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April 2021 Newsletter



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Pres Sez

Happy spring!! I think one day we might be able to ride our horses again!! Once again we are always surprised with what spring brings us. We do always need the moisture but enough is enough.

Due to the weather and wet trails we have moved our first fun ride to May 2nd. We will still ride Sandstone Ranch open Space in Douglas County and have a pot luck after our ride. Please sign up for the ride through our new calendar system [FRBCH Activity Signup 2021 at www.signup.com](https://www.signup.com). We have worked hard on putting our schedule together and it is full with fun rides, work rides and camping trips!! But we also need more volunteers to lead rides and camping trips so please look at the schedule.

We are planning to start meeting in person for our monthly meetings. We will be meeting this month at a Mannings Steak and Spirits restaurant. Stay tune for more information to be sent through email.

Don't know about you but I'm ready to ride!!!

Sharon



The New FRBCH Calendar - Update

We have developed a Calendar for the chapter using a service at SignUp.com, that we think meets most of the needs of the group. A preliminary calendar is now ready, and can be referenced and utilized by chapter members and non-members at this permanent link:

[FRBCH Activity Signup 2021](#)

The calendar has been populated with the monthly meetings, dates for tentative Trail Clearing rides, dates for Recreational Rides, and multi-day camping trips. Tentative dates for the Colorado Trail Rides will be added this month. As you will see, many of the entries are still tentative, in that locations and exact timing are to be determined. We wanted to move to a "Save the Date" concept for our events in order to encourage more participation and make planning easier.

Thanks to Dan Shier, most of the Trail Clearing day rides, and the Recreational day rides have destinations and ride leaders defined. The planned Camping Trips will be discussed more in the next meeting, as these are not yet well defined.

The calendar of events at the end of this newsletter is now extracted from this new system. We hope you have a chance to reference the new calendar and tell us what you think!

John

Recreational Ride at Sandstone Ranch Reschedule date Sunday, May 2 11 A.M.

Sandstone Ranch in Douglas County is filled with spectacular views, expansive hay meadows, red rock formations, wildlife habitat, historic ranching operation, and 3.5 miles of common boundary with Pike National Forest. Sandstone Ranch is the crown jewel of all the County's Open Space properties.

This 2,038-acre ranch borders the Pike National Forest and features an extraordinarily diverse landscape including red rock formations and sloping meadows; vast wildlife habitat and corridors, expansive and diverse vegetation and other natural resources; as well as cultural and historic assets, including a historic ranch operation and a number of historic buildings dating back to its original owners in the 1870s. There are currently 2 loops for a total of 12 miles of trails on the eastern portion of the Ranch.

Address: 9605 S. Perry Park Road, Larkspur, CO 80118

There is a good size parking lot - plenty of room for horse trailers. Easy trail, shoes not required. Ready to ride at 11 am. We are planning to have a potluck after the ride. Must be a member to ride but will have applications on hand.

Sign up on the FRBCH Calendar - [FRBCH Activity Signup 2021](#) .

Packing Clinic Wednesday August 11

As you are aware, the mule packing string moved from the AG Ranch to Cody Wyoming 2 years ago. This year plans have been approved to bring half of the Mule String to the Goose Creek trailhead. This will consist of 6 mules and one or two packers, each packer having a horse to ride. On Monday, August 9, the mule string will bring materials (and some camping gear) to the Shaft House area on the Goose Creek trail where they will be utilized subsequently by VOC volunteers. On Friday August 13 the mule string will pack the gear back out.

On Tuesday, August 10, the mule string will leave Goose Creek and the mules will go to the AG ranch where they will stay until they are needed the following Friday. In the interim we will have an opportunity to interact with the mules and packers.

The mules, their pack gear, and the packers will be available at the AG Ranch all day Wednesday August 11 and possibly some on Thursday. The Forest Service has suggested that our FRBCH chapter might wish to ask the packers to participate in some education for our members, from a hands-on packing demonstration by the pros to horsemanship discussions or demos. This would be limited to 6-8 FRBCH members and perhaps 2 others from VOC, CTF, or other stewardship groups that work with the Ranger District.

From our group of 9 officers and key members, we have five that are enthusiastic about attending:
Dan Shier (1) Carol Emmons (2) Joan Wealing (1) John Case (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)

Recall that there will be only 8 (or maybe 9 of us) that can attend. I am in the process of contacting the packer(s) to see what will be presented. When I have an idea of what is to be presented, I will send it out to all our members. If we don't have enough from FRBCH I can check with the Northern Colorado Chapter.

Most of us can recall "Training Sessions" in which we were presented with all sorts of good ideas, but as we did not encounter a situation where those ideas were appropriate in the following months, a year later the training never was applied. My suggestion is that we do an overnight member's pack trip within two weeks of the clinic. There is an ideal place to do this. We can park at the Rolling Creek trailhead, proceed up the Colorado Trail and then down the Payne Gulch to the place where that trail crosses Craig Creek, about 5.5 miles. Advantages: (1) That part of the Colorado Trail is wide and easy, so that if a packhorse blows up or a load shifts, repairs can be done in a wide, fairly level place. (2) On the south side of the trail next to the creek, there is a big level campsite back in the aspens with plenty of grass for overnight, trees for highlines, and water for the horses. This is a "legal" campsite, more than 100 ft. from trail and creek.

Possible dates have been suggested: 8/14-15 if we wanted a weekend, or any night 8/12-18 or 9/1-12 if we wanted to do weekdays. To be discussed further during the next Chapter meeting.

So far we have five takers from our officers and key members group, but nothing from any others. So we have three slots still available.

I propose to rerun my call for participants in late May and if we can't get enough, I open it up to Northern Colorado Chapter members.

Dan Shier

FRBCH Colorado Trail Ride Planning

An additional planning call for the Colorado Trail Ride in 2021 was held on Wednesday, April 14. Below are some brief notes from that meeting. If you are interested in participating in additional planning, please contact Sharon Jayne or John Case. The next Zoom call for planning has not yet been scheduled. Thanks to Courtney for taking notes!

ATTENDEES

Pam Doverspike Kitty Bladt Bill Klink Casey Hart
Courtney Cowgill John Case Sharon Jayne Joan Wealing
Sheri Thompson

REVISED SCHEDULE

- Pam Doverspike has generously committed to leading a weeklong trip for the first five segments, instead of the planned single-day rides. Pam has coordinated this ride before, and has help and equipment to facilitate this ride for the Chapter.
- New dates are from Sunday, August 1 to Friday, August 6. Riders would meet Sunday night at a common location, the first day ride would be on Monday August 2. Sharon Jayne and Joan Wealing would be riding as well.
- Pam has not advertised the ride yet. In 2020, Pam started at segment 3, with a base camp at Little Scraggy Peak. She believes that we can shuttle between start/ends. She had 10 riders in 2020. She would start at the head of the trail, Waterton Canyon, for 2021 Ride.

- Food is covered in the cost. Gas for truck-trailer shuttling from beginning to end is included too.
- Pam needs compensation for the hours and equipment. Everyone agreed.
- Pam also purchased and retrofitted a trailer that can provide toilet and kitchen facilities that she will use on this ride.
- She is thinking of starting the ride on Sunday and ending on Friday. We would end this ride at the top of Kenosha Pass. That is the normal start for the ride continuation in 2022.

RIDERS WHO ARE INTERESTED AND/OR COMMITTED

- John Case
- Courtney Cowgill
- Casey Hart
- Denise Bachmann
- Sheri Thompson – not ride, but volunteer to help.
- Donna Fleischer – would also volunteer to ride drag.
- Bill Klink – one or two segments only.
- Joan Wealing – will lead each day, and is comfortable with the trail through Kenosha Pass.
- Sharon Jayne – will lead or ride drag each day.

RIDERS/VOLUNTEERS

- Pam has riders already: Casey, Katie (in Durango), Joan, Sharon, John, Courtney – need four more riders which should be easy to get. Pam would like to offer it to prior riders like Kim and Colleen (Durango) who need to complete this portion of the trail.
- Sherry Thompson will not ride, but would volunteer to help.
- Pam needs two volunteers for camp setup and takedown, cleanup and cooking.
- She needs two to three drivers to move trucks and trailers.
- Kitty said that she would go and volunteer if we were camping.
- The max that we could have in one group is 10 riders and 12 horses. Camping is difficult in a few spots.

PRICE

- Pam suggested the full ride could be done for \$900 per person, the group decided it was safer to offer at \$1000 to provide for leeway in expenses.

LOGISTICS

- Joan asked how we would get to the Trailheads if we ride the first two segments.
- Just for those two days, we need to ask for a few driving volunteers to move the trailers.
- We would set up a base camp off of the road 550. Or maybe we could get into the XMAS Tree parking area. Joan will reach out to the FS, to see if we can use their forest service for camping. She believes that using this area is possible, unless there is something going on that weekend. We can book this as a training class
- We are not using the Foxton camp sight. A few trailers would already be there. In a prior year, people were shuttled to Sue and Jack McKelvey's house. That was challenging, but longer in the option. Joan offered to use her lower meadow for camping and highline too.
- It would help that we could stay in Joan's meadow. Riders would camp on Saturday night and start the ride on Sunday, which gives Pam an extra day. Joan says that a Sunday morning will be impossible in Waterton Canyon. So the revised plan is:
- Start ride and complete Segment 1 on Monday, August 2nd
- Ride Segment 2 on Tuesday,
- Ride Segment 3 on Wednesday,
- Ride Segment 4 on Thursday, and
- Ride Segment 5 and end our ride on Friday at Kenosha pass. That is a great starting point for 2022.

BUDGET & FINANCIALS

- The ride is priced at \$1000 per rider, which includes food, water, gas and paying volunteers.
- As ride leader, Pam would be compensated for her time.
- She needs to cover hay and food, and have some personal reimbursement and for the equipment.
- Pam will see how much the last ride cost her. She started at Buffalo Pass and ended in Breckenridge.
- The longest day was 23 miles. We would include Long Gulch.
- We could help Pam with the menu and shopping. We also need to help her moving hay.
- Kitty said that we had 11 riders in 2020. Donna signed up later.
- Kitty said that the Club has made money each year – with a bottom line profit of around \$1000 per year.
- Kitty said that we have money in the bank for a CTF donation and we need to pay the volunteers for their gas.
- Joan said that we cut the CTF donation in half in 2020, and we need to make that up

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

- Pam asked if these days work for Sheri Thompson. Sheri cannot commit to the full time.
- Pam needs a second driver for a horse trailer and second truck. It will have to be for a whole week.
- Pam will ask her husband to help with the driving.
- Courtney volunteered help with the packing. Last year, we need more certified hay than expected. Pam will recalculate. Sharon and Joan are the hay “Nazis” on this ride.
- We need to pack and ride with saws, and expect to clear trails on the ride.

FRBCH APPROVAL

- Pam believes that this needs to be approved by the Board as our guide and caterer.
- Pam needs to come up with a dollar budget in talking to Kitty. Pam will put the dollars in an email for our approval.
- We can present to the Board on next meeting.
- Pam reminded us that she wants to offer this to past riders like Kit and Colleen before we offer to other Club members, except the people who are already on the list.
- John reminded us that Dan purchased several 18” saws, which were added to the chapter’s saw inventory. Dan needs to confirm the saw count.

OTHER SCHEDULING DISCUSSIONS

- John has removed the single day CT rides from the SignUp calendar.
- The next planning call is not yet scheduled.

BCHA Resources

Did you know about the wealth of educational materials that are maintained by the national staff at BCHA? On the website bcha.org, under Membership > Education > Open BCH Education Curriculum Matrix, you will find presentations and materials that support all the chapters in BCH. These are grouped into sections for “BCHA 101”, “Officer Training” and “BCHA 201”. Each has a matrix of materials that have been created by BCHA and other chapters that deal with many of the common issues found in the chapters:

BCHA 201

Public Lands	Education	Trail Work	Advocacy Partners	Membership	Media/Marketing	Ways and Means	Robert's Rules
Partnership Management	Team Training Management	Work Crew Management	What/Who?	BCHA Recruitment/Retention Helpful Hints - PowerPoint	Ad/Promotional Materials	Foundation	Website
Agency Interface - https://www.outdooradvocates.net/public-lands-101/	Requirements		Application	BCH Washington Membership Development Guide	Media Packages/Tradeshaw Materials	Grants	
How to build coalitions	Planning			Benefits of Membership	Newsletter	BCHA Grants Application	

In particular, we have found these presentations and guides to be very helpful:

- Volunteer Hours Reporting Guide
- BCHA Recruitment/Retention Helpful Hints
- BCH Washington Membership Development Guide
- Equine First Aid
- Trail Rider Checklist
- Packing (link to videos)

Take a look at these when you get a chance, we can learn from the best practices of other Chapters!



FRBCH Activity Sign Up 2021 : Wed, April 28, 2021 - Tue, November 16, 2021

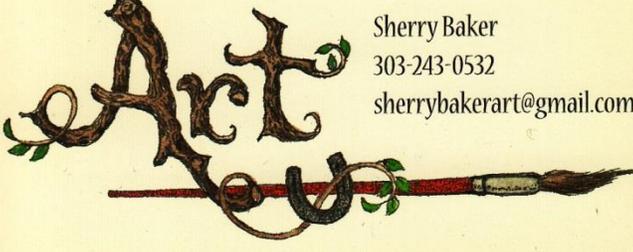
Date	Task	Needed	Time	Filled	Open
Wed, Apr 28, 2021	Monthly Meeting	No Limit	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	12	
	John Case (1) kitty (1) Karen Chaney (1) Rachel Callihan (1) Jim holmes (1) sherry baker (1)		Sharon Jayne (1) Carol Emmons (1) Joan Wealing (2) Courtney Cowgill (1) Matthew Brake (1)		
Sun, May 2, 2021	Recreational Ride at Sandstone Ranch	No Limit	11:00 am - 4:00 pm	10	
	Sharon Jayne (1) John Case (1) Jim holmes (1) Jennifer Keys (1) sherry baker (1)		Dan Shier (1) Courtney Cowgill (1) Karen Chaney (1) Patty Malmquist (2)		
Mon, May 10, 2021	Clear Cub Creek East	10	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	4	6
	John Case (1) Joan Wealing (2)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Tue, May 25, 2021	Monthly Meeting	No Limit	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	6	
	John Case (1) kitty (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		bill Klink (1) Joan Wealing (2)		
Wed, May 26, 2021	Clear Payne Gulch Trail	8	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	7	1
	Dan Shier (1) John Case (1) Donna Fleischer (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1) Joan Wealing (2) bill Klink (1)		
Thu, May 27, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip May 27-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	Bob Schmit (1)		Joan Wealing (2)		
Fri, May 28, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip May 27-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	0	
	No Assignments				
Sat, May 29, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip May 27-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	0	
	No Assignments				
Thu, Jun 3, 2021	Clear Colorado Trail Section 4.1	8	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	6	2
	Joan Wealing (2) John Case (1) Sue McKelvy (1)		bill Klink (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		

Date	Task	Needed	Time	Filled	Open
Tue, Jun 8, 2021	Clear Captain Mountain West	10	9:30 am - 4:00 pm	2	8
	Courtney Cowgill (1)		John Case (1)		
Sat, Jun 12, 2021	Recreational ride, Golden Gate Canyon SP	25	9:30 am - 3:30 pm	6	19
	Dan Shier (1) Rachel Callihan (1) bill Klink (1)		John Case (1) Courtney Cowgill (1) Debbie Black (1)		
Thu, Jun 17, 2021	Clear Indian Creek trail on Mt. Evans	7	9:30 am - 4:00 pm	1	6
	bill Klink (1)				
Mon, Jun 21, 2021	Clear Captain Mountain East	5	9:30 am - 4:00 pm	3	2
	bill Klink (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		John Case (1)		
Wed, Jun 23, 2021	Monthly Meeting	No Limit	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	5	
	John Case (1) kitty (1) bill Klink (1)		Carol Emmons (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Fri, Jun 25, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip June 25-27	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	Julie Errend (1) sherry baker (1)		kitty (1)		
Sat, Jun 26, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip June 25-27	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	0	
	No Assignments				
Sun, Jun 27, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip June 25-27	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	0	
	No Assignments				
Wed, Jun 30, 2021	Clear Rosalie trail	6	9:30 am - 4:00 pm	2	4
	John Case (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Thu, Jul 8, 2021	Unassigned Trail Clearing Ride	10	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	4	6
	Carol Emmons (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		John Case (1) bill Klink (1)		
Tue, Jul 13, 2021	Clear Brookside McCurdy trail	10	9:30 am - 5:00 pm	2	8
	John Case (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Sat, Jul 17, 2021	Recreational Ride--Rosalie Trail	20	9:30 am - 4:00 pm	4	16
	Daniel Shier (1) John Case (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1) Rachel Callihan (1)		
Mon, Jul 19, 2021	Clear Lost Creek Trail	7	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	2	5

Date	Task	Needed	Time	Filled	Open
	Courtney Cowgill (1)		John Case (1)		
Thu, Jul 22, 2021	Trail Clearing Ride	10	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	0	10
	No Assignments				
Thu, Jul 29, 2021	Clear Tanglewood Trail	6	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	2	4
	Carol Emmons (2)				
Fri, Jul 30, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip July 29-31	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	Carol Emmons (2)		kitty (1)		
Sat, Jul 31, 2021	3-Day Camping Trip July 29-31	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	0	
	No Assignments				
Wed, Aug 11, 2021	Packing Training and Clinic	8	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	6	2
	Dan Shier (1) Carol Emmons (2) Joan Wealing (1)		John Case (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Tue, Aug 17, 2021	Trail Clearing Ride	10	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	2	8
	Courtney Cowgill (1)		John Case (1)		
Wed, Aug 25, 2021	Mineral Creek Ride Aug 25-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	4	
	John Case (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		kitty (1) sherry baker (1)		
Thu, Aug 26, 2021	Mineral Creek Ride Aug 25-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	John Case (1) sherry baker (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Fri, Aug 27, 2021	Mineral Creek Ride Aug 25-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	John Case (1) sherry baker (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Sat, Aug 28, 2021	Mineral Creek Ride Aug 25-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	John Case (1) sherry baker (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Sun, Aug 29, 2021	Mineral Creek Ride Aug 25-29	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	John Case (1) sherry baker (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Fri, Sep 3, 2021	4-Day Camping Trip Sep 3-6	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	3	
	John Case (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		kitty (1)		

Date	Task	Needed	Time	Filled	Open
Sat, Sep 4, 2021	4-Day Camping Trip Sep 3-6	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	2	
	John Case (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Sun, Sep 5, 2021	4-Day Camping Trip Sep 3-6	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	2	
	John Case (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Mon, Sep 6, 2021	4-Day Camping Trip Sep 3-6	No Limit	8:00 am - 8:00 pm	2	
	John Case (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Sun, Sep 12, 2021	Recreational Ride	No Limit	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	3	
	John Case (1) bill Klink (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Tue, Sep 28, 2021	Monthly Meeting	No Limit	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	4	
	John Case (1) kitty (1)		Carol Emmons (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Tue, Oct 5, 2021	Trail Clearing Ride	10	9:00 am - 5:00 pm	3	7
	Carol Emmons (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		John Case (1)		
Sun, Oct 24, 2021	Recreational Ride	No Limit	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	2	
	John Case (1)		Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Wed, Oct 27, 2021	Monthly Meeting	No Limit	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	4	
	John Case (1) kitty (1)		Carol Emmons (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		
Tue, Nov 16, 2021	Monthly Meeting	No Limit	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	4	
	John Case (1) kitty (1)		Carol Emmons (1) Courtney Cowgill (1)		

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