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Open

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(submission deadline
is the 25th of the
month)

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MVBCH

2020

September 2020

Trail Talk



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ted Voelker

We are continuing to move ahead. We had a great camping trip and cleanup at Transfer Corrals for public lands day. The new manure bin looks great, thanks to Tif for working on the grant and setting up the delivery of the materials with help from Keith Bean. We are continuing to work

with the Forest Service regarding adopting the camp.

I would also like to thank Alan Story for his work collecting twine and storing it at his house. We will be loading up and hauling it to Arizona. We are hoping to get this done next week. If you get by IFA or Basin Coop check out the new signs we have for our twine collection bins.

We are moving forward with the scholarship applications and should have them in the hands of local high school seniors soon.

This has been a nice time for riding. The fall colors have been spectacular again this year.

Thanks to some generous members we have been able to have meetings the last couple of months. We will be having a meeting next Tuesday. I will be sending out an agenda soon with the location of the meeting. We will be nominating officers for next year.

Hope to see you at the meeting

Ted

503-927-1681 🐾



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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The Agenda was approved.

President:

- Trail Work - canceled last weeks, but work day up at Transfer corral on Sept 26th, we are trying to adopt the camp, we will do maintenance in Spring and Fall, put up a manure bin thanks to a grant from BCHA national, Forest Service built new pens and are planning on possibly doing a couple more. Issues with non-horse users taking up spaces. BCHA is looking into the issue of non-equestrian users taking up spaces that are deemed trailer parking only etc. to come up with solutions.
- Future meetings - someone suggested the bank, however, not sure whether bank would be viable closed recycled air, possible move meeting to a morning on Sat, possibly at Ellen's barn, virtual (google meet)
- Scholarship - Ted's hoping to wrap up a scholarship, 2 - \$500 scholarships, related to outdoor use or veterinary field or ?
- Twine recycle - apparently, a couple of bags are full and need to be picked up, apparently, Lyn has laminated signs, Ted says they are most likely going to have to haul to Phoenix, AZ, and the guys can stay the night at Al Gram's
- Grant project-manure bin at Transfer update
- Committees - we have a couple of openings and need to put together a nominating committee

Calendar of events for the year

- trail work days - September 26th, up at Transfer at 10 a.m., hoping to arrange some more opportunities for workdays.
- social rides/camp trips - Sue to be gone camping over the next few weekends so will not be able to arrange the color ride
- adopting transfer corral - It was agreed we would adopt the Transfer Corral with signage provided by Forestry Service.

Committee Reports

Treasurer Report – Lyn - The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Education – position open

Social – Sue Grabbe - Out of town

Service – position open

Public Lands - Tif - no update

Newsletter – Lyn - needs photos and stories

Media/Marketing – Veronica - no updates

Website – Tif - no update

BCH/CO - Tif & Al Gram - no update

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Veronica Voelker, Secretary 🐾

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Public Lands Committee Report

Tif Rodriguez, Public Lands Chair



Greetings Chapter Members.

Just an update that we are always working for you. Did you know that after years of work and pestering we are gaining access to the Summit Lake BLM area, consisting of a couple thousand acres, for us to enjoy on our horses? It is going to be designated horse and hike emphasis. Fantastic! We were just in communications with the BLM folks on the parking area, and they are engineer designing it to accommodate several horse trailers. A bonus, we will have input on signage, trail usage and etiquette, and "horse trailer parking only" signs! Can you believe it?

We are also in the process of commenting to the Forest Service on the proposed e-Bike rule and designation. So important that our members stay engaged and active.

Our member numbers are down. This has been a very weird year. We need your support and membership. You don't have to wield chainsaws and do trail work. We need you at meetings, social events, volunteering at all of our events and your membership dollars and numbers to bolster our seat at the table. If you have a passion for our public lands, for Back Country Horsemen of America and ensuring your right to ride and that of future generations continues, join us. We'd love to have you!

Sincerely,

Latifia Rodriguez
MVBCH Public Lands Chair 🐾



MVBCH DOES NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY RIGHT!

National Public Lands Day is celebrated annually at public lands on the fourth Saturday of September all across the nation. It promotes both popular enjoyment and [volunteer](#) conservation of [public lands](#). This year, our very own San Juan National Forest reached out to our chapter to ask if we would participate in a cleanup day for NPLD. Of course we enthusiastically agreed!



Notice went out on social media, Facebook, nifty flyers and e-mails to our members, inviting them to come and help us check, clean up and maintain the Transfer Corrals. What a great time we had! All in all, we picked up approximately 20 pounds of trash between litter, wire, weeds and stacking wood. We also cleaned the manure from pens and filled our manure bin that we donated! There were eight volunteers throughout the day that contributed sweat equity, vehicle and trailer miles and horse power.

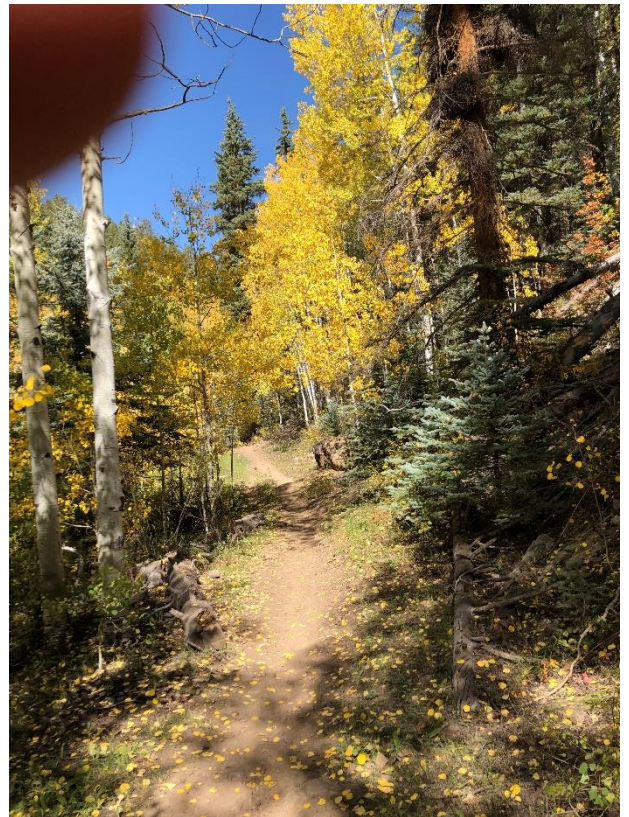
After the cleanup, we had a wonderful ride and enjoyed the amazing fall colors in the area. They were spectacular this year. Back from the ride, we again enjoyed good company, camaraderie and really good food and drinks!

NPLD is so important to our organization. I am hopeful that MVBCH will continue to host events on this important day of preserving our public lands for our access. National BCHA also had one heck of a campaign going, raising much needed funds nationwide to further our mission.

Thanks everyone! Be sure to join now so your membership is good through all of 2021! We need you and your support to ensure we can continue the work and fun that we do in our four corners area.

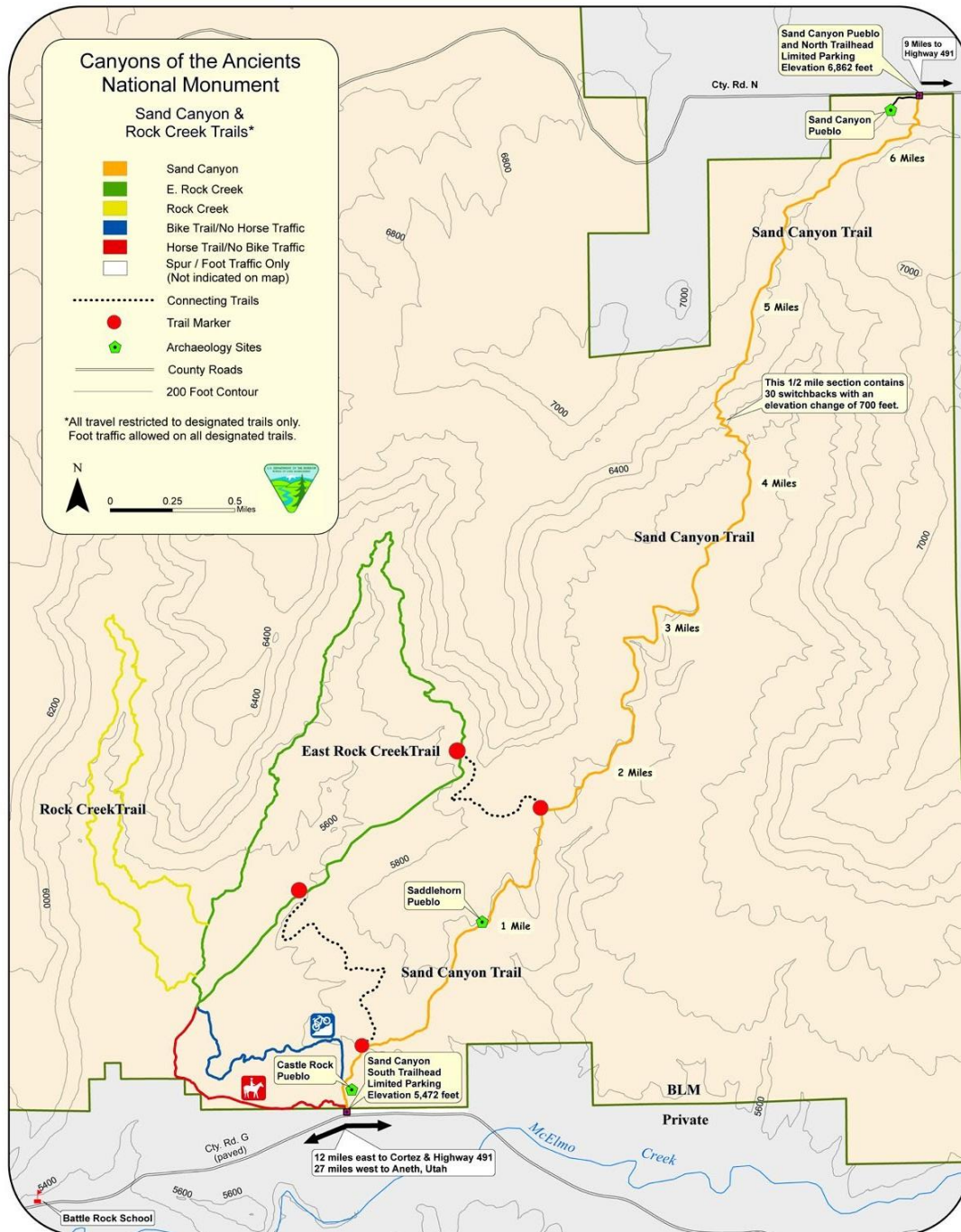
Tif Rodriguez

MVBCH Public Lands Chair 🐎



Canyons of the Ancients

If you are looking for a place to ride during colder weather, check out Canyons of the Ancients. From Cortez, on the 491, turn right on G Street and go 12 miles.



Meeting Corner:

October 20, 2020
6:30 Happy Half Hour, 7:00 Meeting
Ellen Leis Home
Mancos, CO

Contact us for directions and logistics!



September meeting – Kathe's house

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.

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!

THANK YOU AL GRAM
FOR HAULING THE
TWINE TO ARIZONA!

MVBCH BOARD

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.

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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This space for personal ads.



McPhee Park Sign – McPhee Park

**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

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

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

January 2020

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September 2020

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December 2020

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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: _____

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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

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

