

BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF CALIFORNIA



SAN DIEGO UNIT

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Happy Fall and Happy Halloween too!

With October comes equines hairin' up, West Nile boosters, and unit nominations. You know, volunteering is one of the greatest ways to support what you believe in.

Now this means different things to different people. I would like to invite you to consider doing what you can to assist this organization and the good works we do. You may have a special skill (or no skills!), maybe your good at keeping a database or maybe you've always wanted to produce a newsletter, or you like trail work, or you're good at putting fun stuff together, or maybe you're thinking you're not inclined to do too much, but maybe a little of something, well, great, we could use your help. Even if all you can do is to keep your membership up to date, telling your friends to do so too. It all matters. We represent a lifestyle, a way of life. I'd love to see more young folks involved, and maybe you would too. Let's work together and do it! Elected officers of the Unit are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member At Large, Public Liaison Committee Chair, Service Committee Chair, and Education Committee Chair. Positions such as Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Membership Coordinator, and Ride Coordinator are appointed.

So, I invite you to consider nominating yourself or another for an officer position. We've got a great team already, we just need you. Our nominating committee is Allie Heary and Patty Heyden. Please contact any of us with questions.

We'll present the slate of candidates at the meeting in October, but will continue to take nominations until the end of October. We'll provide a list of candidates and a ballot for all members in November, with the ballots accepted at our November meeting. All mailed in ballots will require a name, address, and member's signature. One vote per Individual memberships, two votes per Family, Benefactor, Patron and Mt Whitney memberships.

We've got lots of irons in the fire; State Board meeting at Santa Nella, Vaqueros Days, Lower Willows project, and supporting Redshank Riders' Treasure Hunt. See the calendar of events. We're also working on a ride series for next year called the PCT Ride Challenge. We're working out some details and will get the info out soon.

Hope to see you on the trail! Cheryl (Wegner)
President

MINUTES
BCHC/SD Board Meeting
August 21, 2008

Present: Cheryl Wegner (President), Allie Heary (Secretary), Buck Ward (Member-at-Large), Patty Heyden (Education Chair), Terry Hamilton-Jorgenson (Public Lands Liaison), Ingrid Tighe (Newsletter Editor), Deb Schott, member.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Cheryl Wegner. Buck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Allie read the Minutes from the July 17, 2008 meeting. Deb moved to accept them as read, Terry seconded, the motion passed

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl did not receive a requested report from Pat Peters, who is not present. Deb discussed the possibility of on-line banking to simplify the current method of banking. Cheryl will check with former Treasurer Cheryl Barraco to see if this might be achieved and will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Public Lands Report:

1) Eldorado NF Motor Vehicle Management Plan—Cheryl has heard from Jerry Ledbetter (BCHC Director to BCHA). The letter-writing campaign was not successful. Each NF gets to design their own MVMP. Terry spoke with Anne Carey (Cleveland NF District Superintendent). We need to work closely with her as the CNF MVMP is created.

2) Regarding Dripping Springs campground—Terry is in contact with Al Colby about this. Al advised they will need help with the equestrian facility at Dripping Springs. We could perhaps plan a multi-unit work party with the Redshank Riders in the Anza area. Hopefully we will have more information on this by the September Board meeting

3) Monte Vista Ranch status: Terry has contacted Jason Price of the Department of Fish and Game. The Department currently owns 392 acres with an additional 4100 acres currently in escrow. At the present time he is not in a position to discuss future uses of this property but said this can change in the future.

Membership: Deb said she would like to do something to help increase/retain membership. Cheryl has a spreadsheet with the names of the Caballeros del Sol members so an attempt can be made to contact them.

Newsletter/Website: Cheryl mailed newsletters to members without email capability. Ingrid is doing an excellent job with our newsletter! Doug Cruger is also doing a great job with the unit website. He is quick to update it.

Old Business: Cheryl will send out the flyer again for the Joyce Gay Natural Horsemanship Clinic

.Boulder Oaks/Wooded Hills:

nothing new to report at this time, but we are monitoring this closely.

PCT Ride Challenge:

Deb discussed various proposals to implement this exciting concept. A special planning committee was formed to meet on September 11th at Terry's house. More information will be presented at the September Board meeting

New Business:

Pedro Fages campout—CEA/CRSPIA –to be held at Los Vaqueros horse camp September 26-28.

BCHC State Board Meeting

at Santa Nella October 10-11. Our 2 Directors are Allie and Buck, with Cheryl as Alternate Director. Also attending will be Patty for Education and Terry for Public Lands. A report will be presented at the October Board meeting.

RTA campout at Los Vaqueros

will be held over the long Labor Day weekend. Cheryl and Patty will be presenting Wilderness Riders education during this time.

Vaquero Days: October 17-19

in Descanso. Members of our unit will be giving educational presentations during this event. We are still working on obtaining a BCHC/SD banner to display at all events to stimulate interest in our unit. Doug Cruger is working with Cheryl on this. Our unit can help the event planners of Vaquero Days. We can send out post cards to our members. There will be well-known trainers Len Judd, Leslie Desmond, and Jerry Tindall, so this will be an excellent opportunity for us to encourage prospective members to join the unit!

Patty advised that she still wants to have a unit campout at Oak Oasis to encourage membership. This will be planned for the spring as it is too late in the year now. We want to have some strictly social events, as well as the work parties.

Lower Willows Vern Whitaker weekend: November 13-16. This is a multi-unit event with San Gorgonio Pass unit as the primary organizer.

Adjournment at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting is September 18, 2008.

Allie Heary, Secretary

One (1) vehicle length rule - Tahoe National Forest Travel Management Plan coming our way !!!!

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How Coordination Plans Work

Local governments that have implemented "coordination" status with federal management agencies are successfully fighting erosion of private property rights in their communities. The "coordination" status is authorized by almost every federal statute relating to management of land, resource, and environment. All the local government has to do is formally accept the congressional invitation to "coordinate," and federal agencies have no choice but to agree.

What is this "coordination" factor, which elevates the involvement of local government in federal planning and management actions? The foundation for the concept is found in the Federal Land Policy Management Act, i.e. commonly known as FLPMA. Section 1712 of Title 43 of the United States Code requires that the Bureau of Land Management must coordinate its "land use inventory, planning, and management actions" with any local government which has engaged in land use planning for the federal lands managed by the federal agencies.

Congress did not leave the definition of the word "coordination" to chance, or to the whim of the federal management agencies. Congress defined the word by specifying the duties and responsibilities of the BLM regarding local plans. The statute REQUIRES the following:

1. BLM must keep apprised of local land use plans;
2. BLM must assure consideration is given to local plans when federal plans are being developed;
3. BLM must attempt to resolve inconsistencies between federal and state local plans;
4. BLM must provide "meaningful...involvement" of local government officials in the development and revision of plans, guidelines and regulations;
5. The Secretary must, finally, compare local and federal plans and make sure they are consistent "to the maximum extent...consistent with federal law.

BLM regulations set forth a very clear process by which the local government, which has developed a plan is able to "coordinate" with the BLM, and this process includes an elevation of the participation level of the local government to a point of notice and "meaningful" participation above and ahead of "public participation." continued...

Note that the statute does not limit mandatory coordination to "counties," but rather extends it to "local government." That language includes any unit of local government, often identified as any separate tax raising unit of government, i.e., school districts, road districts, fire districts, irrigation districts, and cities and towns. So, in a county where county commissioners or supervisors refuse to develop a local plan for coordination status, any school board or other tax-raising unit of government can gain coordinate status for itself. The ideal goal for local government would be to develop a plan by which the county, towns within the county, school districts, irrigation districts, fire districts, could all participate in the same coordination activities. — Other federal land management agencies are also required to deal with local governments on a higher plane than they do with the general public. This applies to those which operate under and implement the National Forest Management Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, the National Preservation Act, Soil Conservation district statutes, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Two of the most important elements of coordination are prior notice and necessity of seeking consistence. First, prior notice of planning and management actions gives local government the opportunity to make its analysis, to make its recommendations, and then monitor the consistency of federal action to local plan throughout the process. The local government must receive notice even before anyone else in the general public. Second, the federal agency is required to make every practicable effort to make the federal and local position consistent. If consistency and agreement cannot be conceived, the issue of consistency goes to the Secretary of Interior. To gain maximum impact from coordination status, a local government must develop and adopt a local land use and management plan, which defines the natural resource priorities in terms of the economic, social, and political customs and culture of the community. In those areas in which livestock grazing is critical to the economy, priorities must be set with the economic backbone centralized. All local industries and uses that make up the economic strength of the community should be prioritized with regard to their dependence upon and impact upon the natural resources and environment. Each area's plan should be written specific to the area, taking into account the adverse impact on the economy if federal agencies restrict and reduce natural resource use. An existing plan from another area can be used as an example of format and of methods of establishing priorities, but each area must develop its own plan, specific to the area and its citizen's needs.

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Where the Commissioners/Supervisors are not of a mind to develop and adopt a plan, then those of you seeking protection take up the process of developing the plan, independently. When you have finished the plan, it is up to you and your supporters to use all your persuasiveness to convince the governing board to adopt the plan.

Once the plan is adopted, the council should be appointed by the Commissioners/Supervisors to monitor actions of state and federal agencies for the purpose of making sure they maintain consistency with local plans, and of making sure that when new issues arise they take on the work of presenting amendments to the local plan to cover the new issues.

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Once the local plan is adopted, the governing body must advise the Federal and State Agencies that the local government is involved in land use planning within the terms of the federal statutes and is involved in land use planning within the terms of the federal statutes and regulations relating to federal-local coordination. The advisory letter should invite the agencies to send personnel to meet with the governing body to discuss the procedure through which coordination will be implemented. That procedure should be decided upon and reduced to a written agreement in order to avoid future disputes as to how and where coordination took place. The procedure should set forth all the elements of coordination set forth in FLPMA: advance notice, opportunity for early comment and persuasion, and consistency review.

Even though FLPMA itself may not be involved in the land management issues you face, the other federal statutes have like requirements. For example, the Secretary of Interior must give local government advance notice of any listing decision that he intends to make, and he must take into account any local plan relating to species before he makes a listing decision. These duties put local government at the table with U.S. Fish and Wildlife. The Clean Water Act also requires that consideration be given to local plans as to water quality, so this requirement puts participating local governments at the table with EPA and the state environmental quality agencies.

have been using coordinate status to protect their citizens for the past ten years) can offer a long list of success stories about situations in which local government has brought state and federal agencies to the table for solutions which are not harmful to ranchers, farmers and water users.

Development of the group of citizens who are interested enough to work tirelessly on development of a plan and persuasion of commissioners/supervisors is the first step to achieve coordinate status. It is highly recommended that the this group consist of representatives of the industries of the area, Tribal representatives (if possible), business people, school board or district representatives, fire department, water users, and health districts be invited to participate. The broader the group, the more inclusive will be your plan, and the more persuasive will be the presentation to the governing board for adoption. It is highly recommended that anyone interested in pursuing the coordinate approach for local government should attend a seminar offered by Stewards of the Range, taught by Fred Kelly Grant, on the process of developing, gaining passage of, and then enforcing a coordinating local plan.

**BYLAWS — SAN DIEGO UNIT
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Approved by the Unit Board 8/99

NAME

The name of this Unit shall be the San Diego Unit, hereinafter referred to as the Unit (BCHC SD). The executive body of the Unit is the San Diego Unit Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as Unit Board. We are a member unit of the Back Country Horsemen of California, hereinafter referred to as BCHC, which is incorporated under the laws of California as a non-profit educational corporation. The executive body of the BCHC is named the State Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as SBD. We agree to follow the By laws of the parent organization.

OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

To improve and promote the use, care and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows;

To advocate good trail manners. To promote the conservation and utilization of our backcountry resources in concert with livestock transportation

To keep the backcountry trails and forage areas open on all public lands

To keep current information before the Unit regarding new legislation or management plans related to government regulation of the backcountry .

To support or oppose new proposals, plans and restrictions as related to the interest of horsemen and those in recreational stock use and enjoying the backcountry

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To promote the interest of people who, due to health or physical factors, need transportation other than by foot on backcountry trails .

To promote public awareness and interest in the historical aspect of horsemen and stock use 'in the backcountry and to help educate backcountry users on ways to use the trail and forage in a manner that conserves the backcountry resources

To assist in keeping the public informed of the vital need of a clean backcountry

To promote a working relationship with and keep the work and interests of the Unit before our local, state and federal officials

assist in the formation and continuation of sister local units to .carry out these purposes

To support the BCHC in the above endeavors.

ARTICLE I—OFFICE AND LOCATION

The principal office of the Unit for its transaction of business is located in Ramona, in the County of San Diego, California. Mailing address

BCHC SD, c/o Cheryl Wegner

236 Oak St., Ramona, CA 92065

The Unit Board is hereby granted full power and authority to change the principal office of the Unit from one location to another in any city in San Diego County.. Any such change shall be noted by the' Secretary in these By-laws but shall not be considered an amendment of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERS

THE UNIT SHALL HAVE ONE CLASS OF MEMBERS: All unit members are members of the parent organization. **BCHC Membership** is only as defined by the BCHC. **INDIVIDUAL** membership is defined as meaning only one person, the age of 18 years. An individual member is entitled to one vote, **FAMILY** membership is defined as individuals within one family unit, including any family members living at the same residence. Each family membership is entitled to two votes. **BENEFACTOR, PATRON AND MT. WHITNEY** memberships are each defined as a person, company or association. Each is entitled to two votes. Two persons must be present to use both votes..

DUES AND FEE STRUCTURE

A membership may be revoked for anyone of the following reasons:

1. Violation of the Articles of the BCHC or the By laws of the Unit
2. Conduct deleterious to the best interest of the BCHC or the Unit -
3. Failure to pay dues.

When the Unit Board determines that there is a basis for revocation and after an investigation it deems necessary or desirable, the Unit Board, by a vote of all Board Members and ratification at a general membership meeting; may suspend or revoke -a membership. Such revocation shall take effect immediately. All membership benefits and privileges shall be surrendered. All dues paid by the member prior to such revocation shall remain with the Unit.. A notice of the revocation shall be sent by mail pre-paid, first-class, or registered mail to the most recent address of the member as shown information, or with the notation that there were no new members that month, no later than 15 days e proposed effective date of the revocation.-

on the Unit records, setting forth the termination and the reasons therefore. Such notice shall be sent at least fifteen (15) days before the proposed effective date of the revocation. Dues-policies and fee structures are as stated in the BCHC Bylaws. The State Treasurer is responsible for sending one-half of each Individual or Family membership - dues dollar to the Unit, along with the new membership

UNIT MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held at such time and place as designated by the Unit Board. Notice shall be mailed to all members at least 10 days. prior to meetings

ARTICLE III, UNIT BOARD

The voting members of the Unit Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President (if possible), one Member at Large and the chairs of the Public Liaison, Service and Education Committees. The non voting members of the Unit Board, serving in an advisory capacity, shall consist of the Unit. State Board Representatives, Newsletter Editor, Data and Work Reports Chair, Webmaster, Membership Chair, Public Relations Chair, Ride Coordinator and Insurance and Events Coordinator.

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QUORUM

A quorum consists of the members present at a unit membership meeting called in accordance with these bylaws. A quorum at a Unit Board Meeting shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the board.

CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

The meeting shall be conducted in accordance with "Robert's Rules of Order". When the Bylaws are in conflict with "Robert's Rules of Order" the Bylaws shall prevail. The President of the Unit shall preside at the meetings of membership and Board. In the President's absence the Vice-President shall preside. In the absence of both the President and Vice President any person designated by the President shall preside. Members of the Unit Board may participate in a meeting through conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so long as all members participating in such meeting can hear one another. Such participation shall constitute personal presence at the meeting. Personal presence is required for voting privileges, no voting by proxy allowed.

ACTION WITHOUT MEETING . . .

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Unit Board may be taken without meeting, if all members of the Unit Board individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings.

CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS

All voting members of the Unit Board shall be elected by the general membership. The President shall appoint a Nominating/Election Committee to provide a slate of officers for the Board Meeting prior to the Oct Meeting. Nominations will be open to the floor of the General Meeting in October. Candidates will be able to make a statement in the November Newsletter, in which a ballot will be published. Mail in ballots are allowed but must have a return name, address and member's signature. Ballots will be accepted at the November Meeting and by mail up to that day only. There shall be one vote for single memberships, Two votes for Family, Benefactor, Patron and Mt Whitney memberships. The Associate membership has no vote. Ballots shall be mailed in or hand carried in by a voting member of the family. The Nominating/Election Committee, keeping the tally separate from the names, will count them and hand the results to the President for announcement. The Secretary will keep the ballots for thirty (30) days in case of question and will cause them to be destroyed. The ballots shall be available for inspection by any unit member during this time. Officers will be installed at the December Meeting, taking office the 1st of January of the ensuing year. All Officers are to be elected for one year term and may be reelected by the membership as many times as the membership pleases with the exception of the President who shall serve no longer than three consecutive years.

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Any individual Officer or Unit Board member may be removed from office without cause by a vote of majority of all the members of the Unit Board

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PRESIDENT

The President shall be the Chief Executive officer of the Unit and shall advise and direct the business and affairs of the Unit and preside at all meetings of the Unit. All appointed committee chairpersons shall serve at the pleasure of the President. The President shall present periodic reports to the State Board, notify the State Corporation Secretary of all names, addresses and telephone numbers of the Unit Board at the end of each year and perform all duties incidental to the board and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Unit Board by those Bylaws or those prescribed by the State Board of Directors.

VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President. The Vice President shall have such other power and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the law or as may be prescribed by the Unit Board.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a record of the minutes of all meetings of the Unit and the Unit Board. The Secretary shall perform such other and further duties as prescribed by law or be required from time to time.

TREASURER

The Treasurer of the Unit shall keep and maintain in writing full adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the business transactions and property of the Unit including accounts of the assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses. The books and records of accounts shall be open to inspection by any member. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies and other valuables in the name of and to the credit of the Unit. The Treasurer shall make the annual report for tax purposes to the State Board accountant as required by the State Board of Directors.

MEMBER AT LARGE

The Member at large shall be a member in good standing of BCHCS. The Member at large shall represent the General Membership of the Unit on the Unit Board. The Officer at large shall neither be responsible to the State or National Board of Back Country Horsemen or serve as a Committee Chair that is responsible to either of those bodies. The Member at Large may serve on any Committee, or be Committee Chair of interest and expertise within the Unit. The Member At Large shall sit with a role on the Unit Board.

UNIT PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Unit Public Liaison Committee Chair is the political voice of the Unit. It is responsible for maintaining communication with public agencies, will monitor the formulation of management plans, and alert the membership to any action or proposed action, that could have an adverse effect on our ability to utilize the trails and areas with pack and saddle stock. The Unit PLC Chair shall report activities to the BCHC Public Lands Committee. The Unit PLC Chair sits on the BCHC Public Lands Committee. This Chair shall be elected by the members and shall sit with a vote on the Unit Board.

UNIT EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Unit Educational Committee Chair shall be responsible for Educational Programs and the gathering, organizing and assimilating educational materials to be made available for use by the members. The literary and video library is this Chair's responsibility and he/she shall report the value annually to the Treasurer in his/her annual report. The Unit Educational Committee Chair shall sit on the BCHC Education Committee. This Chair shall be elected by the members and shall sit with a vote on the Unit Board.

The BCHC Redshank Riders Unit Welcome All Backcountry Horsemen And If You are not a Member Yet... Come on Out and Join Up When Ya Get Here

The 10th Annual Turkey Treasure Hunt Ride and membership drive



Some Really Good Country Cookin !
On Saturday November 1st 2008

3,000 acre Ranch in Anza.

From Temecula: I-15 to 79 South (Indio) to 371 (Anza/Indio). Through Anza and turn right on Kirby, it will turn into Terwilliger and follow it around past dump and continue to the signs on the right. Look for the signs.

From Hemet: Highway 74 up the mountain. Turn right on 371 (Anza-San Diego) just before Anza. Turn left on Kirby, it will turn into Terwilliger and follow it around past dump and continue to the signs on the right. Look for the signs.

From Palm Desert: Take Highway 74 up the mountain. Turn left on 371 Anza-San Diego). Turn left on Kirby, it will turn into Terwilliger. And follow it around, past dump and continue to the signs on the right. Watch for the BCHC signs.

- ⇒ horse water available, stock tank
- ⇒ Please, Bring Your Favorite Chair

Contact Audrey (951) 852-1708 upacreskranch@netzero.com

Stacy (909)633-1705 stacykuhns@aol.com

So Come on down, Ride with Us. Enjoy the Beautiful Grassland and Redshank Covered Hills of Aguanga/Anza. Hunt for Treasure using the Clues Provided each Group! Prizes Awarded for Best Time, Most Treasures, and Everyone has a Chance to Win !!

Sign in at 8:45 am - First Group Rides out at 9:30 am.

Pre-Register \$30.00 by Oct 27th. day of event \$35.00

And .. What You Get ...

- Ride the Turkey Treasure Hunt !!
- Ext. Dinner with us. We got the Best Country Fixing's around and it's included in the Ticket price !!
- Everybody gets a chance to participate in the Raffles After the Ride !
- Special Raffle with McClintock Leather items
- \$13.00 if Ya just want Dinner, Fun and Frivolity.

Name/s _____ BCHC Unit Affiliation _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

of Riders/Dinner \$35.00 X _____ = _____ Dinner Only \$13.00

X _____ = Total \$ _____

Mail This completed Form or copy of to: Stacy Kuhns P.O. Box 215, Wildomar, Ca. 92595 (No refunds after Oct 27th)

Make checks Payable to Redshank Riders. For Faster confirmation Please include your email address.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

membership@bchcalifornia.net – (866) 748-2033

MAIL TO: Backcountry Horsemen of California
PO Box 1810
Oakdale, CA 95361-1810**PARENT Unit Affiliation:** (Select and CIRCLE ONE Unit as your Primary Unit Affiliation)

Antelope Valley	Kern River Valley	Mojave River	Redwood	Sequoia
Caballeros del Sol	Kern Sierra	Mother Lode	San Diego	Shasta Trinity
Eastern Sierra	Lake-Mendo	North Bay	San Geronio Pass	Sierra Freepackers
High Country	Los Padres	Ohlone Riders	San Joaquin Sierra	Sutter Buttes
High Sierra	Mid Valley	Redshank Riders	Santa Ana River	Top of the State

DCTR (your Membership Number): _____ (For new memberships, will be determined by Membership Coordinator)

MEMBER'S NAME—No Business Names; Print Clearly _____

SPOUSE / Co-MEMBER'S NAME—MUST SHARE SAME ADDRESS _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code (full 9 digits, if known) _____ Area Code _____ Phone _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Check No.: _____

Parent Unit Membership Types: (CIRCLE ONE)

Individual \$40.00* Family \$50.00* Benefactor \$100.00 Patron \$250.00 Mt Whitney \$500.00

* - BCHC shares portion of dues with Backcountry Horsemen of America.

Associate Memberships: AN ADDITIONAL \$15.00 PER UNIT IS ADDED TO YOUR PARENT UNIT DUES. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP UNIT AFFILIATIONS MAY NOT BE FOR THE SAME UNIT AS YOUR PARENT UNIT.

Associate Membership for: _____ \$15.00/unit

Associate Membership for: _____ Unit Name (from above list) \$15.00/unit

Associate Membership for: _____ Unit Name (from above list) \$15.00/unit

Please write additional choices on back.

Please clip form along dashed line.

Parent BCHC Membership Types

Individual, Family (Shared*), Benefactor, Patron, and Mt Whitney. A Parent Membership is affiliated with a single Local Unit. BCHC members may NOT hold more than one active Parent Membership.

A SHARED Membership is for two adults with differing last names, each sharing a common address.

Associate Memberships

These special Memberships are only available to persons already holding Parent BCHC Membership. No one may sign up for an Associate Membership without 1) having registered one of the Parent Membership types, and 2) having selected Parent Unit affiliation.

- You may sign-up for as many Associate Memberships as you like.
- Associate Memberships may also be initiated at any time during the term of your Parent Membership.
- Associate Memberships must expire concurrently with the Parent Membership, and are renewable only at the time of renewal of the Parent Membership.

Complete information regarding BCHC Memberships is available on the MEMBERSHIP pages at BCHCalifornia.net.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

I submitted an Application Form for a new –

- | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Membership | \$ | 40.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family (Shared) Membership | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Benefactor Membership | \$ | 100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Patron Membership | \$ | 250.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mt Whitney Membership | \$ | 500.00 |

On that form, I also requested –

_____ Associate Memberships \$ _____

My Total Remittance: \$ _____

My Check Number: _____

Date Mailed: _____

If you find it necessary to communicate with BCHC about this SIGN-UP, please send email to

membership@bchcalifornia.net

Or phone

1-866-748-2033 (Toll Free)
(In the 209 area code, call 847-6118)

Backcountry Horsemen, SD Unit
c/o Cheryl Wegner
235 Oak Street
Ramona, CA 92065

TO: