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Chapter Presidents News Bulletin **April 2008**

The purpose of this is to try and keep the information flowing to you as to what is going on throughout the state. Since we only meet 3 times a year I think that we feel at times we are alone out there.

I intend to send one of these to each of you on a regular basis whether once a month or at least every other month. I will try to get it to you prior to your chapter meeting so you can take the info to your members etc.

CHECK THE WEB PAGE – I've noticed that when we contact our WebMaster (Craig Allen) to have him put our meetings and rides on the web page (which he does faster than a New York minute) some of us are NOT telling him what to take off. As I looked at the calendar some chapters are having their monthly meetings on Tues and Thurs and some chapters are having service projects at one locations and rides at another location all on the same day. I know your chapters are really growing but WOW. Thought you might want to check out how busy you really are.

High Desert BCH – Welcome to our new chapter with Patti and Brent Owens heading the new group.

STATE REPS – I'm sending this to MRBCH State Rep, Paula Hill and to Bridger BCH State Rep. Jeff Perkins. I'd like to hear from the rest of you if you want your reps to get this bulletin or not. I would recommend it going to the state rep. It will strengthen your chapters leadership and potential training for your replacement down the road. E-mail me with your chapter reps name and e-mail address.

STATE TREASURER – Bring some names with you to our meeting on April 19 for nominations. Freddy Dunn has served as the state treasure for about 6 years (or more) and has done better than an excellent job. We can't just leave the poor lady there, we need to show Freddy our appreciation by making some nominations for her replacement. Do you know a person who would be willing to serve in that position? I am thinking maybe of one of your past treasures. They need not be an accountant but some kind of bookkeeping experience would be important. If you know of someone please let me know.

HORSE/MULE PACKING CLINIC – Travis Sparks, BCHU past vice-chair is putting on a clinic in Logan on May 10. The clinic runs 6 hours, \$10 for members \$30 for non members, lunch is included. For more info call Travis at 435-245-4693.

CURRENT CREEK – We are planning on finishing up the corrals at Curent Creek this summer as a State Project. Paula Hill from the Mt. Ridge will be heading this up. She mentioned that she will need help in aquireing materials for finishing this. This is another reason for this news bulletin. As Paula gets me the list of what is needed I will send it to each of you to check with your members if they some of the materials or know where we can go for them. The date of the project is also up in the air. I will probably be towards the first to mid June.

SAN RAFAEL BCH VS. BEETLE BUG – Wayne Ludington and the San Rafael Chapter has been hit awfully hard with the beetle kill and now in their area. The blow downs are clogging their trails drastically and the Forest Service as we all know can't keep up with clearing the trails. Wayne approached the F.S. about us as a state coming in to help clean up. We might be going in as dedicated hunters so we can use chainsaws. The details are being worked out; it will probably be in Huntington Canyon, and probably in June. We will let you know when we do. This will be a great service project where we'll be working with our horses doing heavy work on the trail in beautiful country.

LADIES RIDE – Come up with proposals for this ladies ride and bring them to the April 19th meeting. SWBCH is tentatively looking at hosting it around November. Come with other ideas for other years.

STATE MEETING APRIL 19, SALT LAKE CITY – See attached Flyer for more info.

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There's a lot going on and I haven't even touched on what each of you are doing in your own chapters. You, chapter presidents, are definitely the back bone of this organization; rest assured you are greatly appreciated. Call 801-484-3253 (wk) 801-450-2905 (cell) 801-553-1873 (hm) any time, or e-mail fleslie@softcom.net

Sincerely,
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