



# HORSES & MULES...SADDLES & SAWS

## 2015 MONTANA BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN STATE CONVENTION



Dear Fellow Back Country Horsemen,

The Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen cordially invite you to the 2015 Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention. Join us on March 27-28-29 at the Bitterroot River Inn and Conference Center in Hamilton for a western, down home and fun filled weekend!

The theme we chose honors and pays tribute to the bonds that bring us together as Back Country Horsemen. Our horses and mules are our back country partners and our companions. They are the wonderful creatures that take us into the wilderness that we all hold so dear. They maneuver us down the winding trails, take us through the sparkling streams and climb us up to high mountain peaks!

Our saddles and saws are the tools that complete our back country experience. A good, comfortable saddle is priceless and allows horse and rider to become one in comfort and style. And without our saws...well folks...the road would be blocked, or in our case, the trail! For many of us there is no place we would rather be than in our favorite saddle, astride our favorite horse or mule and gently swaying down our favorite trail. These memories make us Back Country Horsemen!

The 2015 BCHM State Convention will have some surprises in store for all of you! The SPWBCH has created some new directions that we are very excited about. Friday night entertainment will be provided by our SPWBCH youth members. Be prepared for a wild, western "Murder Mystery" movie, acted and filmed entirely by young horsemen and horsewomen. For a sneak preview visit YouTube and watch the trailer "To the Town of Downing". There will also be music and cowboy poetry by our young musicians. Saturday night entertainment showcases local Bitterroot talent and will take you down memory lane as we "Remember a Legend of Country".

Bring your oilskins, cowboy hats and boots because "Boomtown" and "Selway Outpost" will bring a back country experience right to the door of the hotel. A camp of wall tents will host vendors, games, raffles, partner organizations and a place to relax and visit with fellow BCH friends from around the state.

Jasper, our raffle mule, will be on display in Boomtown on Saturday. He has a wonderful disposition and is always eager and willing to learn. The lucky winner will be chosen during the banquet on Saturday night. Mule or \$500 cash raffle tickets are enclosed in your packet and will be available during the convention.

The "Mile High Award" will once again be presented to the fastest team in the Crosscut Saw Competition. More information and entry forms will be enclosed in your delegate packets upon arrival at convention.

We have enclosed a cd in your Invitation/Registration Packet that contains convention forms, flyers and information. This will make it easy for your chapter President and/or your State Directors to easily pass on information by group email to all chapter members.

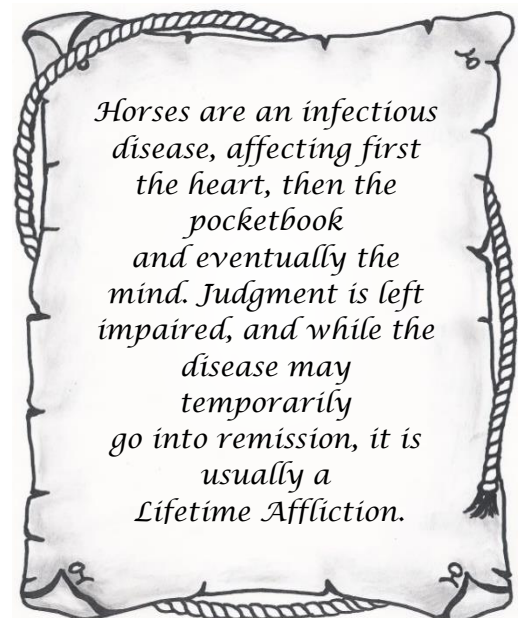
We also want to remind all chapters to bring a \$50.00 or more auction item for the Saturday night banquet Live Auction. These proceeds go to our BCHM State organization.

And finally, we want to thank you for all your support since the formation of the Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen in September 2006. It is truly amazing how fast time goes by and we are very proud at the success and growth of our chapter. This will be our first time hosting the State Convention and we hope everyone that attends has a wonderful time and takes home a saddlebag full of great memories!

Sincerely,

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