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**MVBCH**

Nov – Dec. 2021

# Trail Talk



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alan Story



Greetings to all, another month has passed, and a lot of things have happened.

First, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to represent you for the next year! It has been a pleasure for me to finish the term left by Ted when they moved. I

thank all of you for your help and support.

I plan to keep having the weekday rides next year and will try to have one every other week. Since last message, we have had three rides and have had at least six riders on each one. We have one this Wednesday, the 17th, at 9:00 am and another one set for December 1st. It would be great to have you come along because that is one of the reasons we have this club for!

We are having a Thanksmas party on December 14, 2021 and you are all invited. It will be a great way to end this year and get ready for the next one.

I would like to have all of you pick a couple of your favorite trails and send them to me so we can make a ride plan for them. We will also continue to do the trail maintenance and work that lets all enjoy the trails. Let's plan to have a great and enjoyable year next year and make OUR CLUB the best it can be!

Until next time, see you on the trails.

ALAN 🐾



## Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen

### General Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Nihla McCabe, Secretary

Pledge of allegiance and called to order at 7 pm, 14 members present

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from October were approved

#### Allen's Ride Report

Rides are every other Wednesday and have been going good, Tomorrows ride will be at Disappointment Valley, and the next Wednesday ride will be in Hovenweep area, and then another ride is planned for disappointment to ride the wild herd management area.

#### Treasures Report

The treasures report was approved as read

#### Tif's trails report

Tif and company have found a way to ride into the new Summit Lake area, Now marking, and brushing will be done to make it more pleasant, a lot of down trees and arroyos make bushwhacking difficult. The parking area is fantastic and a Sign from the USFS will make sure horse trailer area is marked.

#### Media report, Lauren

- Lauren will continue adding to the year in review and is doing a great job of keeping all informed, If you have questions or additional information let Lauren know.

#### State and National News

- Tif wanted to remind everyone to turn in their hours, you can do so by contacting her or online on our website. Hopefully all filled out the one question questionnaire. And She reported that the Rocky Mountain Chapter will be hosting the rendezvous. Next meeting for the state will be March 26.

#### Thankmas Party is Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at the bank.

Let Ellen 801 560 9474 know what you want to bring so she can coordinate. A ham will be provided. White elephant gifts under 10 bucks will be additional fun.

**Elections** were held: all officers retained their positions except for an alternate for the Secretary, and the addition of Alice as a state Rep.

#### OFFICERS ARE

President	Allen Story
VP	Ken Corallo
Treasure	Lyn Rowley
Secretary	Nihla McCabe/Justin Lawrence
State Rep	Alice Pierson

An Opportunity drawing will be held beginning with the Christmas Party for a hand made tooled Breast Collar for a western saddle, Tickets are 5.00 per ticket or 5 for twenty.

A reminder that if you travel out of state to make sure you have brand inspection and a good Coggins test. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Nihla McCabe 🐾

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen, Dedicated to keeping Americas trails open for horse and livestock use



## Public Lands Committee Report

### Tif Rodriguez, Public Lands Chair

Public Lands! If you attended the BCHA 101 webinar on 11/20/21, you will have heard many times that being proactive not reactive is important and the boots on the ground chapter work is what makes BCHA a great organization.

#### BLM Tap 2

The Tres Rios Office of the Bureau of Land Management is seeking public input on road and trails in Dolores, San Miguel and Montrose counties.

The BLM and its partners initially completed a comprehensive inventory of routes within the field office boundaries, covering about a half-million acres, that was shared with the public in 2017. Initial public review and comments for Travel Area 1 of Montezuma, La Plata and Archuleta was

done previously. BLM is now asking the public to review an updated inventory to identify routes that may have been missed, which will provide the framework for a proposed Transportation and Access Plan. Now comments on Travel Area 2 are being accepted for Dolores, San Miguel and Montrose through Dec. 15.

To participate in the public review and comment on the routes, the BLM developed a web-based interactive map illustrating each inventoried route. Click on the link below. You can also provide feedback via email (include "TCCM" in the subject line) to [blm\\_co\\_trfo\\_comments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_co_trfo_comments@blm.gov); or mailing feedback to BLM Tres Rios Field Office, 29211 Highway 184, Dolores, CO 81323.

[BLM CO Tres Rios Field Office Transportation and Planning Public Scoping Map \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.blm.gov/locations/field-offices/tres-rios-field-office/transportation-and-planning/public-scoping-map)

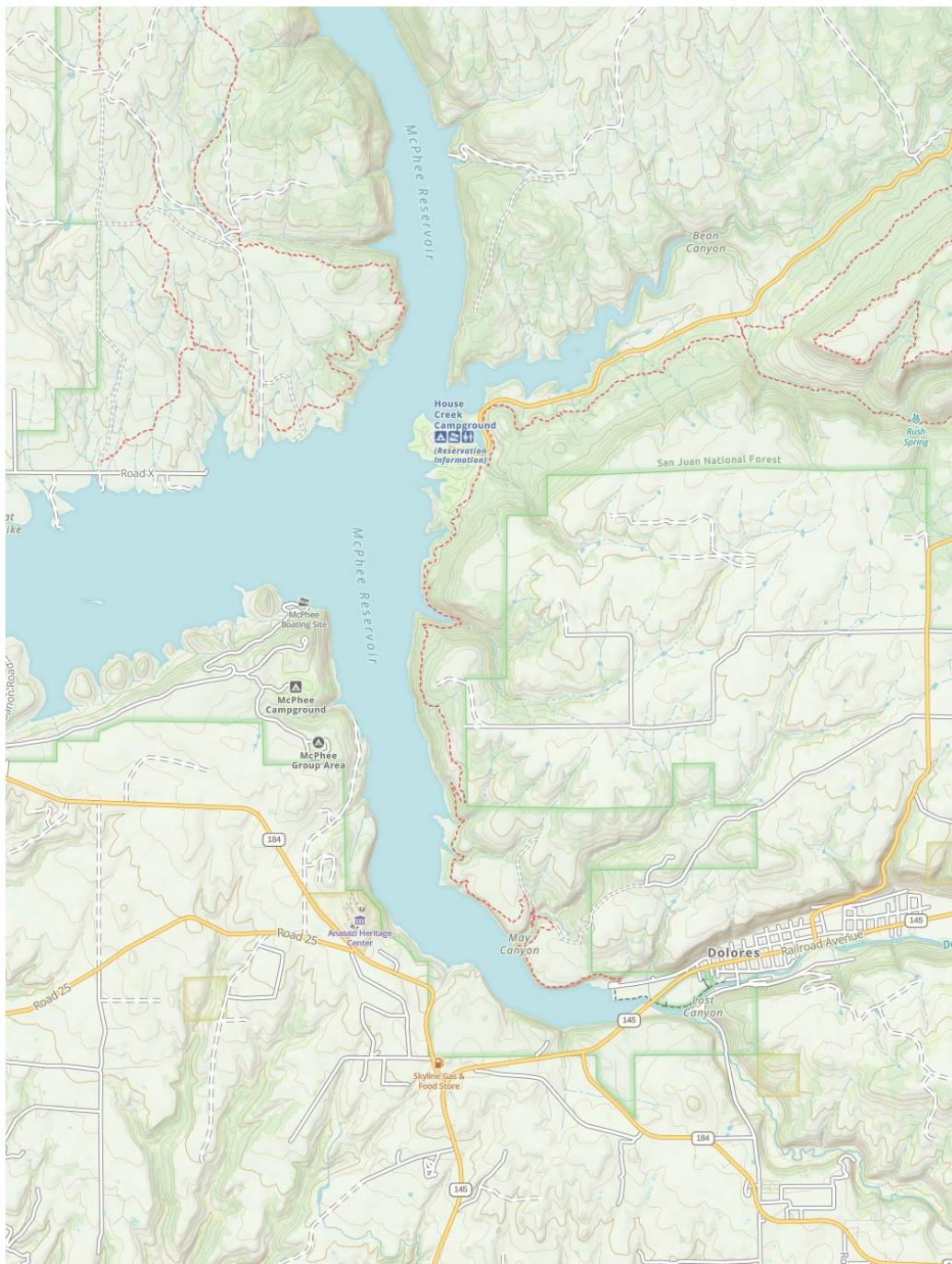
#### Summit Lake

Several of us have been out there and have found a way in to explore the more than 2,000 acres of public land we've been working years on to access! Maps will be forthcoming, so stay tuned for that. Also, we'll be installing a mounting block when it opens back up in the spring. Horse trailer parking only signs will be installed at the horse trailer parking sites, along with no camping signs when they come in. An interpretive sign is in the works as well. So excited. A big thank you to this chapter for its perseverance and commitment to maintaining and acquiring access for us horsemen!

*I am needing to get a committed co-chair for this committee. I have been unable to go to local meetings and represent MVBCH for quite some time now, which is something that is vitally important to our relationships and our presence as horsemen on our public lands. Please contact me if you're interested.*

Tif Rodriguez  
MVBCH Public Lands Committee Chair  
BCHA Treasurer 2022 🐾

## MCPHEE OVERLOOK TRAIL



Hwy 145 to Dolores, Turn left at the driveway past the Fire Station where the water dock is and follow that around left to the trailhead at the cemetery. Be aware the beginning of the trail is narrow in spots. I elected to walk my horse through those. This trail will take you all the way to House Creek or you can loop back at Mays Canyon for a short 3 mile ride. It is very scenic and can be narrow in spots, so be aware of bikers and hikers along the way. This trail can be found on the GAIA GPS app. Check for winter closures.

# Where You Been Ridn'

**NOVEMBER 2021  
Summit**



**Closes December 1<sup>st</sup> for the Winter  
Don't forget to check Face Book for more rides that the chapter has been taking.**



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 until the February meeting, so please support our chapter.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Lisa Akers, Cortez CO*  
*Shelly & Adam Redder, Cortez CO*

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## MVBCH ANNUAL THANKMAS CELEBRATION

**DECEMBER 14, 2021**

**6:30 p.m. at First National Bank, Cortez  
2258 E Main St., Cortez CO 81321**

### MEMBERS AND FAMILY

**COORDINATOR: Ellen Leis 801-560-9474**

**Ham will be provided – please call Ellen with your  
side-dish contribution.**

**There will also be A White Elephant gift exchange  
- \$10 limit**



## Meeting Corner:

December 14

Thankmas Party 6:30 PM

Place – First National Bank, Cortez  
2258 E Main St, Cortez CO 81321



Nihla and Wanda at Rendezvous

## 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 [www.mesaverdehorsemen.com](http://www.mesaverdehorsemen.com)

**A new membership form must be completed each year.**

## 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

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

ALAN CONTINUES TO  
COLLECT AND STORE  
FOR OUR CHAPTER!!

## Sell! Sell! Sell!

### It's time to renew your ad and get new vendors' ads for 2021!

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.

Have anything of a personal nature – tack, horse, saddles – to sell or find a home for? Members can have your personal ad in our newsletter for free. Non-members \$25.00 minimum for 6 months.



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**NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS**

## BISTI BADLANDS, NM





Chicken Creek Ski Area



## MVBCH MONTHLY CALENDAR

<b>October 2021</b> <b>1-3</b> – Fall Color Ride and Dutch Oven – <b>MEMBERS ONLY</b> Transfer Field <b>12th</b> MVBCH Monthly Meeting - First National Bank, Cortez, 2258 E Main, Cortez <b>13th</b> – Boggy Draw Trail Ride <b>27th</b> - Sand Canyon Trail Ride	<b>November 2021</b> <b>9th</b> MVBCH Monthly Meeting - First National Bank, Cortez, 2258 E Main, Cortez	<b>December 2021</b> <b>14th</b> MVBCH Thankmas - First National Bank, Cortez, 2258 E Main, Cortez – Members and families.

## Area Calendar 2021

### 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



# Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen

## 2022 Membership Form

You can also join and/or rejoin at

**[www.mesaverdehorsemen.com](http://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

**LIABILITY RELEASE:** As per Colorado Revised Statute 13-21-119, an equine activity sponsor shall not be liable for an injury to or the death of a participant resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. No participant or participant's representative shall make any claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from an equine activity sponsor or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the inherent risks of equine activities. I (We) release the Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen, its officers, directors, members and agents of any and all liability which may arise as a result of injury to my (our) person or property that may be sustained in connection with the Chapter's activities.

**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)***