



BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN

KERN SIERRA UNIT NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENTS LETTER

Dear Kern Sierra Unit members,

As fall is coming upon us and the closing of the packing season, I want to share with you what your unit has been up to over the summer months.

In the back country Lynn Joiner and Robert Anderson, members of your board, have been tackling the trails along the Clicks Creek - Gray meadow area within the Golden Trout Wilderness. With the devastation from the pine beetle there are an extreme amount of trees falling. See more detailed article within the newsletter.

In the front country on National Trails Day, several members including the Champion 4-H youth, gathered at the Hart Park Barn and cleaned the trail along the Kern River. See more detailed article within the newsletter.

On the state level we are working on the next Rendezvous which will be held at Red Bluff March 27-29 2020 and then in Tulare the following year. Hope to see you all at one or both. We are also working on a business plan that will not only help organize all our units but assist bringing Backcountry Horseman of California to a more modern time with communications through social media and all the other electronic advantages. By creating this plan it will help gain access to larger grants by having an organized plan for our future and by updating all our policies to help in the growth of the organization.

As always there is a fight to keep public lands open to stock use. The current battle involves E-bikes on non-motorized trails. A letter of action is within this newsletter. Read and respond ASAP. Time is of utmost importance. Also go to <http://bchckernsierra.com/>, the Kern Sierra web site, and read the Tahoe E-bike demand letter explaining the matter in more detail.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your membership and participation in BHCH's worthy cause. We could not make the impact we do without your support. We are a force to be reckoned with when we work together.

We have some upcoming events that you will want to participate in such as our Social Bus Trip to the Western States Horse Expo November 9th, reservation form attached, and our end of the year Christmas Banquet Dinner Dec 2nd at Woolgrowers Restaurant. Save the date!

Hope to see you soon

Tammy Bozarth

Kern Sierra Unit President
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FORKS OF THE KERN TRAILHEAD CLEAN-UP

Submitted by Robert Anderson

On June 9, Sequoia Forest Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Gammell, met me at Springville where we headed to the Forks of the Kern Trailhead to cut fallen branches out of the horse corrals. After three hours we had the branches down and cut into firewood and drug all the brush into a pile. The corrals are in good shape and we will need to go back and fix some hitching rails.



JERKY TRAILHEAD CLEAN-UP

Submitted by Robert Anderson

On June 16, Sequoia Forest Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Gammell and Mike Holtsnider, met me at California Hot Springs where we loaded up three horses and three mules and headed to the Jerky Trailhead. There we loaded chainsaws, hand tools, shovels and food and water and headed towards the Golden Trout Wilderness to remove trees. 8 hours and 13 trees later, we returned to the trailhead to head home. It was a beautiful day and though we worked hard, we had a great time and the trail is now in good shape all the way to the top. We met a number of hikers who were very appreciative of our work.

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NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

Submitted by Carmen Coyle

On June 1, Kern Sierra Unit members and several members of Champion 4- H worked together on National Trails Day to clean-up the equestrian trail running along the Kern River. Everyone worked hard and we saw a lot of cats and some peacocks along the way.



GREY MEADOW TO LION MEADOW

Submitted by Robert Anderson

On August 21, Lynn Joiner and Robert Anderson headed into Grey Meadow to clear trees for four days. Robert received a 4 day chainsaw exception and wanted to make it count. The next four days were busy with a total of 13 miles of trails cleared of 92 trees. This project cleared all the trails from Grey meadow to the Little Kern Bridge, Jerky Trailhead, Lewis Camp Trailhead, Click's Creek Trailhead and up to Lion Meadow. Some of the trees were almost 5 foot diameter. It was long days, mostly getting back to camp between 5 and 6 PM. Thank goodness Lynn is so handy in the kitchen, we had great dinners and still had time for dominoes each night. We rode out on Saturday with a great feeling of accomplishment. The next trip I took in was to Grey and Lion Meadows. How nice it was to ride the two trails with the most trees down and see the trail open all the way. Oh yes, if Lynn says her pack mule can't buck, call me!!!!



Kern Sierra Unit Gun Raffle Fundraiser

Henry 308 lever action



Only \$20 per ticket

limited sales of 200 tickets

Drawing will be held December 2 at the Christmas Banquet Dinner

For ticket orders contact Tammy Bozarth 661-322-2545

Need not be present to win. Must be 21



HOLIDAY EDITION: NOVEMBER 8-10, 2019 | FAIRPLEX, POMONA, CA

Join us on the Bus trip to Western States Horse Expo

Saturday November 9th \$ 40 per person

not including one day general admission

\$20 on-line presale

and \$25 at the door

For information reserving your seat contact Tammy Bozarth 661-322-2545

Special rates for 4H children accompanied by a paid adult

Backcountry Horsemen of California—Kern Sierra Unit

Objectives and Purpose

To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; to advocate good trail manners.

To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation.

To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open to horsemen on all public lands.

To keep current information before the Corporation membership and its local Units regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulations of the backcountry.

To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those persons interested in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry.

To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails.

To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock in the backcountry to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources.

To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need for a clean backcountry.

To promote a working relationship with and keep the work interests of the Corporation before our local, state and federal officials.

To assist in the formation and continuation of local Units to carry on these purposes.

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