



Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen

May / June Presidents Corner

May offered some great weather to get out on the trails as well as several Chapter activities. The Chapter conducted four chainsaw and crosscut classes, and a very successful vaccination and brand inspection clinic.

The Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho R4 organized four Sawyer workshops, led by BCHI volunteer instructors Dan Waugh, Dana Bailey, Jeff Halligan, Rob Adams, Todd Brown, and Mark Ottman. On May 1 and 2, a workshop was conducted for the City of Eagle Parks & Trails department, where fourteen employees completed the Developing Thinking Sawyer Chainsaw training, which included both classroom instruction and fieldwork.

Following this, on May 3 and 4, a workshop for a Southwest volunteer Trails group was held, focusing on both crosscut and chainsaw techniques, resulting in several BCHI participants obtaining dual certifications. Jeff Halligan facilitated the crosscut modules, while Rob Adams and Dana Bailey managed the chainsaw segments. Subsequently, on

May 12 and 13, Rob Adams and Dan Waugh conducted a recertification workshop for Boise National Forest recreation rangers, covering both bucking and felling certifications, with Brian Burbridge and Allison Lund evaluating the felling component. Finally, from

May 16 to 18, BCHI played a significant role in the 5th Stanley Workshop, where Todd Brown, Mark Ottman, Dana Bailey, and Rob Adams taught various modules and provided coaching and evaluation for sawyers in both chainsaw and crosscut techniques during the Advanced and DTS field days, which attracted nine advanced students and twenty-six participants for the DTS workshop.

The Community Equine Clinic: A Day of Service for Our Local Horse and Mule Owners

Our chapter recently hosted a fantastic equine clinic that served as a one-stop shop for local horse and mule owners. This event offered essential services such as veterinary exams, vaccinations, Coggins tests, health certifications, and brand inspections, benefiting a total of 39 equines. With skilled veterinarian Dr. Anne Roach on hand, owners could ensure their animals were up to date on vaccinations and met all necessary health standards, while brand inspections helped clarify ownership and deter theft.

A highlight of the day was the impressive obstacle course created by the Chick family, which provided both entertainment and a chance for the community to bond. Attendees enjoyed watching the equines tackle various challenges, showcasing their skills and training. Bart took charge of the cooking, serving up delicious hot dogs that kept everyone fueled and engaged. The food not only added to the fun but also fostered conversations and connections among participants, making the day a memorable experience for all involved.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the clinic. From the volunteers who helped set up and run the event to the veterinarian and brand inspector who provided their expert services, it was a significant team effort. Without the dedication and hard work of all involved, we would not have been able to provide such a valuable resource to our equine community. It is this spirit of collaboration that defines our SBBCH Chapter and makes events like this possible.

Looking ahead, June shows to be busy with several fun events.

National Trails Day
Perjue Canyon
Owyhee Canyon Lands, Little Jacks Wilderness
Friday June 6-8, 2025 08:00-16:00

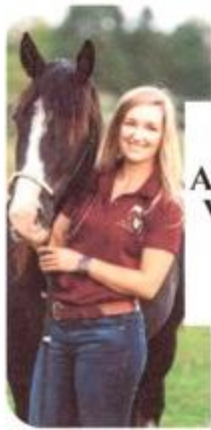
Sage Hen Reservoir – Trail Clearing on Foot
Saturday June 21, 2025 09:00-16:00

There have been reports that there are several trees down around the reservoir. BNF has approved this project for mileage reimbursement.

We are always in need of volunteers to help make these events successful, as our organization thrives on member support. Your involvement is what keeps SBBCH strong and vibrant, so we hope to see you at these upcoming activities!

Happy Spring,

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