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**BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF MONTANA
Resolution Regarding a Dues Increase For the BCH of Montana**

WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the Back Country Horseman of Montana at their board meeting of December 6, 2003, approved a dues increase of \$5 for each class of membership (or \$5 for single memberships and \$5 for family memberships) beginning with dues paid for the year of 2005 and

WHEREAS: The proposed dues increase requires approval of a simple majority of the delegates present at the convention,

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Back Country Horseman of Montana approves the dues increase proposed by the Board of Directors for the year of 2005 as specified above.

#2

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF MONTANA
Resolution Regarding the Ratification of a Proposed BCHA Dues Increase

WHEREAS: The Board of directors of the Back Country Horseman of America at their National Board Meeting in April 2003, approved a dues increase of \$5 for each class of memberships, effectively increasing the national portion of a single members dues to \$10 annually, and a family members dues to \$13 annually, beginning with dues paid for the year of 2005, and

WHEREAS: The proposed rate increase requires ratification by 75% of the State BCH Associations for approval and implementation and

WHEREAS: The delegates of each Montana Back Country Horseman chapter are gathered here to conduct the business of the Back Country Horseman of Montana

NOW THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Back Country Horseman of Montana approves the dues increase proposed by the Back Country Horseman of America for the year of 2005, as specified above.

#3

Resolution Submitted to BCHM

SUBJECT: Dual Membership

WHEREAS: There is a desire by some members of the Back Country Horseman of Montana to maintain membership in more than one local chapter, it is thereby proposed that dual membership be allowed with these considerations.

WHEREAS: There is a need to maintain the financial integrity of the BCHM while fairly charging individuals for dual memberships, it is thereby proposed that dual members pay full membership cost to their primary chapter; and only be charged local chapter dues, but not state or national fees, for their membership in a second chapter(s).

WHEREAS: Paying members of any chapter are entitled to vote, and whereas it is important to maintain the voting integrity of the BCHM, it is thereby proposed that dual members have full voting rights in the chapter they designate as their primary membership; but have voting limited in their secondary chapter(s) to local chapter issues, and they not be eligible for voting on state or national issues through their secondary chapter membership

WHEREAS: Members are eligible to be representatives to the State Convention of the BCHM based upon full membership in a local chapter and selection procedures, it is thereby proposed that dual members only be eligible to be representative to the BCHM State Convention from their primary chapter.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved those with dual membership can only represent their primary chapter and will be required to pay dues from their primary chapter only. BCHM

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie WADMAN
President
Hi-Line Chapter
BCHM

#4

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF MONTANA

Resolution Regarding a Joint Signing Program

WHEREAS: Directors from Montana Back Country Horseman will work with U.S. Forest Service Region 1 personnel in the Regional Office in Missoula and the BLM State Office in Billings in an effort to accomplish a joint signing program designed to promote a more effective “Leave No Trace” program for people using livestock on public lands.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved “Back Country Horseman of Montana hereby resolves to work with the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Park Service and other land management agencies to develop a joint Leave No Trace signing program directed specifically at horseman using the back country.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dan & Lois Pence
3Rivers Chapter
BCHM

#5

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF MONTANA

Resolution regarding Liability for Accidents

WHEREAS: Directors from National Back Country Horseman will review the Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Forest Service at the National and Regional levels to ensure that individual horse owners and not the USFS assumes liability for accidents relating to personally owned livestock that may occur while participating as volunteers working projects for that agency.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved “Back Country Horseman of Montana hereby resolves to review the Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Forest Service to ensure that individual horse owners and not the U.S. Forest Service assumes all liability for accidents relating to personally owned livestock that may occur while participating as volunteers working on trail construction and maintenance projects for that agency.”

Respectfully submitted,

Dan & Lois Pence
3Rivers Chapter
BCHM

#6

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF MONTANA

Resolution Last Chance Back Country Horseman – 2004

WHEREAS: The United States Forest Service Department of Agriculture has adopted regulations for safety certification-training for volunteers working on projects on forest lands, and

WHEREAS: this certification includes cross cut saw, chain saw, first aid and defensive horsemanship training, and

WHEREAS: Volunteers are required to spend time and finances to obtain this required training enabling them to participate on forest service approved projects, and

WHEREAS: The Forest Service shall provide experienced trainers and finances to travel to chapters to conduct training sessions to certify-train volunteers, and

WHEREAS: The Forest Service shall provide advanced notice and publicity to the chapter and volunteer organizations enabling them to plan ahead, and

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that this resolution be submitted to the Regional Forester and the Nine Mile Wildlands Training Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Last Chance Chapter
BCHM

#7

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF MONTANA

Resolution Last Chance Back Country Horseman – 2004

WHEREAS: Northern Region 1 National Forest, USFS Department of Agriculture, are amending forest management and travel plans including measures to conserve & protect endangered species,

WHEREAS: The Back Country Horseman of Montana, an organization that has established its credibility by cooperatively working with the Forest Service recommend and request the following:

1. All Forest plans should recognize the historical and traditional use of horse, mule and foot travel on established system trails.
2. We object to any proposal that approves and condones user established trails and roads that were created by trespass in violation of forest regulation and policy.
3. The forest plan should provide for regulations to control and alleviate the spread of noxious weeds.
4. The forest plans should provide for an economically feasible and safe forest road system for vehicular traffic that serves forest management, fire protection, wildlife security and habitat protection and public access needs.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that the Back Country Horsemen of Montana, representing sixteen chapters, submit this resolution to the Regional Forester Northern Region 1, and the Forest Supervisors, Lolo, Kootenai, Flathead, Lewis & Clark, Helena Bitterroot, Beaverhead-Deerlodge, Gallatin & Custer National Forest, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman, Chief US Forest Service, Dale Bosworth and Montana's Congressional Delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

Last Chance Chapter
BCHM