



Hi everyone,

November's start looks like the rainbow falling from the sky along with a little moisture! Colorful leaves in multiple shades of yellow, orange, red, brown, burgundy, and green litter the sky and pathways. This is a great time for leisurely walks and photo opportunities.

The highway cleanup was successfully completed by four faithful members. A huge thank you to Bill Holt, Bob Van Hooser, Marybeth Conger and Phil Ryan for taking on this very important task.

Hope all who didn't attend the Succor Creek fun ride have had a chance to read about the seven members who took the loop ride that Laurie Bryan led. The story is on the website along with some beautiful pictures of the rock outcroppings and canyons. Nancy Smith and Shannon Schantz will probably have more details at the meeting about their efforts to attend the Wilson Corral & Gabe's Peak trail project. Rob Adams probably has a different story to tell.

Now is the time to make sure you have winter-proofed your horse for the cold weather ahead. Make sure your horse is going into winter with a little extra fat to keep him warm and be sure to stock up on some extra feed. You never know how cold it will get or how long the winter will last so be prepared. Deworming before the cold weather hits will give your horse a leg up on his overall condition. Make sure your horse has plenty of water and if you have automatic waterers, check them often and be prepared for power outages. Horses can drink from 10 to 30 gallons of water a day in winter, sometimes more than what they do in summer and even a thin layer of ice will deter a horse from drinking. Keep their water source ice free and check daily. Horses also need some type shelter from the wind, rain and snow. The shelter doesn't need to be fancy; a covered three-sided run-in or even a thick stand of trees will do. Consider your horse's feet as snow balls (and manure balls) can easily form. Have some loose sand ready to spread on icy spots around your barn for your own safety as well as your horses.

Coming up, we have Alayne Blickle, presenting her Firewise for Horse Properties program at the next meeting. We will hear about the plans for the Christmas party and other events that may be of interest so join us on Thursday, November 6th at La Costa Restaurant.

Kay Ryan, President