

2010 Back Country Horsemen State Convention

Workshop Speakers

The Horsemanship of Theodore Roosevelt

Dan Aadland was raised mostly in south-central Montana. The son of a Lutheran minister, he escaped town life whenever possible to hunt, fish, straddle a horse, and hire out as a ranch hand. He earned a BA in English and history at Rocky Mountain College, and later, after service in Viet Nam as a Marine officer, an MA and Ph.D in English and American Studies at the University of Utah.

Returning to Montana in 1973, Dan taught English at several Montana high schools and began ranching on land that had been in his wife Emily's family since the late 1800's. He has written many articles for outdoor and equine magazines as well as eight books, including *Sketches from the Ranch: A Montana Memoir*; *The Best of All Seasons: Fifty years as a Montana Hunter*; and, *In Trace of TR: A Montana Hunter's Journey*.

Dan and Emily reside on their ranch south of Absarokee, Montana, where they raise mountain bred Tennessee Walking Horses and gaited mules. Charter members of Beartooth Backcountry Horsemen, they have three sons: David, an economics professor; Jon, a Boeing Engineer; and Steve, an operatic tenor.

Weed Ecology: at Home and in the Backcountry

Jennifer Mohler of Bridger Scientific, Inc., is a resource conservationist specializing in holistic and sustainable land management. Jennifer has worked with a diverse group of public, private, and non-profit entities to conserve natural resources by promoting sustainable practices and conservation minded weed and grazing management plans.

As a horse specialist, she assists landowners in balancing the horse's needs with the land's limitations and offers creative options to reduce costs, increase forage yields, manage weed populations, and improve animal health.

Services of Bridger Scientific, Inc. include land management consulting, educational classes, and property design. You can reach Jennifer Mohler at 406-388-5668 or jenmohler@hughes.net.

Lameness Common Problems, Front Limb and Hind Limb

Dr. Al Flint is a native of Northwest Montana, born and raised in Columbia Falls. He spent his childhood living at Spotted Bear Ranger Station, where he learned the art of packing mules and traveling in the wilderness. From here, he took many trips into the heart of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He worked in Glacier National Park's backcountry as part of the trail crew, and volunteered for three watershed restoration projects in the Rawaha wilderness of Colorado. He was part of Dr. George Wallace's team teaching Latin American forest professionals' wilderness management. He graduated from Veterinary Medical Program at Colorado State University and has a Masters in Reproductive Physiology and a Ph. D. in Cell and Molecular Biology. Dr. Flint is formally certified in Veterinary Acupuncture; his other professional interests include equine podiatry, advanced reproductive care, and lameness and preventative medicine. Upon completion of his schooling, Dr. Flint moved back to Montana to continue to explore its calming wilderness.

"I love all wild and solitary places, where for a brief moment, we can imagine the world to be boundless, --as we wish our souls to be" (Lord Byron)

Leave No Trace

Bob Hoverson is a 39 year employee of the USDA Forest Service stationed on the Ninemile Ranger District, Lolo National Forest. He is Program Manager of the Forest Service Northern Region Pack Train, the Ninemile Wildlands Training Center, and the Ninemile stock winter range program. He is a Master Instructor of packing and Leave No Trace principles and techniques. Bob is author of the book titled "**The Packer's Field Manual**" and a DVD titled "**Mule Packing – Decker Style**".

Trail Objectives

Jonathan Kempff, P.E. was born to the missionary parents in Central America and lived there until the awkward age of 14. From there he moved with his parents to Libby, Montana where he enjoyed all the activities northwest Montana offered to a high school kid, including hunting, fishing, hiking and backpacking, playing tennis, riding motorcycles, and other teenage activities. In 1976 Jonathan graduated from Libby High School and took up a career in building construction. After some coaching and soul searching, he

decided in a year to move onto Montana State University to pursue a career in Civil Engineering.

From 1977 to 1982, Jonathan attended Montana State University in Bozeman, working summers back in Libby in construction and seasonally with the Forest Service in the engineering department. In 1982, he graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelors degree in Civil Engineering and soon after he became a licensed professional engineer in the State of Montana. Upon graduation, he was offered and accepted a career in the outdoors working for the Forest Service. He spent 7 years in Libby working in a variety of areas, including timber sale roads, facilities, and trails. While in Libby, he met and married his wife Janet who also works for the Forest Service, as a Land Surveyor. They transferred to Bozeman in 1989 and have resided there ever since.

Since in Bozeman, Jonathan has spent most of his time working on a variety of projects in roads, trails, land exchanges, rights-of-way, and facilities throughout the Forest. He is currently the Forest Engineer, overseeing the Roads, Trails, and Facilities programs. He is also a national resource on trails issues and a regional trainer in all things trails.

Jonathan and his wife continue to enjoy many of the different outdoor activities Bozeman has to offer, including hiking and backpacking, skiing, photography, watching wildlife, tennis, hunting, and fishing.

Bear Encounters in the Back Country

Kevin Frey, Grizzly Bear Management MFW&P, I have been involved in black & grizzly bear research and management for over 25 years. I started with black bear research projects in Montana, during the early 1990's worked with the Inter-Agency Grizzly Bear Study team in Yellowstone National Park, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. Started the grizzly bear management program with MTFWP in 1993 and I am still in that position. As a grizzly bear management specialist, duties include overall conservation of grizzly bears, resolution of bear/human conflicts in front and backcountry situations, capture, relocation and/or removal of grizzly bears. I have been involved in a variety of wildlife research and management programs, which have included bison, elk, deer, bighorn sheep, mountain lions and other smaller species.