

PROPOSAL

The North Central Idaho chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Idaho presents the following proposal to the state Board of Directors on March 23, 2012 and request that it be brought before the convention delegates on March 24, 2012 for a vote.

WHEREAS: The Clearwater National Forest has announced that they will close the Lochsa Historical Station & not fill the packer position or retain the stock at that station.

WHEREAS: Both the Historical Station and the Packer, along with the pack stock and equipment, represent the shared cultural heritage with Back Country Horsemen.

WHEREAS: Non-roaded and Wilderness area trail accomplishments are directly tied with a robust trails program and accompanying stock program.

WHEREAS: The loss of both the Historical Station and the packing program for the Lochsa and Powell Ranger Districts will likely forever change the quality and breadth of both trails and the trail program in the Northern Selway Wilderness and the Great Burn Roadless area.

WHEREAS: The loss of the cultural context and resulting loss of exposure to the public along the US Highway 12 corridor will be incalculable.

BE IT PROPOSED: That BCHI does protest this management change on the part of the Nez Perce/ Clearwater National Forest and urge a reconsideration and reversal of this short sighted decision to eliminate the packing program for the Lochsa and Powell Districts and the closure of the Lochsa Historical Ranger District.

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