

A zoom meeting was held at 7 p.m., June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for Central Utah Back Country Horsemen and called to order by Lynn Barton, President.

WHITE HILLS: Background: There has recently been concern for access to the trails in this wildlife management area. It is managed by the Wildlife Division. Diane Cote gave a power point presentation showing recent pictures and an old State trail map of the area. This map now is published on sites for bikes. (Last photo is the map, attached.) The Wildlife Division asked dedicated hunter volunteers to block some existing trails (see photo #2). Pictures 3, 4, and 5 are some of the trails used by bikes and horses. Corby Briggs, our Vice President, contacted Mark Farmer in the Wildlife Division to discuss this, with the intent of forming a working relationship between our club and the management of White Hills. Mr. Farmer said he did not mind horseback riding at White Hills, but had blocked the trail along the face (running parallel to the highway) because they were unauthorized and being used by bikes. This trail is used by horses also. (See photo #2.) Mr. Farmer also stated they are having a meeting in January about White Hills and invites all interested parties to attend who want a say in how the area is managed. Additional points as follows were made from the ensuing discussion:

- This area is very valuable to us as a close-by riding area, and we would not want to lose access to it.
- We need to keep it friendly with the managing body.
- Bikes and horses don't mix well.
- Restricting use to designated trails will reduce the impact to resources (soils and vegetation).
- Our by-laws state our mission is to keep equestrian access open.
- Sheep put into White Hills this year caused damage by erosion and eating everything, leaving regeneration for wildlife by wintertime difficult. ( See photos #6-8).
- Lynn suggested we pick some trails and ask if they can be made authorized trails at the January meeting. Diane said in a follow-up phone call she is willing to take 2-3 people into the area on horseback with a map and show them the various trails to consider. If you would like to ride these with her, please let her or Joyce or Patti know.

RIDES discussed:

JULY 15<sup>th</sup> Thursday. Candland Mtn. with Corby. 5-6 hours. More info to follow.

JULY 23<sup>rd</sup>, Friday: Fairview all-horse parade. It has been previously in the evening, and if you rode in the parade you received a ticket to the rodeo immediately following the parade. Joyce will send an email about a practice time in Fairview prior to the parade. This is a low-key parade, and most horses can do it. Let Joyce know if you are interested in a Central Utah BCH shirt; she has a few extras.

AUG 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Meeting and LADIES ride in Ephraim Canyon. Ready to ride @ 5 pm. Graciela will give us a warm-up for riding, if her schedule permits. Ride @ 5:30-

7:00. DINNER prepared after by the men with Lynn in charge. All ladies are welcome, members or not, and whether they ride or not. Lynn is a good cook; you won't want to miss this! RSVP, and more info to follow.

SIGNED: Joyce N. Smith, Secretary