

Back Country Horsemen of America



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PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO RIDE

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Dear Back Country Horsemen,

In the past 12 months your officers, staff and many volunteers have traveled, met and talked with many local, state and national agency leaders, politicians, and our partnership leaders including a conference with the President of the United States. Some of the highlights are:

- **President Obama's Great Outdoors Conference**, Washington DC, where BCHA was the only stock group invited.
- **American Hiking Society's Hike the Hill** event in Washington DC, joint lobbying effort with The Wilderness Society
- **US Forest Service Roundtable** in Washington DC
- **Western Wilderness Conference**, Berkeley CA
- Press releases in national magazines, one per month
- **American Horse Council Issues Forum** in Washington DC, Panel Discussion with **The Wilderness Society** and **American Hiking Society** "Working Together with the Conservation Community"
- **SETC (South Eastern Trails Conference)** in Atlanta presentation on "Fundamentals of Responsible Trails Advocacy"

These public recognitions bring BCHA valuable visibility as responsible trail users which are both gratifying and very important. Back Country Horsemen of America is being openly recognized as the national leader in Leave No Trace stock use. Every time BCHA is recognized, our message is heard.

It is an unfortunate fact that the trips to these meetings are expensive. A trip to Washington DC can run \$1200 to \$1500 per person or more. With the growing number of groups endeavoring to stop or restrict our access and use of public lands, there are additional meetings and symposiums that require BCHA participation. Your Chairman, officers and Executive Committee are asking for your financial help to allow BCHA to continue and to move forward more boldly in these important areas.

BCHA is a 501c3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible. (The BCHA Education Foundation is also a 501c3 and accepts donations for grants and other funding activities.) Your help is crucial! Help BCHA work to preserve your right to ride.

BCHA dues alone cannot fund this very important national work and involvement. We can't do this work without your help. Please donate today. All donations will help and be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your continued support in making BCHA a true leading organization.

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Terry Morrison
Chairman, BCHA

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