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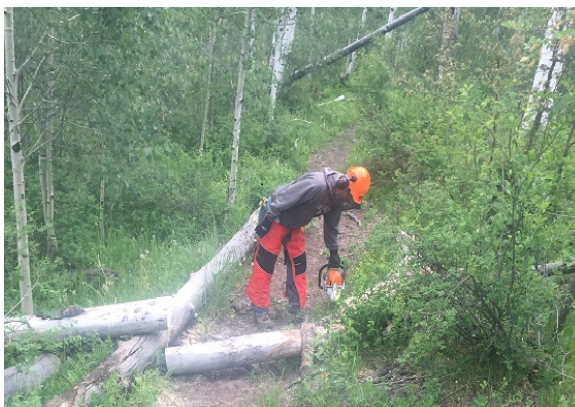
September 2019

# Trail Talk



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ted Voelker



Hello everyone.

This year is going by fast. I will be calling around to get a nominating committee. I am looking for three people to be on the committee.

We have had some fun rides recently and a few more are coming up. Sue has a nice ride planned for Wednesday and we are planning a

work day for Saturday the 28th. September 28 is National Public Lands day and I think it would be a great day to do some work on our adopted Mavreeso trail with a pot luck BBQ after the day's work. We will have a small BBQ for grilling whatever you bring and a side dish would be great. We can meet up at the park in Dolores and go to the trail head about 9:30am.

Please join us at the meeting on October 8th.

Thanks

Ted 🐾

503-927-1681

**MVBCH MEETING MINUTES**  
**General Meeting September 10, 2019**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**Veronica Voelker, Secretary**



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ted Voelker. Ted introduced David Sanders who was our keynote speaker about Canyon of the Ancients. What a great presentation. We are looking forward to having David as a speaker again soon.

**General Meeting:**

Ted called for approval of August minutes. Motion, second, passed

Ted spoke about the August social ride – all had a fun day. He is also going to be looking into a camping outing at upper Fish Creek within the next couple weeks and will keep the chapter posted.

Trail Committee – Ted advised he spoke with Vern who expressed that he was extremely busy and would not be adverse to someone picking up the Trail Committee Chair position. Ted asked if anyone was interested and to put the word out. Mavreeso still needs some work – there will be more to come.

Nominating Committee – We will be needing a nominating committee for November elections. No one volunteered at the meeting, so phone calls will be made.

Ted advised the Board met and mentioned the need for more community involvement. He would like to see a community event such as:

1. Maybe a scholarship to a worthy student who is going to pursue a career in agriculture, farming or ranching. We would offer \$500 scholarship(s). FFA and AG at the high schools is a good place to start some research.
2. Hug a Tree and survive – is a program offered to 5 – 12 year olds. There are videos and ideas we can do to teach the kids to survive in the wilderness should they become separated from their companions.
3. Horse rescue – Horses tracking lost people – Judith brought up a program that involves horses actually being trackers for search and rescue.
4. We should start a calendar of events in November for 2020. This idea was met with much favoritism.

Treasurers Report – was given by Lyn. Not much change from August. Lyn also asked for suggestions about having an opportunity drawing and free drawings at the meetings. What do the members want as prizes?

Education – Nihla is the key speaker in October. She is going to talk about leather tooling.

Social – Sue is looking at maybe a social ride around September 25<sup>th</sup>. She'll send an email

Fund raising/community – Twine – Wayne gave a list of recycling places he has used to Ted. He also said we need to check the Basin Coop bag to see if it is full. There was nothing at IFA at present.

Website – Tif paid for the 2 year certificate to keep it running

Public Lands – Tif said lots of issues that BCHA is staying on top of. She would like for our chapter to keep up with the changes proposed at Sage Hen and Rico. She will send an email to the Public Lands committee for a meeting.

Newsletter – Lyn asked that pictures and articles keep coming.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted

Lyn Rowley for Veronica Voelker 🐾

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# Public Lands Committee Report

Tif Rodriguez, Public Lands Chair



There is an incredible amount happening! Thanks to everyone that has provided us feedback re public lands and their thoughts, either through e-mail, Facebook, on our public lands committee ride, or just the general banter back and forth. Your enthusiasm and passion for our public lands is appreciated.

## Topics for you to comment on:

### BLM Tap 2

DOI-BLM-CO-CO10-2018-0013-EA Transportation and Access Plan I; OPTIONAL REPLY DUE: October 21, 2019

Specific areas:

- Mud Springs area - a new "limited to day use" 4.5 acre area open to motorized (Utility Task Vehicle less than 60 inches) "play" area, and 2 miles of new non-motorized trails;

- Animas City Mountain - re-route and designate 6 miles of non-motorized trails;
- Perins Peak - designate an existing trail on the east side of Perins Peak for pedestrian use;
- Aqueduct - construct a 12-mile non-motorized "stacked loop" trail system;
- Construct or improve six public parking areas on BLM land at the following locations:
- Montezuma County Road E.6 (Mud Springs)
- Montezuma County Road 34 (Chutes and Ladders)
- Montezuma County Road 41 (Weber Canyon)
- Montezuma County Road 39 (Aqueduct)
- La Plata County Road 205 (Turtle Lake)
- La Plata County Road 502 (Rabbit Mountain)

E-bikes are allowed on ALL nonmotorized trails as per a directive that was passed down without proper public input or per policy, FYI. **Unacceptable, folks, there are plans in place and they should be followed. National and state BCH are following this closely.**

The Preliminary EA is available for review online at: <https://go.usa.gov/xE6ZU>. Comments can be submitted online by selecting the "Comment on Document" button on the "Documents" page. Comments should be submitted by close of business October 21, 2019. The BLM will also be hosting two open houses where staff will be available to answer questions and provide information related to the analysis:

Durango/Mancos - October 2, 2019 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm at the  
Durango Community Recreation Center, 2700 Main Avenue  
Cortez/Dolores-October 9, 2019 from 4 to 6:30 pm at the  
Dolores Public Lands Office 29211 Highway 184

## Sage Hen Motorized Connector

All documents and maps can be found online, please visit the website, explore the proposal and comment as you need to. MVBCH will not be commenting for or against, as folks were pretty much split. What will be a hindrance is the seasonal closure. This is something we may comment on after further discussion with the agency. Scoping ends October 7, 2019. Visit the web page at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56766> and choose "Comment/Object on Project" tab on the project web site to comment personally.

## Rico Trails Project

The Dolores Ranger District has coordinated with the Rico Trails Alliance and the San Juan Trail Riders regarding new trails and modifications to existing trail alignments for motorized and nonmotorized uses in the vicinity of Rico, Colorado. The Dolores Ranger District of the San Juan National Forest is requesting your written comments during this scoping period. The 30-day scoping period is from September 6, 2019 to October 7, 2019. Comments may be submitted via the project web page: use the "Comment/Object on Project" tab on the project web site:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56748>

MVBCH will be writing a letter that your public lands committee is working on.

On all projects, please contact us if you need clarification, help or direction. We're glad to share what we know. The more horse folks that are involved in what's happening district wide, the better!  
Comments should be substantive in nature for the most impact.

Thank you for your input and your passion for our public lands. 🐾





Imagine you're riding along, everything is nice and quiet, you hear the sounds of the forest, and then ... whoa! One big pile of scat. We did a double take and had to go back and get a closer look.

Four of us women pondered this for a while. No presence of anything that we could see. Extremely fresh, no odor until we stuck a stick in it and mulled it around. Then Wanda said, it smells sweet, like berries.

So pop quiz, "Who's poo?"

- A. Dog
- B. Wolf



- C. Mountain Lion
- D. Bear
- E. Human

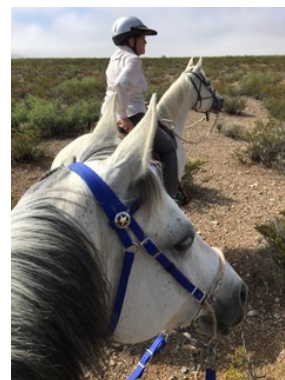
Come to the October meeting and we'll do some old fashioned sleuth detection!

BTW, we had a great ride on this day, perfect weather, perfect company. We hope you all are getting out and enjoying our trails!

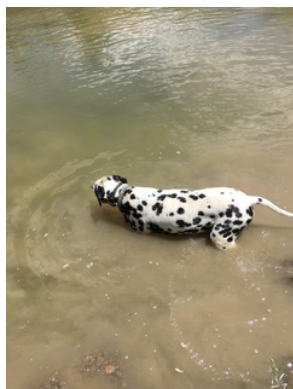
Tif Rodriguez 🐾



This is Sabrina and me in the Lincoln National Forest in N.Mexico, near Alamagordo The second photo taken by my hostess and long time friend, shows her horse, Sal, and me on Sabrina. If they look like 2 peas in a pod, it's because Sal's sire is out of Sabrina's full sister, a much admired endurance mare in Utah. The next photo is what hot trail dogs do after



some 15 or so miles.



Submitted by: Judith Franklin 🐾

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## Meeting Corner:

October 8, 2019, Social 6:30, Meeting 7:00; 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank, Cortez CO. Speaker: Nihla McCabe, Leather Craftsman

## THANK YOU:

Sue Grabbe for being an outstanding Social Chair.

### Volunteer Hours Reporting:

Please report your hours on our Web Site at

[www.mesavedehorsemen.com](http://www.mesavedehorsemen.com)

This will go directly to our Chapter for processing.



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Sue Grabbe – Riding the Big Horns, WY



## MVBCH MONTHLY CALENDAR

<b>October 2019</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> - Monthly meeting - 1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank, Cortez. Nihla - Leather Tooling 2020 Officer & Board nominations	<b>November 2019</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> - Monthly Meeting - 1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank, Cortez - 2020 Elections	<b>December 2019</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> - Board Meeting only. No General Meeting. Both outgoing and incoming boards to attend for transfer of duties and 2020 planning. <b>TBD</b> - Thankmas Party

## Area Calendar

September 28 – National Public Lands Day

October 19 – 2019 Mustang Rally Poker Trail Ride and Obstacle Challenge JMHA, Bloomfield NM

<https://www.facebook.com/JicarillaMustangHeritageAlliance/>

November 2 – BCHCO board meeting, Buena Vista CO

### 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

## 2019 Membership Form

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

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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  
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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)***

# Big Game Hunting Planner



**2019 BIG GAME SEASON DATES** — *finalized in January each year*

## Season Dates Overview

**2019**

### Archery

Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)

Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)

Aug. 31–Sept. 29

Oct. 1–25 and

Nov. 6–30 and

Dec. 15–31

Moose

Sept. 7–29

Pronghorn (bucks only)

Aug. 15–31

Pronghorn (either sex)

Sept. 1–20

### Muzzleloader (by draw only)

Deer/elk/moose

Sept. 14–22

Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)

Oct. 12–20

Pronghorn

Sept. 21–29

### Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose

Moose

Oct. 1–14

Separate limited elk (1st season)

Oct. 12–16

Combined (deer/elk) (2nd season)

Oct. 19–27

Combined (deer/elk) (3rd season)

Nov. 2–10

Combined limited (deer/elk) (4th season)

Nov. 13–17

Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)

Oct. 26–Nov. 5

Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)

Dec. 1–14

### Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)

Oct. 5–11

### Black Bear

Rifle limited (by draw)

Sept. 2–30

Archery (over-the-counter with caps)

Sept. 2–30

Muzzleloading (over-the-counter with caps)

Sept. 14–22

\*Rifle (over-the-counter with caps)

\*concurrent with deer/elk rifle seasons

\*Note: To participate in the over-the-counter w/caps rifle bear season, a hunter must also hold a deer or elk license that overlaps with that rifle bear tag by at least one unit and one day of the season. These licenses can be purchased at license agents, by phone and online through Oct. 11th. Then, they are *only* available at CPW offices.

## Hunting and Fishing Regulation Brochures:

*(updated and released annually):*

Available online at [cpw.state.co.us](http://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—Mid-March

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](http://cpw.state.co.us/Brochures)

**Note:** Always check the regulations brochures and online brochure corrections for the latest information and mid-year changes.



## 2019 Big Game Limited-License Draw Application Deadline

**April 2, 2019 8:00 p.m. MT**

(Applications Open March 1)

See the regulation brochure(s) for hunt codes, game management unit boundary descriptions, information on the draw process and more.

## 2019 Leftover Limited Licenses

**On Sale—August 6, 2019 9:00 a.m. MT**

Online

By Phone

At Sales Agents

At CPW Office and Park Locations

## 2019 Over-the-Counter Licenses

**On Sale—August 8, 2019 9:00 a.m. MT**

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