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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 & TRAIL WORK

390* X \$15.00/HR =	\$5,850.
EDUCATION – 74* X \$15.00/HR =	1,110.
PUBLIC MEETINGS – 419* X \$15.00 =	6,285.
TRAVEL TIME – 289*	
PERSONAL MILES – 1,740 X .40/MILE	696.
STOCK HAULING MILES – 8,465 X .80/MILE =	6,772.
# STOCK /PACK ANIMALS- 116	
# STOCK /PACK DAYS- 140 X	
ALLOWANCE OF \$100. EQUALS	\$14,000

*REPRESENTS HOURS & NATIONAL VALUES

\$41,485 REPRESENTS THE VALUES NATIONAL PROVIDED-THIS AMOUNTS TO AN INCREASE OF 9999% OVER 2005. WE DID MORE AND THE NATIONAL VALUES WERE INCREASED

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3/10 EQUINE ACTIVITY
3/14 CHAPTER MEETING
3/14 EQUINE ACTIVITY
3/24 STATE CONVENTION
4/9 BD. OF DIRECTORS MEETING
4/14 TRAIL & PACKING CLINIC
HORSEMEN'S 2ND ST.
4/28 EQUINE ACTIVITY
5/9 CHAPTER MEETING
5/12 EQUINE ACTIVITY
5/26-28 3 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
6/8-10 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
6/13 CHAPTER MEETING
6/21-24 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
7/11 BD. OF DIRECTORS MEETING
7/13-15 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
7/27-29 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
8/8 CHAPTER MEETING
8/10-12 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
8/24-25 2 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
9/1--3 3 NIGHT EQUINE ACTIVITY
9/12 CHAPTER MEETING
9/14-16 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

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

WE HAD FOUR MEMBERS LEAD BY DEBBIE FRANKS HEADING OUT IN THE PLACITIAS OPEN SPACE FOR FOUR HOURS.

THE FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HOME OF BETH MARTIN ON THE 21ST.

COUNTING MEMBERS AND GUEST WE HAD 17 IN ATTENDANCE.

KARRI SAUVE, OWNER OF THE HOOPRINTS PUBLICATION GAVE AN UP DATED REPORT ON RISING COST OF ALFALFA AND OTHER EQUINE ISSUES. READ THE PUBLICATION FOR DETAILS

WE WERE UNABLE TO CONDUCT THE EQUINE ACTIVITY FOR THE 24TH DUE TO WINDY CONDITIONS.

MARCH ACTIVITIES

WE ARE UNABLE TO CONDUCT THE EQUINE ACTIVITY FOR 3/10 ALL OF THE RIDE LEADERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE. SO WE WILL RESCHEDULE IT TO 3/17 AND MARR & PERCIVAL WILL BE THE RIDE LEADERS.

WE WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE CWW FEED STORE AT 10:00. BRING A SADDLE LUNCH FOR IT WILL BE AN ALL OUTING.

WE WILL BE HOLDING THE CHAPTER MEETING AT THE HOME OF EDWARD AND DEBBIE FRANKS ON THE 14TH. IT WILL BE A POT LUCK DINNING BEGINNING AT 6:30.

WE HOPE TO HAVE THE SPEAKER SCHEDULED FOR THE FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING HANNAH PORT DVM. SHE WILL BE DISCUSSING EQUINE ACUPUNCTURE AS WELL AS ANSWERING GENERAL MEDICAL QUESTIONS.

THE DIRECTIONS ARE: PASEO EAST TO TRAMWAY, L OR NORTH TO CEDAR HILL(2ND STOP LIGHT) OR FROM CORRALES EAST UP TRAMWAY TO CEDAR HILL(1ST STOP LIGHT PAST STOP SIGN GOING TO TRAM) TURN EAST (HEADING TO THE MOUNTAINS) ON CEDAR HILL. TAKE L AT STOP SIGN, R AT NEXT SIGN (YOU WILL THEN BE BACK ON CEDAR HILL. FIRST R WILL BE ROADUNNER, SECOND R WILL BE BLUEBIRD (THERE IS NOW A NEW HOUSE ON THE CORNER OF CEDAR HILL & BLUEBIRD). TURN R ON BLUEBIRD, IT IS NOW THE 7TH HOUSE ON THE R. 856-7418. GOOD LUCK

MARCH 24TH WE WILL BE AT THE BOSQUE FARMS COMMUNITY CENTER . WE WILL BE USING OUR DUTCH OVENS AND COOKING LUNCH FOR THE ATTENDEES OF THE STATE CONVENTION. MORE ON THE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT AT THE 3/14TH CHAPTER MEETING AND WITH LATER EMAIL RELEASES.

THIS IS AN EVENT FOR ALL MEMBERS AND ALL MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO ATTEND.

WE STILL HAVE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE DRAWING TO BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION AT \$5.00 PER TICKET.

THE PRIZES ARE: \$250. GIFT CARD FROM CABELA'S, CAMP CHEF STOVE, HIGH ALTITUDE STOVE, CUSTOM SADDLE PAD AND OTHER ITEMS.

BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR THE 2007 YEAR. THEY ARE \$25. FOR SINGLE AND \$43. FOR DOUBLES. SO FAR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE RENEWED FOR 2007 . WE ARE THANKFUL FOR MEMBERS WHO JUST SUPPORT US FINANCIAL.

BONADO,FRANKS'S, KELLY'S, RICHARD HULETT, AVERILL'S MARR'S, MCGRATH, PERCIVAL'S, SHURTERS, DIMICKS-SIMMONS'S, STEEL, DAIGH, LUDLUM, LEATHERWOOD'S

BE SURE TO REJOIN AND JOIN THESE MEMBERS ON THE TRAIL

IF YOU DO NOT RENEW YOUR DUES THIS MONTH THEN THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER AND YOU WILL BE DROPPED FROM THE ROLLS THAT ARE SEND ON TO NATIONAL.

GLAD TO READ THAT TWO OF OUR MEMBERS ARE SERVING ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW MEXICO HORSE COUNCIL. NANCY SEARLES SERVES AS SECRETARY AND

SERVES AS A DIRECTOR. SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS IN THE PAST HAVE SERVED FOR MULTIPLE TERMS OVER THE YEARS ON THE NMHC. THEY ARE ROBIN STRAUSSER, SUE STEEL AND GEORGE MARR.

WE WILL BE CONDUCTING A FREE TRAIL AND PACKING CLINIC APRIL 14TH AT THE HORSEMEN'S TACK & FEED STORE ON NORTH SECOND STREET NEXT TO MURPHEY'S MULE BARN. THIS WILL BE THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY AND WILL BE THERE TO CELEBRATE FROM 10AM TILL 12.

HOPE THAT ALL MEMBERS CAN STOP BY AND HELP OUT.

PLEASE BE SURE TO 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 (FOLKS THAT IS US) OFF OF MANY HIKING TRAILS-HENCE THE PHRASE "STOCK FREE".

AND WE WILL SEE YOU ON THE TRAILS