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MVBCH

July 2020

Trail Talk



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ted Voelker

Greetings to all of you. Due to the Covid restrictions, we have not been able to have a meeting for several months. This month we tried something new and had virtual meetings. They went well. I do not like them as much as an in-person meeting however it was good to talk to the members that joined the meeting. We had a lot to talk about.


We are getting new signs to put on our twine recycle bins that will make it easier for people to know that Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen are collecting the twine as a public service and the money collected from the sale of the twine goes toward protecting our public lands. Thank you, Tiff for taking the lead on this. I cannot mention Twine recycle without a huge thank you to Alan Story for his efforts in monitoring, collecting, and storing the twine. Kathe Hayes has offered to help with working with the landfill and finding a place to buy the twine.

We had a great workday last month on the Mavreeso trail. We cleared about ten trees from the trail and opened it up. There has also been some work done by other MVBCH members on trails to help keep them open. Due to the big wind event a few weeks ago some of the trails that have been opened are having trees fall even in light wind conditions. We will have plenty of opportunities to do trail maintenance. The next official trail maintenance day will be August 8th. We have received word that additional trees have fallen on the trail and need to be removed. We will meet at the park in Dolores at 9:30 am and head to the trailhead. We will have a signup sheet for those that join us for the day. I will try to add additional workdays to the calendar so that we can get more of our trails clear. We are working to plan a camp/work trip to the upper end of the Fish Creek trail. I will try to get more information out soon for that. The Forest Service is overwhelmed with work and really appreciates our help.

We did not have time to get a scholarship out this year. However, we will be working to make sure we have a good application and get it to the schools early so that the kids have time to put together their applications. Lynn has been a big help with this effort and anyone else who would like to help is welcome.

It has been an odd and busy year. I am looking forward to getting things moving forward again. Be safe riding out there. If you see problems with the trails and have ideas for work or social days feel free to contact me or the committee chair.

Ted

503-927-1681 



Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen
General meeting Minutes
July 21, 2020 - DRAFT
Veronica Voelker, Secretary

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a virtual meeting was held.

Called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ted Voelker.

Ted welcomed all members back again. He discussed current Covid-19 restrictions and requirements – such as social distancing, masks, groups of no more than 10 people. Due to this, he thought we might try a virtual meeting just so we all could get together and see how we were all doing and to give an update on the health of our Chapter.

Future meetings – perhaps we could have a gathering, maybe at someone's home or outdoors. It is something to think about.

The calendar is still good so consult with that to see what is coming up regarding work days, meeting dates and social rides. For now, Ted is looking at the trail work days until we can get a Committee Chair. This does not preclude anyone from doing some light trail work when they see something needs to be done! – or arranging a social ride!

Twine recycling is going strong – Tif is having new signs made for our two sites and Alan is collecting and storing the twine with the help of Ted. Kathe will be back soon and will be working with Ted and the local dump site to see about what they can do regarding storing the twine.

We are still looking to give two scholarships to local Seniors for 2021.

We received our grant money for the Transfer Corrals project of putting in a manure collection bin and Ted and Tif will contact the Forest Service to see when we can get that done. We do want to adopt the Transfer Corrals as ours if the FS is willing to put up a sign that we maintain those.

Treasurer – Lyn gave the Treasurer's report. It was accepted as read

Social – we might look into a Dutch oven cookout sometime in September, providing the Fire Ban is lifted.

Public Lands – Tif will draft letters for the Rico and Painted Hand Comment periods for our Chapter.

Website – Tif is managing the Website and it is going great. Let her know if you have any problems accessing it.

Newsletter – Lyn will be publishing a newsletter. Get your pictures, articles to her by Thursday evening.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn Rowley for Veronica Voelker 🐾

Public Lands Committee Report

Tif Rodriguez, Public Lands Chair



Greetings:

Two comment periods have come and gone, Painted Hand Pueblo and Rico Trails Project. MVBCH commented on both. If you'd like copies of the letters, contact the board. Thanks to those staying active and involved in maintaining our equine access to public lands.

Something to keep an eye on ... e-bikes. National is working hard on this issue. Please see the BCHA summer edition newsletter by clicking [HERE](#) to read about an update on the Tahoe National Forest e-bike lawsuit. You should also be getting your hard copy in the mail soon.

Interested in this committee? Let us know.

Tif Rodriguez

Public Lands Committee Chair 🐾



MVBCH Trail Work Day - June 13, 2020, Mavreeso

President Ted put out a request for MVBCH members to come and help clear one of our adopted trails on the designated work day for June. Three of us came to help and we had a great time. Ted and Veronica rode in on horseback to the gate. Curly and Tif hiked in to the water crossing. Several logs were cut out, chainsaw and handsaw, some pruning was done, litter picked up, and the trail was clear. The sign we reset last year and the confidence marker along the road were still standing! We had a great time chatting afterwards with cold

drinks. Thanks, Mr. President for spearheading this! 🐾

Get Out And Get 'Er Done!

Several MVBCH members have been busy helping the agencies keep our trails clear. Due to the herecho, a significant wind event a couple months ago, trails that had been cleared needed clearing again. Actually, again and again! Some agency folks think that the wind event weakened trees, and now they're just coming down with the afternoon winds we've been getting.

All of our adopted trails have been cleared several times, with the exception of Upper Fish. More to come a work/camping/fun weekend for that section.

For Goble we knew it was going to be a bear, so both of our certified sawyers went up each leg, sawing trees along the way and we met at the top. All in all, we cut out almost 60 trees that day. Whew! Of course Goble could use some brushing. 🐾



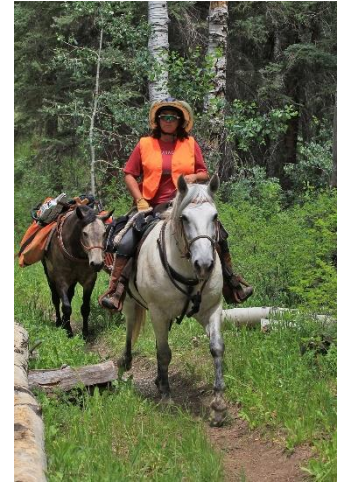
What Do You Do With A Mustang?



I get this question a lot and I'm not sure why. I also get a lot of skepticism about the worth of the mustang. I'm not going to debate, mustang, wild horse, feral horse, or any other names that folks have for the beautiful wild horses that roam on our public lands. I'm here to let you know what I do with mine! I ride them!

Almost any time I ride, especially this year, I take a pack horse. Our trails, our public lands need help. Volunteering, giving back to my public lands, ensuring my right continues to ride, camp and recreate in the forest and the wilderness is a passion of mine. It keeps me grounded. I need good horses to do that. Don't get me wrong ... I'm a Quarter Horse girl at heart, but the mustangs captured a piece of my heart more than ten years ago. I haven't looked back.

I do with my mustangs what everyone does with their horses. Enjoy them. Work them. Play with them. Discipline them. Feel blessed to own them. I take it a step further and use my horses for not only recreational riding but packing and clearing trail. We do a lot of it, trimming trees from horseback, working with chainsaws, clearing debris. My mustangs are hands down the best trail horses I've had. But they're also disciplined, patient and fun.



Think about adopting a mustang the next time you're in the market for a good horse. Get help if you have one and need it. It's so worth it. See you on the trail!

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

IFA
10501 Highway 491
Cortez, CO 81321

Spread the word!

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALAN STORY
FOR THE TIRELESS EFFORT OF
COLLECTING AND STORING OUR
TWINE THIS YEAR!

MVBCH BOARD

Meeting Corner:

August 18, 2020
6:30 Happy Half Hour, 7:00 Meeting
VIRTUAL MEETING EMAIL

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Nicola Shanks
Mancos, CO

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:

Reed and Nihla near Lost Canyon



Susan Grabbe and Black Jack



Here 's a pic from Sharkstooth trailhead last Saturday. We parked near the Beef pasture and rode to TH. Rode mostly on aspen loop. All ATVs were very nice. Monsoons were definitely in play. We were 1/2 mile from the peak when it started raining and thundering.

Decided to get to the top, get some pictures and bail off the top. Drizzled and then poured the whole way back. Lots of water up there!! The view was well worth it!! It was 15 miles round trip.

Al & Paula , Lyn (Tif & Keith) at Hay Camp



Curly, Veronica and Ted at Mavreeso Work Day



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MONTEZUMA COUNTY 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK SALE

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 1, 2020**

**LIVE AUCTION
AND ONLINE BIDDING
STARTS AT 2 P.M**

3 WAYS TO BID:

1. In-Person

2. Call in to pre-bid on an animal.

3. Watch live-stream and call in your bid @

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClmGv3tIW3_Yhb-Qw7zXpw

or on our Facebook Page or from Mesa Media Productions Facebook

For Additional Info or To Place Your Bid Call

970-739-5784 or 970-749-7221 or 970-739-3790 or 970-799-3284



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www.respectedaccess.org

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

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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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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

August 2020 18th - Monthly Meeting - 1 st National Bank, Cortez 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 Meeting	September 2020 12th - Trail Workday 15th - Monthly Meeting - Virtual or place to be determined. 6:30 Happy Half Hour; 7:00 meeting 26th - Social Ride	October 2020 10th - Trail Work Day 20th - Monthly Meeting 24th - Social Ride
November 2020 14th - Trail Work Day 17th - Monthly Meeting - 2021 Officer Elections 28th - Trail Work Day	December 2020 15th Board Meeting - No Monthly Meeting THANKMAS PARTY - TBD	

Area Calendar 2020

August 1st - 4H/FFA Livestock Auction - see flier above
 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

Big Game Hunting Planner



2020–2021 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	2020	2021
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 Unit 140)	Oct. 1–23 and Nov. 4–30 and Dec. 15–31	Oct. 1–29 and Nov. 10–30 and Dec. 15–31
Moose	Sept. 12–30	Sept. 11–30
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. 12–20	Sept. 11–19
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 10–18	Oct. 9–17
Pronghorn	Sept. 21–29	Sept. 21–29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose		
Moose	Oct. 1–14	Oct. 1–14
Limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 10–14	Oct. 16–20
Deer/elk (2nd season)	Oct. 24–Nov. 1	Oct. 30–Nov. 7
Deer/elk (3rd season)	Nov. 7–13	Nov. 13–19
Limited deer/elk (4th season)	Nov. 18–22	Nov. 24–28
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 24–Nov. 3	Oct. 30–Nov. 9
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14	Dec. 1–14
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)	Oct. 3–11	Oct. 2–10
Black Bear	2020	2021
September Rifle limited (by draw)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
*Archery (over-the-counter and/or limited)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
*Muzzleloader (over-the-counter and/or limited)	Sept. 12–20	Sept. 11–19
**Rifle (over-the-counter and/or limited)	(see 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Deer/Elk rifle season dates above)	

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.



2020 APPLICATION & DRAWS

Online and By Phone

PRIMARY DRAW

Big Game Limited-License Draw Application Deadline

April 7, 2020 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open March 1)

Payment Deadlines

- May 15: Sheep & Goat
- June 19: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Moose & Bear



SECONDARY DRAW

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

July 7, 2020 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open June 5)

Payment Deadline

- July 29: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear

2020 OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) LICENSES

Online, By Phone, In Person

Leftover Limited-Licenses

On Sale—August 4, 2020 9:00 a.m. MT

Unlimited Licenses

On Sale—August 6, 2020 9:00 a.m. MT



2020 MVBCH CALENDAR

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

AG EXPO

MVBCH POKER RIDE

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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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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