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Newsletter Editor Lyn Rowley (submission deadline is the 15th of the month)

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MESSAGE FROMTHE PRESIDENT Alan Story



Hi all!

It's time again for my president's message.

We have had a long winter with little snow. It's time to get back to work on the trails. We had a campout ride planned for this weekend but have changed it to May 14 & 15. We will be going to the Valley of the Gods.

There will be a recon ride to Mavresso this Friday (the 29th). Meet at the Delores post office at 9:00 am. We will be checking out the trail and doing some small maintenance.

We have put out notice of our available scholarships. The applications are due by the 30th of April. We are hoping to award them at our May meeting.

We have a work- day and trail check-out planned for May 20-21 for the Transfer horse camp. We will also have a workday on June 10th & 11th to get the trail ready for the Poker ride. The Poker Ride is June 25 at the Doc Lowell (on way to Transfer), where we had it last year. PLAN TO BE THERE!!!!

We are still having two week- day rides each month and I am still looking for people to lead a weekend ride each month for July, August, September and October.

Our next meeting will be on May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the First National Bank. Please come and bring your IDEAS with you!!

Until next time, see you on the trails.

Alan. 🖄



Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen General Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2022 Nihla McCabe, Secretary Submitted by Ellen Leis

7:00pm Call to order with Pledge of Allegiance February Meeting Minutes- Motion to approve made, seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report given by Lyn. Motion to approve made, seconded and carried.

Membership Reminder-join ASAP on line or Lyn has paper applications. President's Report from Allen

· Meeting with USFS:

o 'C' Sawyer Instruction to be in fall

o 1St Aid /CPR Classes in Dolores- dates TBD-watch for sign up information

• Allen made shelving in trailer and organized equipment and supplies in tubs.

· Request made for a quartermaster and Historian.

· May 20 & 21 Work Day at Transfer to go through the Trailer and Recon West Mancos Trail to see if we want to adopt it

- · MVBCH Trail Maintenance
- o We no longer have Fish Creek Trail

o We have Mavreeso Trail and Transfer Campground and Goble Trail.

o Website/App is under construction for groups maintaining trails to report both problems and to document work done on the trails. Remember to report to USFS.

- Trail Work Sign voted on and approved. 2 signs will be made to post during trail maintenance.
- \cdot Need volunteers to schedule weekend rides.
- · Friday's April 15th Ride -Hovenweep is tentative possible scheduling conflict. Stay tuned.
- · Twine recycling is suspended until gas prices decrease. Income not worth time and expense.
- · Allen will talk to Chris at USFS regarding camping fee charged for day use at Target Tree

Alice report on State Convention

- \cdot Alice and Tif attended from our group.
- \cdot How our chapter fits in to the state and national organization.
- \cdot Membership is on the rise after a decrease the past few years.
- Tif's term as State Chair is completed. Alice and Tif are MVBCH State Delegates

• Emphasis made on reporting our volunteer work and our trail use because if it is not documented our time spent on the trails is not counted.—Sign in to trail logs and report volunteer hours.

- · Campground and trail access is a problem. Conflict between equestrian and non-equestrian access.
- · Fisher Peak State Park needs equestrian input to balance trail usage with other users.
- · Rendezvous this year sponsored by Trail Wise Chapter of BCH August 12-14. Place TBD

Discussion of a Campout-Work Activity at Glade Guard Station

Poker Ride Flier will be made by Lyn and passed out to members at the next meeting for distribution. Motion to adjourn at 8:17 - seconded and passed.

Please see calendar on Pages 11 and 13.

Respectfully submitted: Ellen Leis for

Nihla McCabe 🌂

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In short, a lot was covered.

Elections were held and the following were elected:

Chair - Sherry Copeland - MO Vice Chair - Mark Himmel - MT Treasurer - Tif Rodriguez - CO Director - Dan Key - NM Director (non national board member) - Tom Thomas - NC

Other directors still serving terms, they have one year left: Craig Allen - UT Jim Allen - SC Brad Pollman - MT

It is shaping up to be another banner year for BCHA. Questions, contact me any time.

See you on the trail!

Tif Rodriguez MVBCH Public Lands Committee Chair BCHA Treasurer 2022

Public Lands Committee Report Tif Rodriguez, Public Lands Chair

BCHA National Board of Directors met in Kansas City, MO, for three days in April, our first face to face meeting in three years! It was amazing. We got a lot of business done, tackled public lands issues, from e-bikes to saw training, partnerships to access. National committees gained some new members which is so needed. About 2/3 of our national directors are new, which is amazing. A resolution was passed to invest our legal fund to earn more interest. The 2022-'23 budget was approved as presented. The financials were gone over in detail and approved as presented. We had some minor changes to the governance policies that were approved. Committee open houses were held and all of our national directors were able to learn about what happens at national behind the scenes. We're often asked, what does national do for us? Well, a lot, frankly.



MVBCH Educational Event April 9, 2022 Rodney and Kristie Carriker-Wheelwrights Extraordinaire Submitted by Ellen Leis

Wheelwright /'(h)wēl, rīt/ noun

Historical

1. a person who makes or repairs wooden wheels.

What a fun morning! The 6 of us who went were treated to an amazing opportunity.

The Carriker's were welcoming hosts of our all too brief foray into "how to be a wheelwright".

We learned that making a wheel for a covered wagon is an exacting and precise art. We were shown antique wagons that were lovingly restored and some that are in the process of being restored.

Rodney's Quarter Horse / Belgian team, Patriot and Liberty, stood patiently as we were given a demonstration of harnessing for wagon pulling with either a single horse or a team.

Rodney showed us some of the tools from the 1800's to present that are used in wagon making. It was a fascinating trip into the past. I came away with an awe and appreciation for our pioneers and wheelwright craftsmen.

I would have pictures, but I was so mesmerized that I forgot to take any! (Picture shown is stock photo for information only submitted by editor)

Thank you to Nihla for arranging this Educational Event.

WHERE YOU BEEN RID'N





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San Juan National Forest www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan/

Forest Service News Release

Media Contact: Scott Owen (970) 422-2671 scott.owen@usda.gov

Prescribed burns planned for the Dolores Ranger District

DOLORES, Colo., April 21, 2022—The San Juan National Forest's Dolores Ranger District is planning to conduct several prescribed burns potentially starting in late April. Burning operations will take place over multiple days when weather and fuel conditions are favorable and may continue throughout the summer and fall based on conditions. Both hand and aerial ignition methods may be utilized, following the weather, fuel, smoke and safety parameters stated in the prescribed fire plan. Burning operations will be conducted by qualified U.S. Forest Service personnel assisted by fire resources from cooperating agencies.

Project areas identified for burn implementation are:

• **Boggy Draw:** 1,554 acres located 3 to 10 miles northeast of Dolores, along the Dolores-Norwood Road (FSR 526) near Little Bean Canyon and Boggy Draw Road (FSR 527).

• Haycamp Mesa: 3,025 acres located 10 miles east of Dolores, along the Haycamp Mesa Road, Forest Service Road (FSR) 556 & 557.

Reintroduction of prescribed fire is necessary to improve and restore vegetative conditions. This effort will reduce hazardous ground fuels, lessen the risk of unplanned large-scale wildfire, help restore ponderosa pine ecosystems and improve wildlife habitat. Prescribed fire also reduces the ladder fuels that can carry fire into the canopy, killing mature trees.

During burning operations, smoke may be visible around the communities of Mancos, Dolores, Dove Creek, Cortez, and HWY 491 between Dove Creek and Pleasant View. Smoke may settle into low lying valleys and the Dolores River Canyon overnight. Smoke monitoring will be conducted, and ignitions will be scheduled to minimize smoke impacts to surrounding communities.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. More information can be found online:

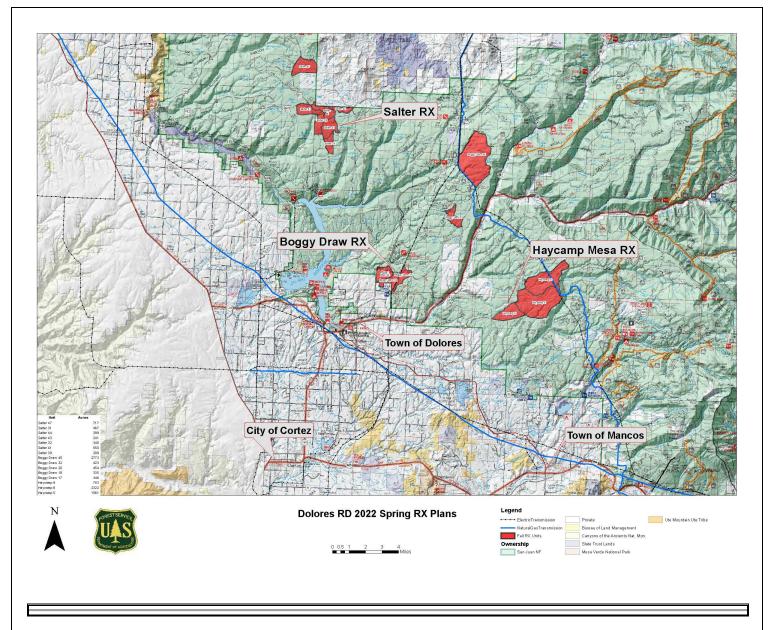
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/wood-smoke-and-health

Maps of the prescribed burn units and additional San Juan National Forest prescribed fire program news can be found on InciWeb: https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6288/. For more information, please contact Fire Management Officer Patrick Seekins, by email at patrick.seekins@usda.gov or by phone at (970) 882-6836. For information on the San Juan National Forest, call (970) 247-4874, visit the forest website, or follow us on social media (Twitter and Facebook).

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SEE MAP BELOW



VOLUNTEER HOURS

We'll be starting our work summer and this is a reminder to report your volunteer work hours. Whenever we have a work day, there should be a designated person-trail boss who will be sure all the necessary forms are completed and signed. Please give that person the information they need to report the volunteer work hours, stock used, vehicles used and miles driven and worked. This information should be turned in to Jan Gilbert or the form on our website www.mesaverdehorsemen.com completed which will be sent to Jan. If you have any questions, please contact Jan at janssgilbert@gmail.com



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Rain? Rein go away. Come again another day!

Riding on trails that are wet can damage trails. Rain softened surfaces are vulnerable to use immediately after rainfall events. Please allow trails time to dry before adventuring out. Ride on dirt roads or more durable surfaces and allow the trails to recover. Do your part by modeling appropriate behavior and best practices.

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This PSA was made possible by a grant from the American Quarter Horse Association's STEP program supporting Stewards for Trails, Education and Partnerships



Check out this great breast collar Nihla made for our chapter for our opportunity drawing. This breast collar is hand-made and hand tooled! Get your chance to win it – tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. We'll be selling tickets for a few more meetings, so please support our chapter.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Shelly Redder - Silkman, Cortez John and Barbara Middleton, Mancos



SAVE THE DATE

MVBCH ANNUAL POKER RIDE JUNE 25, 2022 Doc Lowell Transfer - Chicken Creek



Meeting Corner:

May 10, 2022 Happy 1/2 hour 6:30 PM Meeting 7:00 PM Place – First National Bank, Cortez 2258 E Main St, Cortez CO 81321



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2022 MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your membership. You can either mail in your check with the application below to our PO Box 812, Cortez CO 81321 or sign up on the web site at <u>www.mesaverdehorsemen.com</u>

A new membership form must be completed each year.

Twine Recycling is suspended temporarily for MVBCH



We are suspending the collection of Twine until gas prices go down. It is not cost effective for MVBCH to continue to take the twine to Arizona. Please continue to collect and keep at your homes. We will let you know when Alan will be collecting again. As it is, he still has 19 bags of twine that he is storing for our chapter. If any member knows of an organization that is collecting twine, please let the chapter know.

Thank you, Alan, for all you do!

PLEASE STORE YOUR TWINE AT YOUR HOMES/BARNS UNTIL MVBCH STARTS COLLECTION AGAIN. KEEP A LOOK-OUT FOR THE NOTICE.



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

MVBCH MONTHLY CALENDAR

May 2022 10th - General Meeting 14-15 - Camping Weekend - Valley of Gods 20-21st - Trail workday - Transfer - Recon West Mancos Trail	June 2022 10-12 - MVBCH workdays - Transfer - Clean trail for Poker Ride 14th - General Meeting 25th - MVBCH Poker Ride - All hands on deck!	July 2022 12th - General Meeting 23rd - MVBCH Trail workday	
August 2022 9th - General Meeting	September 2022 13th - General Meeting	October 2022 11th - General Meeting	
19-20 - Trail workday	24th - Public Lands Day		

Area Calendar 2022

April 26 - Gun Show - Montezuma County Fairgrounds June 4 - National Trails Day Sept 24 - Public Lands Day Sept 24-25 - NATRAC

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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2nd Tues Each Month - MVBCH General Meeting May 20-21 - MVBCH Work Day March 26 - BCHCO Ponca Springs March 26 - Ag Expo April 10-13 - BCHA Kansas City April 23 - Gun Show April 30 - Scholarship Forms Due

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June 4 - Nat'l Trails Day June 10-11 - Transfer Work June 25 - MVBCH Poker Ride July 23 - MVBCH Work Day Aug 19-20 - Fish Creek Work

Sept 24 - Public Lands Day Sept 24-25 - NATRAC

COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE Big Game Hunting Planner

2022–2023 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		2022	2023	
Archery				
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)		Sept. 2-30	Sept. 2–30	
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 1	140)	Oct. 1–28 and	Oct. 1–27 and	
-		Nov. 9–30 and	Nov. 8-30 and	
		Dec. 15-31	Dec. 15-31	
Moose		Sept. 10-30	Sept. 9-30	
Pronghorn (bucks only)		Aug. 15–31	Aug. 15–31	
Pronghorn (either sex)		Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-20	
Muzzleloader (by draw only)				
Deer/elk/moose		Sept. 10-18	Sept. 9-17	
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 1	140)	Oct. 8–16	Oct. 14–22	
Pronghorn		Sept. 21-29	Sept. 21-29	
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose				
Moose		Oct. 1-14	Oct. 1–14	
Limited elk (1	st season)	Oct. 15-19	Oct. 14-18	
Deer/elk (2	nd season)	Oct. 29-Nov. 6	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	
Deer/elk (3	rd season)	Nov. 12-18	Nov. 11-17	
Limited deer/elk (4	th season)	Nov. 23-27	Nov. 22-26	
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 1	140)	Oct. 29-Nov. 8	Oct. 28-Nov. 7	
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except U	Jnit 140)	Dec. 1–14	Dec. 1–14	
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)		Oct. 1–9	Oct. 7–15	
Black Bear				
September Rifle limited (by draw)		Sept. 2-30	Sept. 2–30	
*Archery (over-the-counter and/or lin	mited)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30	
*Muzzleloader (over-the-counter and		Sept. 10–18	Sept. 9–17	
**Rifle (over-the-counter and/or limit	ted)	<u>.</u>	r/Elk rifle season dates above	

*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.

**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, Moose & Bear)—Mid February

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

Fishing—Late February

Mountain Lion (online only)—Late March

State Recreation Lands—Late July

Small Game and Waterfowl—Early 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.



2022 APPLICATION & DRAWS Online and By Phone

PRIMARY DRAW

Big Game Limited-License Draw <u>Application Deadline</u>

April 5, 2022 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open March 1)

Payment Deadlines

- May 3: Sheep & Goat
- June 17: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Moose & Bear

SECONDARY DRAW

Deer, Elk, Pronghorn & Bear Limited-License Draw <u>Application Deadline</u>

July 5, 2022 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open June 21)

Payment Deadline

• July 21: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear

2022 OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) LICENSES Online, By Phone, In Person

Leftover Limited, Unlimited & Add-On Licenses On Sale

August 2, 2022 9:00 a.m. MT

