

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7 PM

Springhill Church
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

OUR PURPOSE:

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 15, 6:00 PM

Springhill Church, West Babcock

GENERAL MEETING : JANUARY 15, 7:00 PM

Springhill Church, West Babcock

4 H PACKING CLINIC #1 : JANUARY 22

Gallatin County Fairgrounds

BUCK BRANNAMAN CLINIC : FEBRUARY 16, NOON

MSU's Miller Pavilion (see Page 3)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. Let me start by thanking the outgoing officers and directors for their service over the last few years. Henry Glenn did a fine job of being our President over the last three years. Rich Inman, in addition to all of the things he does in the background, stood in for Henry at a few meetings as Vice President. Debbie Moran kept our books straight as treasurer and chaired the poker ride. Sharon Fraser, who will take on the treasurer duties for 2015, did an excellent job as our secretary. Our outgoing directors Dan Porter, Steve Thienes, and Jim Wing helped make decisions and got involved in our projects over their two year terms. We also had Jim Albright as the outgoing president sitting on the board and helping represent us at the state board meetings for the last two years. John Mutter was available as an alternate in case one of the state board members was unable to make a meeting and the roofer-in-chief for the Spanish Creek Cabin roof restoration project and he also re-roofed our trailer along with the help of Carl Blascovich.

Some of the other people working in the background included our wonderful newsletter editor Brant Robey; Jan Elpel who printed the paper versions of the newsletter and mailed them; Marianne Meyer did a great job keeping our membership list current; Larry Thomas for riding herd on the trail maintenance crew; and Clark Kinney along with Harry Huntsinger who spearheaded the 4-H clinics and horse and bike safety clinics. I appreciated all of the members who helped out on the Poker Ride and the dedicated trail maintenance crew that cleared the trails for all the people who enjoy the back country. I would like to thank all of the folks who put their names in the hat when the elections came around.

Congratulations to our new officers and directors for giving their time over the next year or two. Yours truly as President; Dan Porter as Vice President; Sharon Fraser as Treasurer; Tamara Erickson as Secretary; Directors Clark Kinney, Carl Blaskovich, and Chris Nygren; State board Henry Glenn; and John Mutter as alternate State Director. Henry has agreed to act as our Forest Service Liaison in addition to his state board duties and ex officio voting member on the board. Marianne Meyer has agreed to be the membership chair for another year. John Mutter has agreed to handle printing and mailing the paper copies of the newsletter. Brant Robey has agreed to be our newsletter editor again and would really like everyone to send articles and pictures to pbr@wiswest.net.

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BOARD & GENERAL MEETINGS MINUTES
DECEMBER 18

Officers, directors, state board members present were Henry Glenn, Rich Inman, Dan Porter, Jim Wing, John Mutter, Larry Thomas, Dan Marsh, Jim Allbright

Minutes from November meeting were approved by a motion from John, seconded by Larry.

Checking account balance \$5415.36, savings \$20028.49. Payments of \$150 each to Springhill church and Belgrade church made for past year's meeting use. Jim Allbright made motion, Dan seconded.

MEMBERSHIP:

New or renew memberships can now be done totally online from the GVBCH website.

ISSUES:

Passage of the Heritage Act provides the first new wilderness in 31 years and permanent protection of the Rocky Mountain Front.

Hello GVBCH members.

If you missed our December meeting, you missed a good one. Lots of Christmas goodies to sample and stories to share. Larry Thomas won the drawing for a Wally Becker hand-tied horse halter. I want to thank all those who agreed to have their names submitted for officers and/or directors. 42 members voted by either email or written ballot. Our new officers and directors will take the reins at the January 15th meeting. This will be our initial scheduling of events/projects meeting so please come and get your requests on the 2015 calendar.

February will be our annual wild game potluck followed by a program by Kevin Frye who is a grizzly bear specialist with the MtFWP. Kevin will give us the latest scoop as to what is going on with bears in our area.

March program will be put on by the 4-H kids. It will be very interesting.

A number of our members have told me that they do not even know some of our officers and/or directors. One way to get to know them is to come to our monthly meeting and meet them in person. To supplement this, I will be trying to do a monthly NL "Who's Who" article on new officers and directors to help you get better acquainted.

If you cannot attend the January scheduling meeting, I invite you to let any officer or director or me know what you would like to see our chapter do or participate in this year, i.e., trails, rides, events, clinics, cabins, corrals, etc. Here is wishing you the best in this new year and hoping that you will put it on your schedule to get involved in some BCH project or event this year.

—Rich Inman

PROGRAMS

Calendar meeting in January. Bear biologist, 4-H kids slated for future meetings. Game potluck may be rescheduled from February to March.

OLD BUSINESS:

State dues have been paid

NEW BUSINESS:

BCH State Convention is in Hamilton in April. Our club needs to send 20 digital images & captions on activities of the past year or so. Dan Marsh is gathering these.

Motion to Adjourn made by John Mutter, seconded by Marianne.

—Sharon Fraser (for Tamara Erickson)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Total memberships for 2014 were 72.

39 were single memberships, 33 were family memberships.

Adding up the ladies from single memberships and couples, we have 47 cowgirls in the club.

Adding up the men from single memberships and couples, we have 54 cowboys in the club.

Eleven new members joined last year.

—Marianne Meyers

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, CONTINUED

I would like to have someone in charge of publicity that could let the media and public know about our events and promote our organization. If you have an interest in that kind of thing, let me know. Our January meeting is going to be our planning meeting for the year. If you would like to see us involved with other activities or would like to lead a fun trail ride, show up at the meeting and help set our calendar for the year. We could also use someone to help get us programs for the general meetings. We have enjoyed a great relationship with the Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club and hope to enjoy more events with them over the year. It is never too early to be thinking about volunteering to help or chair the poker ride next year.

Don't forget to send in your digital pictures of club events that we need to send in by January 15th to the Hamilton chapter for the State Convention in March. Thanks again to everyone that has contributed to the chapter over the years and I'm sure I left out thanking someone so I apologise in advance. Let's keep this great organization running strong for another year.

Respectfully Yours,
Dan Marsh



Buck Brannaman Clinic : FEBRUARY 16, Noon

MSU's Miller Pavilion

<http://www.montana.edu/news/15292/internationally-renowned-horseman-buck-brannaman-to-visit-msu-for-horsemanship-clinic>



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KENNETH LYLE AUSK



Kenneth Lyle Ausk, 80, rode over the great divide on December 2nd. Ken was born in Havre, Montana, on September 16, 1934, to Ralph and Anne Marie Ausk. The family lived on the West coast during World War II and Ken moved back to Havre when his mother passed away, and was then raised by his Aunt and Uncle. He graduated from Havre Central High School in 1953 and joined

the U.S. Army, serving in Germany until 1956. He returned to Havre and attended Northern Montana College for a year before marrying Phyllis Faber, a local rancher's daughter from the Bear Paws. Together they raised three daughters, Keni, Susan and Theresa. After completing a four-year apprenticeship, Ken continued his career as an electrician working on missile sights and large construction projects in Montana, Wyoming, California, Minnesota and North Dakota.

The family moved to the Flathead Valley in 1967 where Ken went to work for Bonneville Power, retiring in 1995. Ken and Phyllis were blessed to have shared 57 years of love and dedication, sharing many common interests including raising and riding horses, pack trips into the Bob Marshall Wilderness, hunting, cross country skiing, hiking, and traveling to Alaska numerous times, always exploring the beautiful country off the beaten path.

One of the things Ken was most proud of was his involvement with the Back Country Horsemen. In 1973, Ken, Roland Cheek, Dennis Swift, and Dulane Fulton, and their wives formed the organization because they were concerned about the future of stock use in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The concept of managing Wilderness was new and the founders worked tirelessly to build an organization

that would be both supportive and critical of the Forest Service on land management issues. This small group in Western Montana never dreamed that BCH would grow into a national organization.

For 25 years we rode backcountry trails and the highways of Montana with Ken, going to hundreds of projects and meetings. Ken loved talking about Back Country Horsemen, enough so that we could easily talk the entire ten hour round trip to Bozeman. After several years of this, I started to figure out that Ken kept repeating the same things which were his ideals of how Back Country Horsemen ought to be run. Things such as:

In anything you do for BCH, make sure the betterment of BCH comes first, not your own agenda. Ken was often embarrassed by the praises poured upon him by others. He felt that BCH is what it is because of all of the members, not just one.

When deciding if BCH should be involved in an issue, make sure it furthers the purposes of the organization, always remember we are a volunteer service organization, not a riding club.

Fight your battles in the meetings, if the majority of the members vote in favor of a motion, support it, don't take it to the parking lot and always, always remain friends.

Having worked on the road his whole life, Ken knew all of the best eating establishments in Montana. This morning we had a memorial donut in Ken's honor at the Lakeside Bakery in Polson. One of Ken's favorite things to say after a belly busting Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner was "I'm not so hungry anymore".

Happy trails my friend,
May your horses always be gentle,
May your packs always ride well,
And may your trails always be cut out.

TRIBUTE TO KEN AUSK AND BCHA FOUNDERS

We may never know the exact words that Ken Ausk, Dulane Fulton, Dennis Swift, Roland Cheek or their wives spoke of over the kitchen table in Columbia Falls Montana, nor what was said in the wall tent next to the wood stove and hissing Coleman lantern in the Bob Marshall Wilderness during the early 70's.

What we do know is that after a liberal sampling of Early Times Whiskey, the voices of reason began a plan a recipe and vision that would forever change the way horsemen think and act in the back country.

The back country was being loved to death by the placement of permanent camps, corrals, piles of garbage, not to mention human waste, and dying trees due to stock being tied to them causing root damage. The Forest Service was suggesting that many camping and prolonged use areas were to be closed to stock use.

Our BCH Founders found a recipe that was presented to the USFS, general public, recreational and commercial pack and saddle stock users. All found these use guidelines much more acceptable than the proposed closures and regulations. These four men and their supporters never dreamed that they were the initial developers of programs like Tread Lightly and Leave no Trace stock management programs, even before there was ever any thought those organizations. They also had no idea that this would spread within the United States from sea to shining sea with 29 state organizations and potential states as well as nearly 15,000 members of today.

Back Country Horsemen as well as the general public protect, preserve, and promote these proactive protective measures of equine use where ever we are, and remember that with this recipe and vision we stand on the shoulders of these Great Founders and Giants of the Back Country Horsemen of America.

Rolland Cheek is the last remaining Founder alive. Respectfully, Chuck Miller, Montana Back Country Horsemen

One of the first rides of the summer was South Cottonwood trail, a brief drive from Bozeman. We showed up early (8:30) and the weather was crisp and cool. Not much work was needed. However, the "new" trail up Wheeler Gulch was noted and several stories were told about when the Gallatin Backcountry Horsemen worked on that trail several years ago: And it was noted that it is now being worked on by a conservation crew. It was mentioned that there was an article in the paper about this group working on this trail. Further up the Cottonwood trail going towards the Blackmore trail, we came upon a large snow drift and decided to turn around. Lunch was eaten about noon and by then the temperature had warmed, so it turned out to be a very pleasant ride. Of course, we encounter bicycles and hikers with dogs, as this is a heavily used trail. One time, when being at this trailhead in the middle of the summer, more than 17 cars were counted, parked at the trailhead, thus it appears to be very popular.

Following the South Cottonwood ride, 12 more work rides are counted. They are as follows:

June 18, was work from Spanish Creek to the Mirror "Y". This day's record indicated that the crew was there to saw out and complete water bar maintenance. The people on the crew that day were Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Walter Becker, Bonnie Hammer, Rory Bayer, Dan Marsh, Jim Boorman Brenda Kessler and Jim Allbright.

Then on July 2, it was Spanish Creek again and this time to finish what was started previously. The crew consisted of Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Walter Becker, Bonnie Hammer, Dan Marsh, Chris Nygren, Jim Allbright, and Brenda Kessler. Because we had numerous people the crew split, one group going toward the Spanish Lakes and the other taking the Mirror Lake trail. The Spanish lakes crew went in and ate lunch at Dubois Lake (small lake not named on the map) and then continued towards the Spanish Lakes only to encounter large snow drifts. Thus, it was decided to turn around. The other crew made it to Mirror Lake and Bonnie announced they had cut as many as 13 downfalls.

The next ride noted was Elkhorn ridge on July 9th. This trailhead starts behind the Red Cliff campground on the Gallatin River. There always seems to be work on this trail and today was not an exception. Every turn seemed to have need for maintenance. And it is a long ride (but always beautiful) as it goes to the ridge and we make a circle coming down and out behind the Rainbow ranch. Larry and Rich had left an outfit at the trailhead behind the Rainbow Ranch to transport riders back to the other outfits left at the Elkhorn trailhead. The crew that day consisted of Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Rory Bauer, Dan Marsh, Jim Allbright, and Brenda Kessler. We finished late, tired, and sore but satisfied in high spirits, looking forward to a hot shower and a good night's sleep.

July 16 was a ride from behind the Langohr campground

(Hyalite Canyon) over the ridge to Cottonwood Canyon. The trailers met at the bridge behind the campground and drove up the ridge on an old logging road to a split in the road where parking space was found. There can be uncertain moments when driving these roads so probably we parked early, unloaded horses and continued up this road riding the horses to the trail head. The trailhead is hard to distinguish as it is not ridden or walked enough to create noticeable use. The trail then is hard to follow as it winds over the ridge, through trees and meadows [although the trees are blazed and the open meadows have stakes and cairns ("a pile of stones set on a hill or mountain to mark a spot for walkers"). While in the trees, the crew did cut several downed trees and made numerous adjustments so as to make the trail more obvious to the average hiker. The crew was distressed to note the meadows have an abundance of Hounds-tongue ("the seeds are bur-like adhesive nutlets about 1/3 inch commonly called "beggar's lice"). This would mean checking the horse's mane and tail and equipment so as not to bring home tons of seeds from this obnoxious weed. The crew consisted of Rich Inman, Jim Allbright, Brenda Kessler, Walter Becker, Ron Rohletter, We ate lunch at Cottonwood creek and watched several bicycles and hikers with dogs go by on the other side of the creek. Interestingly as they did not seem to notice us even though we were sitting around and horses were grazing. We returned back up the trail to the parked trailers on the Hyalite side in time to be home early.

Then on July 23 was a trip to Bridger to fix some bogs or a mud hole at a creek crossing that had been reported from riders at the Poker ride. However, these had dried some and that work was light. However, the guys found some work that could be done on a bridge along a trail. It seems that one can always find some work when it comes to riding a trail. The crew that day was Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Ron Rohletter, Walter Becker, Jim Allbright, and Brenda Kessler. Again some beautiful country and a fun ride.

July 30th found the Wednesday backcountry crew on the Porcupine trail up toward First Creek. Again downed trees were found and removed. The crew's use of chainsaws makes this work go quickly and almost fun after the tedious and energy consuming crosscut saws. Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Walter Becker, Jim Wing, Dan Marsh, Ron Rohletter, Jim Allbright, and Brenda Kessler were the crew members. Again the morning was crisp and the afternoon warmer: Another beautiful day and a great ride.

Buffalo Horn trail, which is behind the 320 Ranch, was the next trail; the crew was riding on Aug 6th. Crew members were Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Bonnie Hammer, Ron Rohletter, Walter Becker, Dan Marsh, Jim Allbright, and Brenda Kessler. This time the main goal was to fix a culvert which had injured a horse the previous week. Of course, there is always other work, i.e., trees across the trail and water bars but when coming upon the

culvert it was appalling. It was almost completely washed out with gaping holes on both sides. Jutting askew and slanted upward, it looked incredibly dangerous. It could be seen that the trail had been rerouted but that rerouted trail was through heavy brush and up a very steep and narrow side of the ravine. The culvert had to be fixed. The first thing that the crew did was actually to move and adjust (straightened and leveled the culvert in the ravine so as to now catch the water flowing in the ravine—no small task!). Then since there was an abundance of rocks in the water flowing through the ravine, these were collected to be placed under and around the culvert to secure it once it was placed back in position to catch the water flowing through the ravine. Wally then took the pack boxes off the pack mules and took them up the hill where he had found easily digging dirt and busily filled them. This dirt was brought down and was used to fill in the gaps around the rocks and placed over the metal culvert. Then logs were cut and placed (staked) on each side. When the work was done, the culvert could not be seen and had become a nice trail across the ravine. It would have been nice if a before and after picture could have been taken, but a camera was not to be had. All in all, the crew, felt rewarded and satisfied with a good days work when returning to the trailhead: And also, knowing that they had made a situation safer.

August 13th and the trail designated was Cinnamon Creek and to Buck Creek. This is on the West side of the Highway almost to Taylors Fork. There is a short drive off the highway to the trail head. The Trail is a nice trail with neat bridges to cross small stream on the way up. This is a circle ride and at the far end of the circle is a square of private land with buildings and corrals. Again, the crew found trees to be cleared and work on the trail needed. Crew members were Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Walter Becker, Ron Rohletter, Jim Wing, Dan Marsh Jim Albright, Brenda Kessler, Bonnie Hammer, and Jim Boorman

Yellow Mule trail was scheduled for Tuesday, August 26th and 9:00 found the crew at the Ouzel Falls parking lot. What a beautiful trailhead and trail going down to the bottom of the falls. So well groomed, landscaped and tidy that when Brenda's horse left remains she wanted to get off and clean that portion of the trail. However, the crew had more important objectives in mind. The crew consisted of Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Ron Rohletter, Jim Boorman, Jim Albright, and Brenda Kessler. The trail split before reaching the falls and across the bridge to the trail along the West Fork of the river. From the vantage points on this trail, one can look down on the falls and the river pools as it winds along before the falls. From there after crossing under a bridge and also crossing the road we soon found the trails belonging to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Yellow mule trails, which then crosses the Yellowstone club properties. (It is interesting to observe that upon entering the Yellowstone club property, there is a big yellow sign warning riders to stay on the trail as there is a gun range

in that area. Essentially the sign declares that a rider must stay on the trail or they could get shot?). From this trail is a connecting trail across Bucks ridge and the snowmobile trails which crisscross from Buck Creek and the highway 191. It is a beautiful panorama view from this ridge taking in the mountains around. Going back down First Yellow Mule trail, we saw an interesting stir of trees. In fact, it looked like quite a maelstrom of wind had passed through that area. Fortunately, it had not occurred on the trail. However, the crew did find numerous trees over the trail and clearing them took some time to accomplish. And as usual, Rich managed to do his indefatigable work on water bars. This was a long ride and after reaching the trail head, it was nice to head home after another great ride.

Sept 3rd and North Fork Hellroaring creek was the destination. Nine o'clock found the crew of Larry Thomas, Rich Inman, Jim Albright, Brenda Kessler, Jim Boorman, and Ron Rohletter climbing on their horses and scrambling up the trail. Work was found but it was noted that someone had been cutting away downfall previously as sawdust was noted. About 2 miles from Thompson Lake, the culprits doing the sawing appeared. Coming down the trail were the crew from the Flying D ranch. Yes! They had a crosscut and had cut out logs as they went in. In fact, one individual remarked they had cut at least 11 downed trees out. However, they expressed extra gratitude for our further efforts. They admired our pack mules (Mandy and Molly) and we admired their fully loaded three big black matched mules. They happily shared they had been in above the lakes hunting mountain goat. Went on to say they had got their goat and had three beautiful days with fantastic weather and special times shared. We finished up our work, turned around and soon caught the flying D riders near the trail head. We all made it to the trail head about the same time but as we drove off, the Flying D crew was still unpacking the big black mules.

Garnet mountain trail was reported to need some maintenance. So on Sept 17th, Rich Inman, Jim Albright, Brenda Kessler and Ron Rohletter met at the trailhead at 9:00. To get to this trail, you cross the river at Storm Castle, past the helicopter airstrip and up the road and turning at the church camp sign and there on the left is a road that leads toward the trailhead with spaces for horse trailers. We unloaded and packed up the mules, Molly and Mandy with shovels, Pulaski's, chain saws etc. Up the trail, again, clearing and sawing off logs across the trail which impeded travel. Since Jim had never been to Garnet Mountain, Brenda and Jim rode on up to see the old lookout station. What a beautiful spot. Of course, you can see for miles, as it was once the fire lookout station. Now, it has been fixed up for overnight stays with a new stairs and has been recently painted. Upon looking inside, windows all around, it also looked very clean and had new features inside. On the way back to where Ron and Rich were working, several bicyclers were passed. They having passed Rich and Ron

working expressed their appreciation for all the work the Back Country horsemen were doing on the trails. Jim remarked guiltily, that he really had not done much that day, a couple of saws and maybe 8 water bars. Going out the trail several other bikers were met and we made an effort to educate them about moving down below us on the trail (supposedly horses' instincts tell them that predators come from above) and also to ask them talk to us as horses recognize upon hearing the hikers or bikers that there is no danger. Despite that, Molly "lil" mule, took an exception several times and a resolve was made to ride bikes around her in the pasture. Hopefully, next time she will be much more accepting.

Oct. 1st was cold, almost bitterly and rain or snow appeared on the horizon. But the crew had been asked to pack out the equipment and junk from the Fox Creek cabin up the South Cottonwood trail. So here they were gathered, ready to go, Rich Inman, Ron Rohletter, Larry Thomas, Brenda Kessler and Jim Allbright. This time, 3 pack animals were in tow: Molly, Jim's mule, Mandy, Rich's Mule and Larry's big black (Percheron) workhorse. Everyone had rain pants or chaps but alas, Brenda and Jim had left theirs sitting on the couch at home. While they were deliberating whether to go home to obtain them or just hang in there and brave the storms, Rich came forth with two sets of extra chaps. They proved to be most welcome as beautiful as the



day was with fall colors and mist rising off the creek, and hanging next to the mountains, it did snow and it was cold. Fortunately, it was not long before the Fox Creek cabin was reached and Rich started a nice fire in the pot belly stove. The broken spring bed was quickly cut to size to fit in and on the packs; shovels and the other miscellaneous supplies and junk were loaded. Lunch was ate in the cabin that was now warm from the fire. The crew started back and it did look like it was going to continue to snow so all donned slickers. Then the sun appeared, of course. However, that moment was short lived but regardless, the ride out was pleasant and fast. It did not take long to unload the packs and head for home.

—Brenda Kessler

HORSING AROUND WITH BRENDA KESSLER



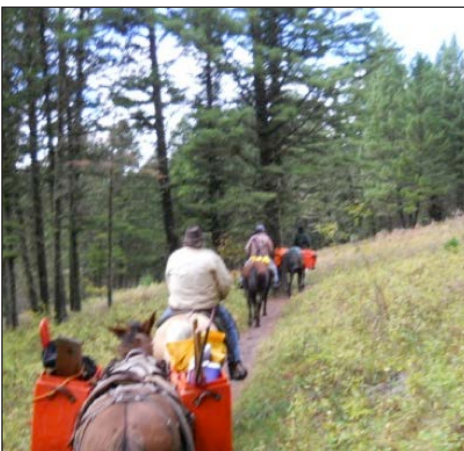
Getting ready: Oct. 1, Fox Creek Ride
Larry's big pack horse and Jim's molly mule



Packing up at the cabin
Yes, that is snow



Riding back from cabin to trailhead
Fall Colors, Beautiful





Photos by Dan Marsh



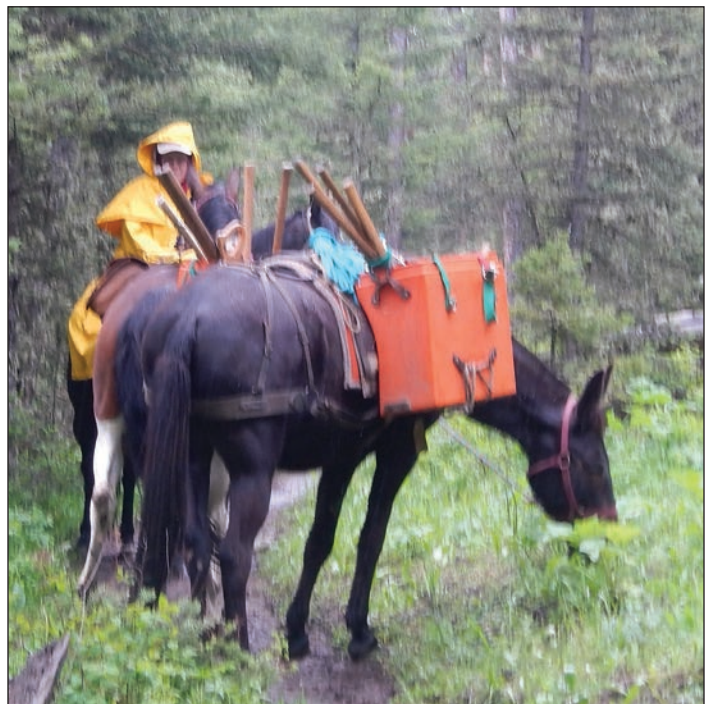
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