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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?

January 2023 Newsletter



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*Deadline for articles
10th of each month!*

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 24th 6:00 PM, at the Golden Library - 1019 10th St in downtown Golden. Meeting to start promptly at 6 PM to complete by 8 PM. There will also be a planning meeting at 4:00 PM prior to the general meeting, all members are welcome.

Pres Sez

Welcome to a New Year with FRBCH!

At our annual Holiday Party a new slate of officers was elected for 2022 (see article below). And talking of the Holiday Party – what a great time we had! See additional details below. Thanks to **Jim Holmes** for providing us a wonderful venue at his Keller-Williams office, and to all the many volunteers who helped with food, beverages, the Silent Auction and the Gift Exchange. Everyone had a wonderful time and there were some great deals at the well-supported Auction.

Joan Wealing coordinated the Chapter efforts for the Christmas Tree Ambassadors program in November and December, with a large turn-out of attendees. Most of the riding days were quite warm and dry, making it easy to dress up those ponies (and mules!). A great time was had by all as we entertained families and children, and introduced them to our mission of supporting the Forest Service. Thanks to Joan for all the effort and great success!

After a few emails about the meeting schedule for 2022, we have decided to standardize on Tuesday evening meetings for most months, and will try a standard schedule of the fourth Tuesday of the month in most cases – see additional details below. Our first meeting of the year will be back at the Golden Library on Tuesday January 24th at 6:00 PM. We want to get started promptly at 6:00 so we can wrap up for the Library to close at 8 PM. There will not be a speaker at this meeting. Hope to see you all there!

Prior to the general Membership meeting, we will have the second Planning meeting for this year, primarily for Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs – but all members are welcome. We will be in a smaller room at the Library for the Planning meeting, so find us when you get there. In the Planning meetings, we will talk more about the schedule for trail clearing rides, recreational rides, camping trips and other events. Please think about your preferences and ability to participate, and we'll get the 2023 Calendar initialized for the year. Things can always change, but it's been useful to have at least a tentative schedule to make our own plans and to discuss with prospects. Keep up with the Chapter activities at [FRBCH Activity Signup 2023](#) .

Shortly after the February meeting, we will be participating in the Horse Expo, which is back on this year February 23 – 26 at the National Western Complex. Stay tuned to emails from FRBCH about volunteer opportunities and schedule – we really need everyone's help to support our booth and present to Denver equestrians about our activities and service efforts. We will be using the Chapter Calendar again this year to schedule volunteers for the booth.

So Happy New Year to all, and we look forward to another great year in FRBCH!

--John Case



Christmas Tree Ambassadors

Joan Wealing coordinated a series of volunteers for the Chapter on five days in late November and early December. Response from the members was quite good, with up to 25 riders participating in each of the days. All the riders enjoyed talking with the families that were up at Buffalo Creek to cut Christmas Trees and enjoy an outing from the city. Thanks to all who attended, and especially to Joan for coordinating with the Forest Service and our members!



Annual Reporting to BCHA

You may be interested in the results of all the statistics that **Dan Shier** collects for us during the year, tracking our volunteer activities. These stats are compiled over the year and summarized by Dan onto a BCH-standard report, which is then forwarded to the state-level BCHCO organization. Each state compiles the efforts of its various chapters, then forwards the totals on to national. The totaled impacts of our volunteer efforts have a large impact on the national efforts to affect public lands policy and access, as demonstrated by our national presence and the value of our efforts.

Here's what Dan forwarded for our Chapter for 2022 – 9777 Hours of volunteer time, 5999 personal vehicle and stock hauling miles, 105 pack and saddle stock days! Total value to the Forest Service of \$41,057! Congratulations to all the members who participated in these efforts for a job well done! And thanks to Dan for keeping track of it all for us!

Backcountry Horsemen of America Volunteer Hours Report

Front Range Back Country Horsemen

2022



Revised 2016

State/Chapter Summary or Project Name	Volunteer Work							Transportation			Equipment Hours			Horses & Mules		Donations	
	Trail Work Hours			Trail Miles		Education & LNT	Public Meetings	Admin Service	Travel Time	Personal POV Miles	Stock Haul Miles	Power Equip	Heavy Equip	Quantity Stock	Stock Days	Dollar Amount	
	Basic	Skilled	Recon	Wilderness	Other												
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Ambassador Rides						166			75		1200			37	37		
Clear wilderness trails	351	21		45.5	0		0	0	114	365	2226	0	0	52	52		
Clinics organized by members						88				88	460					16	
Horse Expo Booth						72				1300							
4H Tack Sale						18				90							
Crosscut training for members						72				270							
<p>Ambassador Rides are when we assist the Forest Service in handing the people with permits to cut Christmas trees in certain National Forest areas. Remind people of the rules. Have a presence which discourages rule breaking. Look for lost children and grandmothers if needed. Give kids a chance to pet a horse. Good public relations.</p>																	
Totals	351	21	0	45.5	0	416	0	0	189	2113	3886	0	0	89	105	\$ -	

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	Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	351	\$24.69	\$8,666.19	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	21	\$37.04	\$777.74	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	0	\$24.69	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	416	\$24.69	\$10,271.04	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	0	\$24.69	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	0	\$24.69	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	189	\$24.69	\$4,666.41	Calculated per hour
Total Hours	977			
Wilderness Trail Miles	46			
Other Trail Miles	0			
Total Trail Miles	46			
Personal Vehicle	2113	\$0.90	\$1,901.70	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	3886	\$1.10	\$4,274.60	Calculated per mile
Total Travel Miles	5999			
Power Equipment	0	\$26.00	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	0	\$81.00	\$0.00	Calculated per hour
Total Equipment Hours	0			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	89			
Total Stock Days	105	\$100.00	\$10,500.00	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$0.00		\$0.00	
T total			\$41,057.68	

FRBCH Holiday Party

More than 25 members of the Chapter convened on December 18 to celebrate the Holidays and a successful season. We were invited to the Keller-Williams office in southeast Denver by Jim Holmes; John Case hosted the festivities and a short business meeting. During the meeting portion of the evening, we elected new chapter officers and directors for the chapter.



The Gift Exchange and Silent Auction were again quite exciting and everyone had a great time. We collected over \$200 for the Chapter from the Silent Auction!

BCH National Newsletter

The most recent BCHA Newsletter is at <https://www.bcha.org/blog/2023/01/18/winter-newsletter-2023/>. 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!

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo

The Front Range Chapter will again organize and staff a booth at the Horse Expo. This effort allows us to reach out to equestrians in the Denver area and present information about BCH, and our chapter's activities. We're looking for members to volunteer to be in the booth and help with this effort. Put the Expo on your calendar and look for emails about the developing schedule for booth support!

The Expo is run by the Colorado Horse Council – you can see the schedule and events at <https://www.coloradohorsecouncil.com/rmhe/>. Also consider your personal renewal to CHC for 2023 – we're renewing our organizational membership as a chapter in BCH. It's important for all of us to support their good efforts for equestrians in Colorado, and membership includes \$1 million equine excess personal liability insurance!



PLEASE JOIN US IN 2023!
**2023 ROCKY MOUNTAIN
HORSE EXPO**
FEBRUARY 23 – 26, 2023

National Western Complex
4655 Humboldt St.
Denver, Colorado

[Buy Tickets](#)



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Every horse has a story, it's our mission at the EQUUS Film & Arts Fest to share those stories, through film, art and literature. The EQUUS Film & Arts Fest is the world's premier showcase for domestic and International Equestrian Content feature films,...

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THE MANE EVENT

Bring the entire family to the Mane Event – a spectacular family show with many breeds and disciplines performing focusing on the beauty and capabilities of the horse set to music and lights. Tickets for the Main Event shows are sold separately from admission tickets to the Expo. Buy your tickets now for The Mane Event at [Buy RMHE Tickets Now](#).

RIDE WITH THE EXPERTS

The Ride with the Experts program is designed for Expo attendees to bring their own horse and actually 'ride' with the clinician during their presentation. This opportunity gives you hands-on experience with your own horse to put the teachings of the clinician to the test. The 2023 Ride with the Experts currently being accepted.

PRE-CLINICS AT THE EXPO

Pre-Clinics are currently being considered. If you or your organization would like to apply to hold a clinic or event during the 2023 Rocky Mountain Expo, email Bill Scebbi at bill@coloradohorsecouncil.com.

TRADE SHOW & EXPO

More than 300 vendors will fill the trade show floor with the most innovative and exciting equine products and services at the National Western Complex from February 23 – 26, 2023.

Ever dreamed of having an entire Horse Expo & Trade Show named after your organization? Imagine the exposure and attention it would draw to your organization's brand. The exclusive Triple Crown Sponsor will receive full naming rights for the 2023 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo and their name and logo will appear on all marketing materials and promotions for the show. Contact bill@coloradohorsecouncil.com for details to Become a Sponsor.

EQUUS FILM & ARTS FEST

The Expo Art Show and Literary Corral will be part of a larger promotion of Art, Film, and Books at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo under the Promotional Direction of the EQUUS Film and Art Fest. This collaboration will height the awareness of Equine Filmmakers, Artists, and Authors.

SPONSOR THE 2023 EXPO!

We have introduced an exciting new sponsorship program for the 2023 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo that is packed with promotional value. Contact bill@coloradohorsecouncil.com to Become a Sponsor for more information.

VENDORS & EXHIBITORS

To reserve your space and at the 2023 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, go to [Vendor & Exhibitor Information](#). Booth locations are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis, so reserve your spot today.

SPECIAL EVENTS

To learn more about special events throughout the 2023 Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, all 2023 Special Events are currently being considered at this time. Special with be determined After November 15th, 2022

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 2023](#)

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

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 John Case and Karen Chaney		
Monthly Meeting	 2/unlimited	6:00pm – 8:00pm  Edit  Assign  Comment  Delete
 John Case and Karen Chaney		
<p>The Front Range chapter of Back Country Horsemen will meet in-person at the Golden Library, 1019 10th Street in Golden.</p> <p>There will be a Board meeting for Officers, Directors and Committee Chairpersons at 4:00 PM in a smaller conference room at the library. We will then have a 30 minute break at 5:30 before the large room is available at 6 PM. All members are welcome to the Board meeting, where more detailed activity planning will occur before the general Membership meeting.</p> <p>We will start the Membership meeting promptly at 6:00. That allows us to finish by 8 PM when the library closes. We do not have a speaker scheduled for this meeting.</p> <p>We look forward to you joining us!</p>		
 Fri Feb 24, 2023	 5/8	 Add  View  Copy  Delete  Lock
 John Case, kitty, Donna Fleischer, Joan Wealing and Karen Chaney		
Horse Expo Booth duty	 1/2	9:00am – 11:00am  Edit  Assign  Comment  Delete
 John Case		
<p>FRBCH will staff a booth at the RMHE in 2023 from Friday February 24 through Sunday February 26. Each shift is for two people for 2 hours and 15 minutes, to provide a 15-minute overlap with the next shift. Contact John Case at john@case-IT.us. Hope to see you there to enjoy the Expo with us!</p> <p>Watch for more details via email.</p>		
 Sat Feb 25, 2023	  2/8	 Add  View  Copy  Delete  Lock
 John Case and kitty		
Horse Expo Booth duty	 1/2	9:00am – 11:00am  Edit  Assign  Comment  Delete
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 Sun Feb 26, 2023	  1/8	 Add  View  Copy  Delete  Lock
 John Case		
Horse Expo Booth duty	 0/2	9:00am – 11:00am  Edit  Assign  Comment  Delete
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Thanks to our Sponsoring Members!



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