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MVBCH

Sept-Oct 2021

Trail Talk



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Alan Story

Hi all,

Well, it's time again for another Presidents message:

The time just seems to be flying by. Another month has passed, and it was a busy one. We have had 2 weekday rides and went to Bear Creek on September 23rd.

The rides have been enjoyable, and we were also able to do some trail work. More heavy trail work still needs to be done on 2 trails- Fish Creek and Goble. At the meeting, we planned the first week in November for work on the Fish Creek trail. We will also be setting other dates for work in the future.



In our last meeting we approved an election committee for the upcoming elections. Al, Allice, and Wanda are the committee. If you would like to run for an office in YOUR CLUB, please contact

one of them before the Oct. meeting. All offices are open except the State Representative currently held by Tif. It is a two- year office and is open on the even years. The other State Representative office is open and will be a two- year term elected on the odd years.

We will have our Fall color ride and Dutch-oven cook out on Oct. 1, 2, & 3 at Transfer campground. If you are unable to come for all, please come for what you can. We, the other members of YOUR CLUB, would love to see you there. Even if you cannot ride, come for Saturday's Dutch-oven dinner

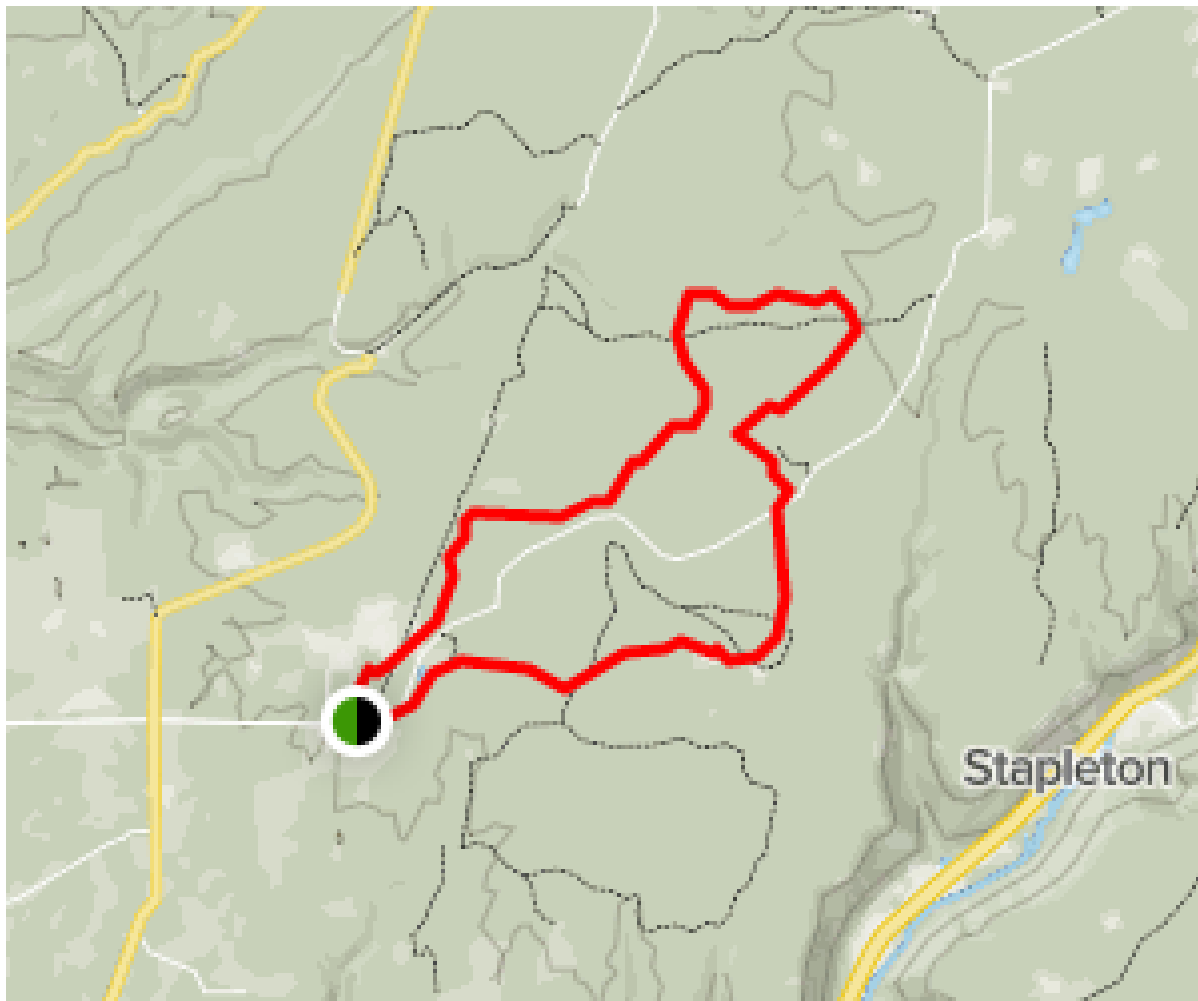
We have also set two weekday rides planned for Oct. 13, and the 27th. {Time and places to follow in a later post}

For now, I hope to see you all on the trail, at the meeting, or maybe in passing. Have a great month and enjoy the trails in this most beautiful time of year.

ALAN 🐾

NOTE FROM EDITOR: Highlight/CTRL/Click or Copy and paste the address below for an interactive map of the Boggy Draw Trail System

[Boggy Draw Loop Mountain Bike Trail, Cortez, Colorado \(mtbproject.com\)](http://mtbproject.com/Boggy-Draw-Loop-Mountain-Bike-Trail-Cortez-Colorado)



From Dolores, go up Dolores Norwood Road to CR W – Turn Right and continue to the trailhead.

The Boggy Draw loop is the core of the Boggy Draw trail system. It is just under 9 miles of generally smooth, flowing singletrack. The Boggy Draw loop starts a few miles up the hill from the town of Dolores in a signed trailhead parking lot. There is a kiosk near the parking lot with a trail map showing the various recreation trails in the area. To access the main Boggy Draw loop, continue East on County Rd W out of the parking lot for a couple hundred yards and take the signed singletrack on the right.

Once on the singletrack, follow it through some good camp sites and across a small dam. There is often wildlife including ducks, geese, frogs, and songbirds around the pond on the backside of this dam. Shortly after the pond you'll encounter a signed intersection with the Mavericks Loop trail. Stay left to continue on the Boggy Draw loop.



Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Nihla McCabe, Secretary

Meeting called to order by President Story at 7:05 pm

Alan said he selected an Election Committee and they were approved by the Board. They are Al, Alice and Wanda. He asked the members to approve the committee. Justin made a motion to approve them, Sue seconded the motion. All approved. Lyn said she would be Treasurer for one more year. Sue made a motion that she remain in that position, Justin seconded the motion. All

approved. Alan thanked Lyn.

All Officer positions are open except Tif's. Alan said to ask while calling if anyone interested in being a Board Member would also be willing to be a State Rep. Nominations at the October meeting. Lyn asked about Nihla continuing as Secretary. Wanda said Nihla said she would be willing to stay in that position.

Alan asked for approval of last month's minutes, Al made a motion to accept them, Ken seconded the motion. All approved.

Alan is having Biweekly rides. He needs someone to run the weekend rides. Next Thursday is the next ride, going to Bear Creek, meeting at 9 am at the Dolores Post Office. Some people say there are some rough spots. October 13th they will ride Boggy Draw and the 27th Sand Canyon. Will put out an announcement to the members. Color Ride is October 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Going to Transfer.

Alan asked Sue to report on the new Summit area BLM opened up to horses. Sue said it's well marked, says Summit Lake West, turn on 35.6. Turn right on N and the parking for trailers is on the left. Best horse trailer parking she has seen. There are no trails at all and the terrain for the first ½ mile that she and a friend hiked was straight up and straight down. Not sure if it gets better further in. Lots of pinon and hard to get through. She recommended people go without horses first to check the area out as it would be very challenging. Lyn said maybe take trimmers and saws and start working on areas for access. Sue said if it gets better further in if Lyn goes to let her know.

REPORTS:

TREASURER: Balances are the same as last month minus paying for the State Annual Report. She will be moving money out of Paypal. Need to do something with excess funds. Wanda said the Posse is a 501 C3 and there is no problem with holding funds, the Posse has done it for years without a problem. Ellen asked Lyn how many members we had, Lyn said 24 paid member families. Ellen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Sue seconded the motion, all approved.

PUBLIC LANDS: (Tif was not at the meeting) Sue gave an update on the new trail.

NEWSLETTER: Lyn said Lauren was doing a super job getting info out. A hard copy newsletter was not necessary. Sue said Lauren needed to pick up some of the things Lyn did, get pictures sent and make sure to email other clubs. Lyn said we should go to businesses about advertising in the newsletter, ask for 25.00 for the year. Would be extra revenue. It was suggested by Alan that we list everyone that donated anything for the year and put it in the end of the year newsletter thanking them for their support. Lauren suggested doing a quarterly

newsletter. Sue made a motion to try the quarterly newsletter for 6 months then revisit it. Justin seconded the motion. All approved. Quarterly newsletter will start in October.

Lauren had two things to discuss. First was having the Education Committee let her know what educational event will be at the meeting ahead of time so she can get it out to the members and she will put it on Facebook. Secondly, she would like to suggest a list of local service recommendations in the newsletter for farriers, vets etc. for members. She will cross level emails with Facebook, all emails will come from the Backcountry Horsemen. She won't send out many emails. Do we have any expectations she is not meeting, everyone said no. There will be no educational programs until January 2022 due to elections and Christmas party. A Christmas

SOCIAL: Party was discussed, Sue said we usually have a Thankmas Party the first part of December at someone's house or at a restaurant. It was suggested we hold it at First National Bank, have a potluck and the club provide a ham. Sue said she would coordinate the food. Lyn said we could order a ham and turkey from Safeway and they would cook it, or have Lynetta cater it. It was decided to have the Thankmas party December 14th, our regular meeting date at First National Bank. Alan made a motion for the club to purchase a ham, Ellen seconded the motion. All approved.

STATE: Nothing to report.

ROUNDTABLE: Sue said there are a lot of GPS apps out there that can be used to track your rides. She suggested an educational meeting on them, like GAIA and Ramblr to let people know what's available and possible costs. Justin said he would like to have an educational meeting to build our First Aid Kits, then they are done. He said if he had lead time he could get some of the stuff. Sue said we need to assign someone for the snacks each month.

Next meeting is October 12th, Justin and Lauren said they would provide the snacks. Sue made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Alan seconded the motion. With nothing more to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm 🐾

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

Happy Trails!

Summit Lake Update:

As many of you saw on Facebook and has been discussed, access has been gained to the previously inaccessible parcel of BLM land behind Summit Lake, spanning a couple thousand acres and reaching over to Cedar Mesa.

Some points I'd like to remind folks of:

When this area was designated as an SRMA (Special Recreation Management Area) by the BLM in their travel management plan years ago, this area was slated to be for hiking and equestrian use emphasis. Luckily, BLM is following through with that designation, despite the fact that now, all nonmotorized trails on BLM land could

theoretically be used by e-bikes as well.

Something always starts with nothing. This is the first equestrian area designated as such in this area, something we should celebrate and something MVBCH has been instrumental in achieving. Also noted in the SRMA designation and the TAP 1 plan, no trails were to be cut in, as folks wanted an outdoor experience, being able to recreate as it is. This has also been discussed and published many times. To gain access to the interior area we will need to do some work to get there. Because this has been an unused area and no trails have been created, we'll have to use our imagination -- and yes, do some boots on the ground work. Now, some of our members may not understand that, but many of us do. Some of us have already been out there to explore it a bit and see where it would be best to get access to the interior portion. Again, because it's unused and no trails have been cut in, it's a clean slate.

The parking area is beautiful and done as per designs shared with us last year. Parking is always an issue, but it shouldn't be here. Again, something to celebrate.

I'm hopeful that MVBCH will continue to support this endeavor. If not, however, there are folks that are willing to help BLM keep the parking area and interior clean. As always, if you have questions, contact me any time.

E-bikes were approved to be used in the Aqueduct and Chutes & Ladders areas, FYI. That decision was made and signed in December of 2020.

National Public Lands Day is always the last Saturday in September. I hope some of you were able to get out this past weekend and recreate, work and enjoy our public lands that BCHA works hard to ensure your continued access on.

Tif Rodriguez
MVBCH Public Lands Chair
BCHCO Director
BCHA Treasurer 2022 🐾

Where You Been Ridn'

SEPTEMBER 2021

Goble



Bear Creek



By Kathe Hayes

My friends and I recently camped up north of Durango, behind Purgatory Ski Area, at the Hermosa Creek trailhead. There is a nice big meadow there that can accommodate large rigs. Across the creek there are corrals, but we just made our electric pens.

I would recommend going during the week as weekends are busy with bicycles and motorized. However there are several rides where you can safely ride.

I recommend riding the Hermosa Cree trail in the afternoon after most of the bikes are done. There's a great trail which we call Stagecoach but has been renamed West Cross Creek. Also crossing the creek and riding up the meadow to Sig Creek is a nice ride.

The road to this area is steep gravel and narrow in spots but very doable.

Happy trails

Kathe Hayes



Meeting Corner:

October 12th

6:30 Happy Half Hour, 7:00 Meeting

Place – First National Bank, Cortez

2258 E Main St, Cortez CO 81321



Nihla and Wanda at Rendezvous

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Remember to tell your friends and family they can join our chapter when attending a meeting (bring or mail 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

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

Message from the Editor

As a chapter, we decided to do a quarterly newsletter moving forward. This newsletter is the last one for 2021. Our next one will be January 2022.

Information is being disseminated on our Face Book Page and by Email from the Chapter Email, mvbchorsemen@yahoo.com by our new Public Service Announcement Chair, Lauren Lawrence, as well as on our Web Site www.mesaverdehorsemen.com, managed by Latifia Rodriguez. Please look to these sites for information and announcements. Lots of good information there! Also, new members and renewal members can renew on our web site.

On behalf of the Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen (MVBCH), thank you to all of our donors, supporters, attendees and members, for another successful poker ride! The threat of rain proved a reality, but we had fun in spite of it; in fact, we welcomed it!

Please support these businesses who were so generous to us this year:

Cavallo, Main Street Brewery, Tequilas, IFA, Western Corral, Bubba's, Montana Silversmith, Easy Care, Dave Keese (wine), Handlebar Saloon, Durango Silverton RR and Dolores Food Market.

Sincerely,

Lyn Rowley,
Editor – MVBCH Newsletter



Chicken Creek Ski Area



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

Area Calendar 2021

September 30 – October 3 – Durango Cowboy Poetry Gathering

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

2021 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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(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

