

WORKSHOPS

Back Country Equine Nutrition. Mike will present a workshop on the challenges of taking care of the nutrition needs of stock in the back country. The workshop will focus on grazing requirements, hay or similar feeds, and commercial feeds available for the back country traveler.

Mike Wilson is a Territory Manager with Cargill Animal Nutrition in Missoula, Montana. Mike is a Montana native, having graduated from MSU in 1982 with a BS in Animal Science. He's worked for Nutrena (Cargill) for 9 years as a sales consultant, nutritionalist and manager. Mike is a frequent speaker at equine conferences, seminars, and trade shows on the nutritional needs of horses and mules.

Selecting Riding & Pack Stock for Back Country Use. Kail will describe the attributes he looks for in selecting riding and pack stock for back country use. He'll discuss issues like breed, temperament, conformation, age and other variables that make a good or bad horse or mule to be used in the back country.

Kail Mantle, along with his wife Renee Daniels Mantle, owns Montana Horses, Inc. at Three Forks, Montana. They run several hundred head of horses on the ranch, specializing in leasing of "safe and sound" horses, primarily quarter horse and quarter horse cross. Check out their web site at www.montanahorses.com

Introduction to Digital Photography. Jim will cover the basics of using a digital camera, with emphasis on suggestions on getting a good picture under the conditions normally encountered in the back country.

Jim Lubek is a professional photographer living in Helena, Montana. Jim teaches photography classes in a number of venues in the Helena area.

Getting Along with Griz—Camps, Fences, Cautions. Jim will discuss pertinent regulations in effect in the back country, use of bear spray, electric fences, taking care of game, food storage requirements and other precautions to take when traveling or camping in the backcountry.

Jim Claar is a Staff Specialist with the USFS in Missoula, Montana. Jim has worked extensively with bear management issues, including storage regulations, and electric fences. Jim is no stranger to the back country as his personal interest in livestock and wilderness take him into the back country when he can pry himself away from his work with bears and other large carnivores.

Back Country Equine First Aid. Keith Stav, DVM, will discuss basic first aid for horses and mules for situations that likely would be encountered on a back country trip.

Keith Stav, DVM, is a large and small animal veterinarian at Bridger Veterinary Hospital in Helena, Montana. Keith is part owner in the practice and has served the Helena community for over xx years. Keith and his wife Sharlene are no strangers to livestock, owning both horses and mules.

Back Country Camps—Setting up a Low Impact Back Country Camp. Bob will demonstrate how to set up a back country "horse camp" that is light on the land. Bob will discuss picking a good location for a camp, taking care of the camp site, gear that helps minimize impact to the site, and proper care of livestock in a camp.

Bob Hoverson is no stranger to the Back Country Horsemen of Montana, having provided a number of workshops over the years. Bob works out of the Nine Mile Pack Station in Missoula, Montana. He packs a wide range of equipment and supplies every year with the Northern Region Pack Train. Bob is the author of "The Packer's Field Manual" and is featured in the DVD entitled "Mule Packing Decker Style".