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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Alan Story

My name is Alan Story and as of this month I am your President. I have been a member for about 3 years and was elected as Vice President in Nov. 2020. The President (Ted) and his wife Veronica moved to Texas this month and as a result, I am now your President.

I moved here from Utah in 2014 when I retired, and I love this country. I joined this club to find out more about the places around us and the trails I could enjoy riding. When I first joined we rode about 3 times a month and I learned a lot of new places. But, then the Covid hit and things came to nearly a stand still. We still occasionally had small rides, and the meetings became fewer.

Now we have slowly started to move forward again and we have a lot of things planned for this summer. BUT, we need YOU to make a difference in the chapter. WE need YOUR input, and your ideas to have an even greater time.

This last weekend we had a group ride near Bluff Utah. There were 8 of us. We had 8 different kinds of horses, and about 6 different kinds of saddles. We drove 5 different kind of trucks with 5 different kinds of trailers. But, we all had one goal in mind - to have a great time. We took about a 10 mile ride on Saturday to some pioneer sites and some old Indian ruins. There was a large tour group there and we tried to get invited to have lunch with them, but were unsuccessful. At the end of the ride we had a pot-luck dinner that Nila and Wanda had put together (Taco salad with some deserts). While the meat was warming up, we were blessed to have some beautiful music from Wanda. I was doing chores for my neighbor and was unable to stay that night. The group went on another great ride on Sunday.

We would like to have a group ride every month this year. We have a Poker Ride on June 26 and our group is sponsoring the Rendezvous in August. Please come to our meeting on May 11, at 7:00 p.m. and share your ideas for activities. It will be at Nila's house (15257 Hwy 145, Dolores).

I look forward to meeting with each of you.





Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Tuesday, April 13, 2021 Nihla McCabe, Secretary

In Attendance

Nihla McCabe, Wanda Martin, Alan Story, Lyn Rowley, Spencer Ardis, Taylor Ardis, Ken Corallo, Marla Kertzman, Jennifer Singer, Tif Rodriguez, Al Graham, and Paula Grenier

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the March meeting and approved

Scholarship - We received a scholarship applicant from Dove Creek. Lyn Read his application, His name is Hayden Gray and he will be working on Wildlife animal sciences in Texas and eventually wants to be a Stock contractor for Rodeo. A motion was made and passed to honor his scholarship application with approval. Tif will be in contact with him for pictures and maybe a presentation from Hayden.

Twine Recycle - Still looking for a venue to accept our twine and pay for it..

Wanda volunteered to follow up with the county land fill guy to find out if they would recycle it. We have almost 15 bags ready to roll already.

Bluff social ride will be Saturday - Leaving from Wanda's at 8:30 See you there!

Poker Ride - Tif said the Poker ride is approved by the USFS. So it will be a go. IF all would donate a prize that would be awesome.

Rendezvous - May need to change the dates on this event to earlier in august. It will still be at Transfer park.

Committee Reports

- Membership welcome to our new members! We gained a few at the ag expo!
- Treasures report was given and approved as read.
- CPR and 1st Aid is coming the first of May at the Cortez Fire station For information or to go the chapter is paying ten dollars of your 20 dollar fee. Cards will be good for 2 years.
- Trail work will be coming up soon!
- Social Committee Sue?
- Newsletter, please send to Lyn anything you want to put in the newsletter.
- Co BCH, and BCH Tif is on top of it.. Thanks for being our rep!

Announcements - Our president Ted has left us along with his beautiful and fun wife. We asked Alan to remain as President and Everyone said they would help him as much as possible, He did voice a concern that some Saturdays he would be busy with other obligations. But He let the chapter vote him in anyway. Thank You Alan!

Next Meeting - May 11 | 6:30 to 7 social hour, meeting at 7pm Nihlas House Highway 145.. Hopefully outside, we have a special guest lined up! Charles (Butch) Wilson, Butch was a park ranger for many years in Yosemite and in Chaco canyon among other places, He is very interesting and was raised here and knows a lot about our local history and geology. IF you have a specific question, feel free to ask because if he doesn't know he has resources to find out. (Or he will make up a believable lie.) OR bring your most curious rock and we will test his knowledge.

We will also be looking for a VP next meeting. A motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 and passed unanimously.

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen, Dedicated to keeping Americas trails open for horse and livestock use. Respectfully Submitted, Nihla McCabe

Public Lands Committee Report

Tif Rodriguez, Public Lands Chair



Greetings!

MVBCH Public Lands:

We've been asked to help in the Chicken Creek ski area with mounting blocks for equestrians at all of the gates that will be installed due to the new trail system. We're also looking at parking, as that place is becoming popular. If you'd like to help, let us know. It's still in the planning stages, so stay tuned for more information.

CPR and First Aid recerts are taking place this weekend. Looking forward to it.

Waiting to hear on the Summit Lake access that's long overdue.

We also may be able to hold some chainsaw and crosscut saw training soon. More details to be worked out, so stay tuned.

National Update:

We had our BCHA annual convention. New officers and executive committee members were elected, along with three full days of business conducted. I am always amazed and honored to be a part of how much work goes into this great organization. Check out the website for full

details: <u>bcha.org</u>. Also, details will be in the next national news. We did Facebook Live most of the convention, with the exception of our regional roundtables, so hopefully you tuned in. For me, the highlight was listening to the past chairs talk about things and issues that went on during their tenure and the amazing evolution of Back Country Horsemen of America.

Some highlights:

-We are going digital. There will be three electronic national newsletters and one printed edition yearly.

-Get involved at the national level and participate in one of the national committees. You don't need to be a national director to be on a national committee, and it's a great

way to see how the organization operates and meet some amazing people outside of your immediate area.

-Volunteer hours reporting has been simplified.

-Equisure Insurance - we get a great rate as BCH members. Visit here <u>Back Country Horsemen of</u> <u>America (bcha.org)</u> for more information.

-After the admin changeover last year, you can now access members only material on the Google

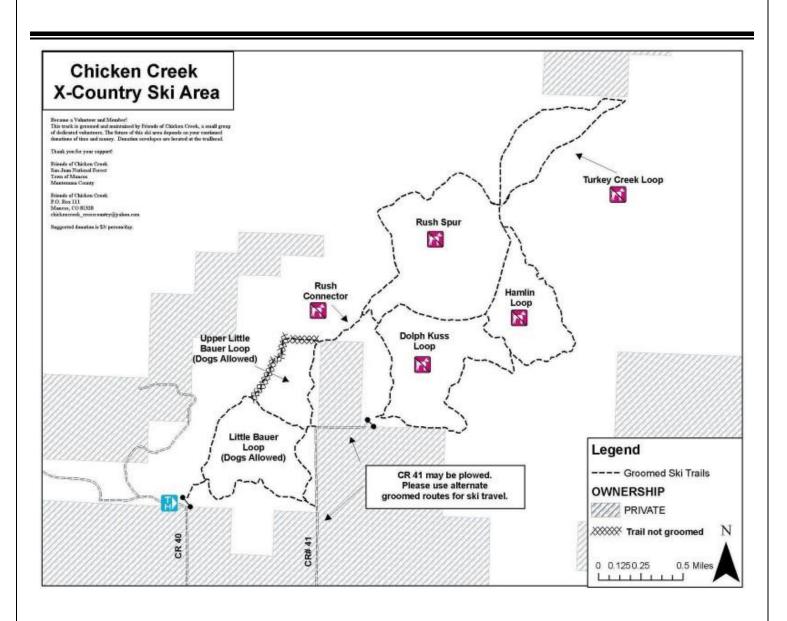
Shared Drive. Visit <u>Back Country Horsemen of America (bcha.org)</u>, scroll down a bit to the "BCHA

Shared Drive Access Request" and input your information. FYI, you MUST have a Gmail account to gain access. It's free to create one.

There was so much more discussed, and when the recap PowerPoint is done, we'll share it. Happy Trails!

Thank you! Tif Rodriguez MVBCH Public Lands Chair BCHCO Director BCHA Treasurer 2022 🛸

Places to ride locally – when ground dries a bit From Cortez: 160>Mancos>L.184>R CR 41 follow to trailhead



MVBCH First Aid/CPR

Thank you Keith Bean and Tif Rodriguez for organizing this

For those of you who signed up – Don't Forget!! See Flier below.

We may either go on a ride or go to grab some food afterwards, so plan on it!

Thank you! Tif Rodriguez mvbchorsemen@yahoo.com First Aid/CPR Certification Saturday, May 1, 2021 8:00 a.m. - Noon

 MVBCH will pay a portion of the

 cost for our members.

 If you're doing trailwork, you

 really should be certified.

 RSVP by 4/15/21 if you want to

 attend. Final details will be sent

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Where have you been rid'n?

On April 17th 2021, 8 adventurous souls and their faithful steeds went to Bluff, Utah to ride the high desert near the famous San Juan river. We arrived at our destination at about 9:30 and were ready to hit the dusty trail by 11:00. Our goal that day was to reach San Juan Hill, where the Mormon trail went over the Comb Ridge, and to see the area where a trading post used to be and to eventually make it to the River ruin for lunch. We met a few jeeps, a couple of hikers, some river rafters and one man on his four wheeler. We had a great time getting to the sights and all were amazed to see a portion of the ruin we had never noticed before. You never know what you will see when the conditions are just right. We had a great ride and rode about 10 miles total with no ground diving or anyone getting in a pickle! We returned to camp at about 5pm took care of our horses, and finished setting up camp. Nihla cooked taco meat and beans and Wanda entertained with a few songs with her guitar. We ate Taco salads tossed with a little windblown sand, and yummy marshmallow salad and the most delicious well deserved cheesecake for dessert! Happy well fed campers retired early as the wind picked up so no relaxing around camp after dinner. On Sunday, the plan was for a short ride as some of us needed to get back to the real world. We adventured under the busy highway (Troll) bridge which turned out it spooked me more than the horses! We rode up the wash trying to fine Shakes Canyon but turned to hit the road a little too soon to reach the destination. The biggest adventure was crossing the highway which had no shoulder and lots of speeding Sunday Traffic, ½ of us made it across and the other half went back to the Under the Bridge(Troll) crossing. It was a fun time with great People mounted on well behaved

horses and Evelyn the wonder Mule! We think each of us had a different breed of horse and almost every color! Thank you all for coming, Hope we get to ride the dusty trail again SOON! By Nihla McCabe



SAVE THE DATE!!



Save the Date

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen's Annual Poker Ride

Camping, cookout and more ... stay tuned!

Saturday June 26th, 2021

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WE'RE ASKING EACH MEMBER TO BRING A PRIZE DONATION

AG EXPO PICTURES

The Cross Cut Saw Booth at the Ag Expo held at the Montezuma Fair Grounds in March was manned by our



local Back Country Horsemen Chapters – 4 Corners, San Juan and MVBCH. A great time (although windy) was had by all!!



Meeting Corner:

April 13, 2021 6:30 Happy Half Hour, 7:00 Meeting Nihla McCabe's Home Hwy 145, Dolores <u>Directions from Cortez</u> Contact us for deets!

THANK YOU, NIHLA, FOR A GREAT DEMONSTRATION ON SADDLE FITTING FOR PEOPLE AT OUR MARCH MEETING!



March meeting - Nihla's - our newest member!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2021. You can renew at the meeting (bring or mail the application below) or online on our web site at www.mesaverdehorsemen.com

A new membership form must be completed each year.

This will be the last Newsletter sent directly to members who do not renew. You can view it on our Website.



Twine Recycling Continues for MVBCH

Be on the lookout for our new banners that will be posted on our twine recycling bins as soon as they come, which should be by the end of the month. We are continuing this wonderful project. Thanks to those that are working on it, making donations and spreading the word. More information will be forthcoming and advertising done.

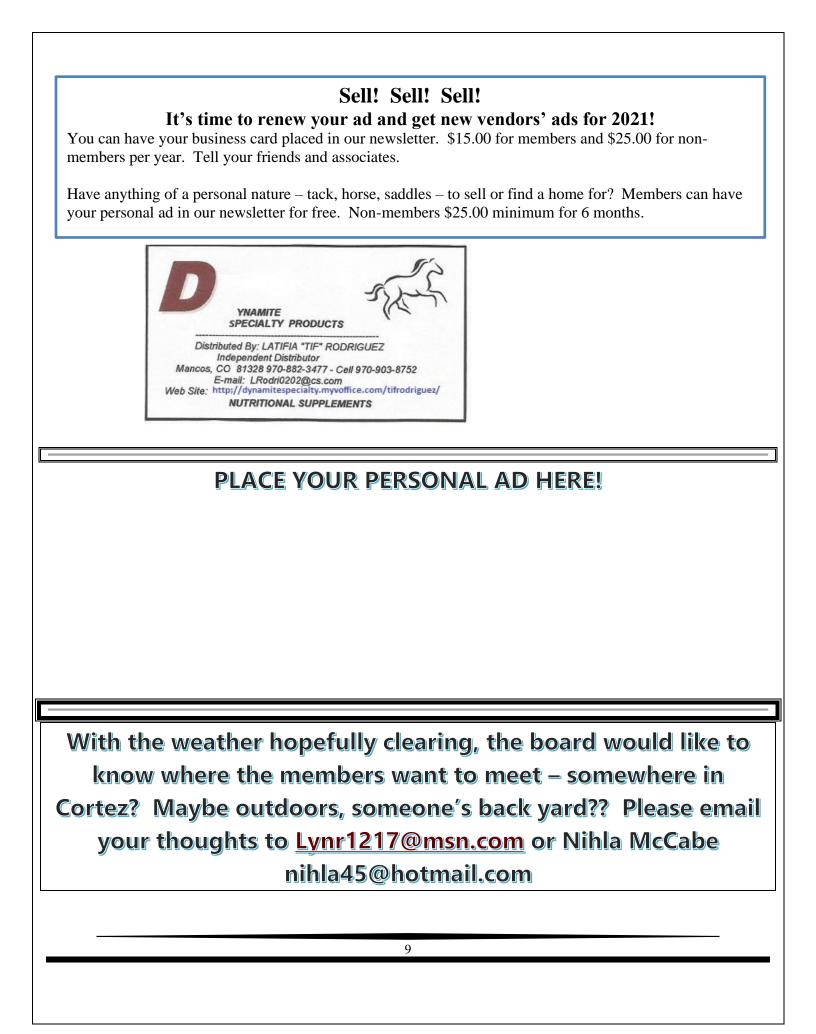
Collection bins are located at: Basin Coop 16032 Highway 491 Cortez, CO 81321

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Spread the word!

PLEASE BE SURE TO DROP YOUR TWINE OFF AT BASIN COOP OR IFA.

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Chicken Creek Ski Area

KEEP AN EYE ON THE NEW AND IMPROVED WEB SITE! www.mesaverdehorsemen.com

Go to the Web to sign up for Event Participation, Membership application and payment and Donations!

MVBCH MONTHLY CALENDAR

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2 th - Work Day	10th - Monthly Meeting - TBD
5 th - Monthly Meeting - TBD	BCHA Rendevouz?
5-27 – MVBCH Poker Ride	
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Area Calendar 2021

June 5th – National Trails Day June 26th – MVBCH Poker Ride August 4th – Great American Outdoors Act September 25th – National Public Lands Day

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen Mission Statement

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.

2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage

5. To foster and encourage individuals to join and participate in their local, State, and National Back Country Horsemen organization

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L O R A D 0 P A R D E Τ. g Game Hunting Planner

2021–2022 DEER, ELK, PRONGHORN, BEAR & MOOSE SEASON DATES — finalized in January each year

(Sheep and goat season dates are listed in their brochure.)

Season Dates Overview		2021	2022
Archery			
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit	140)	Sept. 2-Sept. 30	Sept. 2-Sept. 30
Plains deer (east of I-25, except V		Oct. 1–29 and	Oct. 1–28 and
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		Dec. 15-31	Dec. 15-31
Moose		Sept. 11-30	Sept. 10-30
Pronghorn (bucks only)		Aug. 15–31	Aug. 15–31
Pronghorn (either sex)		Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1–20
Muzzleloader (by draw on	ly)		
Deer/elk/moose		Sept. 11-19	Sept. 10-18
Plains deer (east of I-25, except V	Unit 140)	Oct. 9–17	Oct. 8–16
Pronghorn		Sept. 21-29	Sept. 21-29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose			
Moose		Oct. 1–14	Oct. 1–14
Limited elk	(1st season)	Oct. 16-20	Oct. 15-19
Deer/elk	(2nd season)	Oct. 30-Nov. 7	Oct. 29-Nov. 6
Deer/elk	(3rd season)	Nov. 13-19	Nov. 12–18
Limited deer/elk	(4th season)	Nov. 24–28	Nov. 23–27
Plains deer (east of I-25, except V		Oct. 30-Nov. 9	Oct. 29-Nov. 8
Late plains deer (east of I-25, exc	cept Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14	Dec. 1–14
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw o	only)	Oct. 2–10	Oct. 1–9
Black Bear		2021	2022
September Rifle limited (by drav	w)	Sept. 2-30	Sept. 2–30
*Archery (over-the-counter and		Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
*Muzzleloader (over-the-counter		Sept. 11–19	Sept. 10–18

NEW *Archery and Muzzleloader Add-On Bear licenses are available in unlimited numbers this year. Hunters can 'add-on' an over-the-counter bear license for archery or muzzleloader seasons if they hold a deer or elk license for the same method of take and at least one unit overlaps. Look for the paw print in the regulation brochure.

NEW **Hunters do not need to hold a deer/elk license to purchase an over-the-counter rifle bear license.

Hunting and Fishing Regulation Brochures:

(updated and released annually):

Available online at cpw.state.co.us, at sales agents statewide and at CPW parks and offices.

*Big Game (Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear & Moose)—Late February

*Sheep (Rocky Mountain & Desert Bighorn) & Goat—Late February

Fishing—Late February

Mountain Lion (online only)-Mid-March

State Recreation Lands-Late July

Small Game and Waterfowl—Mid-August

Small Game Walk-In Atlas-Late August

Late Cropland Walk-In Atlas-Late October

*Turkey—Mid-December

*Regulation brochures are mailed to those who applied for those species the previous year. Nonresidents can request a mailed brochure online: cpw.state.co.us/brochures

NOTE: For more detailed information, see the regulation brochures online at cpw.state.co.us/brochures or pick up a printed brochure at sales agents.



2021 APPLICATION & DRAWS Online and By Phone

PRIMARY DRAW

Big Game Limited-License Draw Application Deadline

April 6, 2021 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open March 1)

Payment Deadlines

• May 4: Sheep & Goat

June 11: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Moose & Bear

SECONDARY DRAW

NEW Deer, Elk, Pronghorn & Bear Limited-License Draw **Application Deadline**

June 30, 2021 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open June 16)

Payment Deadline

• July 16: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear

2021 OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) LICENSES Online, By Phone, In Person

Leftover Limited, Unlimited & Add-On Licenses **On Sale**

August 3, 2021 9:00 a.m. MT



Increase Your Opportunity to Hunt Colorado

- Apply for all four choices on your primary draw application.
- Apply for the secondary draw (elk, deer, bear & pronghorn).
- Purchase an over-the-counter (OTC) license and hunt this fall.

Call a CPW Hunt Planner for personalized planning assistance, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (MT) Monday–Friday (303) 291-PLAN (7526) or (303) 297-1192

2022 Colorado Hunting and Fishing License Fees

Application Fee, Habitat Stamps (non-refundable)	Re	sident	Nonresident		
Application Processing Fee (per species & draw)	\$	7	\$	9	
Habitat Stamp (valid 3/1-3/31 of following year) (One per year required for persons ages 18-64 buying or applying for a license)	\$	10.40	\$	10.40	
Lifetime Habitat Stamp	\$	312.30	\$	312.30	
License Fees*					
Elk, Cow	\$	56.88	\$	516.63	
Elk, Bull or Either Sex	\$	56.88	\$	688.26	
Deer	\$	41.28	\$	412.61	
Pronghorn, Buck or Doe	\$	41.28	\$	412.61	
Youth Elk, Deer & Pronghorn (12–17 yrs)	\$	16.30	\$	105.76	
Bear	\$	39.75	\$	101.75	
Youth Bear (12–17 yrs)	\$	15.50	\$	51.50	
Moose	\$	313.80	\$	2,300.51	
Rocky Mtn Bighorn Sheep, Desert Bighorn, Mtn Goat	\$	313.80	\$	2,300.51	
Rocky Mtn Bighorn, Mtn Goat, Moose Pref Pt	\$	50.00	\$	100.00	
Mountain Lion	\$	51.68	\$	351.75	
Turkey (spring)	\$	30.87	\$	157.77	
Turkey (fall)	\$	25.67	\$	157.77	
Youth Turkey (under 18 yrs)	\$	16.31	\$	105.77	
Annual Small Game	\$	30.87	\$	84.96	
Small Game (1-day)	\$	14.23	\$	18.69	
Youth Annual Small Game (under 18 yrs)	\$	1.29	\$	1.29	
Annual Small Game & Fishing Combo	\$	51.68		N/A	
Senior Annual Small Game & Fishing Combo (65+ yrs)	\$	30.50		N/A	
Annual Fishing (18–64 yrs)	\$	36.08	\$	100.57	
Youth Annual Fishing (16–17 yrs)	\$	10.07		N/A	
Senior Annual Fishing (65+ yrs)	\$	10.07		N/A	
Fishing (5-day)		N/A	\$	32.95	
Fishing (1-day)	\$	14.23	\$	17.35	

*Refund policy may apply. *All non-resident big game licenses are a big game and annual fishing combination license. *License fees include a 25-cent search and rescue fee and a \$1.50 Wildlife Council surcharge, if applicable. *Annual licenses and habitat stamps are valid March 1–31 of the following year (13 months) and non-refundable.

Big-Game Limited License Draw Application Reminders

2021 Qualifying Hunting Licenses—available starting March 1

All applicants, including youth, must purchase* or hold** one of the licenses below before applying for the big game draw(s):

- 1. *2021 Annual small-game license (resident and nonresident)
- 2. *2021 Annual small-game and fishing combination license (resident only)
- 3. *2021 Senior annual small-game license (age 65+) (resident only)
- 4. *2021 Spring turkey or fall turkey license, when available (resident and nonresident)
- Below licenses are for residents only and require advance legal paperwork submissions:
- 5. *Annual small-game license for senior lifetime fishing license holders (65+, total and permanent disability or low income)
- 6. **Veteran lifetime combination license (60% disabled or Purple Heart)
- 7. **First responder lifetime combination license (permanent occupational disability)
- Successful License Draw Fee will automatically be charged to the credit card you have on file in your online account. The payment deadline is final. Plan ahead.

Order a free Official State Vacation Guide and road map at www.colorado.com



PURCHASE Licenses, Park Passes and Conservation Stamps:

- Online: **cpw.state.co.us** (click 'Buy and Apply')
- By phone: (800) 244-5613
- In person: at Sales Agents, CPW Offices and State Parks



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