

The Shoshone Rider

September 2025

Shoshone Back Country Horsemen

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Watch Dog:

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Activities:

Deanne Yoder

Service:

Howard Sanders

Education:

Cathy Ringler

Publicity/Newsletter/Web:

Kathi Gimmeson

Social Media/Photo Gallery:

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Recruitment & Retention:

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Kathi Gimmeson

Past President:

Mike Blymyer



From the President, Kathi Gimmeson...

Greetings,

I hope you all have had a good summer and lots of riding opportunities. With fall approaching, the cooler temperatures are welcome and beckon some good riding.

This summer's trails have kept our trail crews busy with hand and chain saws. August was another busy month with work on Blackwater, Crow Creek, the Beartooth trails and Clark's Fork. With the recent completion of the Timber Creek trails, our Cost Share trail cleaning commitments to the SNFS are now fulfilled for this year. **Many thanks to all who helped!**

Our SBCH membership owes a debt of gratitude to the small number of members who work so hard and faithfully to keep our trails clean for the enjoyment and safety of all. In addition, they helped install corrals at the Middle Fork of the Wood River and at Bald Mountain on the Bighorns. And if that weren't enough to do, some took time to clean trails that are not part of our cost-share agreement with the SNFS.

Our Education Chair, Cathy Ringler has organized and scheduled a Youth Clinic to be held at the Cody Boot & Bottle Club September 27. There will be some new topics and activities and Cathy will need volunteers to help with various stations and food. It's so much fun interacting with the kids, and the adults often learn new things as well. Give Cathy a call and get involved!

Howard has reserved the Heart Mountain Hall at the Park Co. Fairgrounds for our SBCH Membership Appreciation/Christmas party. We'll celebrate on October 18. Reserve that date and watch for announcements and details as we get closer to the date.

Enjoy the cooler weather and make the most of the nice days we have left! Stay safe in the backcountry and good luck to you hunters!

I hope to see a good crowd of you at the next meeting on September 18 at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg. Let's eat, swap stories and get a little business taken care of!

Kathi Gimmeson
SBCH President



Secretary's report by Lydia Yoder...

SBCH Monthly Meeting Minutes 7/12/2025, by Lydia Yoder

Following a potluck dinner, the July 12, 2025 SBCH monthly meeting was called to order by President Kathi Gimmeson at 7:14 pm at the Plenty Rocks Ranch.

Secretary's Report: Figures of checks to Howard need to be corrected in last meeting's report. Deanne Yoder motioned to accept minutes as amended. Bobby Sanders seconded. MSP

Treasurer's report: Howard Sanders motioned to accept report as printed in the newsletter. Carol Olson seconded. MSP

New Bills: Cindy Geissler submitted a bill from Carol Olson for \$244.76 for food for Big Timber. Kathi Gimmeson had bills for brochures and newsletter printing and potluck supplies for \$71.39 and Howard Sanders had two bills totaling \$323.48 for building materials and supplies for the Bald Mountain corral project. Randi Slaughter motioned to pay the bills. Ann Sanders seconded. MSP

Committee Reports:

Watch Dog: N/A

Activities: N/A

Service: Howard Sanders reported Kitty Creek was completed after two trips.

The Bald Mountain Corral Project is starting Wednesday, 7/16. Volunteers are needed, and Friday is a good day for people to come help. Tools will be provided, so bring gloves, lunch and eye protection.

Dates for trail cleanup will be scheduled sometime after the first of August; Check emails for updates.

Howard reported the numbers were down for the Big Creek cleaning project, but the food was great and a lot of good work was done.

Publicity: Kathi Gimmeson reminded people to contact her if they have anything to share from the trails. Randy Slaughter wanted to thank Frank Fagan for pictures.

Newsletter: N/A

Social Media: N/A

Recruitment & Retention: Kandy Christian and Connie Jack went to the Mule Days sale and spread the word about the club.

WY-BCHA Delegate: Kandy Christian went to the 2025 Rendezvous. Cloud Peak teamed with Colorado, who did not show up, so it was slightly different than advertised. Kandy is collecting ideas for the 2026 Rendezvous to be put on by the Shoshone Backcountry Horsemen.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Cindy Geissler did auditing on the club books. Everything was in order.

Bobby Sanders moved to adjourn, Howard Sanders seconded; meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM. MSP

MSP = Motion Seconded and Passed

"Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul."

~ John Muir

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"Wildness is the preservation of the World."

– Henry David Thoreau

Education by Cathy Ringler



Fall Youth Clinic

HELP NEEDED!

SBCH will sponsor a clinic for youth ages 5-18 on September 27, from 9:00-1:00 at the Boot & Bottle Club in Cody, WY.



The clinic, Developing Communication and Trail Skills, will feature obstacles similar to those found on trails, games and challenges designed to teach participants new skills and practice horsemanship, the principles of Leave No Trace/ Light on the Land Ethics, the basics of trail courtesy, a bit of basic first aid and an introduction to packing skills. After all the participants have rotated through the stations, a pizza & cookie lunch will be served.

Volunteers are needed to bake cookies, help on the trail course, open and close gates, be a "wounded" patient in need of treatment at the first aid station, set up the pizza lunch and help clean up afterwards.

If you would like to help, call Cathy Ringler (307) 645-3255 or text (307) 202-0335.

Volunteering is a lot of fun with these kids!

Please come and share your talents & smiles!!



Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH SEPTEMBER 2025 SERVICE REPORT

It has been a busy summer. We have been clearing trails. We installed 2 corrals at the Middle Fork of the Wood River Trail Head, Memorial weekend. This was in the planning for 2 years.

We have been clearing trails, including some trail re-work on the Windy Mountain Trail and we had two USFS people that helped us finish Kitty Creek.

We installed 4 corrals at Bald Mountain (Big Horns). This was in the planning for 4 years.

Did I mention that we have been clearing trails? Well, we have completed our trail clearing projects for 2025. I want to thank all of you that participated and contributed in a big way on all the projects this summer.

Enjoy the fall weather and continue to exercise your ponies. Hope to see you at the September meeting.

Respectfully,
Howard Sanders, Service

"God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools."

~ John Muir

"I am glad I will not be young in a future without wilderness." ~ Aldo Leopold

Bald Mountain Corral Project, July 16-20 More corrals on the Big Horn Mountains, finally!
 Shown are the Sanders family core crew and Cindy G.
 A big Thank You to All who helped with this project! Photos by Kandy C & Kathi G



Crow Creek, 1st day 8/11/25 Howard had an all girl hand saw crew: Cindy, Kathi, Rhonda & Jubilee. Shown is just one of many (large) logs cut and moved out of the trail. Not pictured was Howard and a slightly different crew who finished on 8/25. **Thanks everyone!** Photo by Howard S



"Wilderness is a necessity... there must be places for human beings to satisfy their souls."
 ~ John Muir

9/4/2025

**From the Middle Fork of
the Wood River on Deer &
Dick Creek Trails to the
Timber Creek
Ranger Station**

Bruce Fauskee & A'naka
Smith (SNF Trails Coordina-
tor) spent a long day cutting
their way through more than
50 large trees and snags.

Undaunted by a hard day,
smiles and good cheer
prevailed.

Photos by Bruce F.



“Keep close to Nature's heart...
and break clear away, once in awhile, and climb a mountain
or spend a week in the woods. Wash your spirit clean.”

~ John Muir

“Look! Nature is overflowing with the grandeur of God!”

~ John Muir



**9/4/2025 - West Timber Creek Trail
from Timber Creek Ranger Station**

Howard & Kathi climbed the West Timber Crk trail to discover a vast area with many layers of long cracks and landslides of varying severity and depth. The ground appears quite unstable, with damage to the trail and hazardous conditions around it, as shown in the photos.

Wet conditions in the coming seasons may take out a large chunk of the mountain and the trail with it.

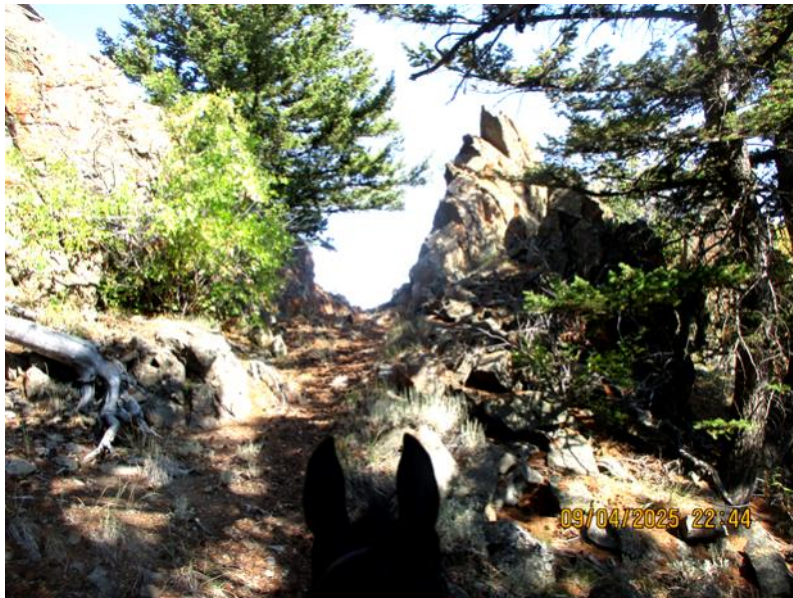
On the next day's ride, smaller cracks and ground shifts were found on the Franc's Fork trail.

As Howard put it,
"this place is starting to fall apart".

Photos courtesy of Howard S.

**Every view is improved when looking
over your horse's ears!
Franc's Fork Trail from
Timber Creek Ranger Station
9/5/2025**

Approaching the notch and the view beyond.
Photos by Howard S.



**"Wherever we go in the mountains,
we find more than we seek."**

~ John Muir



*"Come to the woods, for here is rest."
~John Muir*

"Wilderness is a resource which can shrink but not grow... the creation of new wilderness in the full sense of the word is impossible."

~ Aldo Leopold

Coming Events

September 18 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck diner at 6:00, with meeting to follow.

September 27 - Youth Clinic at the Cody Boot & Botte Club.

October 16 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck diner at 6:00, with meeting to follow.

October 18 - SBCH Membership Appreciation Party at the Heart Mountain Hall, Park Co. Fairgrounds, Powell, WY



NEXT SBCH MEETING:

September 18, 2025
at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg,
Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY.
Potluck Dinner at 6:00 with the
Meeting to follow.

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