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MVBCH

January/February 2020

Trail Talk



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ted Voelker

Hello, Everyone:

The new year has started. I am looking forward to seeing what we can get done. We have started putting things on the calendar. If you have things you want to add to the calendar, please let us know. If there are things you want to be involved with talk to the Committee chair. And if there is no chair, you may be just the person to step into that spot.

Anyone have good places to ride this time of year? I have a couple. Disappointment Valley, park on either of the first two roads as you get out of the Dolores River canyon. It tends to be drier and there are lots of places to ride. Another is Hovenweep. it is currently fairly dry and the riding is good.

Be thinking of places you want to ride and things you want to do, and we will see you at the meeting on March 17, 2020. Be there at 6:30 pm for snacks and good conversation. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Thank you,
Ted
503-927-1681

SAVE THE DATES

JUNE 20, 21 – MVBCH POKER RIDE
JULY 10, 11, 12 – BCHCO RENDEVOUS HOSTED
BY MVBCH

Check out our Calendar on Page 10



Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen General meeting Minutes

Veronica Voelker, Secretary

Our secretary was out of town for our February meeting. The minutes for January and February will be made available at our March meeting.

Public Lands Committee Report

Tif Rodriguez, Public Lands Chair



Greetings:

Even though it's early in the year, things are already in the works! We're discussing a partnership with the Forest Service to help maintain the Transfer Stock Corrals. More to come there. We are in the process of applying for a BCHA grant to help install a three sided manure bin, to make it easier for folks to keep the stalls clean and for the FS to tractor the manure out. Keep an eye out for our breakout party to get the stock camp area up and running for the season and join us for a fun weekend of camping, riding, site work and cooking.

Check out this really cool interactive Forest Service visitor map. Once you click the use you're interested in, zoom in to find specific areas. [CLICK HERE](#)

Of course this doesn't take the place of our favorite COTREX, trails.colorado.gov. We'll be having another demo on this for our new folks and the general public in March so join us for our monthly meeting. Sure to be loads of fun.

The Rico Trails Project draft EA is out for public comment. It is an analysis of proposed trails, reroutes and improvements to the Spring Creek, Ryman, Rio Grande Southern and Circle trails. The proposed project consists of new motorized and non-motorized trails and existing trail reroutes on U.S. Forest Service lands in the vicinity of Rico, CO. A 3.4-mile new single track motorized trail would provide a connection between Stoner and Taylor Mesas. In conjunction with the new Spring Creek Trail construction, 1.9 miles of motorized single track and 9.7 miles of non-motorized trail would be decommissioned. Two new non-motorized trails (Rio Grande Southern-4.4 miles and Circle Trail-2.6 miles) would provide connection to existing trails and loop opportunities. The existing Ryman Creek Trail would be re-aligned to provide a more sustainable and accessible trail. Please [click here](#) to see the documents, maps and to comment.

Our access remains because of our dedicated members. Thank you for your support!

Tif Rodriguez

MVBCH Public Lands Chair 🐾

COPY AND PASTE LINK BELOW TO SEE OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2019!!

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February 11, 2020

Dear: Members

2020 is in full swing and MV BCH needs you! If you've already renewed, *thank you*. If you haven't, now's the time! The newly elected leaders have fantastic plans, and they need you to make 2020 more successful than ever. Plans already underway are:

- A calendar has been created of the year's plans - check it out on our Facebook page or via Google so you can plan to attend! Trail rides and workdays are set for each month, too.
- Our annual Poker Ride, keeping the camping aspect, is set for June 20, 2020.
- We are planning to host the second ever Back Country Horsemen of Colorado Rendezvous, July 10-12, 2020, inviting members from all of our Colorado chapters for a weekend of camaraderie, trail riding, fire building and storytelling. We sold out last year, so be sure to sign up early (open to members only initially).
- Continue the excellent community service work on twine recycling.
- Implementing a scholarship award to a local HS graduate (members only).
- Of course, all of this while hosting our fun, educational monthly meetings.

We will also keep our finger on the pulse of public lands issues and travel management here in our area for equestrians. Our use nationwide is decreasing, but we can't let that stop us from maintaining our voice and seat at the table. You might be interested in Dutch oven cooking, local trails or just meeting new people. You may only have time to send in your dues. That's what we need - **YOU** - your talent, commitment and input in guiding and building the Chapter.

Our monthly meetings are now held on the third Tuesday of each month, with the board meeting immediately preceding it. Our next meeting is March 17, 2020, at First National Bank in Cortez. Join us at 6:30 for happy half hour, with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. BYO drink and cheer!

Remember, always check our website or Facebook page for important updates. If you need more information, contact one of our Board members. A membership application is attached, but you can also join online at www.mesaverdehorsemen.com.

Happy Trails!

Sincerely,

MVBCH Board



Jason Clay
CPW NE Region PIO
303-291-7234



MEDIA PACKAGE: 2019 Bear Report Breakdown Materials

Colorado Parks and Wildlife launched a modernized tracking system for human-bear interactions on April 1 and the review of that data from 2019 reports provides a tremendous amount of insight on human-bear interactions. To go with the press release and Q&A on bear conflicts that was sent out this morning, we are providing additional resources to assist with your media coverage.

The link below will open a folder containing :

- PDF of the press release
- PDF of the Q&A on bear conflicts
- Video broll of bears in conflict, general bear broll
- Photos of bears
- Video of how to build a bear unwelcome mat
- Spreadsheet breaking down Colorado's bear reports by region
- CPW area map showing how we geographically break up the state into our 18 areas
- PDFs on Living with Bears and Bearproofing your home
- A sample of bear reports we received in 2019

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-AgRuKmhqcEtlvJwnpzutwoPUJZCLwg4?usp=sharing>

Thank you for helping CPW spread the word on the importance of remaining bear aware as we all strive to keep Colorado's bears wild and alive!



Meeting Corner:

March 17, 2020
6:30 Happy Half Hour, 7:00 Meeting
1st National Bank, Cortez

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Ellen, Mancos
Rex and Alice, Bailey CO
Beverly and Jay, Dolores

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Now is the time to renew your membership for 2020. You can renew at the meeting (bring the application below) or online on our web site at

www.mesaverdehorsemen.com

A new membership form must be completed each year.

Pics of where our members have been riding:

Ted's Rides:

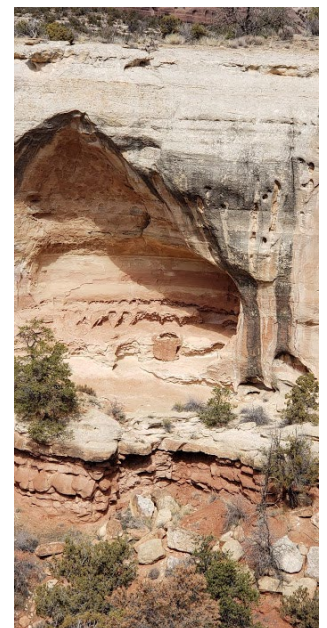


Thursday – Disappointment Valley

Sunday – Hovenweep: I had a good ride Sunday. The weather was okay. It only snowed a little. Unfortunately nobody else came to ride. There was however a couple of locals hanging around.



Great pics of Sand Canyon from Tif, Keith and Lyn Saturday:



BRING HOME YOUR OWN WILD HORSE BURRO



Wild Horse & Burro Event

Cortez, Colorado

May 1– 2, 2020

Montezuma County
Fairgrounds

30100 Hwy 160, Cortez, CO

There is a wild horse or burro waiting for you!



EVENT DETAILS



Friday, May 1

Viewing:
5 to 7 pm

Saturday, May 2

Gate opens at 8 am

Silent Bid Adoption
10 to 10:30 a.m.

First Come First Serve Adoption
11 am to 5 pm

For more information contact Mike Jensen
at m50jensen@blm.gov



For more information on other events or adoption and direct purchase options, visit BLM.gov/whb or call (866) 468-7826.



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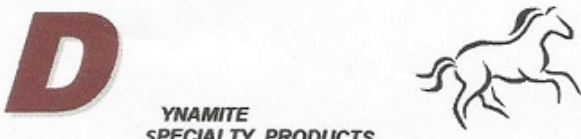
This PSA was made possible by a grant from the American Quarter Horse Association's STEP program supporting Stewards for Trails, Education and Partnerships

Sell! Sell! Sell!

It's time to renew your ad and get new vendors' ads for 2019!

You can have your business card placed in our newsletter. \$15.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members per year. Tell your friends and associates.

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This space for personal ads.



MVBCH Great Mounting Block at Sand Canyon

**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

March 2020 17th - Monthly Meeting - 1 st National Bank, Cortez; 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 Meeting; Presentation - Co-trex Maps	April 2020 21st - Monthly Meeting - 1 st National Bank, Cortez; 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 Meeting	May 2020 19th - Monthly Meeting - 1 st National Bank, Cortez 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 Meeting
June 2020 16th - Monthly Meeting - 1 st National Bank, Cortez 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 Meeting	July 2020 14th - Monthly Meeting - 1 st National Bank, Cortez 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 Meeting	August 2020 18th - Monthly Meeting - 1 st National Bank, Cortez 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 Meeting

Area Calendar 2020

March 19-21 – Ag Expo – Montezuma Fair Grounds
 June 6 – National Trails Day
 August 7, 8, 9 – Escalante Days, Dolores Colorado
 September 26 – 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

2020 MVBCH CALENDAR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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AG EXPO

MVBCH POKER RIDE

TRAIL WORK DAYS

BCHCO RENDEVOUZ

MVBCH SOCIAL RIDES

BCHCO BOARD MEETING

BCHA – KANSAS CITY

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Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen

2020 Membership Form

You can also join and/or rejoin at

www.mesaverdehorsemen.com

Names(s) _____ Occupation: _____

Name(s) _____ Occupation _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Other: _____ *E-mail: _____

Referred By: _____ (Please list how you heard of us!)

***INCLUDING YOUR EMAIL HERE, GIVES YOUR CONSENT TO RECEIVE MVBCH EMAIL BLASTS, AS WELL AS YOUR CONSENT TO SEND IT TO OUR NATIONAL BCHA ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR MAILING LIST.**

Type of Membership (check): ☐ New ☐ Renewal

☐ Individual \$33 ☐ Family \$38 ☐ Associate/Business \$38

☐ Youth \$9 (under 18 accompanied by guardian/sponsor)

(Memberships paid October-December include the rest of the current year & all of the next year)

Please indicate the Committee/s you'd like to serve on:

☐ Education ☐ Fundraising ☐ Membership
☐ Social ☐ Trail Work ☐ Public Affairs

Would you be willing to be the COMMITTEE CHAIR? ____Yes

Please make checks payable to: **MVBCH or Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen**

Mail to: MVBCH, P.O. Box 812, Cortez, CO 81321

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PHOTO RELEASE: I (We) agree to the use of my (our) images taken at Chapter activities and events to be published in the monthly newsletter, on the web site, in Chapter scrapbooks and/or at any Chapter function.

☐ Yes ☐ No

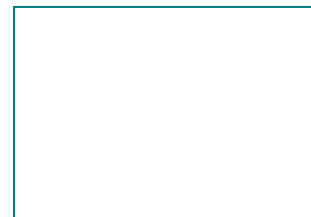
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(All persons 18 years and older included in this membership form must sign this release)

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