

SRBCH Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2026

Emery County Administration Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rod, Wayne, Don, Terri, Ken, Dale, Tom, Jim, Tom, Coco, Brad

OLD BUSINESS:

Moore Canyon – Jaydon Mead, BLM and 2 others along with 8 SRBCH members and Nate Conder (State Trail Crew) worked on Moore Cyn trail on April 23, 2026. SRBCH packed in an electric jackhammer, generator and several trail tools. The trail is now much wider, the rock jumps on the top a more manageable. The trail is in much better shape.

Sids Mountain Wayne, Don, Terri, Erik, Brad completed the SHPO site survey of Sid's Cabin and camped on the Sids mountain for 3 days and 2 nights. It was a great campout. The ruggedness of the trail was discussed. Don has discussed this with Dana Truman and Jaydon Mead. There is talk of a coordinated effort to improve the one very rugged spot just before you reach the top of the trail.

BLM horse ride: On April 21, 2026 several SRBCH members along with Dana Truman, Sadie and Kristy rode horses to the Three Peaks Overlook and the Can Wash Overlook. Eric provided an excellent lunch of BBQ pork back at the horse trailers. Some good conversations with Dana occurred.

Western States Trail Conference in Rock Springs, WY: May 19 – 21, 2026. BCHU will have a booth this year. They are looking for other states and chapters to help defray the cost. If you are a member of BCHU you can receive a \$50 discount.

Public Lands: DWR will be re-routing the Fullers Bottom road to the low water crossing. It will be moved to the other side of Fuller's Wash. Camping is not allowed at Fuller's Bottom, however, they are willing to make an exception for SRBCH.

At the National BCHA discussion occurred about at large memberships. Two resolutions were discussed. The Legacy fund and interest rates were discussed. Elections occurred: same officers as last year.

Membership is down nationwide. Also, all Equestrian campgrounds are having difficulty with non-equestrian people stay in the campground. In WY they have posted non-equestrian campers may use facilities after 4:00 p.m. and must checkout the next day by 10:30. This seems to be working very well.

Chainsaw Training has been changed. The national would like each state to list their training dates and post it on the national site so that other states can attend the trainings. Crosscut certification class will be May 27 – 31, 2026 at the Rock Creek guard station in the High Uintas.

FINANCES: Ken reported \$23,687 in the checking account. It was decided Ken and Dale would go to Eastern Utah Credit Union (our banking institute) and purchase a long term CD for one year for \$13,000 in order to earn a higher interest rate and a beneficial investment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Forest Service – Kacie and Josh have asked for SRBCH assistance on Big East Trail on July 20 – 22, 2026. We will pack in the equipment for the Utah State Trail Crew.

Work Projects: (in addition to annual trail maintenance)

Forest Service – Scad Valley Trailhead and bridge- Tom and Don have cut holes in I-beam and went to the job site for more current measurements. Tom questioned whether we really need to replace the entire bridge. The support beams underneath are still in very good condition. We could replace two I-beams down the sides and replace the planks on top of the bridge. We could also take poles off the top, and use treated 6x6 would also work. It was decided the Rod, Wayne and Don will meet with Kacie, FS, at 10:00 on Friday, May 8 to discuss what actually needs to be done. A date for repairs will be determined. Probably in June.

Trails cleaned to date by Tom:

Tie Fork – Gentry Hollow, Wild Cattle, Horse Cyn from Huntington Cyn to the top, DD, Pete's Hole to Mary's Lake, Black Cyn from 2nd trail to Shoofly, Flood Cyn – about 90% of the way to the top. He has been a busy person. Thank You Tom.

BLM – Revised travel plan: San Rafael Desert will have 20 miles of road reopened. San Rafael Swell will have 220 miles of road reopened. This will be out for public comment. Anyone who wants to comment on these roads can find the document at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/Project-Home/?id=809280b1-a7f2-f011-8407-001dd80c29f3>.

The Wedge Management Plan will be out in May. Rod felt all members should go online and make a comment once it is made public. We need to let the BLM know that we approve of the Equestrian Trailhead.

State BCHU meeting will be held via ZOOM on May 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

No ride for May.

SRBCHU annual campout will be July 9 – 11, 2026 at Black Canyon. Mark your calendars.

Next meeting – June 4, 2026 Emery County Administration Building @ 6:30.