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Ms Peg Greiwe, Executive Secretary

Back Country Horsemen of America

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Dear Ms Greiwe:

Thank you for reviewing my resume' and letter of application for the Executive Director's Job.

My Father, Webb McLean, had me riding horses with him soon after I was born. As soon as I was old enough to hold onto a saddle, he had me riding Shetland Ponies, on a lead line, behind his Spotted Saddle Horse. This was the beginning of my life-long love for anything equine.

When I met, and married, Judith Carrigan McLean we were blessed with two beautiful daughters. Unable to adequately provide for my family working with horses in North Carolina at the time, I sought other employment to provide for my family. I followed another passion, and began a career in Public Service. After thirty two years as a Public Servant, I retired and returned to my first love: horses.

Since retirement from Public Service, I have followed in my Father's footsteps and have become an avid backcountry trail rider. My love for anything equine, my passion for backcountry trail riding, coupled with my public sector experience gives me the qualifications you seek in an Executive Director for the Back Country Horsemen of America. I was successful in all of the responsibilities of Executive Director in my career as a Town Manager. My years of public service enable me to meet your minimum qualifications for the Executive Director's Job.

The UNC-MPA Program provides a solid educational background for your Executive Director's Job. Many of my UNC-MPA class mates are in successful careers with a variety of volunteer 501 (c) 3 organizations. I have been chosen, by my peers, to leadership positions in numerous volunteer organizations. For example, I was elected President of the North Carolina City/County Managers Association which has more than 500 members.

I am currently a member of the Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina, Foothills Chapter and the Blue Ridge Horsemen's Association. I am a Life Member of the North Carolina Horse Council. Several years ago, I successfully completed the class room and field work in trail design, construction, and maintenance sponsored by the North Carolina Horse Council.

If the information I have provided is of interest, I would appreciate the opportunity to talk with you further about my interest and qualifications. I can also provide numerous references from any area of my background you desire.

Thank you for the outstanding work you are doing for the Back Country Horsemen of America. I enjoy your column in the BCHA Newsletter in every edition. Thank you also for your careful consideration of the information in my resume' and letter of application. I look forward to hearing from you. Please e-mail me at hdnckrstables@aol.com or call me at 704-663-9309.

Best wishes, Happy Holidays, and Happy Trails!

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RESUME'

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Work Experience

2004-Present: Owner/Operator Hidden Creek Stables, Mooresville, North Carolina. My wife, Judith and I own, and operate Hidden Creek Stables, a small, family operation. I purchase trail horse prospects, develop them into safe, dependable trail horses, and place them in good situations, with riders who enjoy trail riding.

1987-2004: Town Manager, Mooresville, North Carolina. I was the Chief Operating Officer of the Town of Mooresville, responsible for 350 employees and a \$60,000,000 budget. I was accountable to the Mayor, Commissioners and 25,000 citizens for the daily operations of our full service municipality.

1980-1987: Town Manager, Carolina Beach, North Carolina. Job responsibilities were similar to Mooresville, North Carolina. The Town of Carolina Beach has a much smaller year round population, but tourists increased our summer population to 25,000. The Town's primary business was tourism/recreation.

1976-1980: Police Chief, Whiteville, North Carolina. I earned an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate from the State of North Carolina.

Education

Master of Public Administration Degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Bachelor of Arts Degree from Pfeiffer University, Misenheimer, North Carolina