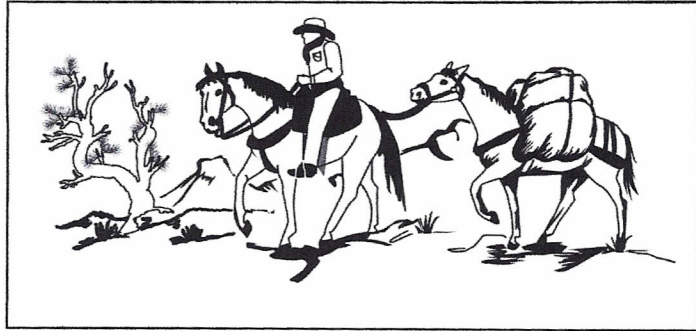


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July 18, 2012

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
California 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District  
1040 Main Street, Suite 101  
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Congressman Thompson,

Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA) have been in communication with our California BCH State organization and The Wilderness Society and concur with their expression of support for legislation to designate the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Conservation Area. BCHA's mission is to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness and insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. With the inclusion of provisions in paragraph 1 Horses on page 18, the Berryessa bill will protect the unique character of the area while preserving opportunities for traditional and historical pack and saddle stock use.

Back Country Horsemen was organized with the assumption that we would be a different type of organization, not the usual special interest operating as a protest group. It was felt that a service organization, doing work in the back country and on our public lands, would lend credibility to our organization. Since 1995 we have contributed 2,970,151 volunteer hours for a value of \$74,164,253 -- a partnership with our public land managers that benefits all wildland trail users.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve our special places and recreational opportunities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. McGlenn".

Michael K. McGlenn  
Chairman BCHA