



TRAIL TALK Northeast Chapter September 2008

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Mission Statement – The purpose of Backcountry Horsemen of Washington is to perpetuate the legal and moral claim by the American people to use horses and mules for recreation on public lands.

Next General meeting will be Sept 18 @ The Williams Valley Grange
7:00pm

PRESIDENTS CORNER: By Leon Sproule



I am writing this on Labor Day taking a break from laboring painting the living room ceiling. The horses have given up on me lately as I have been busy doing other essential things. They still have plenty of pasture this year

thanks to the wet spring and slow to arrive but quick to leave summer. Last year about this time they were starting to question me about the arrival of hay as the pasture had been depleted.

Labor Day is traditionally meant to honor those who work for a living but there are many kinds of labor. We have work parties where we work for the pleasure of seeing a trail reopened or a rotted bridge replaced. We work to take care of our animals to repay them for the work that they do hauling us and our goods where we want to go. Some of us work in the political processes to encourage the lawmakers to preserve our right to access the back country in the traditional manner of using horses and mules.

Whatever we do as Back Country Horsemen is noticed, and our reputation as being willing to work for what we want is known to many of the managers who are responsible for public lands. Recently, we were invited to a public meeting by the Forest Service just because of our reputation for working for our access. The Forest Service is considering removing off road vehicles from an area where they are not appropriate and not legal and restoring what was once an equestrian trailhead and campground. The users of ATV's do not see themselves as a problem and many of them are respectful of the land but many are not and the damage accumulates rapidly once they start blazing their own trails. This opportunity to put our comments on the record is one of the results of the labor many in BCH have done over the years.

We will have more opportunities to work on trails coming up soon. Think about joining in. The work can be strenuous, muddy, and wet, or hot, dry, and thirsty depending on the weather but it is always fun being with like minded people engaged in a useful project.

The work party at the beginning of the month completed a portion of the trail that we have been working to create links between areas. I was unable to attend this time but I would like to thank those that were there and did the work. Thanks. We had a good trail ride in Pend Oreille County Park for our last general meeting. Vicki managed to keep us going around until we were thoroughly acquainted with the area and the potluck was excellent afterwards. This month's general meeting will be September 18 at the Williams Valley Grange as usual. Start thinking about how you can help BCH laboriously work into the future. Maybe even run for an official job on the board. We can always use your input to boost our output.

What do you get when you cross a donkey and an elephant? Congress. Not as useful as a mule but certainly more expensive. If you find that you are worrying and are stressed out, remember the world looks better from the back of a horse. Ride when you can.

Leon

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In Clayton



West Nile virus found in Moses Lake and Toppenish area horses—first cases in 2008

OLYMPIA – West Nile virus (WNV), a potentially fatal disease in equines, has been confirmed in two horses, one in

Moses Lake and the other in the Toppenish area, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) announced today.

These are the first confirmed cases this year of horses contracting West Nile virus in Washington. Last year, eight horses were confirmed for the disease, all in Yakima County.

Washington State University’s Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory in Pullman reported the positive test results to WSDA today.

The 24-year-old gelding quarter horse in Moses Lake appears to be recovering. The Yakima County horse, a five-year-old quarter horse mare, has been euthanized. Neither horse was vaccinated for WNV.

“The best way to protect a horse from West Nile infection is vaccination,” said Dr. Leonard Eldridge, state veterinarian. “Horse owners with concerns should contact their veterinarian for information on vaccines and annual booster shots.”

Eldridge also recommended that horse owners take measures to reduce mosquito populations by removing standing water from yards and barns and changing water in troughs or bird baths that could be a source of mosquito breeding.

West Nile virus is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito and can infect people, horses, many types of birds, and other animals. Humans cannot contract WNV through contact with an infected horse. Infected horses do not spread the disease to other horses or animals. Mosquitoes become carriers when they feed on an infected bird.

Horses that contract WNV may show signs such as loss of coordination, loss of appetite, confusion, fever, stiffness and muscle weakness, particularly in the hindquarters. Many horses and other animals contracting WNV do not become ill and show no symptoms at all. About one-third of horses that become ill die.

Veterinarians and horse owners should report potential cases of West Nile virus in horses by calling the State Veterinarian’s Office at (360) 902-1878.

The Zoonotic Disease Program received notification from Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and Washington State Department of Agriculture that three more horses tested positive for West Nile virus. The horses were from Benton, Grant, and Yakima counties.

Benton County
Non-vaccinated, 16-year-old Thoroughbred gelding - near Benton City. Euthanized.

Grant County
Non-vaccinated, 3-year-old Quarter horse mare - west of Moses Lake. Recovering.

Yakima County
A 31-year-old Arabian mare - near Yakima. Euthanized.

The Washington State Department of Agriculture and the affected Local Health Jurisdiction have decided at this time not to issue a press release. In summary, as of September 4, 15 horses, 4 birds, and 22 mosquito samples tested positive for West Nile virus. All detections have been located in eastern Washington.

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DID YOU KNOW? An ancient practice is putting a horse's shoes on backwards - toe to heels - to mislead a pursuing enemy. It was used in the 11th century by King Alphonso in his escape from the Moorish King Ali Maymon of Toledo, Spain; in 1303 by Robert the Bruce in his escape from King Edward; and in 1530 by Duke Christopher of Wuerttemberg in his escape from Emperor Charles V. And if you believe the movies, it was a common practice in the Old West.

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Activities and Funding Fire
Suppression**

Forest Service funding for fire suppression is based on the current ten-year average of fire expenditures, adjusted for inflation. Funds are requested annually. At times, the Forest Service has

received additional funding for fire suppression through emergency supplemental appropriations. In fact, the Forest Service received \$332 million in emergency supplemental funding for FY-2008 in October and November of 2007, but all of this funding has been used in firefighting efforts.

The Forest Service has taken measures to ensure cost efficiency in fighting wildfire and in protecting life and property. However, firefighting activity and costs have risen steadily and drastically over the past several years due to the increased need and costs of protecting homes built near natural areas, drought and climate change.

The rising cost of fires means the ten-year average is rising dramatically. The funds to cover this ten-year average must be identified within the total funding available to the agency when it makes its annual budget request. To meet firefighting funding needs, all other Forest Service activities have experienced a steady decline in funding.

The situation this year is significantly different. The Forest Service has been able to use Transfer Authority in the past, including in 2006 and 2007. However, in 2008, most of the large balances in trust funds have been depleted to the point that they can no longer provide the emergency funding needed. Therefore, the Forest Service has had to reach deep into other accounts to avoid running out of funds to cover fire suppression. Thus, to meet our firefighting mandate, the Forest Service has initiated a recall of \$400 MM from agency programs throughout the nation.

Many of our partners and stakeholders are directly impacted. On some activities, we have not been able to fulfill our commitments to get important work done. These impacts include: Rescinding or delaying some grants and agreements and canceling some contract awards made to stakeholder groups, non-profits, communities and States, resulting in programs not delivered to citizens and loss of jobs; and

Canceling and delaying over 150 grants and agreements with universities, and postponing the hiring of graduate students and researchers who assist with priority Forest Service research, including impacts to the Forest Inventory and Analysis Program;

Delaying data collection for on-going research and project analyses scheduled for this specific time of year, thus affecting project deadlines and targets into the next year;

Discontinuing work on many construction, research and natural resource improvement projects including watershed restoration, water quality and habitat improvement, thinning to reduce fire risk, and evaluating oil, gas and other energy requests;

Discontinuing planning for projects to be implemented next year; Discontinuing most employee travel, training, and other non-salary costs to employees.

WWHAM program:

contributed by Jeanne Koester

Next year we will be required to carry ONLY NAWMA recognized certified hay (in WA, under the WA Wilderness Hay and Mulch (WWHAM) program) on ALL National Forest lands in Washington and Oregon. This includes all horse camps on USFS lands (LeBar, Muller, Kalama, Keenes, Haney, etc) in our state (as well as trailheads, trails, and anywhere you might park on USFS lands)

It's a good time to think about arrangements for bulk purchase of certified grass hay for use on NF lands (perhaps by pooling our efforts). Options for local purchase currently appear limited at the moment to Del's in Sequim which carries Idaho certified hay pellets and compressed alfalfa ½ bales.

To see a full list of suppliers who meet the requirements please go to www.nwcb.wa.gov/WWHAM/WWHAM_suppliers.htm



Anna Lee Aldred:

She was born in this western Colorado town on April 19, 1921, and began riding horses at an early age. She competed at amateur tracks in Colorado and Wyoming and won her first pony race at 6 in Montrose, according to the

Colorado Women's Hall of Fame. In 1939, when she was 18, she received her professional jockey's license, from Agua Caliente Racetrack.

The license, a small wooden badge, is on display at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Fort Worth.

She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1983. Aldred retired from racing by 1945 and opened a riding school in California. She then spent five years as a rodeo trick rider, sometimes standing atop the saddle or hanging by her foot from the side of a running horse.

Aldred continued to ride until she was 80, appearing in rodeo ceremonies and working as a "pony boy," trotting horses onto the track of the Montrose fairgrounds for jockeys before races. When she died she was 85.

Angels on horseback:



- * 1 Pack Hot dogs
- * 12 oz. Uncooked Bacon
- * American Cheese, sliced
- * Toothpicks
- * Campfire Skewers (the kind with LONG handles)

Directions:
Split the hot dog without going all the way through. Tear strips of cheese and tuck into the slit.

Wrap the entire hot dog with a slice of bacon and fasten with toothpicks. Roast over open flame or hot coals until bacon is crispy-tender and hot dog is heated through. Though they're even better if you smother them with chili!



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Joe Vanorio:



Cowboy movie star, Long Rider, show judge and horseman supreme, all of these titles apply to Joe Vanorio, the equestrian traveller who rode from New York to California in 1928. Upon reaching the bright lights of Hollywood, the dashing young horseman was employed as Tom Mix's stunt double. He went on to work

with Gary Cooper and other western film stars. During his time as in Hollywood, Joe introduced the concept of training horses to drop upon command with hand signals and in doing so did away with cruel use of the trip wire. Upon returning to his home in New York state, Joe used his equestrian talents to become one of the founders of the Professional Horseman's Association. A revered teacher and trainer, Joe pioneered the concept of equestrian forums and organized an effort to allow state park lands to be used for bridle ways.

All I pay my psychiatrist is the cost of feed and hay, and he'll listen to me any day.
~Author Unknown

Where in this wide world can man find nobility without pride,
Friendship without envy,
Or beauty without vanity?
Here, where grace is served with muscle
And strength by gentleness confined
He serves without servility; he has fought without enmity.
There is nothing so powerful, nothing less violent.
There is nothing so quick, nothing more patient.
~Ronald Duncan, "The Horse," 1954

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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NORTHEAST CHAPTER BCHW
2008 Calendar Of Events



Date Event Details Contact

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Sept 18	Chapter Meeting Williams Valley Grange		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
Sept 20-21	Kaniksu Cost Share work party-Shoe Tree		Bob Gish 276-6226
Oct. 4	Washington State Trail Conference- Spokane		Jeanne Koester 509-238-3267
Oct. 18	Chapter Meeting Williams Valley Grange		Leon Sproule 509-238-6318
Oct.25	Wine Country Ride Purple Sage Riders		Vickie Gish 276-6226
Dec. 20	Christmas Party		

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