When I saw that the theme for the upcoming convention in Bozeman was “Treasuring Our Trails in the Big Sky”, it got me to pondering about other things we treasure in this great rural outdoor lifestyle that we all enjoy here in Montana. Things like that special camping spot in the backcountry that you never get tired of, even though there are hundreds of places you still intend to visit. Or that treasure of a horse you’ve ridden and packed for over 25 years. Then there are those special moments when you’ve stood on a high mountainside looking down on a clear blue lake, out across a timbered valley, and on to an endless chain of unnamed peaks. You snap a few pictures so you can treasure that moment forever.

I’ve found over the years that just about every pack trip becomes a treasure unto itself. I can remember most all of them, who was there, what peaks we climbed, how the fishing was, the horse wrecks we had, who did the cookin’, and all the belly laughs we had around the campfire under the glow of a couple shots of good whiskey.

High up on a cold November hillside a few years back, my hunting partner Tim O’Donnell dismounted, brushed the frost off his gelding’s rump and looked east through the falling ice crystals at the red glow of an early morning sky. He poured us some hot coffee

Chairman, continued on Page 2
from his well worn Thermos and said “I wonder what all the poor folks are doin' right now.” At that moment we were as rich as a couple of Wall Street Bankers lightin' stogies with hundred dollar bills. Yes, these are the treasures that most of us wouldn't trade off for a stack of gold bricks.

**My** dad who was an outfitter rode darn near to his last day. He didn't have any Aleve for his arthritis but with a little help from his friend Mr. Boston he'd get his 77 year old bones to sleep long enough to be ready to mount up for another 15 miles the next day. He kept getting shorter and shorter horses in his later years so he could still manage to mount up by himself, even if it did require a downed log once in awhile. His last one was a 14 hand sorrel named Pieface. He couldn't get off Pieface quick enough to shoot an elk by then but he always had his 30.06 with him anyway. He loved to go along with my friends and I up into the Pintlers, just so he could be out there, do the cookin', tell all his great outfitting stories, and shuttle horses for us young bucks. It was what he treasured most.

**Our** last trip together was up Seymour Cr, just a few miles from where he took me on my first pack trip in 1958, when the Anaconda – Pintler was still just a 'primitive area'. I wore a beat-up looking cowboy hat and some purple chaps and rode a paint mare named Blue Eye. My dad caught some little 'Brookies', we saw a bull moose, and we slept out under the stars. I treasured those three days so much that I took my son Russell on his first pack trip, at the same age, to the same place in 1994. He wore a beat up cowboy hat, we caught some 'Brookies', and we slept out under the stars. The Treasure of Treasures.

**This** is my last Chairman's Message to you since my term ends at the convention. It has been a pleasure and an honor to help lead Montana Back Country Horsemen. I cherish the fun times we've had and the many new friendships Kristi and I now enjoy due to this association. I wish my successors the best of luck and I will always be there to lend a hand in a meeting or on the trail, just as the many who served before me continue to do today. I look forward to seeing you in Bozeman.

Friend Charlie

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**Welcome the newest chapter to the BCH of Montana: Kootenai Wilderness**

**Introducing the chapter officers:**

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Thank you Charlie for all your help with the newsletter during your term as Chairman.

Linda Brewer
MEET THE KING OF TRAILS

IN 1978, the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) was created by Congress with the vision to create a primitive and challenging non-motorized trail on or near the Continental Divide to provide people access to some of the most rugged and scenic places left in the world.

TODAY, the Continental Divide Trail Alliance (CDTA) is the leading non-profit organization working with land agencies to protect, build and finish the CDNST with the help of dedicated volunteers. Only 72% of the Trail is complete with the toughest work yet to go.

IN YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS the CDNST begins in Glacier National Park, heads south through The Bob, snakes through Helena and Butte, traces the border of Montana & Idaho and heads into Yellowstone National Park. We need your help in these areas - join us!

WANT TO HELP? Pack trail volunteers into the backcountry, become a member of CDTA, sign up to be a Crew Chief! There are many ways to help out. Contact the MT & ID Regional Representative, Shannon Freix, for more information: shannon@cdtrail.org, 406.781.0627.
Wildhorse Plains Chapter
Recaps 2009
Submitted by: Ron Rude & John Errecart

The Wildhorse Plains BCH chapter listed three goals for the 2009 season: increase membership by 10%, do at least one community service project, and clear the Loneman to Big Hole Lookout trail. All three goals were met, but with some qualifications.

We did increase our membership, but we also lost a few people. Our community service project was to conduct several horse-related events at the Sanders County Fairgrounds in conjunction with a community-wide effort to promote diabetes awareness. BCH Master Trainer Dave Crawford came from Ronan with his no-trace camp set-up, while other activities included Dutch oven cooking, safe horse trailer loading and a tack swap which all went off without a hitch.

Our third goal, the trail project, got off to an early start the beginning of May but came to a sliding halt in mid-June after our third outing due to snowdrifts on the northerly slopes in the high country. After a single trip in August we finally finished the project on a bright Saturday late in September. As we rode back to the trailhead, the wind came up hard, just ahead of a cold front as it turned out, and a few days later, the darned snow came back again.

Overall it was a busy season. In addition to working on our three goals, the group hosted a number of pleasure trail rides, participated in public meetings and opportunities to comment on an upcoming Forest Service project, and was involved in several volunteer projects. In February, in defiance of cabin fever, several members enjoyed a Saturday ride to the Perma Remount Station on the Flathead Indian Reservation. This is an old Forest Service facility once used to winter stock as well as breeding for mules and is located along the scenic Flathead River. Later in the year there was a Cabin Lake ride that proved anyone can catch a fish, a campout in relentless rain, a ride along the Clark Fork River followed by delicious baby back ribs, rides along a historic wagon road used to transport ore and another used to transport freight of all kinds from Idaho to Montana.

Twenty-nine mem-
bers and friends gathered at the Bend Guard Station in early August for the second annual campout. Bend comes complete with bunkbeds, corral, showers, indoor toilets and a well furnished kitchen; can’t really say we were roughing it. Our first ride during the weekend outing took us well into the Chippy Creek fire which burned in 2007. The group had completed weed surveys for the Forest Service on the trails within the fire area in 2008 and noted the slow but sure vegetative recovery from the previous year. The big bonus for that day was the volumes of morrel mushrooms collected to compliment the barbecued tri-tip that evening, yummy! The following day’s ride took us to the scenic Murr Canyon Overlook. A beautiful ride punctuated by an interesting bee encounter (more on that later).

May found a good number of members involved in a proposed Forest Service project in the scoping phase on the Cutoff Highway between St. Regis and Paradise along the Clark Fork River. The group visited several sites on the ground, attended the public meeting and submitted written comments including a number of horse friendly improvements regarding trailheads, parking and dispersed camping facilities.

Volunteer activities began in early July when one small group packed camp materials in and out of the North Fork (Blackfoot) Cabin for a Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation weed-pulling crew. In late August several members volunteered to pack out Whitebark pine cones and cages. The cages, made of hardware cloth, had been placed over the cones in late June to protect them from squirrels and Clark’s nutcrackers while they developed on the tree. Though not particularly heavy, the cages are rather bulky. The cones, on the other hand, are heavy. Grateful Forest Service employees voiced their thanks as the stock packed out over 600 pounds of cones and cages. Interestingly, the 80,000 seedlings which will be grown at the Coeur d’ Alene (Idaho) nursery from the cones collected on this project, will be planted within the Chippy Fire visited just a few weeks prior.

To close out the year we’re already planning for 2010; our Loneman to Big Hole Lookout trail will undoubtedly need attention; we hope to have the third annual Bend Campout and are working on a cost share challenge agreement with the Forest Service to clear several miles of trail within the Chippy Creek Fire.

Among the things we learned this season was the fact that long strings of livestock are much more vulnerable than are short strings when bees hit…..you probably already knew that.
March 19, 20, 21, 2010
BCH of MT Annual Convention
Hosted by Gallatin Valley BCH

The next few pages are dedicated to information you will find necessary to plan your trip to the convention.

2010 Convention Agenda

Friday March 19, 2010
12:00pm Nominating Committee
1:00pm State Board Pre-Convention Meeting
1:00-9:00pm Convention Registration
Raffle Ticket Sales
Photo Contest Registration
Chapter Displays
Vendor Table Setup
7:00pm No-Host Cocktail—Dry Fly Saloon

12:00pm Luncheon (Ticket Required)
1:00-2:00pm General Session/Presentation
2:15-5:00pm Workshops
6:00pm No Host Cocktails
6:30pm Banquet Buffet (Ticket Required)
Raffle Drawings
Silent & Live Auctions
9:00pm SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT ~ Montana Rose

Saturday March 20, 2010
7:00am Convention Registration
Raffle Ticket Sales
Photo Contest Registration
8:00am Presentation of Flag
Invocation
9:00am General Session Begins
10:00-10:30 Break
12:00pm Luncheon (Ticket Required)
1:00-2:00pm General Session/Presentation
2:15-5:00pm Workshops
6:00pm No Host Cocktails
6:30pm Banquet Buffet (Ticket Required)
Raffle Drawings
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Sunday March 21, 2010
6:30am Cowboy Church service
7:30am No Host Presidents’ Breakfast
7:30am Breakfast (Ticket Required)
8:30am General Session
10:00-10:30 Break
12:00pm General Session Adjourns
Chapter and Vendor Display removal
12:15pm State Board Post-Convention Meeting

Hotels/Motels

The convention will be hosted at the
Holiday Inn, 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman,
MT. http://hibozeman.com/ 1-800-366-5101
or 406-587-4561. Convention rate discounts will be offered through March 5, 2010.

Other Bozeman Hotels with easy access to the convention are:

Homewood Suite by Hilton 406-587-8180
(Opening March 1, 2010)
http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/

GranTree Best Western 406-587-5261 or 800-624-5865
www.bestwesterngrantree.com

Bozeman Inn 406-587-3176 or 800-648-7515
www.bozemanimm.com

Microtel Inn & Suites 406-586-3797 or 800-597-3797
www.microtellinn.com

Ramada Limited 406-585-2626

Royal 7 Motel (Budget) 406-587-3103 or 800-587-3103
www.royal7inn.com

Days Inn 406-587-5251 or 800-587-3833

Additional hotel options and hotels can be found at
www.montanahotels.org/cities/Bozeman/
PHOTO CONTEST

We would like to encourage entries to the 2010 State Convention Photo Contest. Photos will be displayed and viewed by attendees of the convention as well as passersby. This is a great way to show your talents as well as share our organization with others.

Photos should be registered on Friday evening or Saturday morning at the registration desk. Categories must be selected for each of the photos entered. No more than two entries per member for each allotted category.

Two awards will be given for each category—the first by a professional photographer’s choice, the second as people’s choice chosen by convention attendees.

The categories are:

- Critters in the back country—wildlife, mules, dogs, etc.
- Views of the Big Sky—scenery
- Folks in the back country
- Back Country Horsemen at work—this can be people working, animals packing, completed projects etc.
- Panoramic—new this year (these may only be 5” high x your choice long. They may be spliced manually or via computer. Have fun.)

Photos entered must be by BCH members only. Photo sizes are to be 5 X 7 or 8 X 10 and should be mounted or matted—no frames. The panoramic pictures should be 5” high and mounted.

Your name, address, and club should be on the back of your photo. The category must also be clearly marked. Please designate an attending delegate from your chapter to pickup your photos when awards are given at the banquet.

My name is Danielle. I am a coming 2 year old. My mom is a thoroughbred and my dad is Jehnet’s Maximillian. I was donated by Jehnet Carlson (DJ Bar Ranch) and I will be sold at the live auction at the convention. I am valued at $1500.00
Convention Participant(s)
BCH Chapter: ____________________________________________
Name: ___________________________________ Voting Delegate: Y / N
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Phone: (____) _____-________ E-Mail: ______________________________________

Registration Fee: **Until March 1 $80.00 After March 1 $85.00**
Registration Fee includes registration, seminars, break refreshments, lunch on Saturday,
Banquet/Entertainment on Saturday evening, and Sunday breakfast.
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Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen / PO Box 3232 / Bozeman, MT 59772

For Questions please call Amy at 406-282-6089 or email to: register@bchmt.org
2010 Backcountry Horsemen of Montana State Convention Raffle Prizes

Treasuring Our Trails in the Big Sky Country

Hosted by the Gallatin Valley Backcountry Horseman

Montana Blend Wall Tent
12x14 42# Stove Jack
White 10oz. Canvas Roof
Internal Aluminum Pack Frame
1 Window in Screen Door, Relite Tan Sides
$1145.94
Donated by
Montana Canvas Co.

Smith & Wesson I-Bolt Rifle
Blued Barrel, Weaver Scope
Black Synthetic Stock
$600
Donated by
Yellowstone Gateway Sports

WPS 100 Decker Pack Saddle
$699
Donated by
Outfitter's Supply

Tickets: $3 each
$5 for two
$10 for five
Drawing Saturday, March 20, 2010
Need not be present to win

For additional tickets contact
Stacy Bragg 220-0803
CONNECTING WITH OUR WILDERNESS:
Groups and Agencies work to improve trail system in local Mountains.

The following article and pictures were printed in the Lewistown News Argus October 7, 2009 and is being reprinted by permission of the Lewistown News-Argus and David Murray, News-Argus Staff Writer.
Submitted by: Karen Johnson, Judith Basin BCH

JBBCH Vice-President Jim Chalmers tries out the new puncheon bridge that he and others built on the Cottonwood Creek Trail last month. Matt Plagenz from the U.S. Forest Service said the federal agency plans to continue making improvements to the trail system in years to come.

One of the great adventures to living in Central Montana is that the opportunity to enjoy unspoiled natural beauty is never more than a few miles away from your own back door. In less time than it takes to sit on your sofa and watch a movie, you can escape into a quiet forest, stalk deer across the open plains, or wet your line in a prairie river.

Just a few miles south of Lewistown, the Snowy Mountains offer quick access to as much mountain solitude as you may care to find. An extensive trail system ascends to the mountain chain’s flat ridgeline from both its northern and southern exposures. Horsemen and hikers can chose between taking a short afternoon jaunt up the mountain, and tackling a more ambitious multi-day adventure along the chain’s entire length.

Over the past few months, a cooperative effort between the U.S.F.S., BLM, and Judith Basin Back County Horsemen has completed several projects along portions of that lengthy trail system. Their efforts have improved access to the Snowies, and have helped to ensure a safer and more enjoyable wilderness experience for horsemen.

On the far eastern edge of the Snowies the Ulhorn Trail, rises up through the evergreens in Half Moon Canyon toward the top of Greathouse Peak. For years the only access to the trail has been through private property. The Trailhead was poorly marked and parking was available by passing through an inconspicuous wire gate.

A new access site on publicly owned BLM land opened just a few weeks ago. The trailhead is clearly marked on the west side of Red Hill Road and includes a large public parking area with adequate room for horse trailers to park and unload stock. A new vault toilet at Ulhorn Trailhead was installed by the BLM.

Further to the west, the Cottonwood Creek Trail climbs the northern flank of the Snowies to reach their crest more than 8,000 feet above sea level. Horsemen that reach the top can continue on to the junction with Swimming Woman Creek Trail, or turn and head east to connect with the Ulhorn Trail. A crew from the Judith Basin Back
Country Horsemen and Judith Ranger District of Lewis and Clark Forest Service packed in tools and materials to a point roughly seven miles up the trail this summer. There they built a puncheon bridge to ford a boggy spot that has inhibited the safe passage of pack animals through the area.

Taken together, the two projects have improved conditions on an 18-mile stretch of forest trails connecting the central and eastern portions of the Snowy Mountains.

"It’s the goal of ours to work with groups like the Back Country Horsemen, and do trail improvement work each year," said Forest Service Project Coordinator Matt Plagenz. "Projects like these will enhance the wilderness experience for people, either on horseback or hiking, in the Snowy Mountains."

Plagenz said continued cooperation between Federal Agencies, such as the Forest Service and BLM with private service organizations like the Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen is a very important part of managing public lands in Central Montana.

"The Judith Basin Back Country Horsemen are very proactive in working with the different federal agencies to try and make improvements. It just emphasizes to the Forest Service that there’s a need there. Any time we’ve got a partner out there that’s willing to donate their time and labor, and in some cases their materials, it’s in our best interest to capitalize on that offer and work together."

Plagenz said the Forest Service plans to continue making improvements to the trail system in the Snowies in the coming years.

"There are a handful of other areas in the Snowies that need work like this done to get this trail system up to an acceptable standard," said Plagenz. "Now, with the Big Snowies being primarily non-motorized, I think there will be more emphasis on improving the wilderness experience there for people on either horseback or hiking. If the public comes forth with an idea or suggestion, we’re all ears."
Leather boot laces and a
“Leatherman”
By Dayna Gilman
Upper Clark Fork BCH

It was August when Charlie, I and some friends went camping with our horses in an area around Gold Creek. Norman and Noel have hunted in this area for years and lead us through some beautiful country. On Sunday we journeyed on a ride. We rode through meadows and picked our way through some timber and landed in a creek bottom. The creek bottom was dense with greenery and blades of sunshine. Each of us were reveling in the fineness of our journey…..then it happened! Noel and Tuff (the horse) had to maneuver between a large tree and a large willow bush. The stirrup on the right side of saddle hung up on a large limb sticking out. Each was very calm and Noel attempted to back the horse up but he refused to move, instead forcing himself ahead. Noel had her foot out of the stirrup, thankfully and Tuff jerked forward, bucked once and ripped the stirrup fender from the saddle, leaving it hanging on the large limb. Noel was fine and we were all more surprised at Ole’ Tuff, he still has buck in him!

Our journey was only about half way through and we still had a ways to go to get back to camp. We all agreed that Noel walking out was not an option. This is where it comes in real handy to have a person with you that works with rebuilding saddles. After Charlie looked at what was hanging on the limb and still on the horse, he pulled out his leatherman, requested that our young friend Kyle provide one of his boot laces and then went to work. This saddle repair was no simple job it took about an hour to secure the stirrup fender back on to the saddle and make it safe enough to ride. During our wait the rest of us had time to relax and Noel had time to locate sore spots. Kyle took to hand sawing the “large limb” from the tree.

When we got back to camp we reminisced about our journey, the trail, and how lucky we were to have a leather boot lace and a leatherman!

Moral of the story! “always carry a leather boot lace and leatherman and take a leather man!”
Horses and trout
By Tom Reed
Director of Off Road Policy
Trout Unlimited

In the morning, after coffee and breakfast, we saddle the mountain ponies and stuff fly rods and the float tube into the panniers. Today, the pack horse is getting a break—only carrying the fishing gear and not the whole camp.

The lake is only a few miles away and an easy ride and when we get there, we pull out the float tube and start to pump it up, and then get the rest of the gear out, linking up fly rods and rigging up. There’s a camp stove too—we’re planning on knocking over a few cutthroats for a nice shore lunch. The horses stand in the trees patiently while we spend the day fishing, trading off rides in the one float tube between the two of us and landing cutthroat after cutthroat from the clean, high mountain lake. Fresh from the water, the trout we keep and eat for lunch are delicious.

For many people who like to fork a good horse and ride the high country, trout and horses go together. My own fall hunting expeditions are just a very small part of why I own horses; summer pack trips help me dream away dim Januarys and Febru-arys. By the time I flip the calendar to March, I’ve got my summers pretty much blocked out and ready to go. Riding the high country will be a big part of it.

In recent years, the natural partnership between horses and trout in my own personal paradigm has gone a bit larger—a natural cooperative effort between Trout Unlimited and Back Country Horsemen. It has been personally rewarding to help make some of those marriages happen. In Wyoming, for example, the Wyoming Back Country Horsemen joined with Trout Unlimited to support Republican Sen. John Barrasso in his Wyoming Range Legacy Act that passed Congress last year. Here in Montana, Trout Unlimited and Montana Back Country Horsemen are working side by side to support Democrat Sen. Jon Tester’s Forest Jobs and Recreation Act of 2009.

These are just a couple of examples of how horses and trout complement each other. In the coming years, as land management agencies like the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service grapple with public lands issues, I see nothing but miles of exciting trail to ride for both TU and Back Country Horsemen.

One of the big ones is travel management. As we all know, people from all walks of life are taking all modes of transportation into the backcountry these days. Some walk. Some ride. Some drive ATVs and motorcycles. Some pedal bikes. Some tug on llamas.

As the land management agencies work on travel management plans, I see TU and Back Country Horsemen seeking common ground—what is often good for backcountry trail riding is good for trout, particularly when it comes to preserving our right to ride our mounts in our national forests. As the expansion of motorized vehicle use continues, horsemen and fishermen will look for opportunities to cooperate with other users where appropriate, and join together to raise concerns where necessary. Clean water is important for fish, but it’s also important for people. As the director of off-road policy for Trout Unlimited, a fisherman, a horseman and an occasional off-roader, I think we’ll find that we have a lot more in common if we just sit down at the table, roll up our sleeves, and work together for our wild outdoor heritage. Please feel free to contact me at 406-599-1022 if you have ideas or thoughts, or email me at treed@tu.org.

(Tom is also author of Give Me Mountains For My Horses, Riverbend Publishing, Helena)

Editor’s note:

Please remember, when sending photos, either by e-mail or snail mail, that they are good quality photos. If they’re not good to start with, they will only get worse in the printing process.

Thank you.
Linda Brewer
BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF MONTANA MEMBERSHIP

As you know, in 2007 we lost a chapter and now this year we have gained a new one; welcome Kootenai Wilderness Back Country Horsemen.

The State Board did not require our newest chapter to pay dues this year because they were added to the State organization back in September. So we do not have any information on their membership numbers and this report will not reflect their membership in BCHM.

The BCHM membership this year is just slightly ahead from last year by 6 members. This will show as a 1 percent increase in the chart below. We are down somewhat from the membership numbers of 2007 of which we showed a drop of 3 percent in 2008. On a positive note we need to acknowledge the following chapters for posting the greatest increases to their memberships from last year: CONGRATULATIONS to the following chapters;

1. Cabinet 40%
2. Last Chance 36%
3. Missoula 28%

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We all need to try and recruit new members for our chapters. So remember if you are holding a fundraiser, packing clinic, steak ride or whatever your event may be, you need to inform the public. Without public awareness, we will be unable to achieve our goal of new members.

One thing that I have noticed is that most of us are not getting any younger. We need to encourage our youth, take a young person on a pack trip or a work project so they can experience firsthand what it is to be a Back Country Horsemen. If we do not encourage and foster younger members, we will definitely see our membership decline more in the future. Our future depends on us sharing our experiences and knowledge with those younger.

Let’s not forget the most important thing when recruiting new members is that the Back Country Horsemen is a public servant dedicated to a clear and narrow purpose, which may not be appealing to all people.

Congratulations to all the chapters that have showed an increase in their membership numbers this year.

Sincerely,
R. Fred Fitzpatrick, BCHM Treasurer

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