



# Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention

*"Back Country Horsemen in the 21st Century"*



Hosted by  
Beartooth Back  
Country  
Horsemen  
Absarokee, MT

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March 30-April 1, 2012  
Billings Hotel & Convention Center  
1223 Mallowney Lane  
Exit 446 Off Interstate 90  
Billings: Montana's Trailhead

## Tentative Convention Activities

### Keynote Speaker

Tom Schmidt, Deputy Regional Forester, will speak to the challenges ahead for back country horsemen in the 21st Century.

### Workshops

Varied, entertaining and informative: "Backcountry Horses in Iceland," the history and state of the Icelandic Horse breed in its home country; "Being Bear Aware" with information on grizzlies in the Yellowstone ecosystem; and "Fishing the High Country," tips and



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Convention Center**  
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**Billings: Montana's**  
**Trailhead**  
Hotel Accommodations  
(406) 248-7151  
(800) 537-7286

billingshotel@bresnan.net

**\$75.00/night, King or Two  
Queen Beds**

*Rooms blocked under Back Country  
Horsemen until March 15  
Use Group Code Bear 12*

techniques for fishing high country mountain lakes and streams.

### Commercial Vendors

Vendors will be on hand for your shopping fun. Billings and the surrounding area have the best Montana can offer in the way of diverse commercial vendors.

### Federal and State Agency Displays

Federal and state agencies who partner with back country horsemen will have displays of interest to all who wish to protect our nation's back country.

### Live & Silent Auctions & Door Prizes

Each chapter is requested to donate an item for the live auction. A minimum value of \$50.00 is suggested. Proceeds benefit Back Country Horsemen of Montana. Assorted silent auction items and door prizes will please every taste.

### Mile High Award

The Mile High Award is named for the Mile High Back Country Horsemen Chapter which sponsored a saw competition in 2011. A crosscut saw competition will be held during the convention, and the traveling Mile High Award will be presented to the competition winner. Competitors may use their own saws or use one provided. Get your teams into training now!

### Entertainment

Do you have a great singing voice or perhaps a unique style? Then you will want to take part in Friday night's Karaoke. Saturday evening you'll enjoy Val Geissler, "The best darn cowboy singer and entertainer you've ever seen!"

### Photo contest

The always-popular photo contest categories: Animals in the Back Country, Back Country Horsemen, and Back Country Scenic Views. Check the web site for full details and rules.

**Visit the State Web Site, <http://www.bchmt.org>**  
Watch for additional information about the 2012 Convention.