RESOLUTION ON OUTSOURCING
Adopted by the Back Country Horsemen of America – April 2003

WHEREAS, BCHA has long supported a volunteer partnership philosophy of working with public land management agencies on back country trail maintenance and reconstruction and have contributed thousands of hours and donated expenses over the last many years.

WHEREAS, it is our current understanding there is consideration by the land management agencies of the federal government to consider and, if deemed to be cost effective and appropriate, implement a plan of outsourcing contracts for services in lieu of performing those services with in-house staff.

WHEREAS, it is our further understanding that review of this proposal identified generally as A-76 is moving rapidly and may be considered for implementation as early as September 2003;

WHEREAS, it has also been our understanding that the cost analysis is computed on the basis of a calculation that would not allow consideration of contributions of volunteer labor and expenses by organizations such as Back Country Horsemen of America;

WHEREAS, BCHA has been informed that calculation of outsourcing contract costs be analyzed to compare with costs of accomplishing comparable work with an in-house staff, if these cost evaluations do not include the value added of volunteer contributions to in-house labor and funds leveraged as a result of the applicable grants, volunteer support, etc., BCHA expresses its great concern that these significant labor and dollar contributions may no longer be available to private contractors, thus significantly reducing the dollars available for trails.

WHEREAS, BCHA further recognizes the great value and experience of the many long time agency personnel on back country trails management, maintenance and reconstruction and strongly urge consideration of expanding this rapidly retiring work force supported with adequate staffing/training.

WHEREAS, BCHA contributes over $3 million annually to trails in the back country and wilderness areas of our nation and continues to support numerous private, state, and federal partnership efforts that permit available funds to be leveraged many times over to improve and maintain our trail systems;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that volunteer contributions from organizations such as Back Country Horsemen of America be included in the calculation to determine the most effective and cost efficient method of performing trail maintenance and reconstruction.