

Dear BBCH Members,

I hope everyone is surviving the summer heat that has finally arrived with a vengeance in true Utah fashion!

I want to thank Travis Sparks, Reed Bytendorp, Don Johnson and Randy Hawkes, especially Travis, Don and their well behaved Mule train, for their efforts in participating in the all horse parade in Wellsville on July 17th. It was a lot of fun for me and good exposure for our organization. Another big thanks needs to go out to Travis, Jean and Lyndsay Sparks for hosting our July meeting and putting on a mini pack clinic for those that were there. It was a great learning experience and the Hot Dogs were awesome! Thanks Sparks family! ((Trapper, Sara, Turbo, Tucker (the mules) & Pixie (the horse) as well))

I want to encourage everyone to please get more involved with our work projects we have going on right now and have coming up shortly. These projects give our group a great opportunity to get out and be involved with the public and with the land managers that make the decisions about what will happen or won't happen in the back country that we all love to ride in. So please come and help with the projects and invite your friends and neighbors to come along. These projects are a great way to get someone new involved. If your not aware of the work project we have going currently, we are building some trailhead gates that will be installed in the Rock Creek area at Hardware Ranch very soon. A Big Thanks goes out to those that have volunteered so far with that project. (Guy Isaacson, Gary Murray & Randy Hawkes especially). The forest Service has a couple other things they want us to do when we are done with that, they include removing some old fencing around Wellsville and also maybe doing some trail work on a trail in the High Creek Canyon somewhere. So if you're interested please let me know and I will find something for you to do. If you have done any work on your own this year that would qualify as service please get a volunteer report form and report the work you have done. The national organization needs to have the hours reported to show the decision makers in the government the support the BCHA can and does supply.

Our next ride will be held on Aug 7th. We will have at least one organized ride on Saturday to either Steammill Lake or White Pine Lake. If we have enough people and guides we will take a group to both locations. We will be camping at the horse camp in Franklin Basin, but will not have any organized dinner that weekend, so just come and enjoy each others company and some good riding. However we will be holding our August meeting the evening of Saturday Aug. 7th at the horse camp at 6:00 pm. **(P.S. If enough people show up, there just might be some Cobbler desert served!)**

Please remember we have started a Geo Cache Ride Series this year with prizes being awarded at the winter social in January for those members who have made it to the Cache sites. You do not have to get to all of them to be eligible but the more you make it to the better your chances are to win the grand prize. If you need more info please go to our website for the locations and information.

Enclosed you will find a letter that can be handed to prospective members you may know or may come in contact with in your travels. I intend to send it out to some people I have thought about that could be a benefit to our organization. Please print a few to have around in case you find someone that would like to join the group. Just think about what would happen if each one of our 43 members could get just one other person to join. We would grow to 86 just like that. That means more people to help with the projects, more people to use as a sounding board when decisions are being made about the use of the back country we all love. Again please just think about someone that you think would be interested in joining and invite them out.

If someone has an idea for a ride, a get together, a service project that needs to be done or any ideas that could generate some more people joining our organization please do not hesitate to let me or someone else know. We are very interested in growing the group and need everyone to be involved and supporting that effort. So please please speak up if you have some ideas to accomplish that goal.

We have offered this before a couple times but so far we have had no takers so I am throwing it out there again. If you a current paid member of the B.B.C.H. and would like to put a business card sized ad in our newsletter please get that information to me and we will be glad to include them.

Again Thanks for all you do to support the Back Country Horseman and please ride carefully!

Sincerely,

Steve Hales  
B.B.C.H. President

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## The Who, What, Why & Where of the Bridgerland Back Country Horseman.

### **Who: Who can, could and should join the BBCH & BCHA?**

- \*Any person or family that would like to.
- \*Any person of any age. 1-90 years.
- \*Land Managers
- \*Scout Masters
- \*Hunters
- \*Members of other back country users groups.
- \*Any person who uses the trails in the back country and wilderness.

### **What: What are the BBCH and BCHA?**

The purpose of the group is as follows,

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in Americas back country and wilderness. This purpose will be accomplished by:

1. Educating and encouraging stock users in low impact camping techniques, appropriate stock handling methods, and common sense courtesy.
2. Assisting various government and private agencies in the improvement, maintenance and management of Americas back country and wilderness areas.
3. Working with regulators to ensure public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
4. Cultivating harmony with other back country users.
5. Cooperating with other Back Country Horseman of America organizations.

### **Why: Why should you join the BBCH & BCHA?**

- \*To help ensure that the back country and wilderness remains open to recreational use by not only stock users but all those who enjoy the outdoors.
- \*To help ensure that these areas remain open to be used by your children and grand children and their grand children ect.
- \*To increase the overall size of the national BCHA group so they have a bigger voice in the decision making process of the government.
- \*To assist in work projects in our area designed to improve the usability of the back country.

### **Where: Where can you join and participate?**

- \*You can join through any current member.
- \*You can join by logging onto our website and downloading a membership application.
- \*You can join by e-mailing or contacting one of the people listed below.
- \*You can join at any of the monthly meeting generally held the second Wednesday each month at the hunters Education building west of Logan at 6:30 unless announced otherwise.

If interested please contact one of the persons listed below for assistance.

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