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The Shoshone Rider

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From the President, Kathi Gimmeson...

Hello,

I hope you've all been able to get outside to enjoy the beautiful fall weather we've had. It's been great to get some rides in the back country with friends and experience the fall breezes and beautiful scenery decked out in a variety of colors.

If you were unable to attend the last meeting, you will see in the minutes that our source for newsletter printing is closing. I have done more research for alternate printing options, but have not been able to find anything even close to the inexpensive rates we've been enjoying. With postage rates continuing to climb, it's possible that we may need to distribute the newsletter digitally to all our members. The majority of our membership already receives the newsletter by email and it is also available on our website.

The end of year Membership Appreciation Party is almost here! I hope you're planning to attend and have already sent your RSVP to Howard Sanders. We're looking forward to a great meal, time to visit with friends and enjoy the photos, door prizes and gift exchange. Don't miss out!

Our next meeting will be November 19 at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg. and the last one for this year. We'll have business to discuss and decisions to make, so plan to be there!

Kathi Gimmeson
SBCH President



Shoshone Back Country Horsemen Monthly Meeting, September 17, 2026

We gathered at 6:05 at the Weed and Pest in Powell, Mike Blymyer said the blessing and we had a great potluck. Kathi Gimmeson called the business meeting to order after the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:45. There was no guest speaker or new members.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the August 2026 meeting were published in the September 2026 newsletter. No changes or corrections were forwarded. Danny Stewart made the motion to accept the minutes as published, seconded by Howard Sanders. MSP

Treasurer's Report: the June/July Treasurer's Report was published in the September 2026 newsletter. No changes were forwarded. The August/September statement will be published in the next newsletter. Mike Blymyer made the motion to accept the report as written, Carol seconded, MSP.

New Bills: Cindy presented the following new bills: Cathy Ringler, \$90.00 for advertisement and \$250 for Boot & Bottle Arena rental for youth clinic, Kathi Gimmeson \$22.31 for newsletter and posters, Howard Sanders \$154 for gas/cement/drill bits, \$1,400 for Eldon's welding, \$1,613 for Woodward Tractor skid steer & welder rental, Carol \$117 for Big Creek weekend food. Mike Blymyer made a motion to pay these bills, Rhonda seconded, MSP.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Watch Dog: Barry Reiswig – Mentioned the effort to eliminate roadless areas, said the comment period was open until 9/29/26. Go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to comment. Separately, there is a movement to open all trails to all users on the horizon, but Barry didn't have the specs on that bill.

Barry & Kathi & Howard met with Representative Harriet Hageman in late July or early August and made it clear that we do not want our public lands given away or transferred. Ms. Hageman's record shows she favors selling public land. Polls show that 91% of Wyomingites support public lands. Hageman previously supported Mike Lee's bill to sell public lands. She said there is a need to sell Forest Service lands around Kemmerer for housing or nuclear plant. Says we can't do land trades, they take too long. Barry says that's false. We also have a 10 billion dollar maintenance backlog for road maintenance. Hageman had an advocate's approach, cordial but she had her own agenda with no attempt to reach middle ground.

Activities: Kandy Christian not present

Service: Howard Sanders presented year-end totals for our cost-share with the Forest Service. We installed 2 corrals at the Beartooth trailhead and pulled the old sheep fencing. The Forest Service will remove the material. All of the help was greatly appreciated! All in all, a good busy season.

Howard had a call from Bret Fauskee, who works for WBI, a company which pays employees for 8 hours labor once a year for public service. Howard proposed we buy boards for WBI to repair the bunks at Pahaska trailhead, which are in great need of maintenance. Bloedorn's lumber cost is estimated at \$700. Anna & Kathi also said the corral gates need maintenance so they close & latch. Howard cautions you should use lead rope to secure anyway for safety. Money for supplies will come from Commissioners Tag funds. Anna motioned we pay for materials for 8 feed bunks at Pahaska trailhead. Danny seconded. MSP. Cindy wrote a check to Bloedorn's. The work will be done in September or October by WBI Energy employees.

Education: Cathy Ringler said the youth clinic is set for September 26 at the Boot & Bottle to start at 9:00, and we now have 14 kids signed up with a variety of ages attending. Topics will include bear awareness, leave no trace, packing, horsemanship and games, all split into stations. Cindy will do the packing. We will provide cookies as well as lunch from Pizza Hut. Helpers, please be there 8- 830.

Publicity Committee: Kathi Gimmeson relayed that the school district print shop is closing in November and might be able to print October's newsletter, but we will have to find another printer. Current estimates are a bit grim, White Ink would charge \$36, The UPS Store \$56. The school district is currently around \$7 for 45 copies. We had a lively discussion of options, including going strictly digital (email). Anna suggested we put the issue out to the whole membership, perhaps offering those wanting a hard copy should pay extra and Kathi could put a notice in the newsletter with available options. Cindy Geissler made a motion to table any decisions until November to allow for notification of the whole club, Anna seconded, MSP. Kathi will explore further options.

Social media: If you have work photos, please forward them to Randi Slaughter.

Recruitment & Retention: Connie Jack had nothing new, but she is working on recruiting a new family.

Secretary's report continued ...

WY-BCHA Report: Barry Reiswig said the next State meeting is in November. State will be working on Roadless Rule comment etc.

NEW BUSINESS: The Member Appreciation/Christmas Party will be October 10 at the Heart Mtn Hall, Park Co. Fairgrounds, with the usual appeal for help with decorations & set up, etc. Potluck meal will be served at 6:00, with photo contest, door prizes & gift exchange after. Last year there were \$500 in door prizes and \$500 for the work days drawing (the total cost was \$1175 for prizes total plus meat for the dinner). Meat furnished will be brisket & pork butt, turkey and ham left over from Big Creek.

Mike Blymyer mentioned a variety of issues at Bald Mountain Campground in the Bighorns, including cows in the campground and a bunch of tall, skinny poles with "danger do not enter" signs laying on the ground. Kathi suggested they were warnings for snowmobilers. Howard will reach out to Ashley Duke on the Bighorn.

Danny said Battle Park (Bighorns) will become a developed campground, other Forest Service campgrounds there are concession-run and Battle Park may go that way. He noted the need to designate horse camping areas.

T-shirts: Kathi explored ordering new T-shirts with our logo from "Sew Much More" (Nathan Black) in Powell. Our old provider is not doing shirts anymore. She brought a sample shirt from Nathan. We can put in an order for the club with a 3-week turn-round time. For a slightly higher cost, he can set it up to provide an on-line link and everyone can order what they want and have it shipped. Ordering individually allows for customized items. Prices range from \$9.75 - \$12, long sleeves \$14 - \$18. This might need further discussion.

The next monthly meeting to be held at the Weed & Pest would be October 15, but considering the Appreciation Dinner will be on the 10th, those in attendance supported waiting until the November 19 meeting.

Carol made the motion to adjourn, Howard seconded, MSP. Meeting adjourned. 8:00 pm.

MSP = Motion Seconded and Passed

Service by Howard Sanders

SBCH OCTOBER 2026 SERVICE REPORT

At our September monthly meeting we approved providing the funds necessary to replace the feed bunk boards for the eight corrals at the Pahaska Trail Head. This was a joint project with WBI employees providing the volunteer labor as a public service. This project has been successfully completed and SBCH thanks WBI employees for wanting to share in this improvement to the Trail Head facilities.

Remember to take advantage of nice weather and exercise your ponies.

Respectfully,
Howard Sanders, Service



"How can you explain that you need to know that the trees are still there, and the hills and the sky? Anyone knows they are. How can you say it is time your pulse responded to another rhythm, the rhythm of the day and the season instead of the hour and the minute? No, you cannot explain. So you *ride!*"

-- Author unknown

Removal of the old Beartooth Sheep Corral Fence & Constructing new Corrals

(See next page for more photos provided by Judi B, Kathi G & Howard S)



Above & right: Rolls of old junk wire removed from the old sheep corral site. **Below:** A beautiful location and the layout ready to start installing the framework.



Measuring, leveling & perfect placement!



Sparks are flying



Ann straightened the slip & slide so it could be cut more easily.



Beartooth Corral Project continued



Frequent rain showers caused many work delays, but crews persisted and stayed longer to get the job done. Well done!

"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

~ Confucius

Youth Clinic 9/26 Photos by Randi S. Go to [Shoshone Back Country Horsemen of Northwest Wyoming -- Photo Gallery](#) to view all the kids!



Ishawooa Creek Grant Project Howard, Cindy & Kathi joined A'naka Smith and her 2 person FS crew the 1st week of July on a pack trip to clear and repair the Ishawooa creek trail, as part of SBCH's grant commitment. There were plenty of downed trees to clear with hand saws, most of them large, limby, green and stacked in multiples. A'naka and her crew showed their stuff when they encountered a 12' span of empty space over a steep drop-off above rocks and a fast moving creek. It was no easy task for them to find, transport & place logs over the void, then dig out the mountainside to create new tread to fill the gap. What a hard working, capable and positive crew!

Photos by Howard S.



Grace Creek ———→
This May 5 work day had plenty to clear out also!
Photo by Howard S.

"Happiness comes when your work and words are of benefit to yourself and others."

— Buddha



Coming Events

October 10 - SBCH Member Appreciation Party, 6 pm, Heart Mountain Hall, PC Fairgrounds in Powell. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Howard Sanders @ 307-202-1564.

November 19 - SBCH Monthly Meeting at the Park Co. Weed & Pest Bldg, off Hwy 14A at 1067 Road 13, Powell, WY. Potluck dinner at 6:00, with meeting to follow.

Anytime - Sign up for online 1st Aid/CPR/AED training & certification to qualify for saw certification and FS insurance coverage. E-mail Kathi at kathigim32@gmail.com.

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***Be sure to let Cindy Geissler (SBCH Treasurer) know
or email your contact updates to***

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- “ 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.

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"A person's worth is measured by the worth of what he values."

~ Marcus Aurelius



NEXT SBCH MEETING:

November 19, 2026

**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.**