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# **Trail Crafters News**

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Lower Gold Creek Footlog Replacement July 25 – 28, 2018

Back Country Horsemen of Washington (BCHW), is a 501

(c)(3) organization with 31 chapters across the state dedicated to: keeping trails open for all users; educating horse users in Leave-No-Trace practices; and providing volunteer service to resource agencies.

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## PENINSULA CHAPTER BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON

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## **Getting Ready for Cooler Weather**

As we see the leaves turning colors, the rain starting to fall, and days becoming shorter, most of us are trying to finish up projects around our homes and barns to keep ourselves and our horses more comfortable during the winter months. This is a good time to check fences and gates, add gravel to areas that become muddy, and get the horse blankets cleaned and ready to use. If you do not have a stock tank heater for your water supply, that would be a good investment. Horses drink more water if it is not too cold and they need to drink a large quantity to keep their digestive systems working properly. Breaking ice in troughs and carrying water is something you should try to avoid this winter! (Note: the heater does not come on unless the water is below 40 degrees; so, if you plug it in, but it does not appear to be heating, that is likely the problem. (Do not assume it is faulty.)

## **President's Message – Dan Dosey**

Greetings!

I hope you are all doing well. Our lives are busy, as I am sure yours are also. Our Logging business, Vacation Rental, and our seven grandchildren occupy a great deal of our time; so unfortunately, riding sometimes becomes less of a priority.

Our members have been busy this year accomplishing over \$200,000.00 in volunteer hours match funds. Some of this work will be featured in this newsletter. A huge thank you to a number of photographers who did such a great job of documenting our activities!

Two years ago, our chapter set a goal to make youth education a priority. I am proud to say, we have accomplished our goal while participating with other trail organizations, to educate our community and youth. The future of our public lands depends on teaching our younger generations the value of enjoying our great outdoors and maintaining its quality for recreation. As we move into 2019, we will be setting new goals. I'm hoping you will all come to our next meeting with ideas of what you, personally, would like to see our organization accomplish.

It is also the time of year to send in your membership dues for the 2019 season. You may renew your membership on-line at BCHW Your Membership (YM) or fill out the attached paper membership form and mail it in with your check made to **Peninsula Chapter**. All those who renew before Dec. 1st will be entered into a special prize drawing with three **NICE** prizes!

Our Christmas party this year is planned for Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at Foxbell Wedding and Event Center, so keep an eye out for the flyer. I would love to see everyone there!

Thank you to everyone for making our Peninsula Chapter successful!

Dan

## **Replacement of Lower Gold Creek Footlog**

July 25-28, 2018--With the corroboration of the following groups: Graywolf Crew, Back Country Horsemen, Peninsula Chapter, and Pacific Northwest Trail Association's Quilcene Ranger Corps of middle school kids, this huge log was moved, prepped, installed and the approaches were created to replace the bridge that had been destroyed several years ago. This trail is on Forest Service land in the Dungeness River area. I have included a number of pictures here and two crew members wrote very complete and interesting articles that will give you a lot more detail, so I am including the on line links for those of you who would like to read them and see all the wonderful pictures.

Rebecca Wanagel's story and photos: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/mz2RdnNmBiMxKxzg7">https://photos.app.goo.gl/mz2RdnNmBiMxKxzg7</a>
Eric Wollberg's PNTA article: <a href="https://www.pnt.org/qrc-takes-youth-outdoors/">https://www.pnt.org/qrc-takes-youth-outdoors/</a>



Crew working to create a level walking surface on the top of the log.



Rigging was used to move the log across the stream.



Installation of the hand rail along the log.

## **Quilcene Ranger Corps**

According to Eric Wollberg (PNTA) the Quilcene Ranger Corps was created in 1992. Middle school students from Quilcene could apply to the free program which gave students the chance to spend the summer working outdoors tending trails and caring for natural resources.

A decade later, the Forest Service and PNTA began to partner in the management. Trail stewardship and entry-level job skills are the main takeaways from the program. Meghan Fluharty, Wilderness Trail Coordinator say, "The QRC has fostered the youth of the community in spending more time outdoors, learning the foundation of a strong work ethic, and potentially creating future managers of our wild places." Students work 4 days a week. They are paid a stipend for their time, and the instruction they receive is to the high standards required by the US Forest Service for trail maintenance.

The Lower Gold Creek Footlog project offered the ORC students a rare opportunity to work alongside other local volunteers. The large scale of the project let smaller teams of QRC students learn new skills and get one-on-one instruction from a variety of experienced Crew Leaders.



Left: QRC kids patiently digging through "duff" to get down to "mineral soil" needed for good trail bed surface.

Right: QRC kids and adults work to create a level top surface.



The Gold Creek footlog replacement project was financed in part by Title II funds (they are generated by prior year USFS timber sales in the county), via the RAC (Recreational Advisory Committee).

## So That's How Those Fish Get There by Tom Mix

Over the course of September 14 thru 18 we made a fish stocking trip north of White Pass. On the 14th, Del Sage and Tom Mix hauled 6 riding and pack animals from greater downtown Seguim to the White Pass stock camp on Hwy 12. We camped at the stock camp that evening. We arose early, had breakfast and got the stock all saddled and waited for my son Jeff Mix to arrive from the Tokul Creek fish hatchery. He arrived about 9am with 11 jugs containing a total of 3020 cutthroat trout. (346 per lb.) We made up the pack stock loads and tied them on and off we went. We traveled north on the PCT 2000 line and made our first stop at Dumbbell lake, next was Snow, then Bill, and finally, Frying Pan lake. When we arrived at the lake, we unloaded the jugs of fish for that lake. We placed the jugs in the lake to acclimate the fish to the lake's temperature. The fish out of the stock pack were about 42 degrees and the lakes were about 53 degrees. After being acclimated to the lake, we emptied the fish in to the water and watched as they became accustomed to their new home. We experienced no mortality during the stocking process. That afternoon we made camp at the Goodwin Meadows Bridge that we helped build about 4 years ago. We had 2 camps of archery hunters nearby. All of the stock were in high heaven as they had about a 100 acre meadow to feed in. We heard Elk bugling all night long. That evening, and all the next day, it rained some and then a lot. We moved camp to Long John Lake accomplishing some trail maintenance and corridor trimming along the way. The fishing at Long John was great and produced a nice 18 inch Cutthroat trout for dinner. Monday we were greeted with clear skies and great fall weather. We broke camp and headed back to the trailhead. When the skies were clear, we had some noise pollution from fast/low flying military attack jets as they flew about 500 feet off the ground, turned around Tumac Mt. and swooped down through the Bumping River valley. Over the course of the outing we met about 30 PCT through hikers, about the same number of archery hunters, rode past 8 archery camps, and contended with about 12 ground bee nests which made our stock swish their tails a lot. The entire over 28 miles of 9 different trails we traveled were in great to fair shape, with the PTC being the best maintained. Once we stepped off the PCT we had the whole area to ourselves. The fall colors were in their best form. The meadows were golden; the huckleberry bushes were right red, green, and maroon. Elk--we saw their tracks, heard and saw them all over the place. We make this trip every 2 years. So get your rides ready for 2020. And-folks think all we do in BCHW is trail riding and trail maintenance.



Del Sage heading in to plant fish.



Jugs containing fish are placed in the lake to acclimate.





Tom Mix heading down the trail.

A nice cutthroat trout for dinner.

## **Tubal Cain Mine Trail Work**

Our Peninsula Chapter provided "pack assistance" to PTNA for a project re-benching the Tubal Cain Mine Trail. Their request for assistance said they needed "2 pack animals for food, one for kitchen, one for tools. Ice chests will be 2 round coolers, 2 panniers for food, and kitchen will be in 2 panniers. Tools will be 3 grub hoe, 3 McLeods, and 2 Pulaskis." Tom and Del packed them in on August 20 and Tom went in alone with 3 animals to pack them out on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Here is the story, as told by QRC Crew Leader, Timothy Hernandez:

The Pacific Northwest Trail Association (PNTA) is a non-profit organization that maintains the main and feeder trails of the Pacific Northwest Trail (PNT). The PNT is a trail that spans from Lake Ozette in Washington to Glacier National Park in Montana. The Quilcene Ranger Corps (QRC) are a group of volunteer youth aged 13-16, led by two trail crew leaders, myself being one of them. As one of our largest summer projects, we selected four hi-speed workers out of the Quilcene Ranger Corps to come out in August 2018 on a four-day camp trip up the Tubal Cain Mine Trail to carry out much needed trail work between the mines and Buckhorn Lake.

What a huge task...We'd been told that the section of trail we were servicing hadn't been done in over 15 years. We obviously couldn't do this alone, so with the help of Tom Mix with the Back Country Horsemen and his beautiful pack mules, we got all our food and gear 3 miles up the trail to the campsite. Everyone is excited at the start, all new experiences for the kids, so we spent the first night scouting the trail and wandering the Tubal Cain landscape.

Working on the trail was harder than any of us had expected it to be, even though we thought we were prepared, this trip was a challenge for all of us. Surely the only way we stayed optimistic was because of our camp cook and PNTA senior trail operator Lewis Trout. He made the best rice and chicken any of us could ask for on a long, grueling work camp. We started our work right before the tree line at the Buckhorn Lake trail junction. The tread was widened to form a full bench by removing the outside berm and removing sloughed material at the toe of the inside upslope area. The final width of the tread was about the length of a Pulaski handle. Over the span of four days we fixed up the trail to the first switchback going down from the lake. We re-benched about 1.3 miles of tread.

The Tubal Cain effort was financed in part by RTP (Recreational Trails Program) via the RCO (Recreational Conservation Office).







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Kids enjoying camp life!

## **Dungeness River Festival** September 27 & 28

Our chapter had a large display and educational booth at the Dungeness River Festival which accomplishes an important part of our mission to educate youth about enjoyment and preservation of wilderness areas and conservation. A wall tent was set up as it would be for camping in the back country. Our tool trailer and tools were on display and explained by members. An interactive demonstration was provided for children to learn safety rules when meeting stock on trails, including a pack string with a horse and 2 mules, a bicycle rider, a backpacker, and a donkey. Students were educated in the 3 S Trail Courtesy: Stop – Stand – Speak and the "Leave No Trace" camping philosophy. Posters were on display showing our recent projects installing the Lower Gold Creek footlog and planting fish in back country lakes. Students from Greywolf and Helen Haller Elementary Schools in Sequim attended the festival with teachers and chaperones.



A wall tent is set up as it would be for camping.



A visit from Smokey the Bear!



Stand – Stop – Speak Training Session!



Tool Trailer on display!

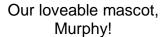


A demonstration of trail safety and courtesy.



Students discuss "wish" for Dungeness watershed.







What to do when you meet a horse along the trail.

## **GO PNC! Be Proud of Your Volunteer Trail Work!!!**

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU TURN IN YOUR VHs BY THE 5**<sup>TH</sup> **OF EACH MONTH.** Don't hesitate to send Judy an email, no1sage@gmail.com, as soon as you do volunteer work of any kind related to trails, events, education, or anything tied to our Mission Statement.

Here are our latest numbers and comparison from last year.

#### <u>2016</u>

Total VH 7899.5 Total Value \$261,197.36

### 2017 year end

Total to date VH 5165 Total to date Value \$165,492

### 2018 year to date

| Total Basic Hours   | 1625     | \$38,285.00  |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| Total Skilled Hours | 544      | \$29,920.00  |
| LNT & Educ.         | 497.5    | \$11,721.10  |
| Admin. & Plc Mtgs.  | 2481.5   | \$58,464.14  |
| Travel Time         | 1002.5   | \$23,618.90  |
| Total Hours         | 6150.5   | \$162,009.14 |
| Vehicle Mileage     | 26,585.5 | \$25,256.23  |
| Total Miles         | 26,585.5 | \$25,256.23  |
| Total Stock Days    | 180      | \$18,000.00  |

Grand Total \$205,265.37

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## **Your 2018 Peninsula Chapter Officers & Chairs**

Take the time to note that this list of Chapter members continues to step up and be your Board Directors and Chairs. They do an outstanding job. We are a very successful BCHW Chapter because of the work they do for you. You can support them in many ways: attend your General Meetings, do volunteer event and trail work, attend our ride events, join every year, bring in new members, and send them a thank you now and then. As with all organizations, burn out is a given. Consider shadowing the person who holds one of these positions so that you can step up to take their place in the near future. Your Chapter's future depends on you!

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## **Trail Projects Coordinator Report** by Tom Mix

Trail Projects Director's report - Through October 5, 2018

**Work Parties Held** 

Miller Peninsula -None

Lower Dungeness -None

Lower Big Quilcene -First water crossing - install a gabion basket in prep for a foot log.

Upper Dungeness-noxious weed treatment, none

**Quilcene Bone Yard Milling of Planks** – the Gray Wolves are using the Alaskan Mill to mill planks for puncheon and bridge decking. The bolts came from the Dungeness Forks campground microburst. All planks are stored at Quilcene. The decking planks will need to be moved to the trailhead for the Slab Camp bridge replacement project.

WTA - none

PNTA - none

#### **Grant status:**

The effective date of our current active RCO grant 16-2714 is April 4, 2018. This grand ends in the fall of 2019. RCO Grant 18-2255 – we have presented our narrative, budget, 15 memos of support and 6 land owner agreements to the BCHW grant committee. Next up will be to provide site maps w/lat/long.

Our 2 mini grants for Title II funding for foot log replacements and for back country privy installations – Slab Camp bridge is next up for replacement. Following the Slab Camp Bridge – the next bridge project will be the 2 on the S Fork Skokomish. Unless – those bridges get out prioritized again – think Heather Creek foot log and Tubal Cain trail Silver Creek crossing.

#### Upcoming trail parties:

**Bridges:** We have been asked to lead a bridge construction effort at Glacier Creek near Ross Dam recreation area next season. That will be a 3 stringer, 65-foot span stock bridge. USFS has offered to provide the standing timber and decking. I have asked our local crew to prep the abutments this season. Update: now the USFS engineering department wants the stringers to be fiberglass, not local timber. There are no plans for a fiberglass stringer bridge and no one has offered any funding sources. I think we just witnessed another bridge project get scuttled. This new requirement presents access implications.

**Noxious Weeds:** We will schedule treatment parties and assessment trips when and where needed during the season. None scheduled at this time. Initial sites are Miller Peninsula for Tansy and Canary reed grass and Heather Creek meadows for Canadian thistle. Please notify the Trail Work Projects Coordinator should you observe noxious weeds on our trails. We notified Mt. Olympus that there is Orange Hawkweed in Mt. Mueller meadows. WSP issued us the herbicide used to treat Tansy on their Miller Peninsula system.

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**Miller Peninsula:** We will install 3 or 4 picnic tables; mow the east trail loop to 5-year standards. We have permission to flag a new full loop trail on the bluff to the east of the beach trail and north of Fireweed road. Work parties will continue to be held to install posts and trail intersection signage begun January 2018, brushing to regain corridor and construct short realignment segments of trail. We plan to participate in an Eagle Scout project on the Miller System. They will build tread on the Alder Hollow or other designated trail. The Tribe has authorized us to build trail from the end of Cat Lake road all through their land to the south. New trail construction will begin this fall for connector trail from Cat Lake cul-de-sac to WSP trails and to DNR trails.

**Sequim Bay State Park:** PTC crews will place signs along the ODT within the Park to notify stock users to stay on the ODT as they traverse the Park. Once these signs are placed, Park management has agreed to remove the "No Stock" signs on the ODT at both ends of the Park property. This is on hold until the Park Ranger gets internal paperwork in order.

**Little River:** We will assist in the first bridge sill replacement. This will be a DNR effort. Del has offered to show their crew how to mill replacement beams for supporting the bridge. Be advised that contractors will be building a haul road across the trail just past the first bench. There will be a timber sale following the road installation. It is anticipated that the timber sale activity will not impact trail users. We will assess the trail for stock worthiness due to a slide just up trail from the 3<sup>rd</sup> foot log. WTA led a work party to clear downed trees, but left a rather large item for us to remove between foot logs 4 and 5. We will construct new trail starting just past the first bridge and heading in.

**Striped Peak Trail:** DNR will be constructing a new trail along the length of the property to complete a loop trail opportunity and another new trail to gain access to the top. The trails will be prepped for the Salt Creek ride later in April.

**Lower Dungeness:** Avoid having stock on this trail until further notice. There is a new slide area a short ways past the puncheon saw site that has to be repaired. Mike Bonomo and his crew have completed puncheon rebuilds.

Upper Dungeness: Noxious weed treatment between Camp Handy and meadows above Grindstone meadows.

**Tubal Cain:** Need to replace the bridge at the shelter area. We and WTA need to revisit the scree slope crossing just before Tull Canyon to make it stock safe. The pack stock clearance requirement was not incorporated into the reroute.

**Slab Camp:** Bridge just before the River Bridge will be scheduled for replacement. Work site is about 3 miles in. We anticipate the construction of stock approaches to the river bridge itself. That iron bridge is kind of high and needs approaches installed. Currently, stock must ford the Gray Wolf. A scouting trip will be conducted Mid-October.

**Upper Grey Wolf:** Bridge out just before the ONP line. Also – 5 miles in from TH there is a failed switchback that will need a crib wall built and retreading of the switchback into a climbing turn. From Three Forks to the pass there are more than 20 downed trees.

**Wolf Creek:** We will head in from the top and accomplish log out. The ONP failed to prep for the dam removals and now the main road is gone. The Elwha has once again exerted influence on the ONP road and has isolated the ranger station, maintenance yard, and Mule Barn. Our current plan is to approach Wolf Creek from the top down.

**Happy Lake Ridge:** We may host a log out trip as the snow recedes and time permits. This may be in cooperation with the WTA. We may need special consideration from ONP management to access the trail due to the washout of the main road.

**ONP:** Kalaloch tsunami evacuation route trail corridor: Heather may ask us to lead a corridor clearing work party event to open up a tsunami escape route. We await Heather's schedule.

**USFS Ouilcene:** We have been asked to conduct instruction and certification for chain and crosscut sawyers and to conduct instruction in rigging for selected USFS and volunteers. They have also requested us to pack in equipment for their sawyers to address 47+ hazard trees at Lena Lake on May 15.

**WTA:** We expect to be asked to provide pack stock support to WTA crews for North Fork Skokomish to O'Neil, Appleton Pass, Arura Ridge, and Possibly Happy Lake Ridge. They will ask Mt. Olympus chapter for pack support to the Mt. Muller top part of the loop trail. They will ask Grays Harbor for packing assist to Skyline (Low Divide) and O'Neil Pass (Enchanted Valley).

PNTA: Need to start discussions on just exactly where the PNTA route crosses the Peninsula.

Sawyer Certs: Contact Tom or Del should you need to get certified or recertified for chain or cross cut saw work.

**USFS Saw Program:** We have updated the sawyer field evaluation forms to be more user friendly. We have helped EMBA and the Snowmobile groups assemble their sawyer program application packet. We have already certified their initial cadre of sawyers. The USFS TAG asked to use our field evaluation forms as their new baseline national forms. They also asked to use our Instructor/Evaluator sawyer session guide (Faubion/Zink).

Clallam County Trails Advisory Committee per Kat: Nothing reported.

**Equestrian Access to the PNNST/ODT:** Rich James requested a stock user map of areas on ODT from Port Townsend west where stock can and cannot safely or administratively travel.

PTC: Chuck has offered to help with PTC strategy and other items to ensure stock have no travel restrictions as the ODT traverses administratively diversified jurisdictions. The ball is on our court – so to speak – and Linda Morin has taken the lead for getting our needs known. Jan Whitlow is our rep on the PTC board. Jeff B. has offered to start discussions with stock users so that their needs are addressed from trail/trailhead design requirements clear through maintenance (I am referring to the process of incorporating equestrian requirements into the trail and trailhead specs, project design review/approval, siting of a project (does it facilitate/integrate with other trail systems), project implementation (construction), review of the completed project against the design, follow on maintenance of the tread and corridor, and review of the maintenance to insure that it is meeting requirements.) We are waiting for Jeff to schedule a meeting. Should Jeff not schedule a meeting soon – we will

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schedule it. Process discussions with Chuck have devolved. Rich James has provided design sketches for the ODT Lyre River parking area showing parking for a few stock rigs. The new parking area will be just east of the 4 wheeler parking lot. Stock rigs would drive in and past the 4 wheeler parking, make a U turn and park headed east just past the day use parking lot. With the Elwha closed – I expect the new parking area for stock rigs to be overrun with day use 4 wheelers. Still no sharing of upcoming plans and designs for the ODT where we can get a look at proposed trail configurations to insure stock accommodations are actually contained in the design paper. Rich says the County's Trail Advisory Committee gets a look at upcoming designs before they go to bid. The current reps are: County's Trail Advisory Committee. They include Kat Sample, Larry Baysinger, and Jeffifer Reandeau.

### **Classified Ads**

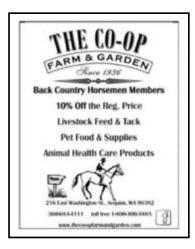
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Contact: Tom Mix (360)582-0460 Email: backcountrypacker.mix@gmail.com

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### Opportunity to Make Donations to the Chapter!

The following is from an article found in USA Today. I tried it and found it works as advertised.

October 31, 2013; USA TODAY. This holiday season, Amazon is in quite the charitable mood when it comes to giving away money to nonprofits. Amazon has released a new project, Amazon Smile, which gives shoppers the opportunity to donate through the site to the charity of their choice. By shopping at smile.amazon.com instead of plain old amazon.com, 0.5 percent of the value of their purchases will be donated. What's even more amazing is that there seems to be no limit to the amount Amazon will give to charity, although as of now auto-renewed subscription purchases and digital products aren't included in the AmazonSmile project.

Ian McAllister, general manager of AmazonSmile, says the company did it simply "because it thought customers would love it." Donations will be made on behalf of a foundation established by Amazon, so those using AmazonSmile will not be able to claim donations as charitable deductions.

Philanthropic charities looking to register their organizations can visit org.amazon.com, sign up, and begin spreading the AmazonSmile link to start the giving to your nonprofit. And, in a moment of shameless selfpromotion, if you'd like to support the Nonprofit Quarterly (listed under the IRS and GuideStar as the Nonprofit Information Network Association) through AmazonSmile, please click here http://smile.amazon.com/civ/?? 4080038

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Every little bit helps so if you do buy from Amazon try this out.

Don Gonder, Secretary BCHWPC

## **Legislative News – Jeff Chapman**

At the beginning of this month (Oct 5<sup>th</sup>), Jeff Chapman forwarded a very interesting article written by Washington's Commissioner of Public Lands, Hilary Franz. It certainly appears, from this article, that DNR will be encouraging more public use of our beautiful state forest lands. Videos are being produced to highlight the many recreation activities and sites. Users are encouraged to share their adventures using the hashtag #DiscoverDNR. If you failed to look at this message that was forwarded to us by Don Gonder on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, please go back in your emails and see Hilary Franz's letter and watch the informative u-tube video. It really sounds as though the public is going to be more welcome in future months!

On Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Don sent information from Jeff concerning the designation of some DNR land as "Natural Resources Conservation Areas". This title has been given to a wilderness area in the North Cascades. As a result, equestrian activities in the 37,842 acre area are not allowed. The area could offer some excellent riding opportunities but this was not included in the environmental plan despite the efforts of equestrian groups. So BEWARE when any agencies try to use the "NRCA" designation. It excludes horses!

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| BCHA Alternate Director        | Carmichael     | Ken     | kcarmichael2225@gmail.com      |
| Historian Chair                | Enrico         | Chris   | cenrico@comcast.net            |
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## **New Logo for Tool Trailer**

We proudly display the logos of the many organizations we work with on trail projects. A new logo for Washington Trails Association (WTA) was just added!



## More Photos from Gold Creed Footlog Project



Pack mules were key to success!



ORC kids learned tree climbing safety.



Kids doing tread work.



Perfect log placement.



Slots being measured & cut for handrail placement.

## PENINSULA CHAPTER OF BCHW CALENDAR 2018



**TRAIL WORK PARTIES - 2nd Tuesday and 3rd Saturday of each month.** Watch emails for scheduling or call Tom Mix @ 360-582-0460

| Jan   |  |   |              |
|-------|--|---|--------------|
| 8     | Board Meeting  | Cindy Yager's Residence   | 5:00 PM      |
| 20    | Leadership Training  | Ellensburg  | 8:45 AM      |
| Feb   | * * * * * *  |   |              |
| 12    | Board Meeting  |   | 5:00 PM      |
| 17    | BCHW Membership<br>Development Seminar   | Clallam County Courthouse (CCC)<br>223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA                   | 10:00 AM     |
| 19    | BCHW Legislative Day   | Olympia   |              |
| Mar   |  |   |              |
| 12    | Board Meeting  |   | 5:00 PM      |
| 16-18 | BCHW RENDEZVOUS & Director's Meeting   | Kittitas Valley Center<br>901 E. 7th Ellensburg, WA                                 | 9 AM daily   |
| 24    | General Meeting Pot Luck   | Sequim Prairie Grange<br>290 MacLeay Rd, Sequim, WA                                 | 5 PM - 8PM   |
| 24    | BCHW 13th Annual Gravel Pack-<br>in  | Capitol State Forest  | 8:00 AM      |
| Apr   |  |   |              |
| 9     | Board Meeting  | Cindy Yager's Residence   | 5:00 PM      |
| 21    | Jr Ranger Day  | 3002 Mt Angeles Rd<br>Port Angeles, WA (up Race St)                                 | 8:30 AM      |
| 28    | Salt Creek Spaghetti Ride  | Salt Creek County Park Joyce WA   | 9:00 AM      |
| 23-25 | BCHA Nat'l. Board Mtg BCHW<br>Hosting  | Spokane   |              |
| 28    | OAT Run  | Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port<br>Angeles Help only set up/take down<br>wall tents | 8:00 AM      |
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| MAY   |  |   |              |
| 14    | Board  | Clallam County Courthouse (CCC)<br>223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA                   | 5:00/6:30 PM |
| 19    | BCHW Joe Watt Canyon Ride  | Ellensburg  |              |
| 19    | Peninsula & Buckhorn Chapter<br>Miller Peninsula Rhody Breakfast<br>& Ride and General Mtg | Stage @ Don Tucker's Land off of Pierce Road  | Brkfst 9 AM  |

| JUNE    | £ 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2                    |   |                |
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| 2       | National Trail Day   | Black Pine Horse Camp - Wenatchee<br>Ranger District              |                |
| 11      | Board Meeting  | Clallam County Courthouse (CCC)<br>223 E 4th St, Port Angeles, WA | 5:00 PM        |
| 16      | Dan Kelly Ride   | Dan Kelly Rd, off Hwy 112, Port<br>Angeles                        | 10:00 AM       |
| 16      | Director's Meeting   | Ellensburg  | 9:00 AM        |
| JULY    |  |   |                |
| 14      | Chapter Picnic Pot Luck &<br>General Meeting               | Fox Bell Weddings, 137 N. Barr Rd                                 | 12 AM - 4 PM   |
| TBD     | 2019 Election Ballot<br>Development                        | TBD   | TBD            |
| 21-25   | BVHW State Wide Work Party                                 | Wenatchee Ranger District   |                |
| Aug     |  |   |                |
| 13      | Board Meeting  | Cindy Yager's Residence   | 5:00 PM        |
| 11      | Joyce Ride and Campout                                     | Margaret Salstrom's Ranch<br>278 Dunmire Rd, Joyce, WA            | 10:00 AM       |
| 21      | ONP Volunteer Event  |   |                |
| Sept    |  |   |                |
| 1       | General Meeting/Pot Luck/Camp<br>Out; Nominations for 2018 | Layton Hill Horse Camp<br>2514 Chicken Coop Rd Sequim, WA         | 10:00 AM       |
| 10      | Board Meeting  | Cindy Yager's Residence   | 5:00 PM        |
| 15      | Director's Meeting   | Ellensburg  | 9:00 AM        |
| TBD     | Littleton Horse Camp Ride                                  |   |                |
| 28 & 29 | River Festival 3S Training                                 | River Center  | All Day        |
| Oct     |  |   |                |
| 1       | Ballots Sent Out   |   |                |
| 8       | Board Meeting  | Cindy Yager's Residence   | 5:00 PM        |
| 27      | BCHW 7th Annual Winery Ride                                | Zillah  |                |
| 31      | Ballots Postmarked   |   |                |
| Nov     |  |   |                |
| 12      | Ballots Tallied  |   |                |
| 12      | Board Meeting  | Cindy Yager's Residence   | 5:00 PM        |
|         |  |   |                |
| 1       | Director's Meeting   | Ellensburg  | 9:00 AM        |
| 8 -     | Christmas Party & General  Membership Meeting              | Fox Bell Weddings & Celebrations N. Barr Rd.                      | 3:00 - 7:00 PM |

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| PENINSULA CHAPTER   |
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