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## **Chapter Presidents News Bulletin**

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.

**STATE REPS** - My first question to you all is do you want me to e-mail it to you or to your "State Rep." I would recommend it going to the state rep. That will give them a bigger purpose on being at your chapter meeting. It will also 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** – Freddy Dunn has served as the state treasure for about 6 years (or more) and has done better then an excellent job. Part of that time she revitalized the state newsletter (which has now been turned over to Debbie Walters) This last January she was voted to be South East BCH President. That chapter couldn't be in better hands, but it also requires that the state find a replacement for her. Do any of 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 somekind of bookkeeping experience would be important. If you know of someone please let me know so we can give Freddy some breathing room.

**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.

**GRAND STAIRCASE TRAILHEAD** – The Grand Staircase Escalante Partners are applying for a grant to have a trailhead put in. BCHU has sent a letter of support for helping with labor for the developing the trailhead. I don't think this will come to fruition for another year or two.

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

**STATE MEETING APRIL 19, SALT LAKE CITY** – Mt. Ridge will be hosting our meeting for April and is planning on some great rides over and above the meeting. At the meeting we want to do training for your chapter officers and committee chairs. We will of course continue with calendar items etc. etc.

**UTAH HORSE EXPO** – March 7, 8 and 9. We will be hosting a booth and displaying our horse dummy and passing out educational material about BCHU. We will also be performing 3 clinics using our horse dummy and 1 clinic with live horses. A big thanks in advance to Highline and Hobbles, Mt. Ridge and Wasatch Front for manning the booth and clinic work.

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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](mailto:fleslie@softcom.net)

Sincerely,  
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