

The Back Country Horsemen of Alabama do hereby Request that the Back Country Horsemen of America adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the “horse community” is made up of a very diverse number of organizations that have purposes which do not communicate well with each other. Basically, what is perceived as the “horse community” is separated by their particular interests such as breed, color, and use.

WHEREAS the National Park Service has provided funding to the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource to identify the various components of the “horse community” and select an organization as “**THE** national trails organization”;

WHEREAS the Back Country Horsemen of America has developed significant relationships with the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the National Park Service since its founding in 1986;

WHEREAS the Back Country Horsemen of America has donated in excess of 1,673,229 hours of volunteer labor over the past fourteen years to preserve pack and saddle stock use on public lands;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Back Country Horsemen of America seeks to pursue functioning as “**THE** national trails organization,” thereby recognizing there is no difference between front country and back country because of the variety of types of public lands managed by the various federal agencies and populations served.

FURTHER that Backcountry Horsemen of America will include all trail riders regardless of the trails ridden and recognizes pack stock can be used on all appropriate public land trails.

FURTHER that the Board of Directors of the Back Country Horsemen of America directs its leadership to pursue recognition by all federal agencies as “**THE** national trails organization” and continue to act accordingly.

Approved by the Board of Directors of the Back Country Horsemen of America this _____ day of _____, 2009.