I don’t know where the summer has gone but I sure feel fall in the air. The colors are changing; we’ve already had frost on our windshields, and snow in the high country. Hunting season is just around the corner. Just as a reminder, make sure you, and your riding and pack stock are wearing orange to avoid being mistaken for game animals. Fall is a beautiful season; let’s all be safe while riding, packing and working on the trail.

We all seem to enjoy the backcountry, riding, trail work, keeping our public lands open to recreational stock use, and educating the public in the wise and sustained use of the backcountry, but I don’t believe we work very hard at encouraging the formation of new Back Country Horseman chapters. I believe there are people who would love to join our ranks, as Back Country Horseman, if asked, and didn’t have miles to drive to attend meetings. I’d like to encourage all Back Country Horseman Chapters in Montana to increase their memberships and look for areas where new chapters could be formed.

No action has been taken yet on Tester’s SB1470. We all need to write our congressional delegation as soon
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as possible in support of the original bill with the addition of the SW Crown Restoration Bill.

Check out your BCHM website. Thanks to Dan Marsh and Fred Fitzpatrick, we have a new look. We also have added links to BCHA Junior, a kid’s website, as well as links to newly formed Absarokee/Beartooth Wilderness Foundation, and the Selway-Bitterroot Foundation.

We will also work on adding contact persons from each chapter to serve as a resource for people visiting our area looking for places to ride and horse friendly camp areas.

Remember, chapter dues and volunteer work reports are due in December.

John Chepulis

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**Good eating in the “Bob”**  
Submitted by: Rena Johnson  
Missoula BCH

Eight days in the Bob Marshall Wilderness can take a bit of planning. I couldn’t plan too much around things I couldn’t control—weather, fires, unknown campsites, wrecks—but I could do a good job with the food. Because, after all, even with the worst circumstances, if the food is good, it will be a good trip! So with a little planning and prep time, we truly enjoyed a great Bob Marshall experience.

Leave No Trace is an important wilderness concept. My friend and I took one pack horse, a cute little palomino mare of unknown parentage, short stature and witchy marish temperament. And because I pamper my elderly quarter horse at every turn (he’s 31 this year), I packed 65 pounds of supplements and grain. So traveling light became an imperative. We took lightweight gear all around, and washed out our jeans and shirts one day, but did take a full size ax… But human food can be a bulky heavy item, too. With good prep and planning, we enjoyed great meals, lots of good snacks and traveled light. (Did I mention chocolate?!!)

When planning meals for the backcountry, I follow a very basic idea of balance. I try to include protein, carbs, and fruits or vegetables in each meal, whether breakfast, lunch or dinner. My key weapon to achieve this easily and cheaply is a food dryer. Before the trip, we planned each meal in writing, and dried whatever we needed. This is not a long nor hard to learn process. I fry hamburger, drain it, and spread it on the food dryer shelves. I buy frozen vegetables and pour them out of the bag onto the dryer shelves. I slice up a roast of venison or beef or elk, drench in a marinade, and arrange the slices on the shelves for jerky. I plan on a quarter pound of meat per person per meal for dinner, a quarter pound or more of vegetables per person for dinner, and an eighth of a pound of jerky for lunch. And making dried tomato leather is easy: just spread a can of tomato paste on the outside of a one gallon zip lock bag and put it on the dryer shelf. Don’t forget the nicer touches, too, just slice and dry fresh mushrooms, onions, green peppers, tomatoes, fresh squash. Then just turn on the dryer and

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(See “Bob” on page 14)
Hoover Creek
Submitted by: Mark Himmel
Charlie Russell BCH

We all write about trail projects, because that is probably what we as a group do best. This article is no different other than the three years members of Charlie Russell have been working on it. The Hoover Creek Trail located in the Jefferson District of the Lewis and Clark National Forest emerged from the travel planning process with a huge dilemma for saddle and stock users. The trail weaves up through a narrow valley crossing the stream about eight times per mile; it is also home to the West Slope cutthroat trout. It was closed to horse and motorized use due to sedimentation problems accompanied by the frequent crossings. To horse users, this was a big predicament. In an area where nearly all trailheads are limited to four trailers, Hoover Creek can easily hold a dozen trailers. The large trailhead makes it a practical and attractive area for group rides.

In the quest to get the trailhead back, members of Charlie Russell Back Country Horsemen began working with a forest service fish biologist, engineers, and trail personnel to address their concerns and work on a plan that would restore horse use to the trail. After a few planning sessions and a walk up the drainage, a plan was devised to address sedimentation, the number of crossings, and the span of the stream’s flow.

To tackle the stream’s width, members made rock weirs in the stream to help redirect the flow back to the center of the stream at crossings. This was done by placing large rocks at the edge of the stream in a V formation pointing upstream and slightly lower rock as the V formed in the center. Sound confusing? You bet, but after we built the first one we could see how the rock positioning did just what the engineers said it would. Keeping the stream narrow at crossings minimizes the effect of the crossing.

Sedimentation being carried into the stream by horses and rainfall was our next challenge. At approaches leading down to the stream, steps were installed with gravel behind them so that water runoff would percolate through the gravel before entering the stream. Since this was not a wilderness location, 6x6 timbers were chosen for the steps with the idea they would last for years. As approaches are used, they tend to widen the stream if there is a soft approach. Rock armoring was placed to strengthen and protect the approach. Any approach that was inappropriately aligned to the trail was correct. To address a grade problem, a contour of winding steps was constructed in a tight area with very little space. This was done to avoid erosion and runoff into the stream. At first we thought the horses and mules weren’t going to like it, but they had no problem adapting to the turn even with heavy pack loads.

Not all of this happened on one weekend or one year. In our third year a MCC crew came in and completed the major re-routes, the remaining crossings were also improved. Forest service personnel lent their expertise whenever needed; with 27 crossings now completed the trail will be open for equine use again.
Upper Clark Fork Back Country Horsemen

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Bitter Root BCH members from Montana assist at military kids campout
Submitted by Karen Philips
Bitterroot BCH

Back in May, Bitter Root BCH board members didn’t hesitate when asked if they wanted to support the local Rotary Club’s efforts to organize a summer campout for children from military families. On July 30 and 31, our members fed both the minds and stomachs of young campers and their adult volunteers.

On Friday night, cooks Sue Pearson, Karen Philips and Nancy Pollman prepared Dutch oven entrees, dodging raindrops as they cooked. Adding to the Dutch oven food were cooks Dale Armbrust, Rita Atencio, Jack and Lisa Emory, Mike and Trish Foster, Larry Gill, Rich Morrisey and Judy Patton, Elise Sweg and Joyce Wesche. Everyone pitched in to get food, plates, utensils and condiments ready to feed approximately 40 children and adults. Before and after the meal, bluegrass band “Blue to the Bone” entertained the crowd, all while rain poured down on the club’s tents. We sure were happy to have those tents set up!

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On Saturday morning, Fred Weisbecker, our education chairman, presented a “Be Bear Aware” talk to the campers and their adult volunteers, and it was very timely considering a recent grizzly mauling death had occurred near Cooke City, MT. Fred had their full attention! Jack Emory, our training chairman, followed Fred and he demonstrated how to approach and handle horses safely. The kids had ridden horses with outfitters Chris and Susan O’Brien the day before, and they listened carefully to what Jack had to say.

This Military Kids Campout was an interesting BCH “non-trail” project that had a big impact on the youthful participants. We thank our cooks, presenters and tent crew—all of you did a great job for a great cause.
In camp, loose horses should be picketed, fenced or tied
By Lisa Schmidt and Fred Fitzpatrick
East Slope Back Country Horsemen

Betty sighed a breath of relief as she pulled her horse trailer into camp. It was pitch black, but she was finally here. After her crazy week at work, she couldn’t wait for the quiet and camaraderie of a weekend with her Back Country Horseman friends.

Betty had planned to pack her trailer the night before, but her job kept her at work until dark. So she had scurried around home this evening, gathering her tent, sleeping bag, horse blankets and saddles. Old Buck and Red calmly watched from the corral, knowing they would be in the mountains soon.

Betty backed Old Buck out of the dark trailer, tied him to the side and then went back in for Red. She knew she could count on these two old pros. Last fall, sure-footed Red packed the antlers and a boned-out quarter from a six-point bull elk. Old Buck carried the rest of the meat while Betty hiked out the 20 miles from Big River Meadows to the horse trailer.

She tied Red on the same side of the trailer as Old Buck, and then went back for the hay nets. Old Buck stood patiently as Betty reached high to tie the net so he could eat his fill.

Suddenly, Red jerked back, stretching his rope and knocking Old Buck so he slammed Betty into the side of the trailer. Betty crumpled to her knees, falling under Old Buck’s feet as he stomped and pulled against his rope. A massive foot crushed Betty’s knee. Then another came down on her thigh before she could slide to safety under the trailer.

Red’s rope broke first, with Old Buck not far behind. Betty heard them gallop away. But eight hooves remained. Two loose horses munched on Betty’s hay nets. Betty is a composite character, but any of us could experience her unexpected catastrophe through no fault of our own.

Loose horses in camp are a nuisance at best and potentially deadly at worst. That’s why the East Slope Back Country Horsemen are working hard to eliminate loose horses at busy campgrounds.

The club travels to camps all along the east slope of the Rocky Mountain Front, but Swift Dam Campground is home base. Over the years, club members have installed a pump and horse trough, built three outhouses, corrals, numerous hitching rails and improved trails that begin at Swift Dam.

(See tied on page 10)
National Trails Day at Blue Mountain
Submitted by Barbara Keopke
Trail Boss for the day
Missoula BCH

Back Country Horsemen of Missoula gathered at the Blue Mountain recreation area on National Trails Day, June 5, 2010. These forest service trails are one of our designated projects and this is the sixth year we’ve celebrated NTD here in the Lolo National Forest, just south of Missoula.

We were anxious to get hitching rails installed in our new (separate) horse trailer parking area. The re-designed trailhead was dedicated last year (on NTD). At that time we honored Fred Hartkorn, an old time member who spent much time and many miles on this mountain. Today we worked on hitching rails. Five rails had been built and painted for us by the Trapper Creek Job Corps Training Center. Club members transported the supplies to the site, borrowed a heavy duty auger and planted the rails at designated locations.

Plans to treat the new wooden fencing were put on hold. The paint store advised that we needed three consecutive days of warm dry weather before applying the product and that hadn’t happened yet.

This trail head has two parking lots and the other lot is typically full of hikers, dog walkers and mountain bikers. It’s a perfect place for our yearly survey of users so we can forward the comment sheets to the Forest Service. We had several photo displays of activities in which we had been involved. We were amazed at how many people do not know who we are and what we do. It’s also a fun time to socialize with other trail users and hand out water, trail mix bars and dog biscuits. In addition to surveys, it’s a day to promote safety and St. Patrick’s Hospital Helmet Program. One of our members is an employee in that program and brought bike and equestrian helmets for sale at a reduced price. Information and helmets save lives and we are happy to include the program in our NTD celebration.

Inside the tent at the “Leave No Trace Campsite”, dutch ovens were cooking up chili and fry bread. Coffee and cookies from club members sustained us until lunch was ready. We planned to be at the trail head from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. but we were still there after 3 p.m. The trail clearing crews started at the top of the mountain and hadn’t returned.

We weren’t about to let them come back to an empty camp on an empty stomach. There were teams on three trails and they

(See Blue on page 11)
Second annual 2010 packing and equestrian skills expo was a huge success
Submitted by: Mark Wright
Missoula BCH

The Back Country Horsemen of Missoula, in partnership with the Missoula Equestrian Park, hosted a free to the public packing and equestrian skills expo on May 22nd. Even the wet spring weather cooperated and the Missoula Equestrian Park was literally overflowing with people. The count was well over 600 not including all the great volunteers. There was almost too much to take in with demonstrations of different styles of horsemanship offered in the main arena and the “Big Tent”.

The 4H opened the day by presenting the flag, followed by the Bitterroot Mountettes Drill Team thrilling every one with their precision riding. This was followed by the Northern Region Pack Train from Ninemile Ranger District and it just went on from there with one exciting presenter after another. There were demonstrations on jumping both stadium and cross country, dressage, and vaquero horsemanship which were all geared toward education. The Townsend Family gave a demonstration on cowboy mounted shooting which was a real crowd pleaser. The afternoon continued to entertain and educate with more non-stop action in the arena with a breed parade, a reining horse demo, a miniature driving and carriage demonstration, and draft horse and mule team demos. The closing ceremonies were presented by The Charlie Russell Riders Drill Team.

Under the “Big Tent” there were presenters scheduled continuously all day long. Topics included such themes as trail riding safety, a packing demonstration by Smoke Elser, lectures by veterinarians, emergency shoeing, Leave No Trace, horse trailer safety, and basic horse handling safety. There were also presentations on equine chiropractics and hippotherapy.

The high light for the children was the”Kid’s Tent” where there were pony rides, straw bale roping, games, and educational events. Around the park between the arena and the “Big Tent” were many displays and informational booths put on by B.C.H. such as a leave no trace back country camp, a saddle display featuring a U. S. Calvary saddle with all the complements, and many other booths. There were a number of excellent food vendors and also vendors pertaining to the horse industry were well represented. All of this was provided free to the public by the leadership and volunteerism of the Back Country Horsemen of Missoula and their partnership with the Missoula Equestrian Park.

See you next May 21st, 2011 for another fun day of horsen’ around.

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Townsend cowboy mounted shooting

Nine mile pack string

Teamsters driving
Pondera County owns the busy campground and the unofficial mayor of Swift Dam, Cliff Gustafson, works hard to maintain sturdy fences and clean camp sites. The campground is so nice that numerous campers have commented that this is the best-maintained campground and trailhead along the Front. So ESBCH feels responsible when horses cause problems at Swift Dam.

“As members of Back Country Horsemen, we are the defacto leaders of Montana’s horse industry. We need to encourage horse owners to be responsible and considerate,” says ESBCH president Bob Hermance.

ESBCH is working with the Pondera County commissioners to enforce a no-loose horses policy at Swift Dam. The chapter will pay for friendly signs that remind horse owners of the policy.

Instead of allowing horses to run loose throughout the campground, owners will be encouraged to picket their horses or set up small areas within an electric fence. This trailhead and campground has a separate fenced area for turning out horses, along with two round pens and a wooden corral, there should be no reason for leaving horses to run loose.

“That way, the horses can graze, but not cause wrecks,” Hermance says. “And Cliff Gustafson won’t spend his time gathering horse apples after them, either.”

The ESBCH has also begun discussion of making a permanent high line area at the campground for extra places for campers to tie-up horses overnight so they don’t have to tie them to their trailers or hitching rails. As our lovely campground does not allow the luxury of towering pine trees in this sometimes God Forsaken windblown country affectionately known as the Rocky Mountain Front, we have to settle for the shimmering of quaking Aspens, but wind and all; we will take our beloved little part on the front we so humbly call home.
worked until they ran out of gas, in the chain saws that is. Four people received saw certification as a follow-up to the classroom session in April.

The Blue Mountain Recreation Area covers 4,900 acres and includes 41 miles of system trails. It was originally a part of the Fort Missoula Military Reservation. President Harry S. Truman signed an Executive Order on November 5, 1957 which transferred 4,869 acres to the Lolo National Forest. Recreational opportunities include picnicking, mountain biking, hiking, ATV and motorcycle riding, snowmobiling, hunting, golfing, dog walking, scenic drives, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. To call it a great recreational area is an understatement. It certainly fills the bill for this year’s NTD theme “find our happy place”.

Thirty-five club members “showed up” and “dug in”. We also had Gene Thompson and two other folks from the FS on hand. We did an awesome job AGAIN!!
The Sundance Pass Switchbacks, in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, are a decaying monument to the art of trail building quality. It deserves the admiration, respect and protection of stock users. The pass, at 11,049 feet elevation, takes riders over one of the highest horse trails in the country. It is reached from either the Lake Fork Trailhead – 7,709 feet, or the West Fork Trailhead – 6,950 feet. Both are accessible South of Red Lodge from the Beartooth Highway. The ride is nineteen miles trailhead to trailhead; approximately six miles, or 30% of that is on the switchbacks. Camping with horses is not allowed in the recent Travel Plan. The views are awesome and breath taking, weather permitting. Additional high altitude horse trails are in Rocky Mountain Park in Colorado, the Sierra Nevada in California, and hopefully the Continental Divide Trail. Sundance is special because it is in our back yard, because the trail is an historic construction and engineering accomplishment, and because it is not being maintained adequately for stock use.

The Sundance Pass Switchbacks were started in the mid 1960's in one of the rare eras of abundant trail funds from the Forest Service, but the money dried-up, and the project was stopped without completing the highest 10 or 12 switchbacks. The trail system fell within the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness in 1978, when Congress passed that law. There are 57 switchbacks, built to 6% grade with 6 foot radii at the turns. The switchback corners are classic hand rock cribbing as well as the back slope cribbing. These specifications passed into History along with the people who built to them, like Jim Barrett, Trail Foreman. No helicopters on this project; this work was all done with stock and human muscle. The switchbacks allow a 2,000 foot elevation change over one long slope. If you use Google Earth, you can see the Switchbacks at “Sundance Pass, Red Lodge, MT”. The weather can be harsh, and the season is short. This year the pass opened in August and closed in August.

The Trail system came to the attention of the Beartooth BCH in 2004, because there was a proposal to disallow stock use on the Switchbacks, and to close camping with stock on either trail. The no camping with stock became the rule, but it was decided the Stock users did not shortcut the switchbacks; they are still allowed on the trails. Dan Aadland rode the system with his wife Emily, and reported back to the chapter. He did not recommend it for a chapter day ride, and said “it is not for the faint of heart”, due to the deteriorating nature of the trail. The specific problem was portions of the trail that slid out under a horse’s feet like ball bearings. Dave Schilz – who has been everywhere on trails - and I decided to take a look. Dan was right, it is awe inspiring for the sheer beauty and the immense dimensions, and for the terrible condition of the trail. It is true that some of the footing was treacherous; I only remember the beauty and the cold.
The Switchbacks need work and protection for continued stock use; the trail is still adequate for hikers. The work is tough due to altitude and the short season, and, of course, this is not an era of abundant Trail funds from the Forest Service. Logistics and camping restraints make this a difficult project for the chapter to undertake, but in my opinion well worth it. Maintenance is needed to reinforce tread on the upper Switchbacks, and do repair on the tread and switchbacks below that snow creep and rock roll has damaged. A suggestion for BBCH would be to pack in a couple of rock bars that could be cached and used by FS personal as well as BBCH and other volunteer work groups. The rock work is an art, and people wanting to do that work should learn and practice before doing Sundance. This set of switchbacks is an historical treasure, and a rare opportunity for horsemen to travel to such levels. Stock users would suffer a significant loss if the system cannot be maintained for their use.

My special thanks to Dan Aadland - past President of Beartooth BCH, and Dave Schliz - past Chairman of BCHMT for extensive help in putting this paper together. They are both quoted directly throughout.
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let it run all day or overnight. Check to see that everything is brittle or very leathery. If anything feels damp, run it another four hours or so. I tend to over dry things, because spoiled food doesn’t do you any good on a pack trip. When dried, put in small plastic bags and package together with the other meal ingredients, labeling each meal clearly. Always double bag jerky in thick freezer zip locks, otherwise it always pokes through the bag.

We took a small cooler bag that originally arrived with vaccines for the horses, but any soft cooler will do for perishables - the smaller the better - to go light on the pack animal. Eggs, cheese, and chocolate live in this, except for the day’s lunch cheese. You could also zip lock a couple of frozen steaks for the first night’s meal, or the second, but we used only dried food.

Breakfasts are easy. Instant oatmeal and granola with powdered milk are standard, and of course coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. I like to take a protein drink; I like chocolate of course. And I usually break down and buy a freeze dried omelet from the sporting goods store. Don’t forget dried fruit in your breakfast food - papaya is good, as well as apples, cherries, pears and apricots. (And dried ginger for upset stomachs is always in the first aid kit.) If you are looking for more protein and substance - a good idea when riding - include some slices of cheese and nuts.

Lunches are the meal I always over pack for. Crackers, cheese (yes, cheese lasts over a week with no refrigeration), hard dry salami, jerky, nuts, trail mix (with chocolate!), dried fruit, energy bars are all easy to carry and great to eat on the trail or at a break. We carried the day’s lunch and snacks on our saddle horses for easy access. Also important was a great Gatorade type of electrolyte drink that mixes in the water bottle, tastes great, and helps insure hydration. And if worse comes to worse, and it’s dark, hailing, snowing, someone gets hurt, you always have extra emergency food that you don’t have to cook.

Dinners are a time where the careful planning really pays off. We had some pretty gourmet meals out there. A Beef Stroganoff package from the store, with lots of added dried beef, mushrooms and onions was one of the best. When you first get into camp, put the dried meat and vegies in a pot and pour water over them. Let set at least half hour while you unpack—an hour is even better. Then go ahead and cook. We had a “mini lasagna” dinner with lots of mushrooms and extra tomato sauce from tomato leather, and spaghetti made from scratch with extra thin spaghetti noodles (spaghettini or angel hair pasta). Some people like to use Rice-a-Roni with meat and vegies also. One of the best dinners we had was tostaditas. We packed up some tortillas, toasted them over the fire, added some beans canned in a pouch, cheese strips and some salsa, and were in seventh heaven.

Speaking of things canned in pouches, I had picked up some Indian entrees packed in pouches, and re-packed them in plastic bags instead of boxes. These made a great change of pace, as they are very easy to prepare—just put both packages in water, heat to boiling, simmer 5 minutes and serve. The pouched entrees are much heavier than the dried ones, so we ate them at the beginning of the trip. However, check these packaged dinners for ingredients you are allergic to, and make sure you don’t mistake “two servings” for “two dinners” - everyone eats two servings on a pack trip! Another trick for a quick dinner is using cous-cous (a precooked cracked dried wheat) which cooks in five minutes, and is great with tomato sauce, vegies and meat. (I always pack an extra dinner, just in case.) All leftovers went to the bear dog. And for desserts, we cut to the chase and went with dark chocolate…..

We had a wonderful trip, thoroughly enjoyed seeing the Chinese Wall, and felt truly contented with all the great food. The pack mare actually behaved. The thirty-one year old charged up all the mountain trails and had to be pulled up to wait for the 10 year olds, even on the last day, carrying the heaviest load. No wrecks! However, the hail...See you in the “Bob” next year.
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