

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 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:

~~GSHC SPRING TUNE UP : APRIL 5~~ **CANCELLED**

BOARD MEETING : APRIL 16, 6:30 PM **—PENDING**

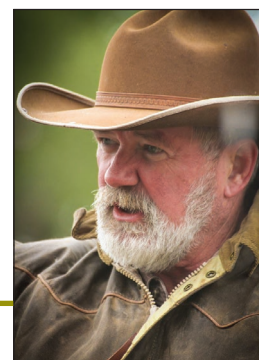
GENERAL MEETING : APRIL 16, 7:00 PM **—PENDING**

TRAIL MAINTENANCE : APRIL **—PENDING**

Contact Dan Porter, 539-4575

GSHC CHILI FEED : MAY 2 **—PENDING**

Three Forks Rodeo Grounds



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello to all.

While we are in uncharted territory at the moment, we will come out the other side of this crisis stronger and maybe a little wiser. We have cancelled the March meeting for good reason. If we don't stop the spread of Covid-19 now then we will have to later. Almost everyone of our members are in the high risk group. I certainly am. While we enjoy each others' company there is nothing we do at GVBCH meetings that is worth us getting sick. We will advise about the April meeting in advance. If you have any business or info you need to share please contact me. We will continue to publish the newsletter each month.

I want everyone to take this time to repair tack and go over our trucks and trailers so we can hit the ground running once the all clear is given.

Dan Porter and Carmen have agreed to again co-chair the Poker Ride Committee and we are just waiting a bit before we proceed. We will make a decision in the near future whether to hold the Poker Ride or not. We will not spend any money until we are certain we are ready to go forward and have some reasonable assurance that people will come.

If need be, we will have a teleconference of the Board of Directors or a video conference.

I have just learned that a member of GVBCH has contracted the Corona Virus from a friend who was traveling internationally. So lets pray for his family and a quick recovery. Should he need any assistance with his animals we will pass the word.

Be safe and remember that this is a sneaky virus; it hides for 7-10 days before it exposes its self.

—Henry

BOARD & GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 19

The March Board and General meetings were cancelled due to Coronavirus health concerns. The Board of Directors will determine whether to hold the April events. Notice will be made prior to the meetings.

—Editor

Ron Rohletter is leaving Montana and headed to Minnesota to be close to family. He has the following tack for sale:
++ riding saddle, saw buck pack saddle, 1 set of orange hard side panniers, 2 leather rifle scabbards, and various headstalls, bridles and hackamores.

Give him a call at 587-2870 if you are interested in any of this equipment. He will make you a good deal.

—Rich Inman

The COVID-19 epidemic has impacted every business in the United States. The rapidly changing environment has made it difficult for businesses to plan and for families to know what the next few weeks will look like. At this time, I advise all BCHMT Chapters to suspend general membership meetings, membership drives, all in-person training and board meetings... I suggest that you conduct meetings by telephonic or web meeting... Currently, we plan on conducting the May 9 board meeting. We will keep you informed if conditions warrant cancellation. If needed, we would conduct a web meeting. We will not take chances.

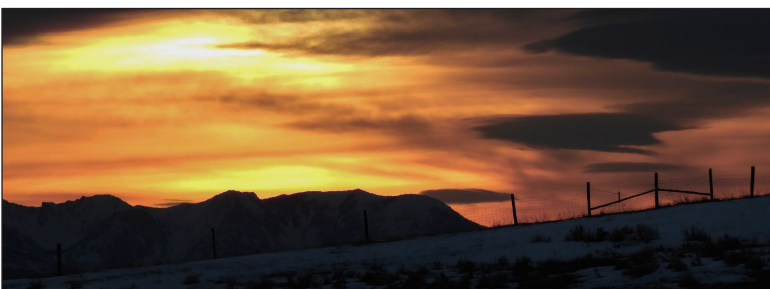
Thank you, stay safe and healthy,

Rich Carl
BCHMT Chairmam

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Spring Tune Up and/or Tune In Clinic #1



CHANGES IN ACCESS TO DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES ON THE CGNF

 United States Department of Agriculture
Forest Service

Custer Gallatin National Forest



Hi all,

In an effort to keep our partners informed of changing conditions on the Custer Gallatin NF due to the COVID-19 pandemic I thought I would share our press release issued today ([CGNF press release](#)). We have closed or are in the process of closing all of our campgrounds, group use sites, rental cabins and toilets for the safety of the public and our employees. Trailheads remain open on the Custer Gallatin NF.

As you are aware the Governor has issued a “Stay at Home” order. The order stipulates that leaving one’s home for essential activities including outdoor recreation is allowed as long as social distancing measures are maintained. The Custer Gallatin NF press release includes a message from our Forest Supervisor, Mary Erickson, concerning safely recreating on public lands:

- if you are sick, stay home;
- practice social distancing of at least 6 feet,
- stay local,
- go during off-peak times,
- stick to your immediate family members,
- always practice good hand hygiene, and
- be kind by saying hello!

My personal messaging would also include: Avoid crowded trailheads.

Any help you can provide spreading our press release message with your members and the public would be greatly appreciated. We want to be able to keep areas open for the public to enjoy fresh air and exercise during this challenging time. Education concerning how to recreate responsibly will help us do that.

Hope you are all well and stay safe!

Justin Yeatts, USFS

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WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR 2019 POKER RIDE:**

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