

*National Director report for BCHI state board  
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*BCHA National Board meeting coming up*

Back Country Horsemen of America will hold the 2019 National Board (NB) meeting at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Asheville, North Carolina April 8-11. There have been informal discussions pertaining to the number of directors on the national board. Expecting the NB meeting agenda within the next few weeks.

*What's the latest from National Public lands*

Treats to USFS trails continuing. The instructions for no dedicated Scenic & Historic discretion of Also, BCH Montana significant cuts to forthcoming field the attached article 2018 Western



magazine. The article says volunteers may not be enough to save the Big Prairie Ranger station and the trails that link the remote workstation to the edges of the wilderness in the Bob Marshall wilderness complex. It would be so tragic to lose Big Prairie. Bill and I have enjoyed many backcountry trips there. BCHA's Public Lands Committee (PLC) is reaching out to find out what is going on in each region too.

funding are current budget Fiscal Year 2019 had amount for National trails, leaving it to regional foresters. is hearing of trail budgets in season. Please read published in the July Horseman

*Here's a BCHA Education update*

The BCHA Education committee continues to support BCH chapters with meaningful training, helping chapters grow while supporting BCH mission. On Saturday February 23 from 8:00 AM to Noon MST was the first ever BCHA Chapter/State Officers Roles & Responsibilities training webinar covering the President/Vice President, Director, Secretary, and Treasurer positions. Can you believe Back Country Horsemen and webinar are both in the same sentence? Now that is what I call progress! Anyways, current BCHA officers were the instructors sharing their BCH experiences with us during the presentations. There were 40 to 50 participants at each of the modules; a good turnout for the first time out. Attendees to receive a survey to gather feedback on how the education committee can improve future webinars. Also, the BCHA Education Committee has developed an education architecture spreadsheet that members can use now. The spreadsheet has active links to many topics of interest that BCH members can use now. To view the spreadsheet that was recently sent to all BCH states, [click here.](#)

*There is still time to apply for a BCHA grant to fund chapter projects*

Applications can be made from January 1st to March 15th

<https://www.bcha.org/blog/2017/12/06/bcha-education-foundation-grants/>

*Articles are always needed for BCHA Newsletter*

Do you have a story to tell? It could be about a chapter work project, education event, or perhaps a public outreach happening. After sending your article and photos to Broomtales, please submit them for the next BCHA newsletter to Sherry Jennings at [BCHAEditor@comcast.net](mailto:BCHAEditor@comcast.net). Let's continue to showcase our great state of Idaho to the entire BCH organization.

*What does BCHA do for us?*

I encourage everyone to listen in at least once, to one of monthly BCHA calls for all BCH State Presidents, Vice Presidents and National Directors. These calls are held monthly, typically on the third Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. Meeting minutes are also kept on the BCHA website. BCHA continues to work hard in support of our mission.