

BACKGROUND FOR RESOLUTIONS NUMBERS 4 & 5

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Two members of the Three Rivers Chapter of BCH suggested that we develop a series of signs they could post wherever they observed resource damage caused by horseman. The proposal obviously required authorization by public land agencies. We discussed the idea with recreation specialist on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest two years ago. She stated that she personal who specialized in just such programs were available in Missoula and she would work with them and report back. She indicates she has been too busy to follow up on our proposal. We believe the concept is worth pursuing. The joint signing program depicting proper livestock use and care while on public lands should help reduce resource impacts from improper livestock use. We envision a program that will credit support of these signs to the agencies and BCHA, with hopes that livestock users will pay more attention to our involvement than something appearing to be an agency mandate.

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Intent here is to make optional the livestock use “certification” and training requirement currently being considered as mandatory by some personal within the Forest Service before we can participate as volunteers. Concern is that most BCH members are experienced livestock users who cannot take the time required to complete the certification process projected and will be unable to participate in volunteer programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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