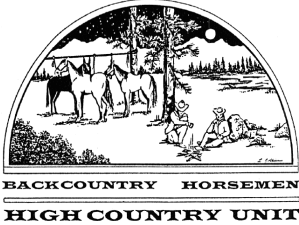


Winter 2013

High Country Unit of the BCHC



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President's Message

High Country Friends,

Greetings, I am pleased to be writing to you, once again, as president of High Country Unit of Back Country Horsemen of California. Our unit accomplished much over the past and, thanks to a number of energized members, plans much of the same for this upcoming year. You won't want to miss the Membership Meeting this coming March 2nd, in Susanville. We'll be getting serious about the planning and scheduling of the years' activities and we want all members to have a say in what HCU does in 2013.

One proposed event that we will need to decide upon at the March meeting will take us out in the Nevada desert to a familiar spot for those of us "long in the tooth" with HCU. We've been asked by BLM to join them at Steven's Camp for the first weekend in June to assist in a couple projects they have lined out. I would guess, since memory is not what it used to be, that we have spent at least four Memorial Day week-ends over the years at Steven's Camp assisting BLM in various projects. Steven's Camp lies about 55 miles east of

Cedarville and is a block cabin built around 1949 by Tennessee Ernie Ford. It lies on the Historic Lassen-Applegate Immigrant Trail.

(More thoughts on page 7)



Public Lands

by Cindy McMurry

I smell spring right around the corner. Have you noticed the geese are pairing up? By Feb. 15 we should start seeing Sandhill Cranes. Western Blue Birds will be right behind the cranes. With spring just around the corner we are planning a **free** pack clinic to help us prepare for

one of our BLM projects. Sam Burrows and Larry Shuman from the Shasta-Trinity Unit, very experienced packers in their own right, will be coming to Alturas on April 27 and 28 to teach beginning and odd load packing classes.

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Meeting Calendar

HCU Meeting
March 2, 2013

Location:

Pizza Factory
Susanville

Time: 11AM—2 PM

Several projects underway contribute to resource restoration, camps and backcountry trail improvements. Descriptions of a few projects follow:

BLM Lost Creek Fire Fence Restoration This project offers an opportunity for HCU members to volunteer packing assistance for moving fencing materials into remote areas damaged by the Lost Fire. Approximately 6 miles of a 40 mile fence can be accessed only by pack stock. May is the target date for implementing this project.

HCU plans a **Pack Clinic** in Alturas on April 27 & 28. Making the pack clinic a public day serves as a membership recruitment effort too. Sam Burrow and Larry Shurman, BCHC leaders from Redding, offered to teach at the pack clinic in Alturas. HCU members will also have an opportunity learning about Dutch Oven cooking as lunch will be prepared using Dutch Ovens.

MNF RAC Projects for 2013

High Grade Trail Interpretive Signing and Trail Work The High Grade Trail is located in the Warner Mountains, east of the Buck Creek Guard Station. Trail signage & interpretative signs were ordered last fall. Installing the signs is planned for this summer. Kerry Davis is the HCU lead for this project.

Soup Springs Campground is scheduled for new corrals this year, in addition to the corrals that were repaired last summer.

RAC funding was earmarked for **East Creek Trail** clearing last summer. An in-service agreement between Forests brought Ken Graves and crew to the MNF. They cleared portions of the trail. Additional trail clearing is planned for 2013.



East Creek Trail — Many more downed logs await clearing on this trail. Some people pay to work out at a gym or buy expensive exercise equipment. Some people diet to lose extra weight. Why not join the work parties to clear this wilderness trail using cross cut saws? For the cost of camping, you can turn excess pounds into buff muscles while eating good healthy food.

Forest Service staff marked the trail last year and cleared part of the trail. Let's open the rest of this trail this year!

April 27 & 28, 2013

**9 AM to 4 PM
each day**

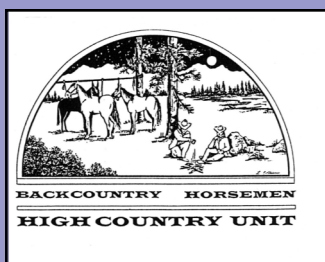
Find the Alturas
Livestock Grounds on
West 8th Street

**FREE
ADMISSION
WITH RSVP**

**Presented by
The High Country Unit
of California's
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN**



PACK CLINIC



*Pack Clinic Coordinator
Cindy McMurry*

PLEASE RSVP:

Phone: 530-279-6230
Cell: 530-640-0429

E-mail cmcmurry@frontiernet.net

A family event open to the public.

Come learn basic and advanced techniques for packing stock. Receive instruction from Backcountry Horsemen Packers who have years of experience. Try your hand at loading, hitches, knots and packing odd load items.

DUTCH OVEN LUNCHES w / RSVP

SATURDAY & SUNDAY @ NOON

\$ 5 12 YR & UP **\$ 3** 6 YR—11 YR



Saturday, APRIL 27

9 AM — NOON
BEGINNING PACKING
SKILLS

1 PM — 4 PM HANDS
ON HITCHES & KNOTS

Sunday, APRIL 28

9 AM — NOON
ODD LOAD PACKING

1 PM - 4 PM HANDS ON
PRACTICE W/ FENCE
MATERIALS

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA - HIGH COUNTRY UNIT

MEETING March 2, 2013 11AM — 2 PM

Location: Pizza Factory, Susanville, CA

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome - Introductions - Roll Call**
- 2. Agenda updates**
- 3. Correspondence**
- 4. Meeting Notes – (See Newsletter pages 6 & 7)**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming project planning and 2013 activities & events calendar

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|---|---------------|
| BCHC Rendezvous in Norco | March 22 — 24 |
| Equine & Trails Celebration in Red Bluff | April 5 — 7 |
| HCU Pack Clinic in Alturas | April 27 & 28 |
| BCH Pack Clinic in Klamath Falls, OR | May 3—5 |
| BLM Lost Creek Fire Fence Packing Project | May |

Stevens Camp, NV Corral panels & Upper High Rock Trail, National Trail Day, June 1
High Grade Trail sign installation, Soup Springs Corral installation, Red Tail Rim Trail clearing, East Creek Trail clearing, Demo for American Hiking Assoc in August.

USDA Adopts Animal Traceability Program — Effects on transporting horses?

8. Set date for next meeting / Announcements / Adjournment

Please contact a HCU officer for requesting additional agenda items. See contact info on page 10.

Public Lands (continued from page 1)

Ali Urza of the BLM will be providing a representation of the fencing materials we will be packing into the High Rock Canyon Wilderness, for us to practice with. A Dutch Oven lunch will be provided by High Country members at \$5 per plate to help pay for the Alturas Show Grounds. Check with Valerie Lantz on how you can help with the lunch and RSVP for the clinic for planning purposes.

There are some new wrinkles in the Science Synthesis Study that is being used to set the direction and provide citations to the new Forest Plans in California, which directly affect several forest user groups. Come to the March 2nd unit meeting in Susanville to learn more about what this means for you.

Are you interested in having input into the direction the education component of BCH is going? The State Education Committee is looking for new members from the North State. If you would like to commit some time to this valuable committee, call or e-mail me soon!

See you in Susanville,

Cindy McMurry

Public Lands Chair
High Country Unit



USFS Packer, Kenny Graves, heading out with a pack string from East Creek Equestrian Camp to supply trail crews on the Owl Creek trail, 2012.

Gentle Use Ethics

Plan Ahead & Prepare

Travel & Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave What You Find

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

NEWSLETTERS

The BCHC statewide newsletter, *The Backcountry News*, is available at the BCHC Website OR may be emailed. Make sure your current email address is "in the system." The State volunteers use information provided at your last dues renewal for sending emails. For making email changes, please provide that information to the HCU membership chairperson, Valerie Lantz. For those few who do not have email access, please request a hard copy delivery for both the HCU newsletter and the statewide BCHC newsletter.

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530 233-5540

DRAFT meeting notes

BCHC HCU General Meeting Notes December 8, 2012

The BCHC HCU meeting was held at the Niles Hotel in Alturas.

Lots of informal conversation took place as members enjoyed a social and an excellent dinner. Copies of the agenda, an annual report and ballots were available. Maps were on display on the Unit display board.

The meeting was **called to order** at 8:15 PM by Alan Cain, President. Alan welcomed members and guests. Alan asked for agenda updates. Cindy and Kimberly each asked for agenda time under new business.

Guests included: Amy Hartell (Modoc National Forest Recreation Officer), Dan Dockery, Modoc National Forest volunteer.

HCU members present included: Alan & Jeannie Cain, LuRena Sylva, Clarence & Dolores Wager, Cindy & Sam McMurry, Sharon Enderlin, Edie Asrow, Michael & Kimberly Anderson, Valerie & Glenn Lantz, Pete & Sandy Jansen, Laurel Marsters, Harry & Jean Weir.

Correspondence - none.

Minutes from HCU Meeting of September , 2012. Valerie stated that DRAFT meeting notes were included in the Fall Newsletter which allowed lots of opportunity for everyone to review them. Cindy moved to approve the meeting notes. A second by Harry was supported with unanimous approval for the minutes to be accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report: LuRena provided a printed Treasurer's report (see attached).

Old Business:

Project reports: Amy presented a PowerPoint that included photos from several 2012 MNF projects, including the Owl Creek Trail, High Grade Trail, Red Tail Rim Trail, East Creek Trail, and Soup Springs Horse Camp.

Amy said the Region 5 top pick for the annual Forest Service Trail Group Volunteer Award includes the High Country Unit.

Laurel reported that the Lassen National Forest rebuilt the Cone Lake Corral at the edge of the Caribou Wilderness. She said the Lassen Sheriff's Posse may have funding for other corral building.

New Business:

Kimberly, speaking as the Modoc National Forest Supervisor, thanked the High Country Unit for the support and dedicated volunteering from the High Country Unit members.

Upcoming project planning - Amy said that grant funding is available from the

National Forest Foundation through the Wilderness Stewardship Program. Amy asked for assistance from the HCU to prepare a grant application as a MNF partner. Projects already in the works for 2013 include Soup Springs corral installation, sign installation on the High Grade Trail, Red Tail Rim trail clearing (logs) and clearing large logs from the East Creek Trail. Amy said the American Hiking Association is planning a trip to the Warner Mountains in August 2013. This is an opportunity to demonstrate positive stock use to serious hikers. Amy reported that the Modoc National Forest retired its remaining horse stock. Planning for replacements or revising a stock use program will be considered this winter.

Cindy presented a PowerPoint that illustrated a BLM project that offers an opportunity for HCU members to volunteer packing assistance for moving fencing materials into remote areas damaged by the Lost Fire. Approximately 6 miles of a 40 mile fence can be accessed only by pack stock. May is the target date for implementing this project. Cindy suggested that the HCU plan a Pack Clinic in Alturas during April. Making the pack clinic a public day could serve as a membership recruitment effort too. Sam Burrow and Larry Shurman, BCHC leaders from Redding, offered to teach at such a pack clinic in Alturas. HCU members will also have an opportunity for learning packing and other back country skills at the BCHC Rendezvous on March 22-24, 2013 in Norco and/or *The Wild Wilderness Weekend*, a

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BCHC event held in Red Bluff on April 5 - 7, 2013. Cindy distributed flyers for each of these events. The HCU is committed to helping in the office at the Red Bluff event. Please contact Cindy to sign up or help plan these events. Cindy also reported on the BCHC State meeting held in October. BCHC plans to activate a new website by the first of the new year. BCHC has grants available for Unit Education Programs and Trail Projects that contain educational components. The State meeting included interesting presentations about the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) organization and about One Spade Packers, a youth program.

2013 Officers - Election ballots were filled out and gathered. Alan Cain write-in's were present on all ballots. 50% of members were represented by the ballots gathered (three were received via USPS mail). The officers elected for 2013 are the same as those serving in 2012.

President - Alan Cain

Vice President - Sharon Enderlin

Public Lands - Cindy McMurry

Secretary/Newsletter - Valerie Lantz

Activities & Education Director - Marti Butow

Treasurer - LuRena Sylva

State Director (travel to State BCHC Meetings) - Cindy McMurry

The discussion about the **date / time / place for the next HCU meeting** results:

March 2, 2013 is the next HCU meeting date. The location in Susanville to be determined by members in that area. A noon meeting with lunch is planned.

Alan **adjourned** the meeting at 9:50 PM.

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More history will be discussed when we go to Stevens Camp!

The work planned for this year at Stevens Camp includes constructing additional panel corrals, brushing out the Upper High Rock Canyon Trail, and tending to various needs around the cabin. There are facilities there for our horses, plenty of water, and immeasurable miles of riding.

Please plan to attend the meeting in Susanville and be a part of this year's planning. See you there!

Yours for the trails,

Alan Cain

BCHC – High Country Unit Activities Calendar 2013

| Date(s) | Activity | Contact(s) |
|---------------|--|--|
| February 23 | BCHC State Meeting in Visalia | Cindy 530 640-0429 |
| March 2 | HCU Quarterly Meeting | Sandy 530 257-0222 |
| March 22 -24 | BCHC Rendezvous in Norco | bchccalifornia.org |
| April 5—7 | Equine & Trails Celebration in Red Bluff | Cindy 530 640-0429 |
| April 27 & 28 | HCU Pack Clinic in Alturas | Cindy 530 640-0429 |
| May 3—5 | BCH Pack Clinic in Klamath Falls, OR | www.hdtrbch.org |
| May | BLM Lost Creek Fire Fencing Pack Project | Cindy 530 640-0429 |
| June 1 | HCU National Trails Day Work/Ride Party @ Stevens Camp, NV | Alan |
| June | Modoc Outdoor Expo @ Alturas | Valerie |
| July 6 | Fandango Day Parade @ Alturas | ? |
| ? | Fish Packing | ? |
| ? | East Creek Trail clearing | ? |
| ? | Owl Creek Trail Camp & Pack Trip | ? |
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Your date ? ?????????? your activity here ?????????? Your name here?

There are plenty of opportunities to help plan activities!!! Contact Marti or Valerie to add your name, date and or activity at any of the "?" See Page 10 for contact info.

Cindy McMurry, Valerie Lantz and Sharon Enderlin rode the Cedar Creek Trail before the snow flew.



HIGH COUNTRY UNIT

CALIFORNIA BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMAN

QUARTERLY MEETING

MARCH 2, 2013, SATURDAY

SUSANVILLE PIZZA FACTORY PARTY ROOM

2936 MAIN ST, SUSANVILLE, CA 96130

ACROSS HIGHWAY 36 FROM SAFEWAY

AT SOUTH-EAST END OF TOWN

[\(530\) 257-0222](tel:(530)257-0222)

TIME: 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

SEE Y'ALL

AT

Susanville

Pizza Factory

On

March 2

For the next

HCU meeting

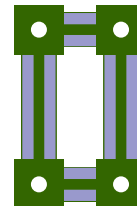
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HIGH COUNTRY UNIT



Valerie Lantz, HCU Secretary
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Alturas, CA 96101

*Concerned Men and Women
Dedicated to Gentle Use of
California Trails & Backcountry*



**BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN
HIGH COUNTRY UNIT**

*Join us on March 2
at the
Susanville
Pizza Factory
11 AM—2 PM Meeting*

HCU OFFICER

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