires started and the Uncompaghre was closed down for the remainder of the summer.

Projects and Plans

- ★ We are now getting ready to install a two-horse corral on Pinon Mesa as soon as the snow melts.
- ★ We are manning a booth at the Fruita Farm and Ranch Days to pass out information about Back Country Horsemen on March 8th.
- ★ On April 13th, we are setting up a table at our city's most popular trailhead to again pass out Back Country Horsemen literature.
- ★ For the remainder of the summer, we will work , once again, on clearing the trails on Pinon Mesa and then more on the trails on the Uncompaghre, which encompass Cow-creek Trail, Ute Trail, Ute Creek Cut off, Blue Creek, and Frank's Bench. We work through these trails one by one trying to get as many finished as possible

Organization Details

We publish a Newsletter each month and maintain a website for the public as well as two Facebook sites [one is a page for the general public and one is a group site for our members].

President	Penny Ackerman
VP	Michael Headlee
Treasurer	Helen Rajewich
Secretary	Sharon Roper
Board Member	
Board Member	
Board Member	
Board Member	
State Director	Christina Vander Berg
State Director	Terry Randall
Newsletter Editor	
Volunteer Hours	Jan Potterveld
Welcome Packets	

Dues Structure

Individual	\$35
Family	\$40
Associate	\$100
Youth	\$1

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen (MVBCH)

Accomplishments

Trails & Facilities – Adopted trails Mavreeso, Fish Creek, Gobel, totaling approximately 20 miles were cleared, except Upper Fish. All require chainsaw work at least twice yearly, along with limbing, pruning, riding, maintenance throughout the year. Upper Fish is inaccessible by horse trailer. We hope to work with the FS to fix that. The new brushing crew did extensive work on the lower end of Fish Creek.

*Much of our trailwork was curtailed in 2018, due to major fires throughout the region, and the first ever closing of the San Juan National Forest due to extreme drought and dry conditions.

Education – We certified new and recertified A and B chainsaw sawyers. We lacked educational speakers this year as there was not an Education Committee Chair. We did provide a presentation on Leave No Trace, welcomed a local trails group looking to partner on projects and hosted Firewise, how to make our properties safe from fire.

Organization

- ★ There were two social events held in 2018.
- ★ Website and Facebook are used; Facebook is active; website has been revamped and restored.
- ★ We have a monthly newsletter with a new editor for 2019.
- ★ Standing Committees – Public lands, Education, Trail Work, Nomination – we are hoping to have social, membership, fundraising committees as well, something we were strong on in the past.
- ★ This Chapter is one of two in CO that are c(3)s; the benefits need to be evaluated.
- ★ Bylaws were changed in error; that is being rectified.
- ★ We have representation within the Southwest Trails Roundtable, consisting of all user groups that recreate and volunteer on the San Juan NF; we have representation within the Mancos Trails Group, a nonmotorized group working in and around the town of Mancos. We have representation on a BLM RAC and the new Montezuma County RAC.

Current and Future Projects

- ★ We hosted a work day at Transfer Corrals, a bit of history here in the area. We've written a letter of support for some grant funding to update this site. See writeup in the BCHA winter news.
- ★ We have several members that stay involved in local public lands issues, as many areas are being used more heavily, and we understand the importance of staying visible.
- ★ We are continuing the twine recycling project; a much needed community service to keep baling twine contained.
- ★ Our annual Poker Ride fundraiser, five years now (although one year we were rained out), is a big success; we are looking into adding a camping component for folks traveling a distance to attend.
- ★ We are hoping to gain access to Upper Fish Creek; it is inaccessible for horseback riders right now, something the FS needs to work on.
- ★ We are hosting, in partnership with San Juan Mountains Association, a Share The Trails event on National Trails Day 2019 at Mud Springs SRMA, BLM land in Cortez, CO.

Issues and Problems

- ★ Recruitment of new members; retention of current members.
- ★ Parking for our rigs is always an issue, but we work well with our office to keep horse folks at the table.
- ★ We are being inundated with mountain biking in the area. Beetle kill and trail maintenance backlog are huge concerns; we haven't completely felt the impacts yet, but are starting to.

Organization Details

(For 2019)

President	Kerry O'Brien
Vice President	Ted Voelker
Secretary	Veronica Voelker
Treasurer	Lyn Rowley
Board Member	Chuck Wanner
National Director	Tif Rodriguez
State Representatives	Chuck Wanner Tif Rodriguez (BCHCO Chair)

Dues Structure

Individual	\$33
Family	\$38
Business/Associate	\$38
Youth	\$9
Honorary	\$0

History

- 1998 Incorporated in February; official chapter of BCHA
- 2009 2,826.25 Volunteer Hours; 32 Family and 29 Individual Memberships
- 2010 2,067.1 Volunteer Hours; 30 Family and 27 Individual Memberships
- 2011 1,135.35 Volunteer Hours; 28 Family and 25 Individual Memberships
- 2012 1,159.25 Volunteer Hours; 27 Family and 30 Individual Memberships
- 2013 695 Volunteer Hours; 25 Family and 23 Individual Memberships
- 2014 350 Volunteer Hours; 15 Family and 15 Individual Memberships
- 2015 1,086 Volunteer Hours; 18 Family and 18 Individual Memberships
- 2016 2,003.15 Volunteer Hours; 15 Family and 21 Individual Memberships
- 2017 2,115.05 Volunteer Hours; 21 Family and 21 Individual Memberships
- 2018 2,449 Volunteer Hours; 17 Family and 17 Individual Memberships



Mountain Trekkers Back Country Horsemen (MTBCH)

Accomplishments

- ★ Inagural Year - **Welcome MTBCH!**
- ★ Partnership with Eagle County Conservation
- ★ Positive impact on CPW's SCORP initiative. Influenced policy steering committee.
- ★ Poker Ride
- ★ Sutey Ranch Comments
- ★ Sawyer Certification
- ★ Networking with the Roaring Fork Valley Horse Council
- ★ Committed 410 volunteer hours

Trails & Facilities

- ★ Sundell Trail
- ★ Squaw Creek
- ★ Muckey Lake
- ★ Stag Gulch
- ★ East Lake Creek Trail
- ★ Sylvan Lake improvement project
- ★ Collectively Cleared 20 miles worth of trail

Education – See above and below

Current and Future Projects

- ★ Adopt A Trail
- ★ Youth focused membership drive / program
- ★ Partnership with local 4H
- ★ Taco Ride
- ★ Completing Sundell Trail
- ★ 2nd Annual Poker Ride
- ★ Overnight Campout
- ★ Equine First Aid Training
- ★ Website
- ★ Orienteering Clinic
- ★ Partnership with local mountain biking community

CHAPTER REPORT: MTBCH (Continued)

Organization Details

(For 2019)

President	Kendra Pardee
Vice President	Dani Neumann
Secretary	Stacia Nausbaum
Treasurer	Dani Neumann
Board Member	Rika Moore
Board Member	Jean Hoover
State Representatives	Kendra Pardee Dani Neumann

Dues Structure

Individual	\$35
Family	\$55
Youth	\$25

History

- 2018 Incorporated and accepted in August; official chapter of BCHA!
- 2018 410 Volunteer Hours



CHAPTER REPORT

Northern Colorado Back Country Horsemen (NCBCH)

Accomplishments

Trails & Facilities – Cleared trails in Comanche Peaks Wilderness, Rawah Wilderness. Repaired bogs in 2 of 3 sections of trail in the Rawah where Spring runoff crosses trails. More work to be done there soon as accessible. Built and installed hitching rails (2) at McIntyre Trailhead. Also installed a hitching rail at Mill Creek Trailhead. Hauled bridge planks into Rawah and hauled out old dilapidated bridge timbers.

Current and Future Projects

- ★ More work on Rawah Wilderness Trails.
- ★ Several projects planned in cooperation with Great Divide BCH in Wyoming, including building a bridge across French Creek in the Medicine Bow Wilderness.
- ★ Clearing trails beyond Pelton Creek horse camp in WY.
- ★ Removing wire at and along Lone Pine Trail/Creek in CO.
- ★ Several “fun” rides are scheduled beginning March 31! Once a month as weather permits.

Issues and Problems

- ★ None listed.

Organization Details

Board of Directors (for 2019)

President	L. Jay McDonald
Vice President	Vickie Buchanan
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Rick Farasyn
Board Members	Trudy Shlikas (Chair), Dale Bratton, Chuck Peterson
Web Designer/Maintenance	Nancy McDonald
State Representatives	Nancy Flippin, Nancy McDonald

Dues Structure

Individual	\$40
Family	\$45
Corporate	\$60 – comes w/website advertising for business (rarely utilized)

Rocky Mountain Back Country Horsemen (RMBCH)

NO 2018 REPORT SUBMITTED

Accomplishments

Trails & Facilities

Organization

Current and Future Projects

Issues and Problems

Organization Details

Board of Directors (for 2019)

President	Kristin Dorner
Vice President	Hillary Leeman
Secretary	Barbara Tigyer
Treasurer	Vacant
Board Members	Greg Cook, Fred Garza, Karen VanHaverbeke, Ron Jayson
State Representative	Barbara Tigyer Debi Wegerd

Dues Structure

Individual	\$30
Family	\$35

2018 Summary –

San Juan Back Country Horsemen (SJBCH)

Accomplishments

Trails & Facilities

- ★ **Anderson Trail** (Rocky & Kelli Day, leads, with assistance from others): work began May 6th, continued with multiple work days through September, with 144 trees cut out to approximately Mile Point 7; the rest of the trail is clear to Four Mile Lake, for a total of 9 miles of trail cleared. Additional trail work done: significant brush clearing along the entire corridor, plus tread reconstruction in 6 locations (MP 2 to 4) for a total distance of about 200' of trail re-benched. Includes initial clearing of trees to open the trail plus follow-up trips to clear new trees that fell.
- ★ **Leche Creek Trail** (Mike Pluth, lead, with assistance from others): work began at the trailhead on May 12th, continued with several work days into June, with 53 trees cut out; the trail was cleared to Lost Lake (total of 6 miles).
- ★ **Opal Lake Trail** (Mike Pluth, lead, with assistance from others): work began in May, cleared 15 trees, the entire trail (1 mile) was cleared. Includes initial clearing of trees to open trail plus follow-up clearing as new trees fell.
- ★ **Archuleta Trail** – Divide RD, Rio Grande NF - (Gary Staplekamp, lead, with assistance from others): work began May 16th, with four work days so far this year; 132 trees have been cleared from Mile Point 1 to about Mile Point 4.5; 2 miles are left to clear to Archuleta Lake/Continental Divide.
- ★ **Williams Creek Trail** (John Nelson, lead, with assistance from others): work began May 13th, with several work days through September; 42 trees were cut out up to the Indian Creek Trail junction, a distance of 2.5 miles from the trailhead. A 15-foot long section of trail at MP 1.5 that slid off when a tree was uprooted over Winter was re-constructed, brushing and width and height clearing was done. Includes initial clearing of trees to open trail plus follow-up work as new trees fell.
- ★ **Fish Creek Trail** (Mike Pluth, lead, with assistance from others): work began May 14th with several work days through August, cut out 39 trees, the trail is open (~ 3 miles).
- ★ **Fish Lake Trail** (Mike Pluth, lead, with assistance from others including the Bramwells, Greg Wells): work began June 30th went through August, cut 32 trees to Fish Lake, total of 7 miles. (Note: an FS crew worked the mid-section of this trail in July, cut out 17 trees).
- ★ **Piedra Stock Driveway (Tr. No. 583)** (Gary Staplekamp, lead, with assistance from others): In July, cleared 10 trees from East Monument Road trailhead to Corral Mountain (6.2 mi).

Fundraising

- ★ **Wilderness Trails Forever Campaign:** SJBCH Partnered with the Pagosa Springs Local Area Outfitters and the Pagosa Area Trails Council along with Big Game Forever of Colorado to sponsor and put on a local fundraising dinner event. The Event took place in March of 2018 used a dinner/auction format. The event raised approximately \$64,000. The generated funds were split 50/50, with Big Game Forever of Colorado taking 50% and the other half going to the Pagosa Area Trails Council. These funds were then applied to funding a Southwest Conservation Corps trail crew for four weeks to work in the San Juan National Forest Pagosa Springs Ranger District. The crew work took place around the forest closure but this crew was able to fulfill the contracted 4 weeks on the ground, supported by pack teams of the SJBCH. The crew cut 545 trees out of trails and completely opened the Williams Trail. The SJBCH also provided cross-cut saw training and certification for SCC crew members that were not certified.
- ★ **SJBCH Tack Sale:** The SJBCH sponsored a tack sale in the Pagosa Springs Area in May. The Sale generated approximately \$5500 of profit that was then donated to the Pagosa Area Trails Council to be applied to 2019 grant writing efforts. John and Lisa Nelson led and organized this effort.

Current and Future Projects

- ★ **Miscellaneous work not included in above data:** BCH removed 105 thistle plants from Wms. Crk. Trailhead parking area; Adam Mattingly (Elk Heart Outfitters) cleared 32 trees from Windy Pass Trail, 3.5 miles to Windy Pass; BCH repaired 15' long section of Wms. Crk. Trail that had slid off at MP 1.5; BCH certified 5 SCC crew members for crosscut saw use at West Fork Trail; BCH assisted with placement and removal of forest closure signs during fire closure; BCH repaired and re-stained damaged Wilderness entry sign on Wms. Crk. Trail; BCH packed food supplies to SCC crew on Wms. Crk. Trail; Sean Poore (Fish Creek Outfitters) and employee Lee Pierce cut 17 trees on Leche Creek Trail from V-Rock Trail northward; BCH brushed .7 mi. of Coal Creek Trail from Fawn Gulch northward; BCH cleared non-system Burro Park Trail, cut 32 trees from Piedra Road northward 3.5 miles.

Issues and Problems

Organization Details

Board of Directors (for 2018)

President	Larry Smith
Vice President	Mike Pluth
Secretary	John Nelson/Bill McElhinney
Treasurer	Annie Pack
Board Members	Nancy Seay, Gary Staplekamp, John Nelson, Kristie Hefling
Past President	Ted Wortman
State Representatives	Larry Smith, Kristie Hefling

Dues Structure

Family	\$40
Individual	\$35
At-Large	\$25 (Support only)

Trailwise Back Country Horsemen (TWBCH)

Accomplishments

Trails & Facilities - Education - Organization

- ★ We're still involved in Divide Round Table which has been planning trail development for a link between Shallow Creek and Miners Creek north of Creede.
- ★ We cleared the Wheeler trail after a micro burst went through just before VOC and USFS went in for an ongoing trail project. We cleared over 20 trees but had to leave a few because they were too big.
- ★ During our twice a month scheduled trail rides from May through October, we do light maintenance work. We will continue this practice through 2019.
- ★ Members staffed a booth at Covered Wagon Days in Del Norte where they sold tack and baked goods, as well as provided information on TWBCH.
- ★ We cleared an area on Shaw Mesa of the protective sleeves placed around new trees that were planted by the forest service following a fire in 2002. Many of the trees were dead, dying, or being "choked out" because these sleeves were not removed. Several of the sleeves were littering the hillside.

Current and Future Projects

We are having a club meeting March 2 where we will be making plans for the summer. I foresee the ride schedule being planned, discussion with the USFS about their priorities and needs, and what project or projects we would like to take on for the summer. I'm sure we'll also talk about participation in Covered Wagon Days this year, and we will hopefully have a guest speaker who will discuss twine recycling.

Organization Details

Board of Directors (for 2018)

President	Anne Robinson
Vice President	Carla Loftis
Secretary	Claire Barker
Treasurer	Ron Day
Board Members	Greg Loftis, Kate Brooks, Barbara Carpenter
National Director (Alternate)	Monica Falk
State Representatives	Carla Loftis, Monica Falk, Anne Robinson (Alt.)
Volunteer Hours Coord.	Monica Falk

Dues Structure

Individual	\$30
Family	\$35
Association	\$15 (No voting rights)

History

- 1998 – Became organized in August
- 1998 – Became affiliated with BCHA in December
- 2013 – 150 volunteer hours
- 2014 – 795 volunteer hours
- 2015 – 587 volunteer hours
- 2016 – 523 volunteer hours
- 2017 – 964 volunteer hours
- 2018 – 17 paid members as of January 1