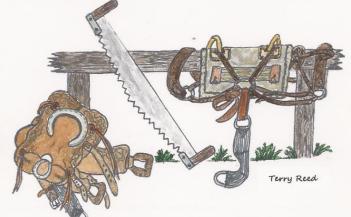
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2015 BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MONTANA STATE CONVENTION



MARCH 27-28-29

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BITTERROOT RIVER INN HAMILTON, MT

HOSTED BY

SELWAY-PINTLER WILDERNESS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN



HORSES & MULES...SADDLES & SAWS 2015 MONTANA BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN STATE CONVENTION



Dear Fellow Back Country Horsemen,

The Selway-Pintler Wilderness Back Country Horsemen are thrilled that you are joining us for the 2015 Back Country Horsemen of Montana State Convention.

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!

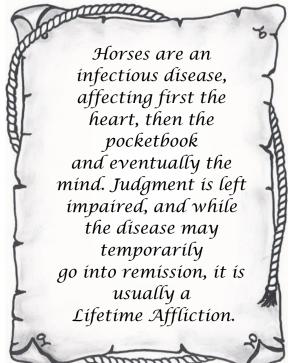
Friday night will kick off with Dutch oven desserts sponsored by the Flathead BCH chapter. Entertainment will be provided by our SPWBCH youth members. Be prepared for a wild, western "Murder Mystery" movie, acted and filmed entirely by young horsemen and horsewomen. There will also be music and cowboy poetry by our young musicians. Saturday night entertainment showcases local Bitterroot Valley talent and will take you down memory lane as we "Remember a Legend of Country".

"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 available in the hotel and Boomtown.

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. We hope everyone has a wonderful time and takes home a saddlebag full of great memories!

Sincerely, *Kathy* Kathy Hundley, SPWBCH President





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday, March 27

6:00am-9:00am	Hotel Continental Breakfast-hotel guests only	Hotel Breakfast Area
10:00am-7:00pm	Convention Registration	Hotel Lobby
10:00am-7:00pm	Photo Contest Registration	Hotel Lobby
10:00am-7:00pm	Main & Mule Raffle Ticket Sales/Turn In	Breakfast Hallway
8:00am-6:00pm	Boomtown Vendors & Partner Groups Set Up	Boomtown
12:30pm-1:00pm	State Board Nominating Committee Meeting	Montana Room
1:00pm-4:00pm	State Board Pre-Convention Meeting	Montana Room
4:00pm–6:00pm	Visit Boomtown	Boomtown
4:00pm–6:45pm	Visit Hamilton; Dine Hamilton Restaurants	
6:45pm-7:30pm	Flathead BCH Dutch Oven Desserts	
7:30pm–9:00pm	Western Youth Entertainment	Ballroom
9:00pm-10:30	Country Western Music	



Saturday, March 28

6:00am-9:00am	Hotel Continental Breakfast-hotel guests only	Hotel Breakfast Area	
7:00 am	Convention Registration opens	Hotel Lobby	
8:00am-6:00pm	Visit Boomtown Vendors & Partner Groups	Boomtown	
8:00am	Convention Call to Order / <i>Connie Long</i> , BCHM Chairman	Ballroom	
8:00am-8:30am	Posting of Flags by Corvallis American Legion Post #91 Pledge of Allegiance	Ballroom	

Saturday continued	Invocation-Mary Mills	Ballroom
8:00am-8:30am	State Chapter Roll Call – Nancy Pollman	
	SPWBCH "Horses & MulesSaddles & Saws"	
	Welcome Musical Slide Show	
8:30am-10:00am	General Session Opens	Ballroom
	Treasurer's Report-Rich Carl	
	Volunteer Hours Report-Dave Crawford	
	Nominating Committee-Dave Crawford	
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	Jim McGarvey, BCHA National Chairman	
	BCHM Musical Slideshow	
	"Special ThanksUntrammeled Film Project" Joni Packard & Region 1	
	Door Prize Drawings	
10:00am-10:30 am	Morning Break ♦ Visit Boomtown	Ballroom
10:30am-12:00pm	General Session Continues	Ballroom
	Horses & Mules Slideshow Tribute	
	"History of Mules"-Elisa Plocher	
	"War Horse to Competitive Trail Horse"-Daly Mansion Speaker, <i>Nancy Smith</i>	
	Door Prize Drawings	
12:00pm-1:00pm	Saddle Bag Lunch (Blue Lunch Ticket Required)	Ballroom /North Patio
1:00pm-1:30 pm	General Session reconvenes (if necessary)	Ballroom
1:00pm-5:00pm	Scavenger Hunt	Boomtown
	Shop the vendors!	Selway Outpost
	Back Country Conversations! Relax and Play @ The Selway Outpost!	(Sapphire Room north lawn)

Saturday continued		
2:00pm	Crosscut Saw Competition	Boomtown
4:30pm-5:30pm	Social Hour ♦ No Host Cash Bar ♦ 50/50 Raffle	Ballroom
5:30pm-7:00pm	Chuckwagon BBQ Buffet (Orange Ticket Required)	Ballroom/North Patio
6:30pm	Silent Auction Closes Photo Contest Closes	
7:00pm-8:00pm	Live Auction	Ballroom
8:00pm-8:30pm	Break/Intermission/Auction cashier open	Ballroom Foyer
8:30pm–9:30pm	"Remembering a Legend of Country" Live Performance-Wil Wilkins & Amber Lynch	Ballroom
9:30pm-11:00pm	Country Western Music	Ballroom

Sunday, March 29

6:45am-8:45am	Breakfast Buffet (Purple Ticket Required)	Ballroom/North Patio	
7:00am-10:00am	Hotel Continental Breakfast-hotel guests only	Hotel Breakfast Area	
7:00am-7:45am	Back Country Church	Selway Outpost (Sapphire Room north lawn)	
7:45am-8:45am	President's Breakfast	Sapphire Room	
9:00 am	General Session	Ballroom	
	BCHA Officer Elections		
	Photo Contest Winners Announced		
	Chairman's Award/Founder's Award		
Door Prizes	"Decker Pack Saddle Stories" Smoke Elser		
10:15 – 10:35am	Morning Break ♦ Visit Boomtown	Ballroom	
10:35am-12:00pm	General Session continues	Ballroom	
	Forest Service Saw Policy ConfMark Himmel		
	"Saws"-Bruce Scott		
	Be Bear Aware Proposal-Chuck Bartelbaugh		
	♦Game Winners♦		
	2016 MT BCH State Convention- <i>East Slope BCH</i>		
	Happy Trails Farewell-SPWBCH		
12:15pm	State Board Post-Convention Meeting	Ballroom	

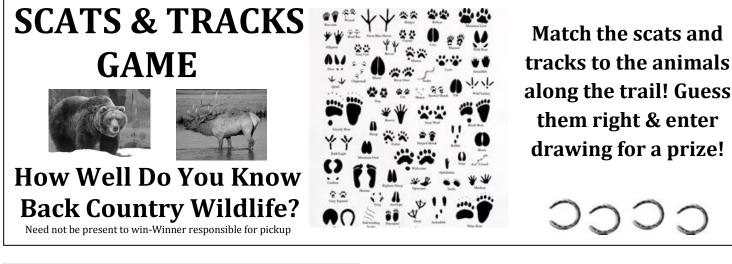




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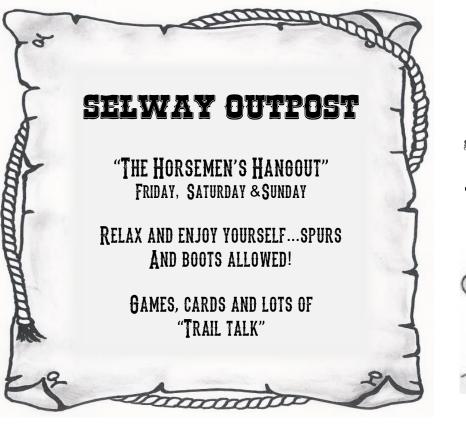
Dozens of prizes!



Proceeds donated to Outdoor Youth Education

COME PLAY WITH "JASPER" THE RAFFLE MULE ON SATURDAY IN BOOMTOWN!





Located on the north lawn outside the Grand Ballroom and the Sapphire Room. Enjoy the warmth of the wood stove, sip your favorite beverage and tell tall tales of the trail! Or bring out the gambler in ya and play a little poker with your fellow BCH buddies! Get the feel of the back country just a few steps from the hotel. The coffee pot's always on!



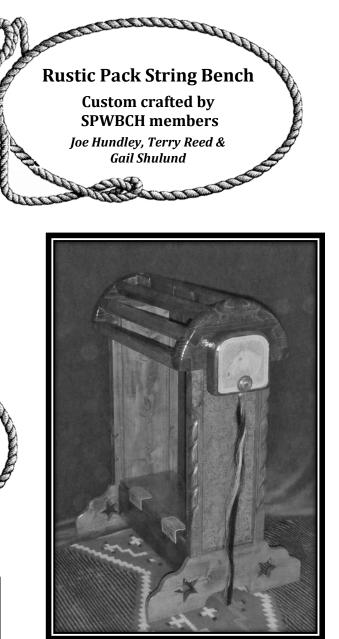


SHOP THE VENDORS IN BOOMTOWN!

The Outpost Trailhead Supply Wild Turkey Acres EZ Designs Sun River Saddlery Lathered Pony Soap Co. Montana Picks & Blades Gourd Art by Sandi & Wanda Cindi Jo's Creations Esther's Designs One Horse Creek Ranch Schiler Quillworks Vicki Dawson Artisan Jewelry Younique Mineral Makeup Montana Steelhorse Beads, Birds & Blooms Cowpoke Ranch Supply Way Out West Clay & Glass Eclectic Collections Bitterroot Benches Rooster's Saddlery Jaxonbilt Hat Co. Cameron Mule Co. Summits on the Air

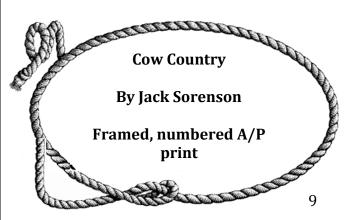
Live Auction Items













BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MONTANA STATE CONVENTION 2015 PHOTO CONTEST

Welcome and thank you for entering your photo in our annual contest. Following are the contest guidelines:

- Register your photo on Friday, noon to 5 p.m., or Saturday morning of the conference, but no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday
- Each category will have 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. There will be one "People's Choice" winner
- All voting will be done by convention delegates
- ◊ Only 5 X 7 or 8 X 10 photos
- ◊ All photos need to be mounted or matted, but <u>no frames</u>
- ◊ Only 2 entries per person in each category
- Make sure each photo is marked on the back with your name, chapter and category
- ◊ No panoramic photos will be accepted
- No photos which have won a prize in previous state convention contests will be accepted
- ♦ The photo contest categories are:

Horses and Mules-photos of our equine partners

Saddles and Saws-Back Country Horsemen at work

Mountain Canvas-scenic and wildlife

Friends and Partners-photos of our two legged and 4 legged friends on the trail or in camp

For more information contact Julie Schram or other SPWBCH members during Convention

WIN JASPER!

2013 Bay John Mule Gelding Gentle, willing & eager to learn Great Disposition!











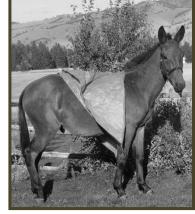


Mule or \$500 Cash

<u>Raffle</u>

\$5.00 ea. or 3 for \$10

Drawing March 28, 2015 Montana Back Country Horsemen State Convention Bitterroot River Inn Hamilton, MT















Raffle Mule "Jasper" Sponsored by Bauman Ranch Steve and Luanne Bauman



2015 Back Country Horsemen Of Montana State Convention



March 27-28-29, 2015 Hamilton, MT

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"El Capitan at Sunset" Framed original oil painting by Bitterroot Valley artist Steve Wilson Custom Framing by Paula Plettenberg

TICKETS \$2.00 EachDrawing Saturday, March 28, 2015Bitterroot River Inn- Montana BCH banquetFor Information or Raffle Tickets Contact Linda Habeck @ 406-961-1435Need not be present to win

CROSSCUT SAW COMPETITION

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2015

TIME: 2:00 PM



LOCATION: BOOMTOWN COURTYARD ~ BCHM MEMBERS ONLY

Sponsored By Dairy Queen

SIGN UP SHEET IN BOOMTOWN

SPWBCH BASE CAMP TENT

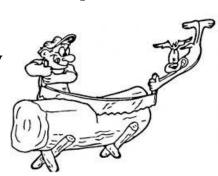


Saw Categories & Rules

Men's Team Women's Team Co-ed Team

- 1. Saws will be provided by the SPWBCH
- 2. Saw judge determines a "do over"; Saw judge's decisions are final
- 3. If the disc breaks the sawyer may continue if there is enough wood to continue
- 4. Teams will saw in order of sign up
- 5. Ties will be broken with a repeat of teams that tied
- 6. There will be 2 timers for each team
- 7. Teams will begin with saw blade lying flat on log
- 8. Time begins at word "GO" & stops when block hits the ground
- 9. Teams may enter only once

Pick your best partner! No dogs allowed!





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"Educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage."



FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

DUTCH OVEN DESSERTS~6:45pm

Hosted by the Flathead Back Country Horsemen

Western Youth Entertainment~7:30pm

Sponsored by Wild Horse Plains Back Country Horsemen!



Cowboy Music & Poetry

Kylie Rhoades

Kylie, age 12, is a Lone Rock School 7th grader from Stevensville. She enjoys trekking into the wilderness on pack trips. She also participates in track at school. She has been playing bluegrass fiddle since 2010. She is active in 4-H where she takes horse, chicken, pig, photography, vet science and cowboy poetry projects. She took first place with the poem she will recite this evening.

Carson Rhoades

Carson, age 9, is a 4th grader at Lone Rock School. He began mandolin lessons in January of 2014. In 4-H, he enjoys the pig, heifer and junk drawer robotics projects. He recently engineered his own crane out of dowels and popsicle sticks. He enjoys riding his dirt bike and fishing. Kylie and Carson are the children of Wayne and Renita Rhoades of Stevensville.

Kylie & Carson will be accompanied by local Bitterroot cowgirl singer, *Charla Bauman*.

"To the Town of Downing"



A Murder Mystery film produced for the 2015 MT Back Country Horsemen State Convention by young Bitterroot Valley horsemen and horsewomen.

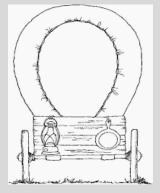
Mac Longmire is the owner of a large ranch not far from the town of Downing. When he dies suddenly, foul play is suspected so *Bradley Polmer* and *Marcus Himilston*, two Civil War buddies, travel to the town to track down the culprit.

With the help of Longmire's daughter, and a few loyal townsfolk, they try to search out the solid truth in a flurry of deceptive lies. Before they know it, they are plunged onto a treacherous trail where only a man with a fast horse and an even faster gun will survive. How long will the men hold out for what they believe to be right? Can they evade the triggerhappy sheriff and still find the murderer, or will they be lost in the dust of injustice?

SATURDAY NIGHT

Sponsored by Montana Peterbilt

CHUCKWAGON BBQ BUFFET 5:30PM



Carved Roast Pork Flat Iron Steak

BBQ Sauce side

Jamaican Jerk Beer Can Chicken

Tootin' Baked Beans BBQ Zucchini Wasabi Cole Slaw



Garlic Bread

Caesar Salad

Apple Brown Betty Dessert

Catered by "Grills Gone Wild"



Rustle up some grub Wild Western Style!

Take a walk down memory lane with "Western Horsemen" stories from the 1950's to 1990's!

No Host Cash Bar

50/50 State Raffle

SILENT AUCTION

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DRAWINGS FOR MAIN RAFFLE & "JASPER" OR \$500 MULE RAFFLE!



Saturday night cont.

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"Remembering a Legend of Country" 8:30pm ~ Featuring...

Amber Lynch...

Born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley, Amber knows it will always be her home. Armed with a teaching degree from MSU-Billings in 1991, she taught in Idaho, then got her master's degree in acting and directing from

Washington State University in Pullman, where she started her professional acting career. After traveling around the states for several

years, she spent two years as a struggling artist in New York City, where she got all the way to a few unpaid gigs Off-Broadway. Her heart (and debt) brought her back to the Bitterroot, and love kept her here. She is married to Michael Portner, owner of the UPS Store, and is the proud stepmother of two (very) teenage girls. In her 15th year at Víctor School, she recently went from being a middle and high school English teacher to being the school's K-12 Library Media Specialist (fancy term for librarian). She would like to thank the Back Country Horsemen for their tireless work and for asking her to be a part of a very special event.

Wíl Wílkíns...

My life Started in West Virginia Spent lots of time alone ... Huntin', Trappin' and Fishin', with Dreams of bein' a Mountain Man and livin' under a Snow Capped mountain, Well I Done that...

Served in the US Coast Guard during those Wonderful years of 68-70, & Survived That...

Raced Motorcycles Professionally, thru the 70's... and I Still Ride Harley's,

Then I started Driftin' around the Country, Usin' My Thumb as a means of Transportation,

I've lived in Native American Spirital Camps, Wiki-ups, Tipi's and Shacks, Slept in Mansions , Barns, and Ole Junk Cars along Rail road Tracks,

Now I'm an Artist Blacksmith, SongWriter, Story Teller, and Poet, but Mostly, an Addicted Steelhead Fly Fisher Man...



Join us for Back Country Church Saddle Partners & Second Chances



Sunday 7:00-7:45 am Selway Outpost

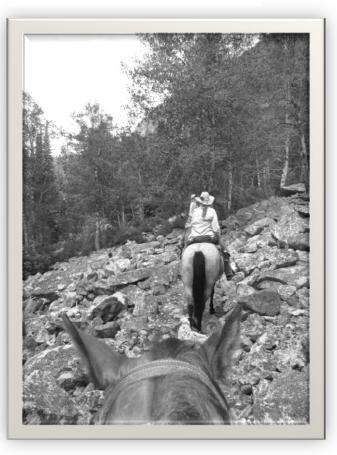
Message: *Rebecca Ondov*, Best-selling Author, Speaker & Back-country Horsewoman

Music: *Kate Royce*, Inspirational Singer & Songwriter and *Dean Heitzmann*, Cowboy Singer & Poet

> **Greeter/Announcer:** *Mary Mills*, SPWBCH Member

Fifteen years **Rebecca Ondov** worked from the saddle in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. She took guests on horseback packing their gear on mules over narrow and craggy trails of the Rocky Mountains. She also worked for the US Forest Service as a wilderness ranger. She says, "Everyday was an exciting adventure where I encountered everything from grizzly bears to forest fires." She's corralled these true-life stories in her books which have stampeded around the world, making her a bestselling author.

Rebecca lives in Montana and invites you to saddle up and ride with her, through the pages of her books, for an adventure of a life time. And she invites you to visit her website: <u>http://RebeccaOndov.com</u> and connect with her on Facebook.



Corvallis Singer/Songwriter, Kate Royce, loves the Bitterroot, and it shows in her songs. She has been writing for over 30 years, producing 5 CDs in the last 12 years. Her music is inspirational, full of hope and encouragement, and easy to listen to! You can find her up at the Florence -Carlton Cowboy Church each Wednesday night at the 7pm Service.

Joining Kate is Cowboy Singer and Poet, **Dean Heitzmann** from Carlton. He shares his gifts at the Florence Carlton Cowboy Church too as the music leader. Dean has a true Western style, and a heart for sharing old time favorites that point straight up to His Glory !

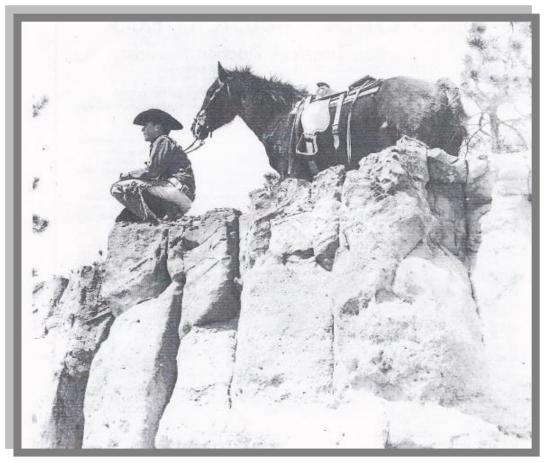
Mary Mills: Year round outdoor enthusiast. Happiest when accompanied by good friends, two legged and four legged, on foot, skis, snow shoes or best of all, atop one of her equine friends. She's been a member of "The Happy Saddle Tramps", since moving to the Bitterroot in 1993 & member of the SPWBCH since 2009.



"I have seen things so beautiful they have brought tears to my eyes. Yet none of them can match the gracefulness and beauty of a horse running free."



A HORSE'S PRAYER



I pray thee, Master, to care for me through long winter days and nights when I cannot earn my keep. Feed and water me, and give me a good warm bed, that I may keep well, and duly repay all your kindness when Trail Riding season returns once more. Treat me kindly, and do not beat me when I do not understand what you want me to do, but watch me, please, and see if I might not be ill...my back, shoulders, or feet may be sore. Remember that I cannot go my own way, but must obey your commands, My Master, and that I serve you well and faithfully, to the best of my ability.

Please, Master, have mercy on me. Protect me from the hot sun, the fall rain, and winter's ice and snow. Remember that horses have long been the servants of man throughout the ages. We have pulled the prairie schooners from sea to shining sea and plowed the new fields, that man might grow the food to keep body and soul together. We helped build the mighty railroads; stayed with the cowboy through his long night watch under the lonely stars. We died heroically with man on the battlefield of nations.

I shall do my part, for I have learned to love thee well. So, my Master, when I am old, and can no longer perform on the trail, and thus serve you profitably, please do not turn me out to starve, or sell me to some cruel man. Just let me die at the beloved hands of my Master, and God will bless thee.

BOOMFOWN RAFFIES

HORSE PACKIN' NUMBERS RAFFLE

1st Place

Trail Max Iron Cloth Pack Panniers (Pair)

4 Horse Highline Kit With In-Line Swivels/Carry Bag/Tree Savers

Canvas Pack Saddle Pad (44"X30")

Horse Bell With Strap

Leather Chain Lead

Rope Halter With 12' Lead

Horse Kit

Drawings For 2nd & 3rd Place

Pick your favorite number and you may be a Winner!

Need not be present to win-Winner Responsible for Pickup



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Camp Raffle



Pick a card...any card, and you might be a Winner!

2nd Place & 3rd Place

Drawings For

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