

OKANOGAN VALLEY CHAPTER



March 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

By

Dave Swanberg

I finally have some good news on the Whistler Canyon trail project. Last Friday, Feb. 18th, we received a letter stating that there were no historical properties affected on the proposed trail route, and therefore, we were cleared to proceed with our trail work. The work has begun!!!

On Sunday, we held our first work party. We were able to remove the existing deer fencing which cleared the area where the trail will start. Next the sprinkler heads and piping were removed from part of the orchard and the fruit trees that were located on the trail route were cut down and moved to a burn pile for future burning.

With this preliminary work accomplished, we are now ready for the Major work to commence. The contractor is scheduled to start the work on Mon. March 7th. If the weather cooperates and we don't run into any major obstacles, the major tread work should be completed within a 2 week period. If you are looking for something to do during this time, we can always use the help. The Chapter will be providing lunches for all who attend the Whistler Canyon work parties. Be sure to let me know if you are coming so we can be sure to have a lunch for you.

The County is currently soliciting bids to develop the Whistler Canyon trailhead entrance, roadway and parking area. This work should be completed by summer's end. With any luck, we should be able to start using this new trailhead later this summer. It will be a celebration of accomplishment so watch your newsletter for the date as it is not listed in the Yearbook. If the weather cooperates we will have our first trail clearing and spring ride on the Sinlahekin trail system. The dates are shown in the Yearbook, but more detailed information will be available further in the newsletter.

Don't forget the BCHW Rendezvous is just around the corner. I hope to see a lot of our members in attendance. There are a lot of things to do and see this year and we always have a great time visiting with old friends and meeting new ones.

That's all for now, see you on the trail or at our new trailhead.

Dave



By
Lu Young
Editor
Ferry County BCH
Photos
By
Lu Young



CHAINSAW CERTIFICATION

Some members of the Ferry County Chapter and the Okanogan Valley Chapter spent four hours on Saturday Feb. 11th learning the basic skills on the safe use of the chainsaws for trail work on the National Forest Trails. Our instructors were : Ben Curtis and Dave Lent of the Colville Forest Service. Dave began his class by thanking our clubs for volunteering in the Forest.

The point of the class was to make everyone safer when they are using chainsaws in the back country. We learned that our personal Protective equipment consisted of clothes and gear that re important to wear when working with chain saws.

We learned the proper way to start a chain saw and why we wear protective clothing.

It is important to stress safety because the response time into the back county for emergencies is harder and longer.

The slide presentation gave us a chance to access work areas and identify hazard trees and limbs. We are told if we find trees that are difficult and hazardous to cut we are to mark them and leave them for the Forest service professionals to cut. Great class even for those of us who may not be using a chain saw on the forest trails. This class will be followed up with a hands on assessment of those who would like to be certified or recertified to work with chain saws in the National Forest. We hope to have the outdoor class at Lambert Creek this Spring.

Thanks Dave Lent and Ben Curtis for a well presented class



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AND
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- 1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.**
- 2. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.**
- 3. To assist the Various governmentl and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.**
- 4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the bck country resource by horsemen.**
- 5. To foster and encourage new members of OVC and BCHW.**
- 6 OVC shall at no time conduct any activity which will jeopardize the BCHW current non-profit status or qualifications as a charitable organization under internal revenue code section 501© (3).**

OKANOGAN VALLEY CONSIGNMENT TACK SALE

This is just a reminder that our Chapter is hosting a consignment tack sale at the March Rendezvous in Ellensburg. We will be charging a 15% commission to the seller and all BCHW members that wish to participate are welcome to bring there clean, quality, gently used tack to our booth.

As a reminder , we will need members to staff the booth from Friday morning until Sunday noon. If everybody takes a 2 hour shift, it will not be burdensome and you will have plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the Rendezvous or attend your leadership class.

If you have any questions, call Peg at 509--1107 or email at davenpeg@gdmail.net



Looking for a few good workers!!

Do you have any spare time and looking for something easy to do? Well I have the right project for you. After April 1st, the Chapter has committed to make four(4) large trail signs. Three signs are for the DNR Loomis forest Trailheads and one (1) for the new Whistler Canyon Trailhead on Hwy 97.

The jobs consist of sanding the sign boards, laying out the trails and streams with a template and lettering the sign. After that is completed, the sign needs to be routed, which I will do unless someone wants to volunteer. After routing, the trails, streams and wording needs to be painted followed by applying a coat of sealer.

I have all the materials, so it is best to do the work here at y home. All this work is considered volunteer hour work and we can have a lot of fun doing it. The chapter will provide the lunches and beverages .

The signs need to be completed by July 1st and installed in July. If you are interested, let me know and I will place you on the work list and will keep you informed when we will start the work.

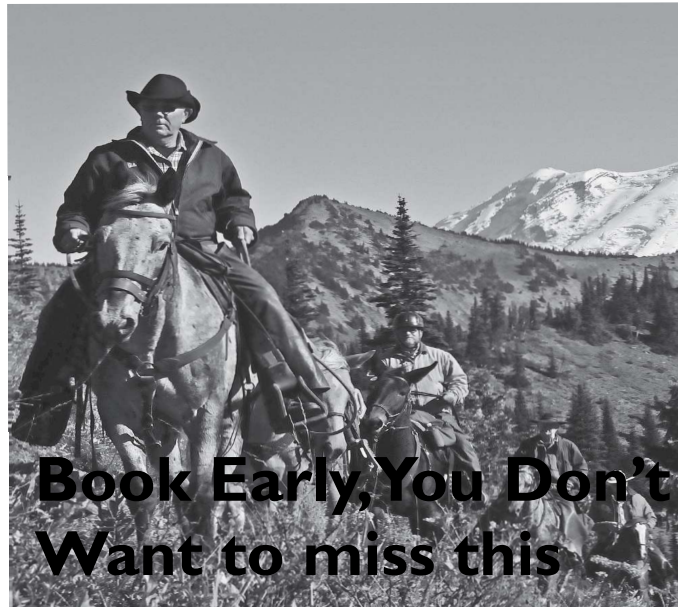
**Your in-need President,
Dave 509-486-1107**

REMEMBER

**When you Volunteer, You help keep alive our privilege to enjoy our Public lands
And preserve that pleasure for Future Generations**

**Back Country
Horseman of
Washington
2011
Rendezvous**

March 18-20



**Kittitas Valley Event Center
Ellensburg, WA**

Dinner & Dancing-"Early Bird" diner: \$30. person, after March 10, 2011 \$40. per person

Auction.

Partial list of Free classes and demonstrations:

Cowboy mounted shooters Assn.

Chiropractic equine massage.

Robert Eversole, nationally know author and cartographer, will lead" Staying Found on the Trail',A land navigation class for horse riders.

Clinician Barb Apple, master horseman, will teach you the tools you need for natural balanced riding, leadership, fun and safety. Packing classes (Decker & Sawbuck)

A huge Tack Sale

Dutch Oven cooking

**FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT DAVE SWANBERG
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WWW.BCHW.ORG**

MARCH DIRECTORS REPORT

By
Trygve Culp

There is not a whole lot of news from BCHW on which to report this month so I'll use the column to climb on the soapbox.

First of all a friendly reminder to mark your calendars for the BCHW Rendezvous on March 18 through 20 at the Kittitas Valley Events Center in Ellensburg.

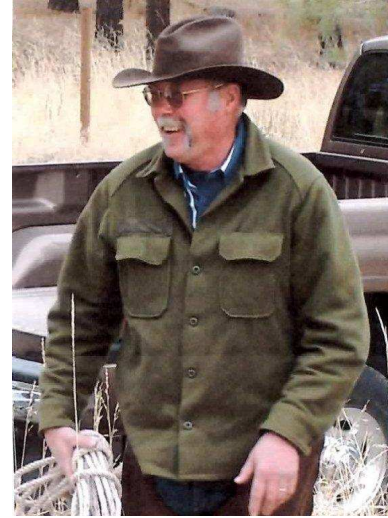
The Schedule of Events, leadership and member training opportunities, various demonstrations, contests and other activities is in the most recent issue of the Trailhead News that came out last week.

There is also an advanced registration form in the THN-you can still get in on the "Early Bird" cheaper registration if you act promptly and get it mailed in before March 10th. For Non-campers, a block of rooms, at both the Best Western and Holiday Inn Express has been reserved. This year's Rendezvous is going to be a whole lot of fun- Plan to be there.

Secondly: We-OVC that is- finally after nearly 2 1/2 years received the last of the government paperwork we needed to get started on the Whistler Canyon Trail, reconstruct around the rock quarry adjacent to Highway 97 south to Oroville. Hallelujah! A bunch of us went up and tore out the old orchard fencing that blocked off the trail access and fell and piled about 140 apple trees that had been planted within the trail corridor. Our own Vice President, Stan Kvistad, and crew will start up the hill in early March doing machine work to improve and replace and tread of the old stock driveway. We will need a lot of volunteers to put the finishing touches on the trail as Stan and his folks are doing the "heavy work". Stay tuned for an "invite"

Thirdly: I recently attended a meeting in Newport, Wa. At which the Spokane District BLM Recreation Planner announced that State certified weed seed free hay or processed feed will be required on BLM administered lands when the General Management Plan for Eastern Washington's is signed later this year. As I predicted when the USFS adopted it's weed seed free policy a couple years ago, it wouldn't be long before the other Federal agencies followed suit and here we are....Isn't it absolutely amazing how our bureaucrats will grab a hold of bogus science and run with it.

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Fourthly: Thanks to all of the bakers who so generously donated their goods to the Sweetheart Dessert Auction last month. Thanks also to the generous buyers who opened their checkbooks in support of our mission to keep public lands open to pack and saddle use.

Lastly: I hope you are staying warm and that your ponies still have their winter coats on and that you still have plenty of hay in the stack. I hope to see you up at Whistler Canyon real soon...Happy Trails

The BCHW Store is being updated as we speak and some new logo merchandise is being released for sale at Rendezvous! There are a couple of items on sale this month plus two new easy-to-use s&h systems are now in effect. Go to <http://www.bchw.org/Int/main/BCHW%20Store.htm> to check things out or see the latest THN that came last week.

Lori Lennox
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FEBRUARY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

BY
DAVE SUNDE

This week marked the first deadline in the 2011 legislative session. All House policy committees must have moved bills either to an appropriations committee or the floor by end of Thursday. The Senate's first deadline is Monday Feb. 21st.

If these deadlines hold for non-fiscal bills then there probably are a couple of changes.

With Boards and Commissioners (eliminating them), the Senate bill S5469 will not go anywhere. The House Bill HBI 371 is alive with a substitute SHB 1371. However in the substitute, the NOVA committee has been removed as well as the Noxious Weed Board. So looks good.

The Horse Brand inspection bill HB 1439 did not pass out of committee.

The House Animal Cruelty bill HBI 147 is dead, but the Senate substitute bill is still alive SSB5065

The Stehekin Road Joint Memorial bill SJM8004 has a hearing on Monday. It would be nice to weigh in PRO for that bill.

The Puget Sound Corps bills are still alive and moving.

The Coordination bill HRI 110 did not move out of committee.

Still haven't seen hide nor hair of the stakeholder NOVA Lid Lift bill.

The 2nd substitute version of SB5669(merging agencies) passed out of the Senator Ranker's Natural Resource Committee today. Like with his fee bill, it goes to the Ways and Means Committee. Also like the fee bill, part of the reason was to be done with it and let someone else deal with it.

The Bill has some changes. It still merges WDFW, State Parks, and the RCO departments. However, the new department is named

"Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Recreation (DFWR) rather than the the Department of Conservation and Recreation. This does seem like a better title. Hunters shouldn't get excited thinking they can now hunt cute deer and trap wiener dogs in State Parks. Apparently the separate missions are preserved. Senator Hargrove expressed skepticism as to this and voted against passing the bill on.

Both commissions keep their current authority except there are no longer Directors, there is now a department Secretary.

One of our main concerns was the combining of the grant management authority of the RCO into being part of a department that also applies for and receives grants. The 2nd substitute bill does attempt to address our concern.

(MORE ON FOLLOWING PAGES)

HB 1439	f	Horse brand inspection	H Ag & Nat Res	1/21/2011	Haigh		Feb 2 Public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.	
HB 1796	f	Washington's heritage Large carnivores relocation	H Ways & Means	2/2/2011	Van De Wege		Feb 15 Public hearing in the House Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM.	
HB 1840		Natural resources agencies	H Ag & Nat Res	2/4/2011	Taylor			
HB 1850	f		H SGTribalAff	2/7/2011	Dunshee	SB 5669(SWays & Means)		
SSB 5065		Animal cruelty prevention	S 2nd Reading	2/10/2011	Carrell	HB 1147(HJudiciary)	Feb 8 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Judiciary at 10:00 AM.	
ESSB 5230		Puget Sound corps	H Environment	2/24/2011	Ranker	HB 1294(H2nd Reading)	Jan 26 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 8:00 AM.	40-8-0-1
SSB 5622		State land recreation access	S Ways & Means	2/18/2011	Ranker		Feb 17 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.	

Bill	Flags	Title	Status	Date	Original Sponsor	Companion Bills	Latest Cmte Mtg Info	Committee Recommendation	Last Roll Call
SHB 1009	f	Endangered species agreements	H 2nd Reading	2/22/2011	Chandler		Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 1:30 PM.		
HB 1093		Horse brand inspection	H Ag & Nat Res	1/11/2011	Haigh				
HB 1102		Landowner liability/roads	H Judiciary	1/12/2011	Blake		Mar 4 Scheduled for public hearing in the House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources at 8:00 AM. (Subject to change)		
HB 1109		Gray wolf conservation	H Ag & Nat Res	1/12/2011	Taylor				
HB 1147		Animal cruelty prevention	H Judiciary	1/13/2011	Roberts	SB 5065(S2nd Reading)	Feb 16 Executive action taken in the House Committee on General Government Appropriations & Oversight at 6:00 PM.		
SHB 1294	f	Puget Sound corps	H 2nd Reading	2/25/2011	Tharinger	SB 5230(S;subst for)			

SSJM 8004		North Cascades National Park	S Rules 2G	2/22/2011	Parlette	HB 1850(HSGTribalAff)	Feb 21 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.		
SSB 5669		Natural resources agencies	S Ways & Means	2/21/2011	Ranker		Feb 21 Public hearing and executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Marine Waters at 1:30 PM.		

MARCH EVENTS

Monday 14th Chapter Officer Board Meeting Nora Rappe's
Wednesday 16 Monthly Business Meeting Sr. Center Tonasket
Friday 18th, 19th, 20th, BCHW Annual Meeting, Director's meeting,
Leadership...Ellensburg
Friday 25 thru 26 Sinlahekin Trail Clearing, Blue Lake Campground,
Tom Windsor, 826-4595
Sunday 27th Sinlahekin Trail Ride, Blue Lake Campground, Tom
Windsor, 826-4595, L1 & L2

WAUCONDA NO-HOST



It was a lively good time and cold, but That did not apply to inside where the fire was burning bright And the conversation was lively and fun.

Two new members, John & Machele Harris were invited



Guests included Steve & Kathy Rappe of Republic, and Bill & Margie Morse of Spokane. and also Ferry Co. members .The Prime Rib Special was excellent and we all left overfull, because of the wonderful apple pie we had as Desert.

Sorry I did not catch everyone on film, the head count was about 19 people. Thanks again to Hostess Gail Sunde who takes time to set up these wonderful fun events.

And a Big Thank You to the Wauconda Café Crew, they did an outstanding job

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Come Join Us!

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members **18 and over**), and enclose payment:

- **Chapter members**, turn application and payment in to your Chapter Treasurer. If paying by check, make it out to your chapter.
- **Independent members** (folks who are **not** joining a chapter), make check out to "BCHW", and mail application and payment to: BCHW, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



NOVEMBER 10-12-2010

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New Member Renewal – Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name(s): _____

Children's name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

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Basic Membership

- Single \$36.00
- Family \$49.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

- Contributing \$65.00
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- Lifetime (Single) \$1200.00

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LIABILITY RELEASE & NOTICES

All ADULT members MUST sign! Adult's signature covers minor children.

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders, and spectators, and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members, cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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