**BACKCOUNTRY GEAR**

**SAWS**

What would a BCH trail clearing project be without good saws? Here are some suggestions to keep the sawdust flying!

**Crosscut Saw:**
TUATAHI RACING AXES AND SAWS  
(pronounced Two-Ah-Tah-Hee)  
M Tooth Work Saws-Custom made in New Zealand  
www.tuatahiaxes.com

**Saddle Saws:**
♦ Corona 18” Pruning Saw (Lowe’s) $24.98
♦ Corona Clipper RS 7120 13-Inch Razor Tooth Curved Pruning Saw with Cushion Grip Handle (Amazon) $23.69
♦ Silky BigBoy 360mm Folding Hand Saw (Cabela’s) $52.66
♦ 21” Pack Saw w/Scabbard (Trailhead Supply) $115

**BACKCOUNTRY FLORA**

**Edible Plants**

*Wild Salsify (Tragopogon dubius)*  
Also known as: “Johnny-go-to-bed-at-noon; Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon; Western Goat’s Beard; Oysterplant”

**Horsemen Favorites**

*Bear Grass (Xerophyllum tenax)*  
Also known as: “squaw grass, soap grass, quip-quip, and Indian basket grass”

**BACKCOUNTRY FAUNA**

**Steller’s Jay:**  
* Rocky Mountain/Interior color white line on head  
* Males and females similar color/different size

**Gray Jay:**  
* Nickname “Camp Robber”, Whiskey Jacks and Canada Jays.  
* Cache food  
* Carry food with feet

**Clark’s Nutcracker:**  
* Male incubates eggs  
* Cache food-help with dispersal of pines  
* William Clark thought they were a woodpecker

**JUST FOR FUN**

“Christmas is Coming!”

**Quote of the Day:** “Failure rides shotgun with success, and experimentation is the order of the day.”
HORSE HEALTH

Equine Pleurisy/Pleuritis
A Silent Killer in Horses

Pleurisy is a painful inflammation of the membrane that lines the inside of the horse's chest cavity and covers the lungs. The condition results in fluid accumulation and affects the horse's breathing. It is often a complication of equine influenza, pneumonia, gullet pouch infection, or lung abscess.

**Symptoms:** coughing, rapid, shallow breathing, fever, loss of appetite, weight loss, initially a grunting sound with each breath changing to diminished or absent breath sounds as condition worsens.