



Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



The March meeting was well attended and some significant changes were approved. **First is that we are changing our meeting day to the first Wednesday of the month, so the next one is April 5.** The officers will hold a business meeting, open to all who would like to attend, at 5:30pm and then at 6:30 the educational session will start. We are striving to have a 1-hour educational session with topics that will interest members to come and learn. Education is one of BCHA's mission statements. Another change is that an annual budget was approved. Line-item expenses were projected and discussed. By approving a budget the chapter will not have to approve each and ever expense prior to

making the expense. This will help the chapter run more efficiently. Don't worry, expenses will be discussed as they occur, but usually after the fact rather than before.

Dawna Ferris-Rowley shared what's happening with several trailheads. Expect new fencing to replace old fencing to start in late April. Have you all noticed there's a user fee at the Harrisburg trailhead, \$5.00? But we learned if you have a National Park Senior Pass there's no fee as long as you hang it in a visible place, like a placard hanging on the rear view mirror. Don't have a pass, you can buy one or just bring a senior with you... most of us have one.

We are working on having a new step over built for accessing what's called Zone 6 near Rein Makers in Bloomington. We will have a work project day to do this installation in the very near future.

The April 8th chapter ride will be a ride, burger burn and movie featuring our very own Kayla Law. I saw the premiere and it's a real heart-warming tale. You don't want to miss it.

Hope you are ready for the really **BIG news**, hot off the email press. **Tim Walters** with Zion National Park was **successful in getting a grant** for connecting historic trails in the Chinle/Coal Pits area, with our chapter as a partner. It's a big dollar amount for a big project for which we have a **significant involvement**. More details will be presented on April 5th, the educational session.

Happy trails...Lin

NEXT MEETING

April 5th, 6:30PM Community Building

See Page 8 for details



Monthly Ride!

April 8th @ Natalie Law's place in Leeds

Burger Burn and film to follow.

See Page 8 for Details

Wednesday April 5th
Meeting at the Community Bldg 6:30PM

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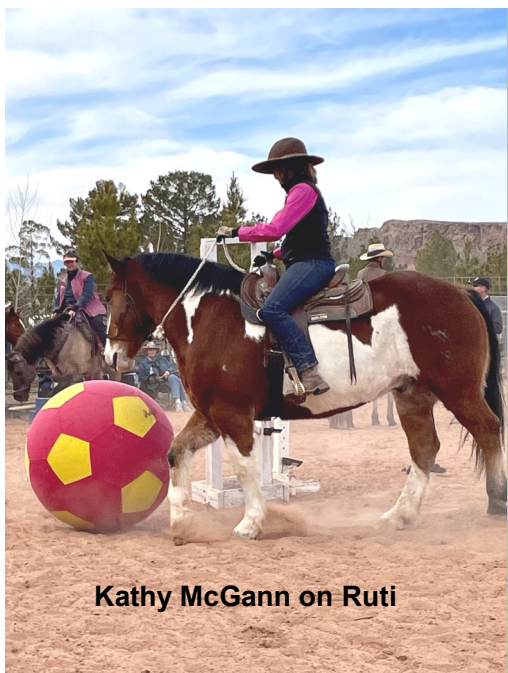
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Back Stories

By Lin Hokana

Back stories, back stories, we all have them. When riding we often share them. Some are better than others. Like how I found my Morgan mare – we owned and loved her gaited dam Lillie but when Sue saw her then 5-year old foal for sale we just had to check her out, and bought Gracie. Or I could tell you about the brand “MP” on the shoulder of my gelding. Neither story is terribly exciting, but they’re back stories of interest.

Some of us have really interesting back stories. For example the coordinator of the Don Jessop Clinic last month has a great one. The back story is why we had the (second, annual?) clinic (see the story in last month’s newsletter). Kathy McGann and Ruti have become a success story. And I don’t think any of us at the clinic could match the ultra-slow walk she and Ruti demonstrated, something I’ve labeled, “The Rutiger Waltz.” It’s quite the challenge to rhythmically control each and every step at 0.25 MPH. Try it, it’s fun. There are several back stories hidden in those few lines above. Take a bow, Ruti...



Kathy McGann on Ruti

I don’t know the back story associated with the next photo. Here is our chapter secretary, Jarice Butterfield and her daughter, Salina successfully riding their young horse Flicka.



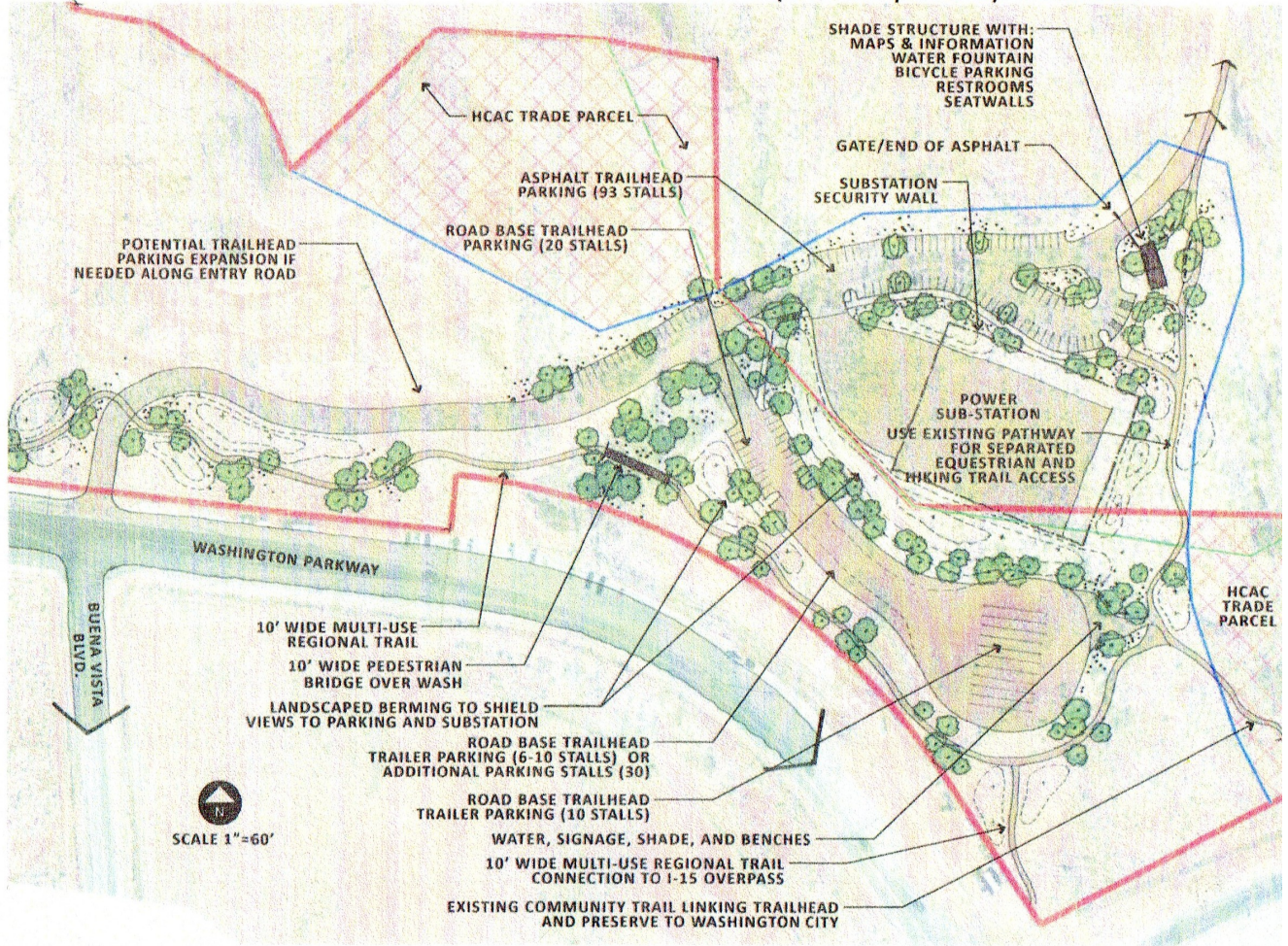
We all have a back story but not all of us get to ride together and hear that tale. To have some human interest (aka “horse interest”) stories in our newsletter, please, while the weather is unsuitable for riding, share your story. We have a lot of new members and this is a way to get to know you. Hey, it’s fun and only takes a little bit of time.

Send your story to: Paul Sloane <psloane@infowest.com>

Projects on the Horizon

New Grapevine trailhead (Exit 13)

Revised Exit 13 (aka Grapevine) Trailhead



Area 6

Needs a Stepmover to the left of the gate







Tukupetsi (Santa Clara) Trailhead

Needs some ground maintenance at the gate









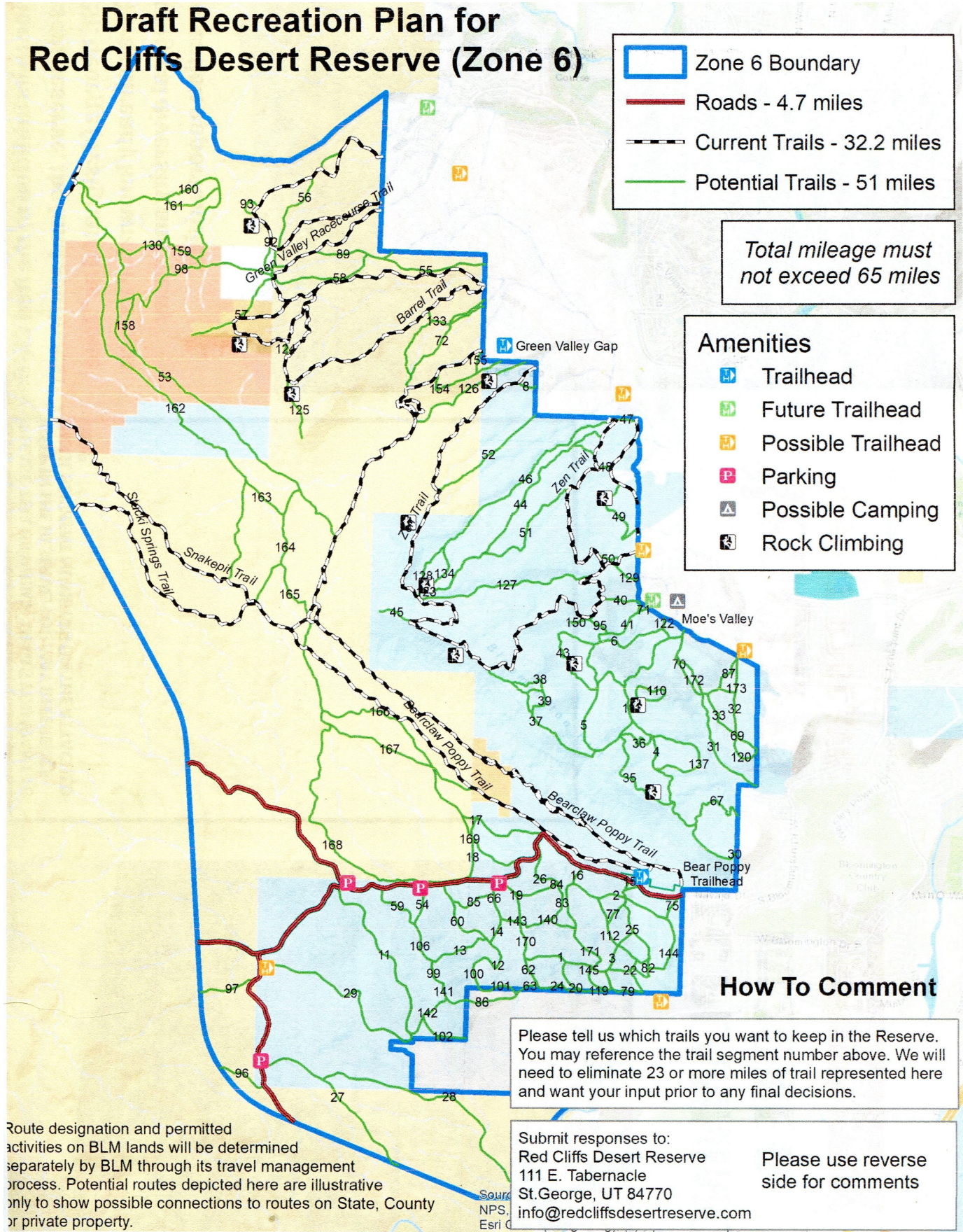
Draft Recreation Plan for Red Cliffs Desert Reserve (Zone 6)

-  Zone 6 Boundary
-  Roads - 4.7 miles
-  Current Trails - 32.2 miles
-  Potential Trails - 51 miles

Total mileage must not exceed 65 miles

Amenities

-  Trailhead
-  Future Trailhead
-  Possible Trailhead
-  Parking
-  Possible Camping
-  Rock Climbing



How To Comment

Please tell us which trails you want to keep in the Reserve. You may reference the trail segment number above. We will need to eliminate 23 or more miles of trail represented here and want your input prior to any final decisions.

Submit responses to:
 Red Cliffs Desert Reserve
 111 E. Tabernacle
 St. George, UT 84770
info@redcliffsdesertreserve.com

Please use reverse side for comments

Route designation and permitted activities on BLM lands will be determined separately by BLM through its travel management process. Potential routes depicted here are illustrative only to show possible connections to routes on State, County or private property.

Source: NPS, Esri

March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Lin Hokana at 6:30PM

In Attendance: John West, Scott Ford, Carol Guilfoyle (guest from WA), Deja Scheitzer, Pat Wilson, Delray Jackson, Connie Jackson, Marie Langness, Mel Langness, Jim & Alice Allen (guests from South Dakota), Freddy Dunn, Larry Dunn, Paul Sloane, DeAnn Fieselman, Bobby Jo Wetsel, Tammy Lineback, Jarice Butterfield, Lin Hokana, Laurie Clay

Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions

Educational Presentation: Dawna Ferris-Rowley, Manager, Red Cliffs NCA

Dawna reviewed all the projects that have recently been completed, as well as future needs.

- Trail maintenance – remarking trails, addressing erosion, etc.
- New Fencing being stalled starting late April
- Working with the Forrest Service on new trails (shared use)
- Mountain biker education on the trail; possibility of partnering on outreach with BCHU
- Network with TASU group; school mountain bike groups; possibly create committee
- There were 625,000 visitors to the local trails last year per traffic counters
- There is a step over on Red Mountain that needs to be rebuilt
- Dawna noted that if you have the Senior Pass you get in to the parks free (no fee then at Harrisburg trailhead – hang pass on rear view mirror)

Minutes: Motion to accept/corrected as published in the newsletter made and passed

Treasurer's Report: Freddy Dunn reported. Motion made and passed to accept the report.

Review of Prior Business:

- **Emergency Evacuation Plan** – Lin will attend and seek assistance at the Dammeron Valley Fire and Rescue open house on April 22.
- **501(c)3 application status** –this BCHU SW chapter qualifies for the EZ form (Lin and Freddy will meet and complete); The fee will range from \$275-600 and is a line item in the budget.

New Business:

- Preparing an annual budget – A discussion took place regarding the need for an annual budget with specified line items to be adopted by the organization so that expenditures can be made when needed without getting chapter approval prior to each expenditure. A proposed annual budget was presented and line items discussed. The total proposed annual expenses exceeded annual income. However, there are reserves to cover the deficit if needed. Work project expenses, the largest expenditures, could be covered in part or whole with grants.

A Motion to approve an annual budget was made and passed.

- **Change meeting day to 1st Wednesday & new format** – It was proposed that the monthly meeting be split into two parts: A business meeting that would take place at 5:30pm (all members can attend if desired) followed by a 1-hour educational and informational meeting starting at 6:30pm. Due to the availability of the meeting room, the day will be changed to the first Wednesday of every month. The proposed change would start in April 5, 2023.

Motion made to approve – passed

- **Signage re bicycles for public lands** – Lin will convene a committee

Committee Reports:**Liaison to local public lands agencies:** Lin Hokana /Freddy Dunn, Co-chairs

- Future corrals at Pine Valley – meeting with Charity Jessop/Larry Velarde; this project has been delayed to a later time, details forthcoming.
- Exit 13 – meeting with Paul Walker, Washington City Assistant Leisure Services Director – Lin sent a letter of support from the chapter supporting their grant application. The “Grapevine Crossing” trailhead is being refurbished this summer.
- New Mountain Trail Course (<https://www.bolenderhorsepark.com/imtca-about/>) on BLM land/Three Peaks Rec Area (near Cedar City) and request for letter of support from Christine Fletcher (4-H group)for their grant application (it will include an obstacle course, more trails, etc.); Lin sent a letter of support from the chapter supporting their grant application. This would be a 2-year project.
- Zone 6 Desert Reserve Step Over - A the group went up to review a spot where a stepover could be constructed. This is near the Rain Makers Equestrian Center. With the approval of the annual budget this work can proceed. Lin will be in touch about a date and time. Volunteers are needed to install the stepover.
- An update on Private Stock riding in Bryce was presented.
- The Santa Clara Trail Head – the gate accessing the trail now has a sign infringing into the opening, making it a hazard to get equines through it. Lin will contact the BLM about the possibility of installing a stepover with a gate (cattle grazing area).
- Grant Updates – Committee Formed: Jarice and Lin
- BCHA has grants, deadline tomorrow 3-15-23
- BCHUtah has grant money available
- National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, deadline to apply is April 15, 2023
- Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant, deadline to apply is March 17, 2023
- Zion NP and grant – applied for; waiting to hear

Report from the Liaison to State BCHU – John West

- Report from January 21 Meeting was given.
- 20 riders from Wasatch chapter coming down in April 26-30th and want trailhead folks from BCH-SW to ride Babylon, etc.; Deja and DeAnne volunteered to assist John

Annual Fund Raising/Membership Drive Dinner:

A remaining plaques and candy will be distributed soon.

The idea of acknowledging a “Sponsor of the Month” in our newsletter was proposed.

Membership Committee Update– Laurie Clay is the Chair; John West and Pat Wilson volunteered assist

- Flier for hand out – Laurie/John; presented a window flyer sample; possibly use this model or a revised model for recruitment.
- Having a booth at community events was proposed.
- Non-renewing members list was reviewed. Laurie will reach out to them to remind them to renew if they desire.
- Email Freddy if you want a copy of the current member roster.

Work Projects Update: Jeanette Blasdell and Deja Schweitzer, Co-chairs

- National Trails Day June 3, 2023 – this is a service day and Cottonwood clean-up was suggested as is a possibility project day

Education Presentations Update - Freddy Dunn, Chair

- April 5 – Larry Velarde and/or Charity Jessop from the US Forest Service and Natalie Law on hydration of horses
- May 3 – Possibly Tim Walters, Zion NP and Mike Schijf, Red Cliffs Desert Reserve
- June 7 – Possibly Kristen Comella from Snow Canyon
- August 2 – TBD
- September 6 – TBD
- October 4 – TBD
- November 1 - TBD
- January 3 2024 - TBD

Trail Committee (new committee): Deja, Chair (also Jeanette, Steve, Tammy, Max Whiting) A proposed form for use by the trail committee was reviewed. Deja said the committee will use this form or something similar to provide more detailed information about the annual rides. She noted that a variety of rides will be offered to include over-night, various levels, etc. in order to meet all members' needs.

Ride Calendar Update:

- April 8 – Leeds, Natalie Law Trail Boss. Burger Burn and movie to follow; directions to be forthcoming; members must RSVP
- May 13 –
- June 10 –
- August 12 – Pine Valley, burger burn to follow
- September 9 –
- October 14 (OR Play Day Reinmakers on the 21st) –
- November 11 (Veterans Day) –
- January 13, 2024 -

Other:

- John West has belt buckles to sell on behalf of the chapter; he wants to order 6-10 buckles and use chapter money to do it as it is providing revenue to the chapter. This can come out of the fund-raising budget line item.

Adjourn: 8:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Jarice Butterfield

Editors note:

There was no ride story of ride pictures for March due to it being cancelled because of rain. And rain it did! Stay safe and be wise about where you ride.

Sponsors of the Month!

IFA— St. George

IFA-Cedar City

Presented to Tom Hulet & Stan Eng

Presented to Sam Mortensen & Staff



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- **April, 5 2023**—St. George Community Bldg. 6:30pm

Come and participate in our decisions for the chapter!



CHAPTER RIDES: Every 2nd Saturday of each month (unless specified otherwise)

April 8th -Ride address: 520 W Silver Crest Court, Leeds UT 84746

Google maps and Apple Maps does plenty fine getting you there. When people come they should come to the cul-de-sac, turn around and then park on the road. Leaving the cul-de-sac clear for others to turn around. We will meet in the cul-de-sac and ride from there. When we finish, the ride, horses will be tied in an arena. Horses probably should not be left at their trailers because of the narrow road.

Natalie says the trail would be intermediate, she takes beginner riders on it all the time but they are riding horses used to the trail. The trail has a few steeper, climbs and rocky sections. Round-trip is about 6 miles.

Burger Burn and film to follow

REMEMBER: Dogs are only permitted on leashes in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and in Snow Canyon. We as Back Country Horsemen must set the example, so we thank you in advance for your compliance with the rules.



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Back Country Horsemen of Utah



Southwest Chapter Newsletter
P.O. Box 3174
St. George, UT 84771

The Purpose of the Back Country Horsemen of Utah is:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure the public lands remain open to recreational pack and saddle stock use.
3. To assist the agencies responsible for the management of public lands.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in wise and sustaining use of back country resources by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters of Back Country Horsemen throughout Utah.

To:

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH—Southwest Chapter

PO Box 3174, St. George, UT 84771

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership: _____ Renewal: _____

NAME/S: _____

*Please list names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or join as individual members.

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS:

Home: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

OTHER HORSE/MULE ASSOCIATIONS YOU BELONG TO:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Liability Release: (MUST BE SIGNED)

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses/mules, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, *UCA 78-27b* Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities * It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. *Inherent risk* with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BCHU: Individual: \$30.00; Family: \$40.00; Patron: \$100.00