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Hello Redshank Riders,

First thing I would like to do is apologize for my MIA status over the last three months. Along with working 7 days most of those weeks, one of my jobs took me out of town every Thursday and Friday. Thus, I could not make the meetings. I

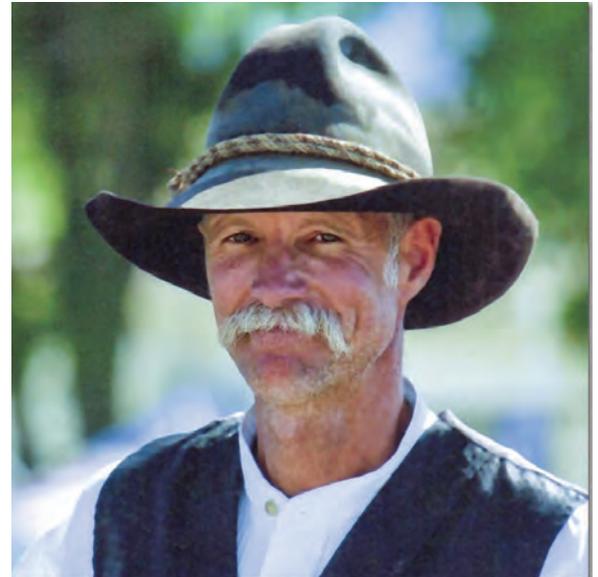
In my defense, this had to be up on the list of best jobs a guy can have. I actually got paid to take two of my mules to the mountains above Cherry Valley (Mile High Ranch), hook up a covered wagon, a lead anywhere from 150 to 400 kids and parents on re-enactments of the Mormon Trek that took place about 150 years ago. How could I turn that down? Plus, pulling a wagon up and down the hills 2 days a week for three months, those mules are really gettin' right. In the end, the rest of the board has kept things on track. Now I am back to take the reins once more and ready to finish the season strong.

We have a lot coming up, trail ride at Santa Margarita River Preserve, National Public Lands Day, USFS pack support, a great youth education opportunity at Warner Springs, and a booth with a display at the LA County Fair for nearly the whole month of September. There is more but you get the idea.

Also, for those interested, PCTA's Trail Skills College will be held in Idyllwild Oct. 2-4. I look forward to seeing everyone again and remember, "Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt".

Your President, Michael Lewis

*See page 8 for photos shared by Mike of some of his recent adventures.*



## Redshank Riders Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 11, 2015

**Location:** Little Red Schoolhouse, Anza, CA 92536

Meeting began at 7:07 PM with 12 attendees. In Mike Lewis' absence, Anne York presided as President.

**Secretary's report:** Allison Cornell was present to read minutes.

**Correction of Minutes:** The US Forrester Service is under the Department of Agriculture and the BLM is under the Department of the Interior.

Greg Bruce volunteered again to help with website links for trail reporting.

**Treasurer's report:** presented by Gail McCreight.

**Membership:** no reporting.

**Adopt a Highway:** June 27 is proposed as best date – meet at 8AM at the Chevron Station in Anza for a two hour session.

**Public Lands:** Allison mentioned that the BCHC webpage is a good source for information about bills, etc.

**Education:** The Sierra Club has a Leave No Trace training coming up and we've been asked to join them. There was a decision to learn from the upcoming course in order to develop an 8 week version for Cottonwood and Hamilton Schools. Greg Bruce brought up how to set up courses for Charter schools and become a qualified vendor.

**End of reports.**

**Old Business:** Susan recalled the Cowboy Days booth and everyone concurred that it was a fun and successful day. There was a booth at Earth Day in Anza. One new member. Lots of RSR literature handed out. Considerable time spent networking with environmental groups. Tom was called upon to hold a Leave No Trace presentation for the July meeting. Greg brought up that the Lion's Club sign requires a \$100 donation. Allison motioned that we pay, if we haven't paid already.

**New Business:** Susan is appealing to members to ride or walk in the Anza Days Parade. Tom wants a packing display for the parade and will bring pack stock; Allison will email Gail a blurb to describe the entry into the Parade. Check-in is at 8am for an 8.30am judging, parade is at 11am. Allison will bring Easy-Up and booth. Allison motioned to spend \$450 on RSR T-Shirts and sweatshirts; Greg seconded, all 'ayes' on the vote. Anne promised delivery by 4<sup>th</sup> July. Budget bumped up to \$500 to include hats. Mike sent a report to read regarding 'saw certification'. Anza Trails Committee meets on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Schoolhouse at 6pm. As many people as possible need to represent the RSR at the Anza Community Meeting, July 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm, where Commissioner Washington will attend. June 21<sup>st</sup> is the

first Mounted Shooting practice at 10am; it takes place at the Lion's Arena, the same day as the Turkey Shoot.

Gail motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8.24pm, Gail seconded.



## Redshank Riders Meeting Minutes, Saturday July 25, 2015

**Location:** Allison Renck's house, 52090 Elder Creek, Aguanga, California 92536

Meeting followed the Hot Summer Ride and began at 7pm, with 18 attendees. Mike Lewis presided as President.

**Secretary's report:** Kate Cornell was present to read the minutes.

**Treasurer's report:** presented by Gail McCreight.

**Membership:** Carol reported that membership is going well, *holding our own*, despite typically losing most of those who sign up at events. No concerns.

**Adopt a Highway:** Cathy reported on the June 27<sup>th</sup> clean-up, only 2 volunteers, 7.5 voluntary hours, good clear-up.

**Public Lands:** Allison attending the Riverside County Meeting and taking copies of Anza Trail maps, representing the area as a rural community with trails. Audrey reported on the New County Supervisor Meeting, held Anza Community Hall July 8<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Washington very supportive of RSR work and Trails Town concept.

**Education:** Allison updated on the event at Warner Springs School: an all-day presentation will be given by unit wilderness riders on Gentle Use and the history of stock use including demonstrations with pack stock. Allison will be following up with Pam at the school. Mike mentioned the Trail Skills College in Idyllwild, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration is the end of August.

**End of reports.**

**Old Business:** Several members commended on how successful the RSR representation was at the Anza Days Parade.

**New Business:** Carol asked if the kiosk could be set up this year. Budget is ample at \$650. Mike proposed a small working party be set up to produce the outline of the maps/historical information/wildlife info/leave no trace, etc. which will be presented on a 4' x 8' sheet, made by Anne.

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It was decided that the working party be comprised of Anne, Tom, Mike and Carol, who will meet and produce the first draft, with a deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Allison invited RSR members to the Trail Work Party, to be held again on National Public Lands Day, 8am Sept 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at Cactus Springs Trailhead in Pinion. The party will be attended by BLM and Forest Service Personnel. Our unit will be providing the food for all the hungry workers after the work is done 1:00pm. Allison appealed for volunteers to help with food preparation and cooking. The Unit has again been offered the use of Ribbonwood Equestrian Campground for Friday and Saturday night, so members are invited to work, ride and camp for the two nights at no charge. Allison asked members to let her know if they intend to camp as there are limited spaces.

Tom updated members on the California Hiking and Riding Trail trash issue. Chuck and Barb have offered the loan of their trailer and Tom's contact at the dump will assist in free disposal at the dump. Tom appealed for volunteers to assist in the operation. Date proposed Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 8am.

Mike informed members that the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual CA Trails and Greenways Conference is to be held in Riverside April 6-8<sup>th</sup> 2016 and said it was a very worthwhile event to attend.

Allison asked members to look up the American Trails Conference ([www.americantrails.org](http://www.americantrails.org)) and said it would benefit the Unit tremendously if at least one member would attend and get certified. There are grants available and it would stand the Unit in good stead if/when Anza becomes a 'Trail Town'.

Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, The Little Red Schoolhouse, 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 8.10pm.



**Clean-up on California Riding and Hiking Trail in Anza**

Photos & story submitted by Allison Renck

On Saturday August 8, 2015 Redshank Riders member Thomas Firth organized a clean-up event to remove dumped trash on the California Riding and Hiking Trail in Anza. Twelve Redshank Riders Members showed up at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Anza at 8:00am and carpooled out to the site. Members used shovels, rakes and their bare hands to pick up all the refuse that had been dumped on the trail. A large trailer was filled completely and after the refuse was picked up the area, once again looked like a trail. The group then travel to a BLM section and cleaned up a shooting area. It is hoped that this section in the future could become a staging area for riding in Beauty Mountain Wilderness.

Overall the group spent approximately 2 ½ hours cleaning up these sites.

# BCHC RIDE Sunday Sept 20 2015



**WHERE-** Santa Margarita River Trail

37385 De Luz Rd. Fallbrook

**TIME OF RIDE OUT-**10 am

**LENGTH OF RIDE-** 3 1/2 -4 hours

**DIRECTIONS-** 15 south toward San Diego exit Mission and turn right off freeway and right on mission to follow to downtown Fallbrook

From downtown Fallbrook take E. Mission Rd pass Main St and go to Pico Ave (signal lite). Go right on Pico Ave. which quickly becomes De Luz Rd. Take De Luz Rd 2 for miles. At the corner of De Luz Rd and Sandia Creek Rd fork to the left and stay on De Luz Rd. The preserve staging area will immediately come up on the right hand side of the road

Donation to the County for the ride is appreciated for the equestrian staging area.

**RIDE LEVEL 2** Multiple WATER CROSSING AND A GATE STEP OVER

CONTACT STACY FOR ANY QUESTIONS 909-633-1705 [STACYKUHNS@AOL.COM](mailto:STACYKUHNS@AOL.COM)

**DESCRIPTIONS--** SHOES ARE NOT REQUIRED, WATER CROSSINGS, ETC

**MEMBERS ONLY RIDE.** Bring your camera & pack your lunch - we will eat on the trailhead after.

CYA THERE!

# REDSHANK RIDERS



## BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA

**Redshank Riders Unit of Backcountry Horsemen of California  
Wants You to be Part of National Public Lands Day on  
Saturday September 26, 2015**

Join Americans coast to coast on this special national volunteer day. A trail improvement project and other site improvements at the Santa Rosa Wilderness' Cactus Spring Trail can use your help!

Individuals, families and groups are all welcome. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and sun protection.

*Directions: Meet at 8:30am at Sawmill Trailhead/Cactus Spring Trailhead, near Pinyon Pines. (For Trailhead: from Highway 74 near Pinyon turn south on Transfer Station Rd, located across the highway from Pinon Rd. Continue about a quarter mile until the road ends at trailhead parking lot.) Cell phones may not have service at work site.*

Our unit will be cooking the free lunch for this volunteer day for all those hardworking trail workers. If you want to help serve or prepare the food please call Allison at 951-663-5452

Overnight camping is offered for you and your horse, Friday and Sat night if you participate in the work party

If you are interested in overnight camping please call me at 951-663-5452 or email me at [Ali9591@aol.com](mailto:Ali9591@aol.com)

We will need a head count for food, so if you can come please RSVP Allison Renck @ 951-663-5452 or email her at [Ali9591@aol.com](mailto:Ali9591@aol.com)

## 31st California Trails & Greenways Conference April 6-8, 2016 Riverside Convention Center

PUBLIC LANDS...STACY REPORT August 2015

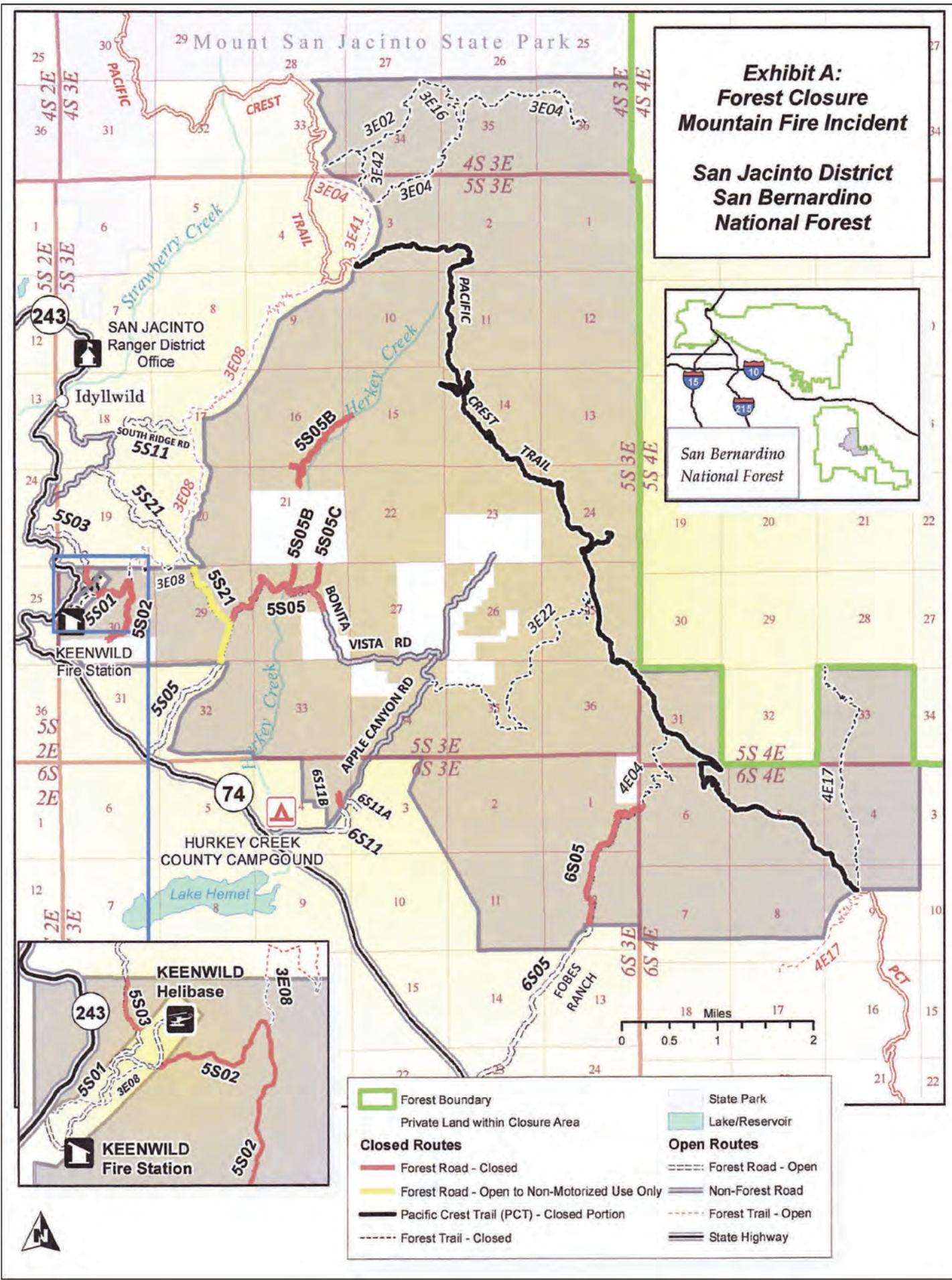
1. Planning is underway for the 31<sup>st</sup> annual California Trails & Greenways Conference. I will be attending the following meeting. Greenway is eager to meet with trail advocates local to the conference site for your ideas and potential involvement. We are pleased to invite you or a representative of your organization to join us for a Local Host Committee meeting.
2. Garry McClintock: Update from Terry Jorgenson: We are saddened to let you know that Garry McClintock is transitioning from this world. Marty spoke with his wife Ann that morning and Garry has declined and is sleeping most all of the time now. He has fought the battle and I know he is tired and ready to move on. Ann and his daughter Molly and granddaughter Penny are at his bedside. Garry has had hospice services the past few months and the hospice staff are also there. Ann is asking for privacy for Garry and the family at this time. Cards can be sent to the saddle shop in Descanso if folks are so inclined. *(As many of you know, Garry passed away On August 14<sup>th</sup>. A memorial and ride is planned Saturday, September 26th, 2015 in Descanso).*
3. McCall Park August 29th McCall Volunteer Sign-up day. It will start at 12-Noon. The County will be on sight (at McCall) to accept Volunteer Applications and fingerprint prospective volunteers. They will be there until at least 2:00pm. In the meantime, if you would like to fill out an application on-line click on the link below. If you are not available on August 29th, return applications to Anthony Richardson and let him know you are interested in volunteering at McCall Park. He will arrange for you to get fingerprinted at a different time. Here is the enrollment packet.  
  
[http://www.rivcoparks.org/wp-content/uploads/new\\_volunteer\\_enrollment\\_packet.pdf](http://www.rivcoparks.org/wp-content/uploads/new_volunteer_enrollment_packet.pdf)
4. I have requested information for the folks that can't make this date to be fingerprinted and still waiting for response from the County office.
5. Current Forest Closures... (see map on page 7)
6. Volunteer hours. There have been many work parties. Please log your hours. We are over half way thru the year, geez, can't believe that hardly.
7. BCHC Lotto again and receive a free Calendar 2016. Everyone this is our fundraiser. Contact one of the board members to get yours today.
8. 2017 Rendezvous will be in Bishop
9. We are working on the officer training for Jan 2016. We will have all info by October state board meeting.

### Exhibit A: Forest Closure Mountain Fire Incident

San Jacinto District  
San Bernardino  
National Forest



San Bernardino  
National Forest



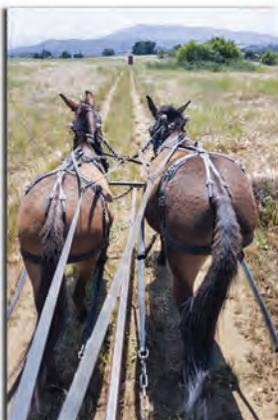
Forest Boundary	State Park
Private Land within Closure Area	Lake/Reservoir
<b>Closed Routes</b>	<b>Open Routes</b>
Forest Road - Closed	Forest Road - Open
Forest Road - Open to Non-Motorized Use Only	Non-Forest Road
Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) - Closed Portion	Forest Trail - Open
Forest Trail - Closed	State Highway





Tom Firth met with BLM at Beauty Mountain Wilderness to install some signs in the hope to keep motorcycles off the Tule Peak Trail Head. This project was done in August. Photos submitted by Allison Renck

PHOTOS SHARED BY MIKE LEWIS



Some pics from my part time job out of Mile High Ranch



Tahquitz Fire Tower pack support



Heading back from the tower



Trail crew working on the PCT by Lion Peak

# September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 — General Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Santa Margarita River Trail Ride	21	22	23	24	25	26—National Public Lands Day
27	28	29	30			

# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8—General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, September 20 Santa Margarita Trail Ride** (see page 4)

**Saturday, September 26 National Public Lands Day** (see page 5)

# At the Little Red Schoolhouse

~ Thursday September 10th ~ 7 PM

## General Meeting

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### *Objectives and Purpose of the Backcountry Horsemen of California*

*from the BCHC Bylaws*



- To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.
- To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.
- To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.
- To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.
- To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.