

Back Country Horsemen of Nevada

High Sierra Chapter

Annual Report 2010

Membership

The High Sierra Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Nevada had an overall productive year in 2010. Membership decreased from 22 single and 17 family memberships in 2009 to 17 single and 15 family memberships in 2010. National/State dues of \$864.00 was be submitted at the state meeting.

Volunteer Numbers

High Sierra Chapter Volunteer totals for 2010 are:

Total Hours	511 hrs
Total Miles	9019 miles

Total stock days 52 days
Total Donations \$26104.5
Break down sheets are provided.

2010 Officers & Board

During our annual Christmas party in December, new officers were elected. Election results are:

President: Elaine Anagnostou
Vice President: Edward Acosta
Secretary: Sabine McCowen
Treasurer: Jan Koval
Board of directors: Jerry Williams
 Jim Dragoo
 Don Daniel

Activities

Wilderness 1st Aid

The years activities were kicked off on March 4/5. One member became certified in Wilderness 1st Aid through a class provided by the Northern Nevada Community College. The following week end March 13, he taught a class in Wilderness 1st Aid familiarization to 9 other club members. Who later became certified in Wilderness 1st Aid in a joint class organized through the Carson Valley BCHN. Don Daniel became

certified as a 1st responder.



CPR

March – several member became certified in CPR to better prepare for the up coming packing/trail maintenance season.

Leave No Trace

May - One member went to Mazola Mt. to attend the LNT Master Educator Course held at the 9 Mile Remount Center. He became the second certified Master LNT Educator in the High Sierra Chapter. To date only one LNT familiarization class has been provided.



Work Projects

Soldier Creek

Two member from the High Sierra Chapter joined up with three members from the CV chapter to do a joint work project on the Soldier Creek Trail organized by the Elko Chapter. This was the first project that all three state chapters ever worked on together. The Elko chapter did a great job of organization of this project. A horse/hiker gate was installed to prevent

motorized vehicles from having access into the wilderness as well as one tree being removed that was leaning over the trail for safety reasons. Some brushing was done before stopping for a pot luck lunch provided by the Elko chapter.



Lamoille Canyon/Secret Pass Trail

Work began on a new trail this year connecting Lamoille Canyon to Secret Pass. This trail will open up much of the Ruby Mountains in eastern Nevada that has been closed to the general public for many years. The trail will connect to the Ruby Crest Trail as well. The BCHN have not adopted this as a work project but a member of the HSC-BCHN has worked on the trail as an individual volunteer.





Granite Chief Wilderness

July - This has been our main work project for the last three years. A smaller volunteer force worked on this trail this year compared to years past. 3 miles of trail from the diamond crossing trail up to Bear Pen was cleared as well as installing new signs throughout the diamond crossing trail.



Tahoe Meadows to Tamarack Lake

This was a two part packing only project for the HSC. In early July the USFS coordinated three members of the HSC with pack horses to pack in tools and supplies for the Great Basin Institute trail crew they had hired to clear this trail. In mid August one HSC member went back to pack the GBI trail crew back out. Three round trip to complete the task

On the last trip out one of the GBI crew twisted her ankle. First aid was administered by the BCHN packer. The injured trail crew member was helped into the saddle and rode the BCH members horse as it and his pack horse were led out to the trail head.



Galena Creek Trailhead to Churches Pond

Two members of the HSC packed in 200 pounds of lumber to be used by the USFS crew to repair an historic cabin in the Mount Rose Wilderness.

The Lumber was packed by horses into Marlins Pond and had to be carried by USFS man power the rest of the way due to the dangerous steep rocky terrain.



Other

Natural Barefoot Hoof Trim

Packing Clinic

April - This years pack clinic was a humongous success. HSC had three separate stations teaching the Saw Buck Saddle. Each of the three station was dedicated to teaching one of the three hitches most commonly used with the saw buck saddle, diamond hitch, double diamond and box hitch. One station dedicated to teaching the Decker Pack Saddle using the basket hitch, barrel hitch, Decker diamond and how to mantie a load. Our fifth station was dedicated to teaching saddle horse packing.



Wild Horse and Burro Booth

We had booth at the Wild Horse and Burro Exposition at the Reno Livestock Event Center to promote the BCHA/NV. Members manned this booth for several hours making contacts and prospective members.

Rodeo Booth

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Members submitted articles to BCHA describing our favorite ride program and various work projects.

Summary

The High Sierra Chapter is a diverse group of individuals. Made up of back country packers, trailhead campers and day project riders. Each group contributed to the training and work that was accomplished throughout the year. No one group could achieve all that has been accomplished this year by themselves. Our goal for 2011 is to have more interaction among our groups, through training and even more cross participation. All the members of the High Sierra Chapter are dedicated to the mission of the Back Country Horsemen working with county, state and federal agencies to keep our trails open for the enjoyment of all users.