

# The Shoshone Rider

September 2022

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TBA



## **From the President, Kandy Christian...**

What an amazing summer this has turned out to be!! This summer I got to spend a-lot more of my time with our members from the Shoshone Back Country Horsemen group. A few of the events that I got to be a part of were our annual Youth and Packing Clinic and also our Kids in the Woods up the Northfork. Both events turned out to be very rewarding, not just for myself but for everyone that was involved with the events. Whether it was the group who volunteered, the ones whose place that we got to rent, or the ones that participated in the events, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and having a great time. What an excellent group of people.

Wyoming's back country is so handsome and is truly something to experience. There is so much of it I got the pleasure to see and to experience these last few months with the Back Country Horseman. I want to thank everyone for showing me some of the most mesmerizing trails I have ever been on in Wyoming. Really looking forward to see what next summer will bring to the Backcountry Horseman. I wish everyone can at least see a fraction of the trails that are in Wyoming next summer. Let me know if you need someone to go with! The pictures below are from the last trip into the Kirwin area of Wyoming.

Also, we need to get a committee together for our annual Christmas Party. I know it seems early, but for a great Christmas gathering we need to start early and get the plans going. Please come to the next meeting and let us know if you want to be involved with the planning or you can call me.

Don't forget we are starting back up our meetings this September 2022!!

Kandy Christian

President, Shoshone Back Country Horseman



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## Secretary's report by Judi Blymyer...

The July 2022 meeting of the SBCH was called to order by President Kandy Christian at the Little Sunlight Ranger Station after a great potluck dinner. There were 12 members present which is a quorum.

### PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Howard made a motion to accept the minutes as written. MSP

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mike made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written. MSP

Linda requested that Howard be paid \$44.45 for corral supplies from the Commissioner's fund. Mike made a motion to pay this bill. MSP

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Watch Dog:* Mike and Linda met with Karla Swenson, the Lead Grant Specialist, on June 24, at the SNFS office. They discussed changing the wording in OWCP (workman's compensation) which she agreed to do. This entitles us to get Worker's Compensation when working on projects covered by our Cost Share grant.

*Activities:* N/A

*Service:* Howard talked to Ben McDonald, who said the South Crandall Trailhead parking lot area is now leveled out.

Bucking Mule Falls work party is starting on July 14.

*Education:* KIWs have changed their date and place to August 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wapiti Ranger station & Sweetwater Bridge for the 'experience day'. This is where we will serve lunch.

Ron Ostrom wrote up a 3 page handout on Trail Etiquette that also includes pack string etiquette. This will be available to members at our next meeting also.

*Publicity/Newsletter:* Kathi reminded us there will be no August meeting and the newsletter won't come out until August/September.

*Social Media/Photo Gallery:* N/A

*Recruitment & Retention:* N/A

### OLD BUSINESS:

It was decided and voted on that our two Charter Members, Bob Bessler and Bill Brazelton will be our nominations for the Dennis Daley Award. These two gentlemen started the club, were both Presidents of the club, and have continued throughout the years to get funding, through grants, sponsors, and donations for many trail and trailhead projects. Plus, both these two SBCH still continue to be very active in the club. Cathy Ringler will get together with them and have the application written up before the November 1 deadline.

If you plan on going to this year's Rendezvous, put on by the Mountain Man Chapter, you can sign up on line.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Barry wanted to know if we will have cleaned 3,500 miles of trail by next year, which is our 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. Also, he wondered how many trailhead projects we have completed during the 30 year period. Howard volunteered to get the information to him. Barry will then write up an article for local and regional papers.

Linda suggested making Ron Ostrom an honorary member for all the training he provides for us. Howard made a motion to make Ron Ostrom an Honorary Member of SBCH for all the training he does for us. MSP

Barry brought up the idea of subsidizing members for fuel mileage this year since the price of fuel is so high. It would be 'mileage based' and divided up by how many miles were driven, with an end of year payout.

Mileage would only be counted on Cost Share trails with a group leader. Howard said to send him an email on your mileage and time for work performed on Cost Share Trails with a leader and on corral projects as that might also be included. Since there are a lot of details to work out on this idea, it has been tabled until the September meeting.

Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. MSP



"Don't be afraid to follow your heart. God gives the desires that are born there."  
~ Unknown

**Treasurer's Report**

by Linda Putney

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen  
**Reconciliation Detail**  
 for Period 07/01/2022 – 08/31/2022  
 --- For September 2022 Meeting---

Type	Cleared	#	Name	Memo	Amount	Balance
<b><u>First Bank of Wyoming accounts</u></b>						
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Beginning Reconciled Bank Balance 06/30/2022</b>						<b>\$ 7,932.36</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>						
ACH	07/29/22		ACH Pay.gov-IRS	Application fee for 501c3 exemption	-600.00	
Check	08/16/22	1719	U.S. Postmaster	Annual PO Box rental	-156.00	
Check	08/25/22	1720	Void	written for wrong amount	<u>-0.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>					<b><u>-756.00</u></b>	
Deposit	07/01/22			1 – 2022 Dues	40.00	
Deposit	07/29/22			1 - 2022 Dues	40.00	
Deposit	08/04/22			Sunlight Sports Donation SipAPint	<u>145.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>					<b><u>225.00</u></b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Reconciled Bank Balance 08/31/2022</b>						<b><u>\$7,401.36</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>						
Deposit	08/28/22			1 – 2022 Dues, new member	40.00	
Check	08/25/22	1721	Bonnie Fauskee	Kids in the Woods lunch groceries (youth)	<u>-292.69</u>	
<b>Net Uncleared Transactions</b>					<b><u>-252.69</u></b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT Ending Checkbook Balance 08/31/2022</b>						<b><u>\$7,148.67*</u></b>
*Of this balance, \$1,689.72 reserved for Youth: Donations in memory of: Jim Hillberry \$1,322; Dale Olson \$340; Charles Sheets \$380						
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Beginning Bank Balance 06/30/2022</b>						<b>\$31,553.83</b>
<i>Cleared Transactions</i>						
Check	07/05/22	1529	H. Sanders	Bucking Mule Falls materials	-44.45	
Check	08/09/22	1530	C&E Welders	Bucking Mule Falls welding	<u>-1,860.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Checks and Payments</b>					<b><u>-1,904.45</u></b>	
Interest	07/31/22			July interest income	1.07	
Interest	08/31/22			August interest income	<u>1.03</u>	
<b>TOTAL Cleared Deposits and Credits</b>					<b><u>2.10</u></b>	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Bank Balance 08/31/2022</b>						<b><u>\$29,651.48</u></b>
<i>Uncleared Transactions</i>						
Check	08/16/22	1531	H. Sanders	Bucking Mule Falls materials	<u>-93.84</u>	
<b>MONEY MARKET (Commissioner's Tag) Ending Checkbook Balance 08/31/2022</b>						<b><u>\$29,557.64</u></b>
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Beginning Balance 06/30/2022</b>						<b>\$10,294.00</b>
Interest			None.		<u>0.00</u>	
<b>12-MONTH CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT Ending Balance 08/31/2022</b>						<b><u>\$10,294.00</u></b>

Howard sent this press release from the USFS:

Find Project photos on p.5

**New corrals at Bucking Mule Falls Trailhead**

Release Date: Aug 11, 2022 Contact(s): Sara Evans Kirol

Bucking Mule Falls Trail, popular for both local and equestrian users across the country now has a set of sturdy well-built metal corrals. After months of planning and weeks of work in the field, the Bucking Mule Falls Trailhead Horse Amenities project is complete!

The Shoshone Chapter of Backcountry Horseman (BCH) was involved in building the original trailhead and annually assist with repairs and other upkeep. A few years ago, members noticed that the continued use of highlines at the trailhead was causing impacts to trees and soil. To reduce those impacts and provide a better facility for the public, BCH members proposed the idea of constructing corrals to staff at the Medicine Wheel Ranger District office in Greybull.

BCH provided Northwest College welding students materials to prefabricate corral panels. The students were given the opportunity to practice their new skills and participate in a project that directly benefits forest visitors. BCH members spent six days hauling materials and assembling the corrals. Woodward Rental provided a skid steer and welding machine. Funding was also provided by the Wyoming Game Commissioner's tag.

"The new corrals will improve the experience for all trail-goers as well as protect the land," said Howard Sanders with the Shoshone Chapter of Backcountry Horseman. "We were happy to be a part of improving Bucking Mule Falls Trailhead, which connects people to Bucking Mule Falls Trail, a registered National Recreation Trail."

*Service by Howard Sanders*

SBCH SEPTEMBER 2022 SERVICE REPORT

Here we are at the end of our busy project season. We finished the Cost Share Trail obligations, right at the end of August, with the final trip into Crow Creek. "Thank You" to all of you that contributed to the clearing of these trails. Besides the trail work, we also did 3 Trail Head projects, including parking delineators, a single corral and the 4 corrals at Bucking Mule Falls. Thanks for your help on those. Some nice weather now, will allow us to ride some of the cleared trails just for fun....enjoy.

Howard Sanders  
Service



*At left: Jim H on the **Russell/Painter** cleaning trip in June.  
Below: **Windy Mtn trail**, July 3. Photos by Kandy C*



**Kirwin Trails, August 25-27**

*Above: Canyon Creek*

*Above, Left: Bear Creek Trail*

*Right: Cascade Creek with waterfalls*

Only three hands turned out to clean the Kirwin trails: Kandy C, Jim H and Howard S, but they got the job done and moved on a couple days later to finish Crow Creek on the 29th!  
Well Done!

*Photos by Howard S*

## New Corrals at Bucking Mule Falls Trailhead

Construction on the Bucking Mule Falls Corrals began in mid July, with the core group of Howard & Ann Sanders, Eldon Sanders, lead welder and Jim Hanchett. Additional members arrived to help over the weekend and Bobby Sanders assisted Eldon with welding. In just a few days, the team effort resulted in a wonderful new horse camping facility in the Bighorn National Forest.



“Nothing worth having was ever achieved without effort.” – Theodore Roosevelt

## Shared Trail Safety & Etiquette

Fall is a great time to hit the trails and enjoy cooler weather and the changing colors of foliage. It's also the beginning of hunting season and the possibility of increased backcountry encounters with other trail users.

### Bikers, Hikers and Horseback Riders:

- ◆ **Be aware** of your area hunting season dates, the types of game and what types of weapons are being used. Avoid peak hunting times, such as opening day, early mornings or late afternoons.
- ◆ **Wear blaze orange** for you and your horse.
- ◆ **Make yourself known** by talking, whistling, singing or wearing bells. You may scare off game, but it may save you or your horse's life.

### Hunters:

- ◆ **Be alert for trail users** and make your presence known to them. Recreational trail users may not be aware of hunting seasons, or that they are in or near areas open to hunting, and they may not be wearing blaze orange. Use appropriate caution and communicate openly.
- ◆ **Always positively identify your target**, and know that horses may resemble game at first sight.

**All Trail Users (Hikers, Bikers, Horseback riders & OHV)** should communicate, show courtesy, cooperation and yield the right of way.

- ◆ **Take time to listen and look**; be alert to wildlife and other backcountry users who may be nearby. Fall is also a likely time to encounter bears.
- ◆ **When you encounter** other hikers and trail users, offer a friendly "hello" or a simple head nod. This helps create a friendly atmosphere on the trail. If you approach another trail user from behind, announce yourself in a friendly, calm tone and let him/her know you want to pass.
- ◆ **Yield the right of way:** Bicycles yield to hikers & horses; hikers yield to horses; OHV yield to bicycles, hikers & horses.

**SHARING OUR TRAILS A GUIDE TO TRAIL ETIQUETTE** ([fseprd553395.pdf \(usda.gov\)](#)) is a PDF provided by the FS and **tread lightly**® to help educate shared trail users in the backcountry.

This document gives guideline information regarding shared trail use by equestrians, hikers, bikers and OHV riders. Topics include preparedness, awareness, common courtesy, cooperation, and which users should yield to others.

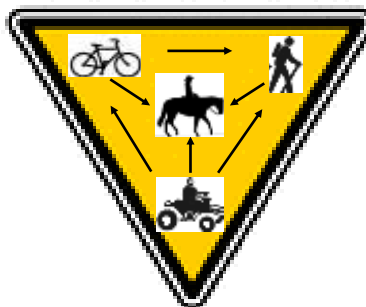
**All other trail users should yield to horses** by first *stopping, speaking and moving to the downhill side* of the trail, if possible. Generally, horses move on first, but there are exceptions. Ask the horsemen how they would like to proceed for maximum safety for all.

Horsemen need to train their horses for trail encounters, be friendly and engage conversation with other users, giving them instructions as to the best way to proceed.

When people respect each other and work cooperatively to keep each other safe, trail sharing can and does work.

Enjoy the fall weather and our beautiful backcountry trails, be safe and follow good trail ethics!

### Trail Courtesy Yielding



"Make the most of the moment you are in, it only happens once!"

~ Anonymous



## Keeping Trails Open for Everyone.

Become familiar with our Mission Statement and consider how you can actively support our purpose.

### MISSION & PURPOSE OF BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of AMERICA

- TO PERPETUATE the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness lands.
- TO WORK to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- TO ASSIST the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- TO EDUCATE, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage and "Leave No Trace" principles.
- TO FOSTER and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.

#### Our Vision

It was the original assumption that Back Country Horsemen would be a different type of organization, not the usual special interest one, normally operating as a protest group. It was felt that a service organization, doing work in the back country, would lend credibility to the group when it became involved in criticisms of agency management.

Back Country Horsemen are interested in perpetuating recreational stock use on virtually all public lands.

We try to limit our interests to the stated purpose. Many worthwhile organizations already exist to provide action programs in other fields, so anyone interested in those has adequate opportunities to become active.

*Credits: BCHA*

## Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Membership

Membership is \$40 per year

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"Life brings sorrows and joys alike. It is what a man does with them – not what they do to him – that is the true test of his mettle." – Theodore Roosevelt



NEXT MEETING:  
**September 15, 2022**  
**at the Park County Weed & Pest Bldg.**  
**off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY**  
**Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the**  
**Meeting to follow at 7:00.**