

Resolution
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Resolution #3 2008 Submitted by Back Country Horsemen of the Flathead MT
Subject: Volunteers

Whereas, Budget, personnel and priority constraints have affected the Forest Service's ability to properly maintain the Wilderness and back country trail system; and

Whereas, the current budget situation is not likely to change anytime soon; and

Whereas, Several volunteer groups have worked cooperatively with the Forest Service for years in order to get needed work done; and

Whereas, It has become increasingly more difficult, expensive and time-consuming for volunteers to meet Forest Service requirements for working on trails and projects, i.e., certifications in First Aid/CPR, crosscut and chainsaw operation, and Defensive Horsemanship, and for Forest Service personnel to implement and monitor those certifications; now therefore be it

Resolved, That Back Country Horsemen of Montana send letters to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Chief Forester in Washington and the Region One Supervisor, with copies to the Hungry Horse, Glacier View, Rocky Mountain, Lincoln, Spotted Bear and Swan Ranger Districts, as well as our Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC, requesting that reasonable policies be crafted which simplify the ability of volunteers to participate in meaningful activities which aid in the maintenance of forest trail systems.