

Newsletter Editor
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President's Letter

Greetings to all Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen. As we enter the Fall we have several things going on including corral building on the upper St Joe River and the October 5th potluck ride and we encourage everyone to attend whether they bring their horse or not and bring a friend. Calendar sales seem to be moving right along and we have approximately 50 calendars available to anyone who wants to help sell them.

Good news! Panhandle Backcountry Horsemen was awarded a \$500 gift card from the state BCHI calendar drawing, along with fellow PBCH Betsy Walker who also won a \$500 gift card, so congratulations Betsy.

On September 9th Irv and Susan Walker, Damon Gallegos and myself descended upon the Line Creek trailhead and we had our work cut out for us. Along with the help of Forest Service staff we proceeded to dig 54 corner post holes, hang six corral gates, along with the rails to complete the project. Thank you to Susan Walker for providing lunch. We were rewarded with some beautiful corrals and getting to know one another better.

The tree removal project at Dalton City Hall will be done Wednesday October 2. Karen has put together a team to tackle this.

Joni Lueck is taking orders for the new t-shirts. The tan with the green logo was quite attractive. Contact Joni for details.

Election nominations are open for 2025 and we will be voting in November. PBCH received a generous donation from the Eachon family and raised \$650 through the sale of some of the tack items for the general fund.

Things that we have to look forward to include bringing our Facebook page back. We are looking for some talent to help with that. Joni is busy continually getting the website updated with our webmaster.

Trailer maintenance is still on the agenda and just looking for a good time to get that updated.

Blue Ribbon-winning PBCH member Jim Kimball for hat sales at the state directors' meeting in Jerome. WE have been busy, let's finish strong. Here's to good friends and happy trails.

Respectfully Thomas Knoll

Membership

Please go to www.pbch.org and print out the 2024 membership form and mail in. Please email Bea Christopherson, treasurer christobea@yahoo.com Mail to PBCH, P.O. Box 1903, Hayden, ID 83835. Pay your dues now. Encourage others to join.

**PBCH Calendar of Events:

October 19 PBCH monthly meeting, Saturday, 6360 4th St. Dalton Gardens City Hall. Officer and board member nominations for 2025 year. Please attend the meeting and nominate your favorite person for an officer seat or board member seat. Jim and Karen will recap the state board meeting they attended in Jerome, ID. Socialize 6:30 and meeting starts at 7.

Potluck ride at Farragut, Saturday, Oct. 5. Foot in stirrup 11 a.m. Two hour ride. Regular horse area. A big tent fly will be set up by the highline poles. Bring your choice of meat and the bbq will be going. Bring a small dish to share. Bring your chair. Come enjoy the day whether you ride or not. The club will have paper products and coffee. Raffle items and silent auction items. Bring a friend. See you there. Contact Joni at jklhorserider@gmail.com with questions or to donate a small item.

January 2025 end-of-year party. More details to follow.

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PBCH Chapter Foundation Director

Jim Kimball

Facebook Wrangler

Vacant

Joni Lueck, newsletter editor and website
coordinator

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Volunteer Hours and past president
Karen Kimball

Education co-chairs Joni Lueck and Russ Rantz

The Treasure Valley BCH will host the 2025 convention on March 14, 2025. It will be held at the Canyon County Fair Event Center, Caldwell, ID.

Dalton Gardens Annual Potluck was held Sept. 7 at Dalton Gardens City Hall. Our PBCH chapter helped serve and clean up at this event for the past several years. Thirteen members helped serve about 300 people at this year's event which also included fun activities for the whole family in the Dalton Garden City Park. We volunteered as a way to say we appreciate the use of their meeting room for our monthly meetings. Thanks to everyone! Karen Kimball, trail boss.

List of workers

Jamie Smith

Stan Smith

Vicki Lowell

Linda Wuest

Debbi Funke

Betsy Walker

Janelle Harris

Rich Simpson

Ray Heilman

Lori Jenkins

Jill Graham

Jim Kimball

Karen Kimball

Luci, co-chair of the picnic, said PBCH were lifesavers and really appreciated our help.

Meeting Minutes August 21, 2024

Meeting was called to order at the Dalton City Hall meeting area at 6:51 pm

Pledge

Ten members in attendance and two members on Zoom.

Tom reported that a chapter Board of Directors meeting was held on 9/17/2024.

Treasurer's report was read by Bea Christopherson. It was reported that the bank CD was reinvested into a 12 month CD.

Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Robert Wuest and 2nd by Joni Lueck and approved by the membership in attendance.

Julie Volpi made motion to accept the minutes as read in the newsletter and 2nd by Tom Knoll and approved by the members in attendance.

FONIT: Karen Kimball reported on the FONIT (Friends of North Idaho Trails) meeting. Equipment is being brought in to grade and gravel the trailhead at Marie Creek. They still need matching funds for English Point area improvements.

Dalton Picnic work party: Karen Kimball reported that 13 members from the chapter helped out at the picnic. They fed over 300 people. The help was much needed and appreciated. Plans to help cut down a tree at Dalton Park are being held with a tentative date of October 2nd to do the work.

Forest Service Letter of support: The Forest Service is applying for a grant to purchase some land and requested a letter of Support.

BCHI Treasurer's report: Karen Kimball reported on the BCHI Treasurers report.

Steak Potluck Ride: Joni Lueck and Robert Wuest to trail boss the ride. The format is changed to potluck and bring your own steak. The ride is still set for October 5th, boots in the stirrup at 11 am. Many volunteers to help out including Betsy Walker and Shari Bolander to spearhead the silent auction/raffle. Robert reported on speaking to the head ranger about use of the Pavillion. The Pavillion is currently leased out. Alternative place for the Steak Ride to be in the horse staging area.

Line Creek work party: Tom Knoll reported on the work party out near the Red Ives Ranger station at the Line Creek camp ground. Four members of the PBCH worked to construct seven corrals. The camp now has 3three or four hay bunks, seven corrals, highlines and vault toilets. The camp is reservable and the cost is \$10.

Calendars: 100 calendars are already out and \$800 collected.

New Officers: new officers will be nominated in November

T-shirts: Joni Lueck is working on getting t-shirts for anyone interested.

Facebook: Need a Facebook Wrangler to get our page going

Joni Lueck made motion to adjourn, 2nd by Robert Wuest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted, Julie Volpi, secretary

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Hats, magnetic signs, t-shirts and bumper stickers



PBCH hats are now in! Get yours today from salesman Tom Knoll. \$20. 208-651-4600. Magnetic signs are available at \$7.50 each. These are great advertising for the chapter and can be put on your vehicle or horse trailer. T-shirts will be coming on board soon. T-shirts with our logo for \$10.50 each plus shipping of \$1.50. Bumper stickers available at no cost. Stick one on your vehicle today!



2025 Calendars

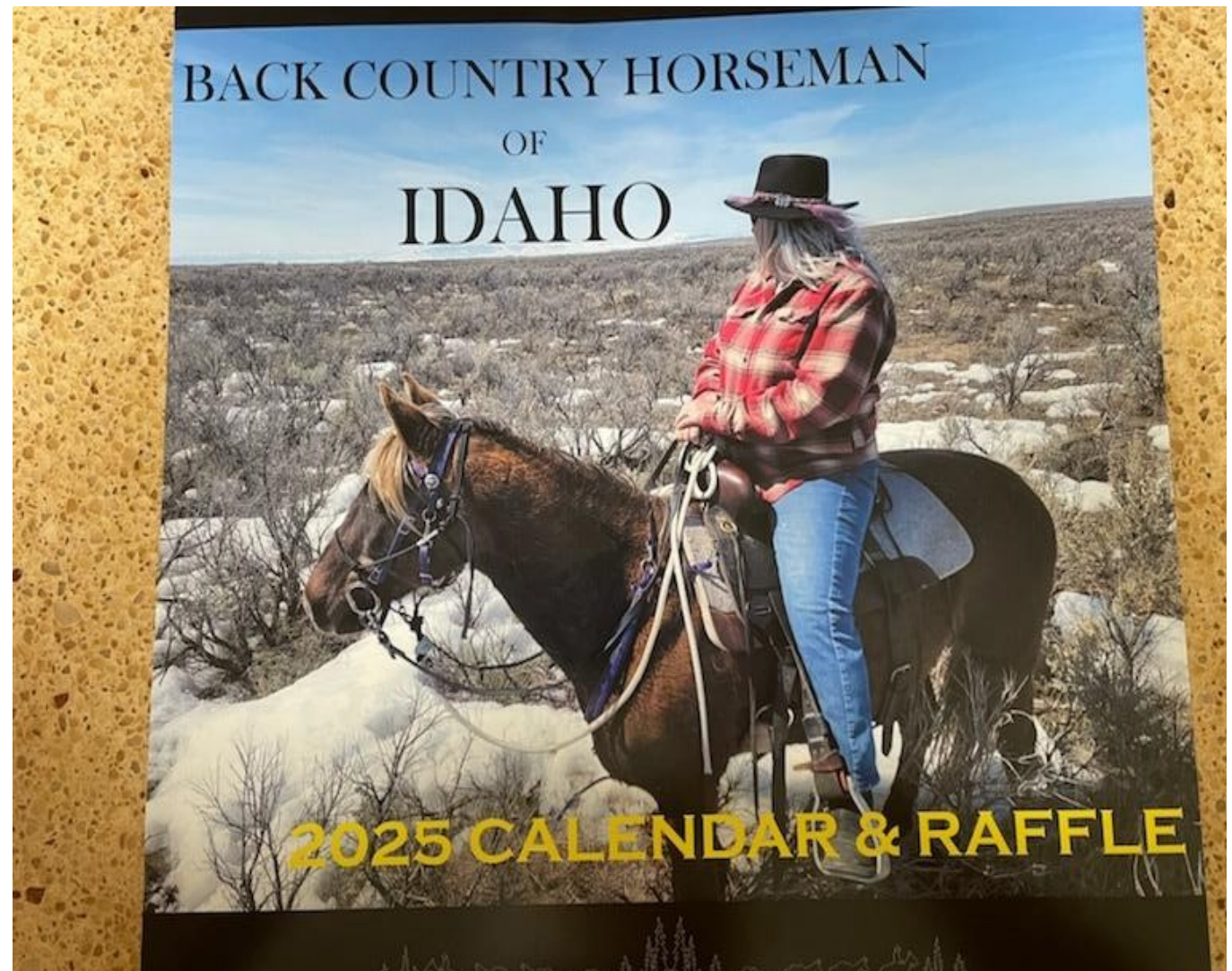
The 2025 Back Country Horsemen calendars are in and ready for the new year. This is a fundraiser for all the Idaho chapters. These retail for \$20. Inside each calendar is a raffle card which needs to be mailed in for the Sept. 30 drawing each year.

Each chapter can keep 20% of their sales and the rest is sent to support the efforts of the state organization.

This year the Panhandle chapter has elected to take 175 calendars to be sold. Each year we set up at different stores in the area around holiday time to sell the calendars.

The prizes include 11 gift cards worth \$500 each. The grand prize is a \$3,000 gift card.

Help support the Back Country Horsemen by buying a calendar today.



St. Joe Ranger District Line Creek Work Party

Written by Susan Walker

The U.S. Forest Service is installing corrals at Line Creek Stock Campground and requested assistance from the Panhandle Back Country Horsemen (PBCH) of Idaho. The project was headed up by Damon Gallegos (Damon is also a member of the PBCH) and Tracy Grevelle of the Forest Service. Also assisting were Colton Gilbert (FS), Tom Knoll (President PBCH), Irv and Susan Walker (PBCH), and Jim White, volunteer extraordinaire. Once this project is completed there will be the existing high lining sites, and the remaining sites will have corrals that are 20 x 20, with overflow corrals as well. Line Creek Horse Camping is also on www.recreation.gov so you no longer need to worry about not having an equine site upon arrival. This is a much-needed improvement to this campground for all trail riders with more improvements coming up. With 100 miles of trails to explore, this campground is a must for horseback riders. Riding along the St. Joe River and crossing several times up to the lodge is incredibly beautiful.

The St. Joe is also a great fly-fishing stream with trout (catch and release). The work party started on September 8th with Damon bringing a rented tractor with augur to the camp in the afternoon and holes were drilled for the fence posts. The ground was rocky in spots so the volunteers had a lot of shovel time each day. September 9 brought more auguring of post holes and the installing the fence posts. A hot dog lunch was a welcome break during the day over a campfire. September 10 started off but work was postponed halfway thru the day due to rain. This will be an ongoing project, given weather, with completion planned this year. The Little Joe Road from St. Regis is still under improvement with completion expected Oct. 1st. This is a really nice road for living quarters to travel. Coming from Coeur D'Alene through St. Maries or crossing over 4th of July Pass are also options.

Be sure to plan a trip next summer to this beautiful country!

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Left to right: Colton, Damon, Tom, Tracy, Irv, and Jim.
Photo by Susan Walker.

Rides and Events

These are some past rides, work parties, campouts and other events for our chapter of PBCH. Plus a few new ideas. If you want to trail boss or help out on a ride or event please let us know!

- *Early Season warm-up ride and donuts and coffee, Farragut State Park
- *Escure Ranch in Washington fun ride and campout.
- *Obstacle Course Dalton Garden Arena Event open to the public.
- *Marie Creek trail clearing. Limited parking, bathroom available.
- ***Marie Creek fun ride. This road going into the parking area is rough.**
- *Asotin ride and campout in Washington at Fordyce Trail. Memorial Day Weekend. Good turnout.
- *Chilco Mt. trail clearing. Past work party. Area currently closed.
- * **Farragut State Park Hot Dog fun ride open to the public. August 18, 2024, trail boss Julie Volpi.** Corrals, fire rings, bathroom.
- *4th of July Pass fun ride. Bathroom available.
- *Antoine Peak ride and potluck in Washington. Plenty of parking, water at trailhead.
- ***Blue Creek Bay Recreation Area fun ride.** Bathroom and lots of parking.
- *Squaw Valley near Priest Lake.
- *Liberty Lake horse park in Washington fun ride. Bathroom available.
- *Red Ives work party and campout in Idaho.
- *McKenzie Conservation Area fun ride in Washington. Bathroom available. Limited parking.
- *Pee Wee Creek fun ride and campout in Idaho.
- *Heyburn State Park work party and fun ride. Corrals and bathroom available. Work party/campout May 3-5, 2024. Trail boss Julie Volpi.
- ***Bernard Peak fun ride. Go in on Twete Rd. Limited parking. No bathroom.**
- *Lakeshore Trail Priest Lake. Ride with Priest River Valley BCH.
- *Stateline Trail near Superior, MT.
- ***Rustler's Gulch fun ride near Deer Park, WA. Bathroom and plenty of parking.**

If anyone wants to trail boss a ride or event please let any chapter officer know!

St. Joe Ranger District information and more photos from work party

The St. Joe River area of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest includes most of what was originally established as the St. Joe National Forest and is now our St. Joe Ranger District.

This is an area of blue-ribbon cutthroat trout streams, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and extensive roadless and primitive areas. We offer miles of trails for hikers, backcountry horse users, mountain bikers, and ATV riders. The St. Joe is nationally recognized for its elk herds.

*****Line Creek Stock Camp features pull through units for stock trailers, new corrals for stock, feed bunks and hitch posts, trailhead parking, and vault toilets. Attractions include fishing in wild trout waters, beginning of wild portion of St. Joe Wild and Scenic River, and St. Joe River Trailhead.

*****Directions:

Drive 29 miles east of Avery on St. Joe River Road (Forest Highway 50), turn south on Red Ives Road (#218) and proceed 11 miles to the campground entrance.



Photos of the corrals construction at Line Creek campground by Susan Walker.



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Treasurer's Report 9-21-24

Income	
Calendars	\$260.00
Dues	\$ 30.00
CD Interest	\$326.68
Interest	<u>\$ 0.02</u>
Total	\$616.70

Expenses	
Bank Stmt	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
Total	\$ 2.00

Big Red Barn



Big red barn on Prairie Ave. as seen on a beautiful summer morning. Photo by Joni Lueck.

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