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Mack,

Here you go.

*1. Does your state have an Education Committee Chair? If yes, who is it and what is their contact information?*

My name is Marybeth Conger and I am the Education chair for Backcountry Horseman of Idaho (BCHI). My current contact information is [b.mbconger@gmail.com](mailto:b.mbconger@gmail.com) or phone 208-369-0769. I am happy to report that all 16 chapters of BCHI have chapter education chairs, which is so vital to support the education efforts. In addition, both of these positions have current job descriptions, so there is a clear expectation of what is required. I would happy to email these job descriptions to your attention.

*2. Does your state have an inventory of what Education Efforts have been done in the last 2 years? If yes, are you willing to share it?*

Each chapter of BCHI keeps a volunteer inventory of their education efforts on the volunteer hours report. These education hours are then combined into the BCHI volunteer report that is submitted to Backcountry Horseman of America (BCHA) annually. There is volunteer hour training for the state directors to help support the chapters' volunteer hour reporting efforts.

*3. Does your state have a future "Plan" for education as it relates to BCH?*

Yes, BCHI has an Education plan as it relates to Backcountry Horseman (BCH). Specifically, to educate Horseman in the wise and sustaining use of our backcountry resources. Here are a few of the next steps to accomplish this plan. Both public and in house education efforts are coordinated statewide by maintaining communications with all chapters and supporting training at the state level. Education materials on BCHI website are reviewed to ensure information is current, relevant, and easy for chapter members to download. Education reports are periodically prepared for the Chairman and Board of Directors (BOD) and Education articles are submitted. New BCHI chapters are visited to discuss the importance of Education. The BCHI Organization guide is also updated as appropriate.

4. *State Chapters are the heart and soul of BCH. It's the local volunteers that make it work. What is the role you see from the Education Committee of BCHA to assist you?*

Continue to have Education materials on the BCHA website clearly marked and easy to find. Also, continue to have Education \$\$ available for states or chapters to apply for, would be great too. Continue to have Education articles in the BCH newsletter. Consider picking a state, interview the education chair and put together an article to share ideas.

5. *What resources do you see that are lacking that would help you do a better job of educating locally?*

Idaho is unique as we support two different Forest Service regions each at times, with their own approaches. If there was more consistency from region to region it could make education a bit easier.

6. *Are you interested in being on the BCHA Education Committee? If yes, provide contact information.*

I would be very interested in being on the BCHA education committee and would like to know what being on this committee would entail.

7. *What is the single most important Education topic in your state?*

BCHI is using Education to help expand our state organization. It is Important to keep education as simple and fun as possible.

8. *Any other comments that you would like to provide?*

BCHI is creating a video to promote our state organization in social media and plan to add a motorized vehicle poster to our Education materials in 2016.