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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 CHAPTER

**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

In an effort to increase participation, THIS CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES IS A FIRST FOR THE NORTHWEST CHAPTER. Perhaps with more advanced planning, it will be easier to get a bigger group together for ride and work.

**2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2/10 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
2/14 CHAPTER MEETING-????? LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN BE THE HOST  
2/24 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
3/05 CHAPTER MEETING AT THE HOME OF EDWARD & DEBBIE FRANKS  
3/10 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
3/24 STATE CONVENTION FEATURING THE DUTCH OVEN MASTERS  
4/9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
4/14 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
4/28 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
5/9 CHAPTER MEETING AT THE HOME OF GEORGE & CAROL MARR  
5/12 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
5/26-28 3 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY  
6/4 CHAPTER MEETING AT THE HOME OF [TBA]  
6/9 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY  
6/23 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY  
7/11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
7/14 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY  
7/28 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY  
8/08 CHAPTER MEETING AT THE HOME OF [TBA]  
8/11 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY  
8/31-9/03 3 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY  
9/12 CHAPTER MEETING AT THE HOME OF [TBA]  
9/15 2 NIGHT ACTIVITY  
9/29 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
10/08 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
10/13 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
10/27 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
11/10 EQUINE ACTIVITY  
11/14 CHAPTER MEETING AT THE HOME OF [TBA]

## **ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER OF 2006**

THE BIG EVENT WAS THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHAPTER MEETING. IT WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 13TH AT THE HOME OF KENTON & JANET BLAIR. WE HELD THE GIFT EXCHANGE AND AFTER EXPENSES WE RAISED \$50.00 FOR THE SAN YISDRO 4H CLUB. WE APPRECIATE THE BLAIR'S FOR ONCE AGAIN OPENING THEIR HOME TO THE CHAPTER FOR THE DECEMBER MEETING. OUR GUEST SPEAKER WAS DICK HULETT WHO OWNS "THE GOOD STUFF"? LOCATED IN OLD TOWN. HIS TOPIC WAS A HISTORIC TALK WITH OLD PHOTOS TO MAKE THE HISTORY MORE UNDERSTANDABLE. SEVERAL OF THE MEMBERS ASKED FOR HIS PHONE # 843-6416

WE HELD ELECTIONS AND ALL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS WANTED TO REMAIN IN OFFICE AND ALL WERE REELECTED. WE THANK THEM FOR THEM FOR THEIR TIME AND EFFORT IN LEADING THIS CHAPTER INTO ITS 15TH YEAR.

WE ENDED DECEMBER WITH \$150. IN THE BANK AND WE WOULD HAVE GONE IN THE HOLE IF THE BANK WE USED DID NOT FINALLY RECOGNIZE OUR CHAPTER AS A NON-FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION. WE VOTED TO RAISE OUR DUES TO SINGLES @ \$25.00 AND DOUBLES @ \$43.00. WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2007.

WE HELD A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR THE FIRST MONTH OF THE YEAR ON THE 8TH. THE BOARD VOTED TO RETURN TO THE STATE CONVENTION HELD IN BOSQUE FARMS WITH OUR DUTCH OVENS COOK PROVIDING THE NOON MEAL. WE HAVE DONE THIS FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND IT HAS TURNED INTO A TRADITION. MORE ON THE DATE AND OTHER INFORMATION IN THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.

WE ARE HAVING A REAL WET SEASON THIS JANUARY AND WE ARE NOT SCHEDULING ANY EQUINE RELATED ACTIVITY UNTIL IT DRIES OUT IN THE AREAS THAT WE RIDE IN AND WORK IN. FOR ALL OF YOU GOING THROUGH WITHDRAWALS, THE NORTH ALBUQUERQUE ACRES EQUESTRIAN PARK HAS A LARGE ARENA IN GREAT SHAPE AT THIS WRITING. IT IS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTE THE DATES FOR FEBRUARY EQUINE ACTIVITIES. DURING THE WEEK OF THE ACTIVITY, WE WILL SEND OUT DETAILS OF WHERE WE WILL BE RIDING.

WE STILL NEED A MEMBER TO HOST OUR FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING.

WE ASK MEMBERS TO CHECK THEIR SCHEDULES AND LINE UP A DATE TO HOST A CHAPTER MEETING.

**AND WE WILL SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS**