

Letter from President Theresa Percy

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times..."

This famous quote from Charles Dickens' <u>A Tale of Two Cities</u> reflects the world we live in today. The New Year, 2022, holds out both promise and disappointment. Covid has reshaped our world in both positive and negative ways. It is up to us to focus on the promise and the positive and move forward to growing the Peninsula Chapter from its strong foundation into an organization that is well positioned to meet the many challenges of a rapidly changing world. I am honored to have been selected as your president and to work with the talented and dedicated people who have built the Peninsula Chapter into one of the strongest and most accomplished in the state. Now, it is time for the leadership board, in partnership with all of you, the membership, to identify the next steps needed for the continued success of this exceptional Chapter.

By strengthening our membership and building our resources, we can, together, ensure that the Peninsula Chapter remains an effective organization and a Force to be reckoned with for keeping trails open for all trail users and stock. Every good trail ride begins with a map (or an app) to point the way. Likewise, the Chapter needs a map for planning its future course. Therefore, we are in the process of finalizing a work plan that identifies our priorities and outlines specific actions for their accomplishment. This plan will include strategies for continuing to conduct significant trail work, expanding educational and training opportunities to enhance trail and horsemanship skills, advocating for trail safety and conservation, and hosting a variety of activities and events that will enrich and enlarge our Chapter's special fellowship. In addition, we will be sending you, our members, a survey to identify your interests, talents, and skills, thus providing us with a pool of resources that will make the implementation of this work plan a reality and success.

So, saddle up and get ready to ride this trail into 2022!

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