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BCHA PURPOSE:

**THE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF NEW MEXICO IS MADE UP OF
CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO CONSERVING BACK
COUNTRY WILDERNESS AND PROTECTING STOCK USER'S HISTORIC RIGHT
TO USE WILDERNESS TRAILS.**

BCHA OBJECTIVES:

1. TO ENCOURAGE THE COMMON SENSE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF HORSES & MULES IN AMERICA 'S BACK COUNTRY AND WILDERNESS.
2. TO WORK TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC LANDS REMAIN OPEN TO RECREATIONAL STOCK USE.
3. TO ASSIST THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE AGENCIES IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SAID RESOURCE.
4. TO EDUCATE, ENCOURAGE AND SOLICIT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY INTERESTED MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE WISE AND SUSTAINING USE OF HORSES & MULES AND BY PEOPLE.
5. TO FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE THE FORMATION OF NEW STATE CHAPTERS

WE WILL LIST WHAT WE DID IN 2005 AS A RECORD OF WHAT WE DO AS A SERVICE ORGANIZATION

SKILLED LABOR -16*

TRAIL WORK – 338*

EDUCATION – 98*

PUBLIC MEETINGS – 364*

TRAVEL TIME – 348*

PERSONAL MILES – 2,680

STOCK HAULING MILES – 7,397

OF PACK/STOCK ANIMALS-88

PACK STOCK DAYS- 101

*REPRESENTS HOURS

\$12,696 ASSIGNED VALUES

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/10 EQUINE ACTIVITY

2/14 CHAPTER MEETING

2/24 EQUINE ACTIVITY

3/10 EQUINE ACTIVITY

3/14 CHAPTER MEETING

3/24 STATE CONVENTION

4/9 BD. OF DIRECTORS MEETING

4/14 EQUINE ACTIVITY

4/28 EQUINE ACTIVITY

5/9 CHAPTER MEETING

5/12 EQUINE ACTIVITY

5/26-28 A 3 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY

6/8-10 A 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY

6/13 CHAPTER MEETING

6/21-24 A 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY

7/11 BD. OF DIRECTORS MEETING

7/13-15 A 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY

7/27-29 A 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY

8/8 CHAPTER MEETING

8/10-12 A 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY

8/24-25 A 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY

9/1--3 A 3 NIGHTS EQUINE ACTIVITY

9/12 CHAPTER MEETING

9/14-16 A 2 NIGHT ACTIVITY

10/10 BD. OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10/13 EQUINE ACTIVITY

10/27 EQUINE ACTIVITY

11/10 EQUINE ACTIVITY

11/14 CHAPTER MEETING

THIS CALENDAR OF ACTIVITY IS A FIRST FOR THE NORTHWEST CHAPTER. WE HAVE REPORTED THE ACTIVITIES OF JANUARY IN THE MID-JANUARY NEWSLETTER AND NOW TO THE MONTH FEBRUARY.

WE WILL HOLD A RIDE ON THE 10TH OF FEBRUARY AND WILL GATHER IN THE PARKING LOT AT ALAMEDA OPEN SPACE AREA 10:00 AM. EMAIL IF INTERESTED. SO BRING A LUNCH AND HAVE A GOOD TIME RIDING NEXT TO THE RIO GRANDE .

THE FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE ON THE 14TH AT THE HOME OF BETH MARTIN. THE DIRECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NORTH OFF MONTGOMERY ON EUBANK, FIRST RIGHT ON LAGRIMA DE ORO, FIRST LEFT ON PITT ST. IMMEDIATE RIGHT ON DEL CHAPARRAL COURT NE, 2ND HOUSE ON LEFT, # 10009.

BETH HAS LINED UP A SPEAKER WHO WILL BE HANNAH PORT DVM. SHE WILL DISCUSS EQUINE ACUPUNCTURE AS WELL AS ANSWER GENERAL EQUINE MEDICAL QUESTIONS.

ON THE 24TH WE WILL GATHER ACROSS FROM THE MCDONALD'S IN BERNALILLO AT 10:00. WE WILL RIDING INTO THE PLACITIAS OPEN SPACE AREA. BRING A LUNCH AND BE PREPARED FOR A GOOD TIME.

REMEMBER TO RESERVE 3/24 FOR THE STATE CONVENTION BOSQUE FARMS COMMUNITY CENTER WHICH IS ON THE SAME ROAD AS THE BOSQUE FARMS ARENA. BRING YOUR DUTCH OVEN AND YOUR OLD FAMILY RECIPE. WE

WILL BE SERVING THE LUNCH AS A CHAPTER FUNCTION FOR THE STATE CONVENTION.

WE HAVE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE DRAWINGS TO BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION. \$5.00 PER TICKET. THE PRIZES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\$250 GIFT CARD FROM CABELA'S, CAMP CHEF STOVE, HIGH ALTITUDE CAMP STOVE, CUSTOM SADDLE PAD, HALTER & LEAD ROPE, CUSTOM SADDLE RACK AND OTHER ITEMS

BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR THE 2007 YEAR. THEY ARE \$25. FOR SINGLE AND \$43. FOR DOUBLES.

BE SURE TO REJOIN & JOIN THESE MEMBERS ON THE TRAIL

ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WHO IS OUR NORTHERN REPRESENTATIVE ALSO ON THE NWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SABINE SHURTER HAS WRITTEN A VERY FINE ARTICLE ON *THE CALIFORNIO HORSE* (Classical Horsemanship on the Trail and in the Cow Pen) featuring Trainer Ron Breines.

THE ARTICLE CAN BE FOUND IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE HORSEMEN'S VOICE.

BE SURE SIT DOWN AND REALLY READ THE CURRENT NATIONAL NEWSLETTER-BCHA IS IN THE MINORITY WHEN IT COMES TO THE BACK COUNTRY ISSUES. THERE ARE VERY LARGE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS THAT WANT STOCK OFF OF MANY HIKING TRAILS-HENCE THE PHRASE "STOCK FREE".

AND WE WILL SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS