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Working to keep trails open to saddle and pack stock today and for future generations through education, service and voice.

Without trails, where would we ride?

November-December 2021 Newsletter

Next Meeting:
Tuesday November
16th 5:30 PM, at the
Morrison Inn - 301 Bear
Creek Avenue in
downtown Morrison.
5:30 Social Hour, 6:00
PM Meeting.

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As this year starts to wrap up we still have several more fun events going on so please check our calendar.

Another reminder we will support the Christmas Tree Ambassador program with the Forest Service up in the Buffalo Creek area. Joan Wealing will be the coordinator for this fun event. Thank you Joan!! There will be several days available for you to participate. It is always fun to dress up the horses and ourselves and spread some holiday cheer!! Please see the calendar for more details and to sign up!!

The planning of our annual Christmas party is in full swing. Jim Holmes has graciously given his office space for this years party. Thank you Jim!! We always have a lot of fun!! We will have a silent auction again this year. Look for more details from Courtney Cowgill about the Auction. Evite invitations will be coming out soon. More information is on the flyer.

A reminder that you see a change in this newsletter. We voted on changing the newsletter timing to have a September/October, November/December, January/February, March/April newsletter and then issuing monthly for May, June, July, and August.



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Deadline for articles
5th of each month!

Our next meeting will be November 16 at the Morrison Inn, in Morrison Colorado. We will be upstairs in the back like old times. Social hour changed to 5:30 p.m. to give us more time for those that want to order food. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

As this will be the last newsletter that you hear from me as president I just want to thank all of our members for the continual support over the last 3 years. We have had a few struggles to overcome with Covid but we made due with our meetings on Zoom. Our club has stayed strong through it all! With this past year we have implemented the new calendar for better communications on what's happening and adding fun rides every month along with the work rides. And we have managed to bring in new members. Thank you all for sharing this club with your friends. The vision of our club means the world to so many of us to keep our trails open. Can you imagine what it would have been like these last 2 years if we did not have our horses and the beautiful Colorado mountains to enjoy. Thanks again for your support and I know you will continue to support our new officers and board members next year. I look forward to seeing all of the accomplishments of this club in the years to come.

Happy Trails!

Sharon





CHRISTMAS TREE AMBASSADORS

Nov. 26, 27, Dec. 4,5,11

Event Parking

Buffalo Creek, CO

We will be parking in the event parking across from Spring Creek Ranch as in years past. To find this parking, go through Buffalo Creek, up the hill and past the Fire Station. The parking area will be on the right (west) side of the road and will have a FRBCH sign on it. You will need to open it to go in. It will be unlocked.

If you plan to participate, please contact Joan Wealing at 219-863-7253 or joanwealing@gmail.com. I will provide further instructions and meet you at the event.



**Front Range Back Country Horsemen's
Annual Christmas Potluck and Volunteer
Celebration.**

Sunday, December 12 at 4:00 PM

**Jim Holmes-Keller Williams DTC Office
6300 Syracuse Way, Suite 150
Centennial, Colorado.**

FRBCH will provide the main dish, along with beer, wine and sodas.

Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.

Here's how you'll know what to bring: If your last name begins with

A - J Please bring an Appetizer

K - R, a Side Dish

S - Z, a Dessert.

Gift Exchange!

Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$15 or more to exchange.

Don't be left out – This is so much fun!

Spouses and guests are welcome, so bring a friend (or 2 or 3) so they can learn more about Back Country Horsemen.

You'll receive an Evite in your email so please RSVP.

Questions? Contact Sharon Jayne at Majestictrail@AOL.com or 303-570-4559.



Hope to see you there!



Last Work and Recreational Rides for 2021 John Case

The final work ride for this season has held on October 12. Even though the weather looked marginal, John Case met with Karen Chaney and Linda Mackety to ride the Rolling Creek trail south from the trailhead to see what logs could be cleared.

The day was cloudy and chill from the start, but the rolling hills and water crossings on the first few miles of the trail were enjoyable to ride, with no downed timer found. At about 3 miles in, a couple logs were cleared at a water crossing where the trail got much steeper – and the team quickly decided not to proceed further as it was starting to rain and sleet.

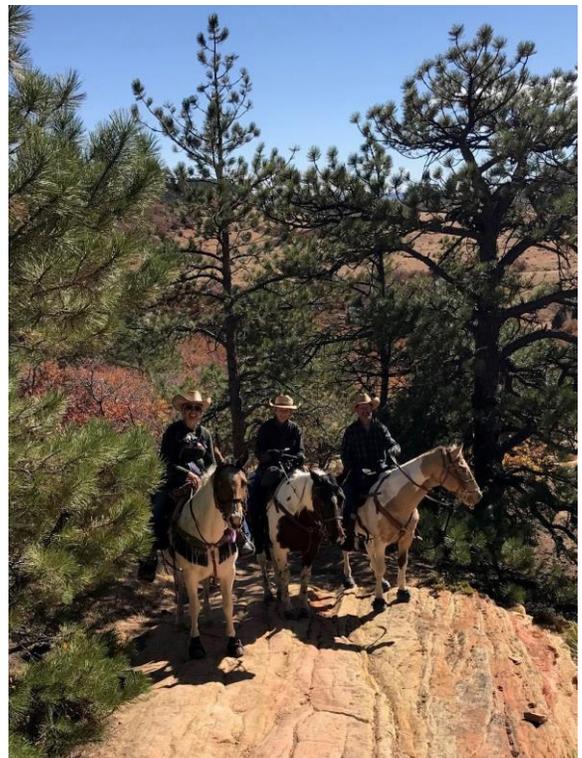


On the trail back, we certainly got our first taste of the changing season as it started to snow in earnest. Karen was best prepared in her “Little Red Riding Hood” outfit! Luckily we had not gotten too far in, so the return to the trailers was quick and no mishaps encountered for horses or riders. Just a good ride to remember next season when the weather I great again!

Sharptail Recreational Ride October 24

In contrast to the snow and clouds experienced on the 12th, those of us who gathered for the last Recreational Ride for the season experienced a glorious Indian Summer day at Sharptail Ridge. In addition to John Case and Courtney Cowgill, Karen Chaney and friend Sandra Bankhead joined in the ride from the Sharptail Trailhead south.

With the dry weather in the metro area through October, Sharptail was beautiful in the changing colors of aspen and scrub oak. The trail winds through some heavily wooded areas, and even on this Sunday we did not encounter many other hikers, bikers, or other horse riders.





After a truly wonderful 12 miles and returning to the pavilion at the trailhead for a nice light lunch, we all decided this was one of the best rides we had been on in the fall, and a great wrap-up to the summer's activities for FRBCH!

September and October Chapter Meetings

The September meeting was held at the Pavillion at Bear Creek Greenbelt Park. While the weather was still nice and the days reasonably long, we wanted to get outside and enjoy the end of the summer. We had a great turnout, 16 members came out for the meeting including several new members!

The discussion ranged over many subjects:

- Looking at alternatives to PayPal for membership dues on the web site. PayPal charges are increasing; other possibilities like Venmo, Zelle, Square were discussed without any resolution. We will be considering this further in the new year.
- Review of the Officer and Director positions that will be open for the next year.
- Plans underway to participate in the Christmas Tree Ambassador program again this year.
- Discussion on the chapter Calendar – what worked well for this year, what not so well, how can we improve for next year?
- Discussion on the Colorado Trail Ride for 2022. The Chapter is undecided on whether to start the CTR again at Segment 1; concerns were expressed on getting enough volunteers to provide for a Support Crew if we follow the previous structure. It has been a great revenue generator for the Chapter. A committee was designated to consider these issues further, and also to evaluate other fundraising possibilities. Initial members of the committee are Kim Berg, Kitty Bladt, Rochelle Voss and John Case.
- The packing class in August and the packing trip later in the month were seen as very engaging and educational. Several members would like to see us do more packing trips next summer, both for work and recreation.
- We committed to supporting the 2020 Horse Expo. Helena Laliberte will coordinate the chapter efforts (Thanks Helena!).
- The Christmas Party was voted to be at Jim Holmes' DTC office on December 12.

So much to discuss we couldn't complete before dark!

October meeting at the South Metro Fire Headquarters – 9 attendees.

Subjects included:

- Update, more details on the Christmas Tree Ambassador Program. Joan Wealing will coordinate again this year (Thank you Joan!). Dates are November 26, 27, 28 and December 4, 5, 11. Volunteer with Joan!
- Christmas Party on December 12 – additional discussion and planning.
- Horse Expo is on March 24 – 27, with pre-Expo clinics expected. We will be asking BCHCO to help fund the cost of the booth.
- Good discussion on the progress of several new and developing Colorado state parks, including Staunton, Sweetwater Lake, and Fisher's Peak. Parks recently visited in South Dakota were seen as prime examples of how equestrian facilities can be done well.
- Ballot for 2022 Officers and Directors was presented in the October minutes.

See the minutes for both of these meetings for more details!

BCHA Public Land Survey

From the November 8 BCHA announcement – all FRBCH members should be receiving this national newsletter, so please let us know if you did not see it!

PUBLIC LANDS



U.S. Forest Service Enthusiastic about Trail Partners

Hello!

The US Forest Service and University of Colorado Denver are interested in understanding the experiences and perceptions of individual trail volunteers and partners working with the Forest Service.

Results will help inform implementation of the Forest Service's 10-Year Trail Shared Stewardship Challenge ([Trail Challenge](#)). These questions are paired with a similar survey administered to Forest Service trail program employees earlier this year.

PLEASE follow this link to [Take the Survey](#) by Saturday, November 20th

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

https://ucdenver.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_81VOTH6EbWLlrrg?Q_DL=2LkqeHf0EZgliw7_81VOTH6EbWLlrrg_MLRP_4GaDVRo91MRwrzw&Q_CHL=email

Target Audience- Partners and volunteers working with the US Forest Service at the national, regional, forest and district level on trail projects.

Your involvement is anonymous, and all data will be reported in aggregate. You will not be asked any questions that could lead back to your identity as a participant unless you choose to disclose your name to be contacted later. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may terminate participation at any time.

PLEASE SHARE THIS SURVEY WIDELY

Also, please see the national newsletter for more details on "BCHA 101":

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME



BCHA 101

WEBINAR

BCHA 101

Open to All Members

November 20th, 2021 at 8:00AM, PST

This is a free event.

Hope to see you there!

The most recent BCHA Newsletter is at <https://files.constantcontact.com/e75b0703801/3aaffc17-ec12-4f93-83cd-3e8d96b420ba.pdf> . BCHA now distributes the newsletter 3 times per year via e-mail, and only once per year in hordcopy, to save costs. So make sure your email is correct with the FRBCH chapter!

Upcoming Chapter Events

Here's several upcoming rides for the next few weeks that will be both trail-clearing adventures and fun recreational rides. Get onto the chapter Signup Calendar and join us!

[FRBCH Activity Signup 2021](#)

(Use this full link if you have any problem with the above: <https://signup.com/go/seVyPnj>).

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Monthly Meeting	 7/unlimited	5:30pm – 7:30pm  Edit  Assign  Comment  Delete
 John C. , kitty , Courtney C. , Sharon J. , Karen C. , Dan S. and Sandra B. The Front Range chapter of Back Country Horsemen will meet in-person will meet at the Morrison Inn. Due to the expected slow food service, our social hour will begin early, at 5:30. https://signup.com/go/seVyPnj .		
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Christmas Tree Ambassador event	 0/unlimited	8:00am – 5:00pm  Edit  Assign  Comment  Delete
The Chapter will again support the Christmas Tree Ambassador program, when the Forest Service permits cutting of Christmas Trees in the Buffalo Creek area. We will help the FS on Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and 11 - six days total. Joan Wealing is our lead Ambassador and we're looking for as many riders as possible to decorate horses (and Riders!), meet many folks who don't normally interact with horses, and provide support for folks to find and cut trees, and add to the goodwill for the holiday season! Let Joan know what days you can come, and she will coordinate trailer parking and get us started. Share your knowledge of horses and the forest, always a great time!		
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 Sharon Jayne		
FRBCH Christmas Party	 1/unlimited	4:00pm – 9:00pm  Edit  Assign  Comment  Delete
 Sharon Jayne HO HO HO!!! Let's get together for a chapter Christmas Party at the Keller Williams DTC office, kindly arranged by Jim Holmes. The address is 6300 S Syracuse Way, Suite 150, Centennial 80111. It's about 5 minutes west of I-25 & Orchard Rd. We can gather for pot-luck dinner and our traditional Christmas present exchange - so bring ONE PRESENT to participate in the exchange, it's always a lot of fun. The Chapter will provide beverages and a main course, watch this space for more details. Save the Date now before the Holidays hit in earnest!		



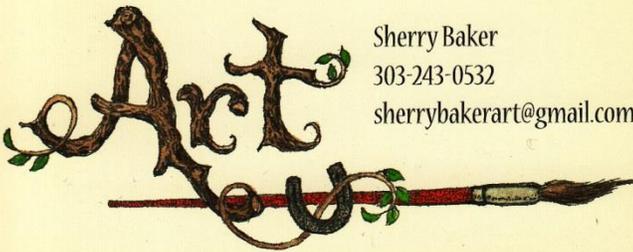
Participant Summary for FRBCH Activity Sign Up 2021

FRBCH Activity Sign Up 2021 : Sun, November 14, 2021 - Sun, December 12, 2021

Date	Task	Needed	Time	Filled
Tue, Nov 16, 2021	Monthly Meeting	No Limit	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	7
	John Case (1) Courtney Cowgill (1) Karen Chaney (1) Sandra Bankhead (1)	kitty (1) Sharon Jayne (1) Dan Shier (1)		
Fri, Nov 26, 2021	Christmas Tree Ambassador event	No Limit	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	0
	No Assignments			
Sat, Nov 27, 2021	Christmas Tree Ambassador event	No Limit	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	1
	Sharon Jayne (1)			
Sun, Nov 28, 2021	Christmas Tree Ambassador event	No Limit	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	0
	No Assignments			
Sat, Dec 4, 2021	Christmas Tree Ambassador event	No Limit	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	1
	Rachel Callihan (1)			
Sun, Dec 5, 2021	Christmas Tree Ambassador event	No Limit	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	0
	No Assignments			
Sat, Dec 11, 2021	Christmas Tree Ambassador event	No Limit	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	0
	No Assignments			
Sun, Dec 12, 2021	FRBCH Christmas Party	No Limit	4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	1
	Sharon Jayne (1)			

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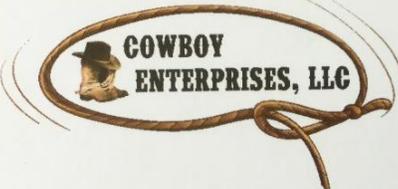


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