



Southwest Cairn

Marking the trails for our members



From the Presidents Saddle



First of all my apologies to our new members for not recognizing them in the newsletter until now. They are: *Don Bateman, Donald Evans, Carol Gregory, David Howells, Natalie Law, Jim Mayer, Norma Moss, John Prince and Mike Peterson.* We thank you for your support and look forward to your participation in our activities!

All of our members have received a survey by mail or email. Please take the time to do the survey and get it back to me. If we don't know what you are feeling and thinking about our chapter, it is difficult to

adequately fulfill our mission as a BCHU chapter and fulfill the desires of our members. THIS IS IMPORTANT—PLEASE PARTICIPATE!!

Speaking of participation, on the last two chapter rides we only had one or two riders show up. That is a sign to me that something is not right. Whether it was the weather or other circumstances we need to figure this out.

As of this this moment I have received ONLY 4 responses to the survey. This is our chapter we are talking about, take the time, be involved—send in you responses!

Happy trails,

Paul



Happy Easter

NEXT MEETING

**April 9, 6:30PM Com-
munity Building**

See Page 5 for details



Monthly Ride!

- April 13th Leeds
- May 11th Training
- June 8th Pine Valley—New Bridges

See Page 5 for Details

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April 9th
**Meeting at the Commu-
nity Bldg 6:30PM**

Congress passes massive public lands bill with big impacts for Utah

The U.S. House Passed the most sweeping public lands bill in decades, establishing hundreds of thousands of acres of wilderness across the nation, including a vast swath of Utah, and allowing the creation of a new national monument.

The bill, which passed 363-62, was lauded by Republicans, Democrats, conservation groups and hunters. The package previously passed the Senate by an overwhelming margin and heads to the White House where President Donald Trump is expected to sign it.

“The number of Utah victories in this land package will do more for the people of Utah than Congress has delivered in a long time,” said Rep. Rob Bishop, a Utah Republican who helped shepherd the bill through passage. “This legislation will expand access to public lands, while also shrinking the size of the federal estate. There are wins for America’s sportsmen, hunters, and fishermen.”

In a divided Washington, the bill garnered support from interests often at odds with each other and soared through Congress in quick fashion. All of Utah’s House members voted on the package.

The legislation has broad impacts in Utah, including the creation of the John Wesley Powell National Conservation Area about 150 years since the explorer floated down the Colorado River to map the area.

It also allows the feds to establish a Jurassic National Monument in Southern Utah and elevates the Golden Spike Historical Site to a historical park, a designation that also comes 150 years after the transcontinental railroad came together in Utah.

One of the biggest changes in the bill is a long-negotiated measure to end a fight over wilderness in Emery County. The lands package would increase wilderness in the area to 600,000 acres from 450,000 acres, as well as create 248,000 more acres of recreation area there instead of a more restrictive conservation area designation.

It also consolidates about 100,000 acres of Utah trust lands to be more easily developed to raise money for public schools.

“The Emery County bill has been a locally driven effort and will bring long-term certainty to the area through various designations and expanding Goblin Valley State Park for better management,” Curtis said. “It will also generate millions of dollars to help Utah’s school children through school trust land changes.”

Utah Gov. Herbert also praised the bill.

“It’s a great example of the good that can happen when members of a community set aside their political differences and find solutions that benefit the county, the state and all our residents,” Herbert said. “there is much to celebrate in this bill, and I am especially excited for the opportunity to generate more than \$100 million for Utah’s public school children.”

“During the time of federal gridlock, this bill is a great example of Congress listening to local communities who have worked in good faith to resolve disputes and find opportunities for both conservation and economic development,” Herbert added.

Another provision of the bill permanently authorizes the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), which uses oil and gas revenue to purchase and preserve land.

Bishop, who had been a vocal critic of the LWCF, said the bill changes the formula for the fund—states and local governments will get higher percentage—and he’s supportive. He also noted that the bill’s creation of new national monuments is how they should be designated and not by Presidential decree.

“This bill establishes monuments the right way and reforms LWCF to the benefit of state and local governments and sportsmen,” Bishop said. “This legislation promotes the richness of Utah’s history, empowers schoolchildren, and communicates a profound respect for local decision-making”.

Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, has blocked an effort to fast track the legislation in December but Congress swiftly moved the lands package in the past few weeks. It sailed through the Senate 92-8 with Lee voting on the losing side and Den Mitt Romney, R-Utah enthusiastically supporting it.

“In an era when bipartisanship remains elusive, conservation is a rare issue that still brings Congress together,” said Collin O’Mara, president of the National Wildlife Federation.

“Today’s passage of bipartisan public lands package, including permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and numerous conservation measures, represents a historic victory for our wildlife heritage and outdoor enthusiasts of every stripe,” O’Mara continued. “ We urge the President to sign this bill into law posthaste.”

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) called the measure the “most significant legislative protection we’ve ever secured for Utah’s redrock wilderness.”

“Getting here took decades of activism from generations of redrock activists who first had to defeat six prior inadequate proposals for Emery County.” said Jen Ujifusa, SUWA’s legislative director.

“The early drafts of this bill were likewise terrible, but our friends in the Utah Wilderness Coalition and Americans across the country united to improve it to a bill that does justice to the landscaped it covers,” she said. “It’s past time for real cooperation on solutions for Utah wilderness that finally acknowledges the national importance of these lands and their worthiness of protection for future generations, and we hope this huge step forward is a sign that the time has come.”

This article by Thomas Burr, The Salt Lake Tribune, published February 28, 2019

BCHUSW Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019

The **BCHUSW** chapter meeting was called to order March 12, 2019 at the St. George Community Center by President Paul Sloane. In attendance were: Paul Sloane, Judith Mayfield, Rochelle Bromley, Richard Boschee, and Jeanette Blasdell

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as posted in February's newsletter.

Treasurer' Report: Judith Mayfield presented the Profit & Loss Previous Year Comparisons. Our total income is \$3,285.50 as compared to last year's total of \$3,116.24. Our net income at this time is \$-3,301.74 as compared to last year's \$1,241.88. Our total assets, as of February 28, 20019 are \$2,681.48 as compared to \$6,275.96 a year ago. The negative income is due to a deposit we made for the upcoming Pine Valley bridges.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the presented report.

Membership:

A handout published by Darell Wallace pertaining to recruiting new members was distributed at the meeting. Darell is VP of BCHA and will likely run for president at the NBM in April.

Old Business:

- Paul shared the bridge project update. All is on schedule though funds will be a bit short till we can put in some work hours.
- Fran Wilby previously volunteered to update our Facebook page. Jeanette said she would chat with Fran so she and Freddy can touch base.
- Judith distributed the most current "delinquent members" roster. Members present volunteered to make a few calls
- Paul passed out a potential survey that will be sent via email to members to assess their perceptions of the structure and safety of our monthly rides.

New Business:

- Paul brought in a DVD of Equus "Story of the Horse" and we discussed possibility of showing it to our members at the end of a chapter meeting.

Ride Calendar:

- April 13- Leeds/Harrisberg
- May 11- Rochelle Bromley's Curbside Training/ Ride/ Burger Burn
- June 8th- Pine Valley

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.
Respectfully submitted by Jeanette Blasdell



Calendar of Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS :

- April 9th—St. George Community Bldg. 6:30pm



CHAPTER RIDES:

Every 2nd Saturday of each month (unless specified otherwise)

- April 13th— White Reef trailhead in Leeds. In saddle at 10:00A—Easy ride, Bring lunch

The trailhead is located on the north side of I-15 opposite the Harrisburg trailer park. Going north on I-15 take the Leeds exit then turn right onto the frontage road to Harrisburg, Turn right on road that goes under I-15, then right again after the tunnels.

This ride is being lead by Jeanette Blazdell and Marie Langness who will introduce us to a new loop that we have not previously explored. It has two water crossings and nothing difficult to deal with, plus it is relatively shorter. However if you want more hours in the saddle there are some options there you can explore.



REMEMBER: Dogs are only permitted on leashes in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and in Snow Canyon. We as Back Country Horsemen must set the example, so we thank you in advance for your compliance with the rules.



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Back Country Horsemen of Utah



Southwest Chapter Newsletter
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The Purpose of the Back Country Horsemen of Utah is:

1. To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure the public lands remain open to recreational pack and saddle stock use.
3. To assist the agencies responsible for the management of public lands.
4. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in wise and sustaining use of back country resources by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters of Back Country Horsemen throughout Utah.

To:

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF UTAH—Southwest Chapter

PO Box 3174, St. George, UT 84771

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership: _____ Renewal: _____

NAME/S: _____

*Please list names for family membership. Children over 18 may be included in family membership or join as individual members.

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBERS:

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Fax: _____

OTHER HORSE/MULE ASSOCIATIONS YOU BELONG TO:

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Liability Release: (MUST BE SIGNED)

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse/mule use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses/mules, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Utah, including units, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses/mules taking part in trail rides or other BCHU functions, I do hereby release the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses/mules.

By signing this release, I/WE recognize the following Utah State Law, *UCA 78-27b* Limitations on liability for Equine and Livestock Activities * It shall be presumed that participants in equine or livestock activities are aware of and understand that there are inherent risks associated with these activities. *Inherent risk* with regard to equine or livestock activities means those dangers or conditions, which are an integral part of equine or livestock activities. The equine activity sponsor is not liable for those inherent risks. If you are unwilling to assume these risks for yourself or for those under your supervision, you should not participate in these activities.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BCHU: Individual: \$30.00; Family: \$40.00; Patron: \$100.00