



SQUAW BUTTE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN

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NEVADA'S JARBRIDGE WILDERNESS

WHITEHAWK BASIN

BACK COUNTRY TRAVELER & A FRANK CHURCH PACK-IN

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By Rob Adams

This was a great weekend. Robbin Schindele and his two sons camped in the basin starting Thursday. While there, they caught a lot of brook trout and had great weather. On Friday night Kelley Creamer, Trudy Christensen and Rob Adams drove up and camped in the parking lot. At sun rise we had a quick breakfast and started getting our stock together when Rex Arnett arrived.

Rex had packaged the material bundles we were going to pack in, weighing each one so it was very easy to balance our loads. We shuttled the camping equipment to the trail head with a pickup and rode the stock from the parking lot to the trail head. While packing up our equipment, Bob Howard, SR, Bob Jr, Donna, Karen Farnese and Jon Seel arrived.

Kelley, Trudy and Rob packed their camping gear down to the camp site in White Hawk Basin. There they meet up with Robbin and his sons. After a quick unload, we all rode back up to the trail head to get our first bridge material loads. The bundles averaged 60 lbs and it was easy to mantie the bundles and then use a basket hitch to secure them to our stock. Robbin used shelf like pack racks intended for coolers and hay bails on one of his mules. Our round trips from the trail head to the basin were about a hour. We moved 80% of the material on Saturday. By 15:30 we were done for the day, the stock was grazing in the tall grass and dinner was being planned. After a good meal of mountain chili, Trudy, Kelley and Rob rode back up the trail to have desert with the members camping at the trail

head. Peach cobbler hot from a Dutch oven is hard to beat. On Sunday camp was broken and equipment was packed out, and one more load of materials was packed in. During our rides we saw a lot of big game sign and lots of grouse. There are a number of elk and deer in the area. By noon the project was done and members were packing up their rigs for the drive home.

A great time was had by all, and the Lowman trail crew has the material placed where they can use it to improve this trail.





Disposal of Waste

By Ellen Knapp – Master Leave No Trace Trainer, specializing in Stock Use

This month I'm going to address a less than suitable dinner table subject, but one none the less, we cannot get away from – disposal of waste. Waste happens, it's a consequence of living. So what can we do to minimize our waste and evidence of our waste by others? By waste, I am including human, cooking, hunting and fishing, washing and stock. I have addressed stock waste management in previous articles.

Human Waste

We are fortunate here in Idaho, despite the 1.2 M visitations per year to just the Sawtooth Recreation Area, we do not receive the usage that some other states, like California, receive. However, even here, haven't you somewhere, come across a 'Charmin Lily' or two? You know, the toilet paper

(commonly known as TP) stuffed, but still visible, under a rock. Or even worse, left laying on the ground behind a bush. How do you feel when you see a Charmin lily? Disgusted and unsanitary are two words that come to my mind. As you might have noticed, TP doesn't disintegrate as readily as we might have assumed.

We have 3 options for dealing with human waste: digging a cathole, digging a latrine, or packing it out. Each has its appropriate time for use.

Catholes are appropriate for use by a small group, in an area of low usage pressure. Only a trowel or your boot heel (if the ground is soft) are required to make a cathole. Locate your cathole about 70 adult steps from water, the trail and camp, which you would naturally do anyway to ensure privacy. Choose a place that someone is unlikely to find, which again you would do anyway to

ensure privacy. Using the trowel or your boot heel, dig a small hole about 6-8" deep. Once done with your business, refill the hole, cover it with rocks to deter critters, and naturalize the area. If staying more than one overnight, disperse the cathole sites; which again would naturally happen to ensure privacy.

All feminine hygiene products should be packed out. Put it in a baggie and put the baggie in the camp garbage that is to be packed out. A minimal impact recommendation is to pack your TP out in the camp trash as well. The TP doesn't disintegrate as readily as we might think. But it is not recommended that you burn your TP for many reasons: it is not sanitary, it doesn't burn completely, and there is the potential for starting a forest fire since the fire heat can travel through ground.

Latrines are a good option if you have a larger group, if you are establishing a base camp, if you have children, or if you are in an area of high usage pressure. Latrines may be dug or concentrated in a portable container. In heavily used areas with minimal campsites, like river corridors; you do have to pack the human waste out. Use the same care in selecting the site as you do for a personal cathole. When digging a latrine, make it 6-8" deep and long enough for group or days of stay. After each use, cover the waste with a shovelful of dirt to decrease flies, the smell, and any critter visitations. Don't make the latrine huge; when full, cover the latrine and move its location as necessary. Cover and naturalize the latrine are when done.

Urine has little effect and causes a minimal health threat. Urinate well away from camps and trails. Urine attracts wildlife whose diets may be salt-deficient and the animals some times may defoliate plants to consume the salt. It is best to urinate on rocks and bare ground. However, it could cause an odor and attract insects if everyone does it in nearly the same place, such as in heavily used areas with minimal campsites, like river corridors. In this case, check with the local agency for appropriate disposal. Such appropriate disposal may be to urinate in the large volume river flow itself.

Cooking Waste

Wash dishes away from bodies

of water. Minimize the amount of soap used. Biodegradable soap is not mandatory since we are not washing in or near the body of water. It has been determined that dumping the wash water well away from both camp and the body of water will allow the soap in the water to filter out naturally. Before dumping the wash water and the rinse water, use a small sieve or cheesecloth (this is a two person operation) to filter the water. Put all the food scraps in a baggie and pack them out. We need to pack out all the food scraps, even small pieces, as they will draw critters to the camp site creating camp pests. Burning the scraps is not an option since we cannot build a hot enough fire to cook all the scraps completely. I am sure everyone has seen birds and critters pecking and picking at the remains in a campfire ring. Portable scrim cloth, set up in the high usage areas such as the kitchen, will trap all the small kitchen waste while preserving the underlying soil, and minimize foot traffic wear. The use of scrim prevents leaving small particles of trash that attract rodent and insect pests to the site. As a side note, when I first learned of scrim, in true skeptic fashion, I thought its use was on the far outside edge of minimal impact fanatic. Until I saw it in use with a group of 10 folks where we camped for 2 days. The ground was talcum power dry. That would have resulted in many crunchy meals were it not for the use of the

scrim, which kept the dust at bay in the high use area of the kitchen. And it kept my feet mud free when washing dishes or when I came into the kitchen area with dew-damp boots. This proof alone was sufficient to convert me into a considerer. But, when we pulled up the scrim, after 2 days of many feet tromping in the kitchen, not a single pine needle was broken, I became a believer.

Hunting and Fishing Waste

When considering disposal methods, consider how the fishing or hunting remains will look in an high use area, such as a camp, trail head or near a trail. The smells can draw flies. The waste can attract critters that should not interact with humans. And it may ruin the opportunity for those sportsmen that follow. A good idea is to move away from trail, the trail head, or the camp, and bury the waste. In some cases, especially in high usage areas, it is best to pack out the waste.

Washing

Soaps and lotions, even though biodegradable can alter the chemistry of streams and lakes. For that reason, it is recommended that you wash about 70 adult steps away from the shoreline. For this, the solar showers are great. If you don't have one or have not had time to set it up, use a collapsible feed/water bag for hair washing and a sponge bath. Another option is to use waterless soap.

General Camp Waste

Packed it in; Pack it out. Enough said.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear SBBCH Members,

It has certainly been hot, which I am sure all of you are aware. We have to be very careful with our campfires and all other forms of fire as we all know. Especially since the fire danger has been High or Extremely High up in the trees.

The job of packing planks for the Lowman District went well with participation by many members. It turned out that they had cut the planks into 4 foot lengths after I had spent a day working with my pack horse on carrying eight footers. He was not overly happy with eight foot planks resting on the tumber

hooks but he got used to it.

Happy birthday for the month of August to Sally Schindele, William Selkirk, Tony Dean, Renee Edwards and Charles Lox. Hope you have many more!

See you in camp

Bob



August 19-20 Trail Project & Ride (West Mountain Trails)

We have three projects on West Mountain this weekend. We will be fielding two trail crews to open up [TR131] Squaw Creek Trail & [TR135] Wilson Corral Trail, and a fun ride putting some new signs up. Robbin Schindele will be the trail boss on [TR131], Rob Adams will be leading [TR135]. The [TR135] will be leaving from Wilson Corral trail head. Everyone will be camping at the Squaw Creek Campground. A fun ride placing some new signs is planned for Sunday. We'll be working with Jim Ciardelli. Below is his email to me.

"Here is another project for you guys if you're willing. I'm in the process of purchasing a bunch of plywood and posts to make info board for the trailheads. There was a bunch of extra money left on the Forest sign grant and we found out about it yesterday and I have to spend it today. My plan is to have the plywood cut and painted etc. by the River Rangers and we'll put in as many as possible. Jim Ciardelli"



NEVADA'S JARBIDGE WILDERNESS

By Phil Ryan

About 250 miles from Emmett is one of America's least ridden wildernesses, the Jarbidge Wilderness. Just across the Idaho-Nevada border, south of Twin Falls lies a wild spot in the road known as Jarbidge, where the last stage coach holdup in the west took place. The name comes from a Shoshone word meaning "A Weird Beastly Creature".

Rising out of the Snake River plain to over 10,000 feet, red rock peaks such as the Matterhorn, God's Pocket Peak, Gold Knob, and Mary's River Peak can be found. The Jarbidge Wilderness encompasses over 113,000 acres where few people ever travel but Ralph Truax and I spent five days riding the trails this past July. Generally, the trailheads are quite good and the trails are better than those in the Frank

Church Wilderness. There are over 125 miles of trails in the Wilderness with vegetation that ranges from sagebrush flats, glacier basins filled with aspens, Whitebark pine, and mahogany to cottonwood filled lower basins. For those interested in fishing, there are two lakes, Jarbidge and Emerald which have Brook Trout in them.

Ralph and I started at the Pole Creek Ranger Station on the east side of the Wilderness. The Slide Creek trailhead has good truck parking and two corrals for stock. We headed south over a long timbered ridge and spent the night at Hummingbird Springs. The next morning, we headed west towards the Mary's River Trail. We found that the south end of the trail had not been cleared and was washed out in the Mary's River Basin, so we headed north over the pass between Mary's River Peak and Gold Knob. The trail has excellent switchbacks and very

firm footing for the horses. We did have to cross a snow bank but there was no trouble with the horses or mules. We ended that day at Emerald Lake where we met a packer guiding some dudes on a day ride. There was good forage for the stock in a meadow below the lake so we spent another day there. The last day we went down Cougar Creek to the east fork of the Jarbidge River and up Slide Creek to our trucks. The scenery was magnificent but there is still snow in the passes so I would recommend August or September for those interested in a pack trip.

I do need to say that the packer is the one who keeps the trails open because I saw little evidence that the Forest Service crews had done any work on the trail system this year. At any rate, the Jarbidge Wilderness is one of the most beautiful areas I have ever ridden; I will certainly ride there again in the future.



by Rob Adams/Robbin Schindele

On August 1 Rob Adams and I packed in our second group of volunteers recruited by the Alliance for Wilderness Education and Stewardship. This group was from the Boise YMCA.

Rob's Account of Going in:

Robbin and I met the latest volunteer group with Brad and Jason again providing leadership at 08:30 Tuesday morning. Between us, Robbin and I had five pack animals. We laid out 9 pieces of canvas and the wall tent. The "Team" helped by weighing all the items to be packed and placing them on the various Manties. After we had paired loads, we held a quick class in tying up Manties and with Brad and Jason's guidance the team did a great job of getting them ready to load onto the stock.

They also helped get the stock loaded and we were on the trail by 10:15. Robbin's mule Stormy

was overloaded with 190 lbs of tent and stuff but he did well. The rest were also packed pretty heavy, but we had no issues and were at the camp site and unloaded by 11:30. The camp is at the junction of Bernard Lake trail and Sulfur Creek Trail. Sunday we will be bringing them out. We told Jason and Brad to look for us around 09:00. This is the easiest trail we have ridden this year, wild flowers are everywhere and the roads to the trail head are in great shape.

Robbin's Account of going Out:

On Saturday evening Sally and I with our son Samuel drove into the meadow near the Corduroy Meadows trailhead. We spotted Ellen Knapp and Charles Lox rig and decided to set our camp near theirs. Soon they came riding down the road, they had ridden to Bernard Lake, met the YMCA group and carried back their tools.

We set our camp and were soon joined by Joe Williams, Treasure Valley BCHI. He told us he had had a project up at Pistol Creek but had been sent on his way by the fire up there, needing something to do he had driven down. Rob Adams was the next to show up. Dutch oven lasagna was on the menu for dinner followed by lively conversation and the requisite campfire.

Sunday morning everyone saddled up and rode the short distance to the camp. Joe had left before the rest of us so we met him coming out as Sally and I rode in. The crew at the alliance camp had their gear all laid out when we arrived. It was quickly weighed, mantied and loaded. The ride out was equally uneventful with the six pack animals performing well. The gear was unloaded by 10:30 and all the rigs headed down the road by 12:00 or so.

Squaw Butte Back Country Horsemen – Chartered 3/92 07/06/2006 Regular Meeting Minutes

Name	Present
Adams, Rob & Linda	Rob
Argo, Doug & Teri	
Berggren, Leon & Margaret	X
Boeder, Jess	
Brewer, Vernon & Anita	
Burak, Nadine	
Burdine, Russell	
Bush, John & Jackie	John
Buthman, Tony & Tami, Dillon	Tony, Dillon
Carpenter, Vern	
Conger, Bill & Marybeth	Marybeth
Creamer, Kelley	
Dann, Tony & Diane	
Davis, Justin	X
Dineen, David & Tracy	

Edwards, Harold & Renee	
Farnese, Karen & Gary	Karen
Fry, Lida	X
Gaskell, Lou Ann	
Gress, Rose	
Gudmundsen, Bob	
Guinn, Lettie	
Harding, Bruce	
Hezeltine, Alex & Sherrie	
Holcroft, Steve	
Holt, William & Chris	
Howard, Bob	
Howard, Robert & Donna	X
Leonard, Steve & Tonya	
Lox, Charles & Ellen Knapp	X
Lyons, Barney & Judy Hudson	
MacDonald, Terry & Gail	

Nichols, Jil & Michael Bryant	
Nielsen, Dolores	
Richards, Tom	
Rindlisbach, Claudia & Fry, Martin	
Ryan, Phil & Kay	X
Schantz, Shannon	X
Schindele, Robbin & Sally	X
Seal, Nate & Ruth	
Seel, Jon	X
Selkirk, William	
Stroeder, Joanna	X
Thielges, Jim	
Truax, Ralph & Sharon	X
West, Bob & Alasya	
Young, Gene & Cheryl	

2006 SBBCH Officers and Board of Directors:

President: Robert Howard, Sr., Vice President: Rob Adams, Treasurer: Charles Lox,
Secretary: Kay Ryan
Past President: John Bush
State Directors (2): Phil Ryan, Bob Howard, Jr., Alternate State Director: Leon Berggren
Foundation Director: Sally Schindele, Alternate Foundation Director: Margaret Berggren

Regular meeting brought to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Bob Howard

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction and Welcome to Guests: Rex Arnett, David Hayes & assistant

Introduction and Welcome to New Members: Lida Fry

MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING

Robbin Schindele moved to accept the minutes of the June meeting as they will be published in the July newsletter. Phil Ryan seconded the motion which passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance:	\$1,880.45
Deposits:	+ \$.00
Expenditures:	- \$.00
Ending Balance:	\$1,880.45

John Bush moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Marybeth Conger seconded the motion and it passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Liaison Report: No report as Harold Edwards was absent.

State Directors Report: Phil Ryan said he is going to the Board of Directors meeting on

Saturday July 8th and will report at the next meeting. He plans to tell them about the raffle items he has lined up.

Education & Foundation Reports: Sally Schindele said she has received a copy of the minutes from the April 7th Directors meeting of the Foundation that she attended. She summarized the minutes, reporting there seems to be money available to reimburse chapters when costs are incurred by Master/Instructor trainers for travel to and from training sites, up to \$500.00 per chapter, per year. She also said that chapters may be able to get grant money for reimbursement of fuel costs if each chapter submits mileage reports for trail work and fuel receipts. Money would be available after June 2007.

Work Projects and Rides Report: Rob Adams reported on the activities from the past month and pointed out the events for July and August. He said there are lots of opportunities to ride, clear trail, get some packing experience and generally have fun. July 29th is another trip to White Hawk Basin hauling in some wood and August 5th will be another trip for the Wilderness Alliance. SBBCH has a busy month ahead.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Weed-free Hay: Bob pointed out that the chapter had discussed purchasing weed-free hay for chapter use when clearing trails but that no motion was made to actually purchase any. Phil said the offer still stands that the hay can be stored at his place. Robbin moved that the chapter buy a ton of weed-free hay. The motion was seconded by Bob Howard, Jr. and after further discussion, the motion was passed.

Foundation Material & Equipment Inventory Status: Ellen said she has the equipment inventory completed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Notices: None.

Door Prizes: Bob Howard, Sr. won a bag of dog food donated by Pet Corral.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted by Kay Ryan, Secretary, SBBCH

Guest Speaker: David Hayes, DVM, Equine Hospital & Lameness Center spoke about different types of feeds, quality of feeds, and the potential results. He also talked about supplements, particularly for older horses with arthritic joint problems. Questions, answers, and discussion followed and all manner of topics were covered from different types of hobbles, fly sprays, ear mite repellents, to cheat grass in the tail. Always an opportunity to hear good stories and learn a few things as well. Thanks, David!



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