BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF THE FLATHEAD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-1

WHEREAS, one of the primary reasons for the formation of the Back Country Horsemen of America was to provide a national voice and political power to assist the states in their efforts regarding issues involving horse use in the roadless back country; and

WHEREAS, the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead presented, and the Back Country Horsemen of Montana passed, a resolution at the 2004 State Convention opposing the drilling for oil and gas on the Rocky Mountain Front, and then passed it along to the Back Country Horsemen of America asking the National Board of Directors to take action; and

WHEREAS, this was an appeal to stop oil and gas drilling on a national treasure, which would have degraded the resource and denied opportunity for recreational stock use and time was critical; and

WHEREAS, the National Chairman and Executive Secretary chose to disregard the very constitution they are to uphold by not presenting the resolution, of which they received multiple copies, to the National Board of Directors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Back Country Horsemen of Montana, as follows:

Section 1: That the disappointment of the Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead and the Back Country Horsemen of Montana be shared by the National Chairman and the Executive Secretary to the National Board of Directors at the 2005 annual meeting.

Section 2: That the National Board of Directors study this matter and provide stronger language to the Constitution of the Back Country Horsemen of America so that the disregard shown to a local chapter and state organization cannot occur in the future.

Section 3: That the originating chapter be informed of the outcome of resolutions within sixty (60) days of the National Board Meeting.