

## **WHY VOLUNTEER HOURS ARE IMPORTANT**

- ❑ Volunteering helps keep trails open for all. It shows us as a good neighbor, with the community, kids and other user groups.
- ❑ Volunteering is our clout. Without them our organization wouldn't be what it is now. Legislators and Land managers know that our volunteer hours are an asset.
- ❑ Volunteering gives credibility to BCH during discussions with land managers. Volunteers perform work that may not otherwise get done, because money is not available due to budget cuts.
- ❑ Volunteering has a positive effect when talking with land managers. It shows that as a user group we take responsibility for keeping our public lands in good condition for future generations.
- ❑ Volunteering helps overcome negative opinions about sharing trails and enhances our image as equine riders on trails.
- ❑ Volunteering gives a sense of pride and brings positive attitude to your chapter and promotes teamwork.

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A BCHW VOLUNTEER**

### **Volunteer hours Recognition and Volunteer Patch Program**

The purpose of the Volunteer Hours Patch program is to recognize time donated by our members in support of the BCH objectives. Activities such as trail and trail-head work, LNT education, and public meeting participation help to ensure our right to use stock in the backcountry and public lands.

The Volunteer patch recognizes each member's contribution. Most wear these patches on their club coats. When seen in public it shows our dedication to:

- ❑ Planning, building, and maintaining trails and trailheads.
- ❑ Spreading the LEAVE NO TRACE message and educating others and ourselves on the wise use of the backcountry resource.
- ❑ Working to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational use.
- ❑ Working to educate others in many different areas of horsemanship.
- ❑ Providing some emergency service.

Volunteer patches can be purchased from the State Store. Please refer to your state newsletter for details on how to purchase, prices, etc. The patches come in a 50 hr 100 hr 200 hr 500hr. Patches are sewn on under the triangle shoulder patch.