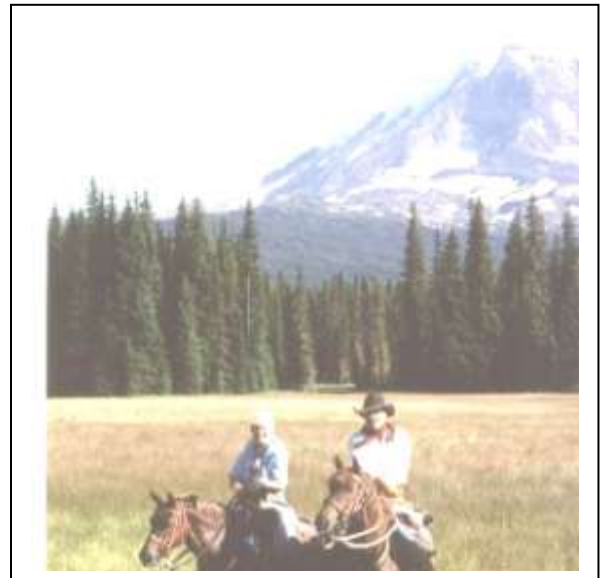


Why should I help with the Legal Fund for BCHA? Read what our National Directors, officers and committee chairs have to say about donating to the Legal Fund.



Ann Lange, Wilderness Chair for BCHA, writes:
“The Wilderness Act was signed into law in 1964 and included equestrian use on wilderness lands. The exact ‘equestrian’ word was not used because that was the primary use in those days. Since that time, Congress has said, again and again, that recreational stock use must remain an acceptable use in our wilderness.”

Dennis Dailey, Consultant to Wilderness Committee and BCHA: *Preserving our access to public lands is going to cost us, not only our time on work projects and in meeting rooms, but also our money to pursue issues through the courts when it becomes necessary. The radical anti-stock interests are prepared to go to court to accomplish their agendas. This reality has a profound influence over the decisions the managing agencies are making. Until we are prepared to argue our cause, respectfully but persistently, in all three branches of government, we will be regarded as “paper tigers” – lots of roar but no bite – and the outcomes will favor those with the conviction to stand behind their beliefs.*



Alan Hill, BCHA Public Liaison Chair and past BCHA Chair, current member of American Horse Council Recreation Committee – *“It has become apparent that the intent of Congress, codified in legislation authorizing the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the many more recently designated wilderness areas, to provide basic historic rights to equestrians to recreate and use these public lands is being challenged in ever increasing numbers. The closing, lack of maintenance, and downgrading the classification of many of the trail and transportation systems in the backcountry is having a devastating effect on the public’s ability to visit and recreate in these beautiful areas of our country.”*