



TRAIL TALES

February 2010

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BCHW mission statement: To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness. To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use. To assist the various governmental and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource. To educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage. To foster and encourage the formation of new chapters in the state organization.

FEBRUARY- What a great month. Not quite winter, not quite spring. The days are getting longer. Time to start thinking about making sure all the saddle and gear repairs have been done. My gear takes quite a beating so there is always lots of repairs to do in the winter. How about trailer floors and trailer brakes? My old trailer needs work inside and a good paint job outside. I did wash it last fall for the first time. It looked kinda funny until I took it up another gravel muddy road.

We have a good year planned with some rides, chili feeds and some work parties. Should be lots of fun. Most of you have probably seen the 2010 ride schedule. If you don't see the ride you wanted, please bring it up to the trail bosses.

Our next big event will be on Saturday, February 27th at the Heady Road church horse camp. It will be a work party in the morning and a chili feed/potluck around 12:30-1:00. Those coming for the work party, I would like to start at nine to give us time to complete the job. My hope and goal is to have 3-4 work teams so we can clean out one of the mountain trails and also finish cleaning out the route to be used for the Easter ride. Most of the work needed is loping branches and hand saw work. We need people who will get on the ground and people who can lop from off their horses.

Those of you that can't ride or need to come later, be sure to, at least, come for the picnic. Even with bad weather, this place works out great. Remember, you can drive right to the shelter. Rocky

NICE SHELTER-GREAT FOOD-BIG FIRE-NEW FRIENDS

What more do you want? Come & make it happen!

LNT representatives: please recruit your chapter members to attend our continuing education. Editors: please include these class notices in your newsletters.

There are 3 basic skills LNT classes scheduled for this coming year.

April 10 & 11 Randle/Cowlitz Valley Ranger Station. contact wesselius@localaccess

April 23-25 in the Port Townsend area. contact baysinger@centurytel.net).

May 21-23 there will be a class in the Okanogan/Tonasket area. Contact LNTJane3@hotmail.com)

Train The Trainer class is scheduled for September 17 thru 19, 2010. Location to be determined. Contact for this is Jane LNTjane3@hotmail.com

**2010
TRAIL BOSSES**

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Also can adopt a ride
for 2010

**WORK PARTY
COORDINATOR**

Roger Nelson
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**Leave No Trace Basic Skills Class Training
April 10 & 11**

Sponsored by BCHW and U.S.F.S. – Cowlitz Valley Ranger District in Randle, WA

Class Fee - \$50

Hosted by BCHW - Lewis County Chapter

Again this year, this hands on and classroom two day program will be instructed by BCHW Master Trainers. Meals are being presented by Lewis County Chapter members. The class size is limited and is on a first to be registered basis.

Backcountry Horseman of Washington adopted the Leave No Trace (LNT) program in order to educate riders with the proper methods for maintaining public land use for future generations. Today's education helps the membership to preserve our rights to use stock for recreation. The LNT principles of outdoor ethics encompass ways to lower impacts in both the back country and the front country.

Since 90% of stock users are day riders it is imperative that BCHW members be educated on stock use techniques that minimize impact on the environment. Also, the less evidence we leave on our visits, the better statement we make of our commitment to LNT ethics for other user groups.

The LNT Basic Skills Class teaches the seven principles of outdoor ethics and skills. This is NOT a packing clinic or a horsemanship class. Practical application of LNT principles are taught in a classroom setting along with hands on camping and stock use techniques. The intent of this two day class is to offer LNT skills for those who want to recreate in both the back country and the front country.

Instructors and materials for this class are partially funded by Minimum Impact Recreation 2009 RTP grant.

To discover more about LNT education visit: www.lnt.org

Watch for LNT workshops hosted by BCHW on the web site: www.bchw.org

To register: Contact - Doc & Deb Wesselius, 1608 Big Hanaford Rd, Centralia, WA 98531
360-736-6106, wesselius@localaccess.com

Register with payment by March 10th

Make checks to: BCHW-Lewis County Chapter

Send checks to above address

BCHW Whatcom Chapter General Meeting Minutes January 13, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Laurel Grange.

A motion to approve November's minutes was made, seconded and approved by the membership.

Reports:

Finance: Sam Miller - no requests.

LNT: Mick Blakely - "Pack it in; pack it out."

Legislative: Mike McGlenn - Legislative day is Feb. 3 in Olympia. We are sharing with Washington Trails Assn. Mike and Rick are planning to attend. Anyone else is welcome.

Trailhead: Mike McGlenn said that Sam Miller agreed to be the chairman of this committee. Mike met with Pete Kremen regarding the South Fork DNR re-conveyance.

Newsletter : Fran Van Diest - Turn in articles by Jan. 20th.

Sunshine Committee: Lori Hunt - Cards were sent to: Jack Carr for the loss of his mother, and Gary Anderson for his uncle's passing.

Volunteer Hours: Verna Walker - E-mail your hours to her. Fran reported for 2009 volunteer hours, we had a total of 2251 for basic, skilled, education, meeting, administrative and travel time hours, 14,198 total miles and 104 total hours for equipment for a value of \$77,751. Fran also explained what hours to report to the volunteer coordinator.

Treasurer: Shirley Todhunter: gave report on account balances and membership totals so far this year.

Directors' Meeting: Rick Olson - reported regarding state and federal budget impacts. Darryl Wallace from Scatter Creek is the new BCHW president and Mike McGlenn is the Director for the state. Membership figures were discussed. The state Rendezvous is being held March 19-21st in Ellensburg at the Kittitas County Fairgrounds. Rick also needs help with submitting the Lopper Award and updating the chapter display. He is looking for items for the State Auction. There is a need for recent pictures. There is a photo contest underway; also if we want pictures from our chapter in the calendar, we actually have to submit them. Contact Rick first before submitting any pictures.

Melinda Hardin stated that we need a list of what agencies or others we may be packing for this year so she can send it in for the region.

Work Party Coordinator: Roger Nelson - nothing in works right now. There was a discussion regarding Heady Road.

Trail Boss: Roger Nelson and Cindy Piccolo - New Year's Day Ride at Heady Road was great. There were 15 riders and 34 people overall. Verna made chili and Fran made stew, and there were many other tasty potluck items. The weather was half-way nice and there was good camaraderie. We are having another fun ride, work party and chili-feed potluck at Heady Road on February 27th. We need lots of "lopper people". Deb Lagerwey and Pam Ritter have volunteered to cook chili and you can drive right to the shelter. How much better does it get?

Also, when clearing a trail, please cut the trees out so there is a 6-foot clearance. That way pack animals can get through and Susan won't hit her knees!

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General Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

The Auction will be held May 14th and the Everson Auction Barn.

Our meetings will continue to be held at the Laurel Grange through May and then at Herman Miller; not sure after that.

There was a short explanation for the large trail map of Les Hilde on display. It is the final, final draft that has been superimposed onto the DNR map. Cheryl Brandt, Al Morgan and Debbie Lowe have been mapping all summer over 100 miles of trails with GPS coordinates. Cheryl also put up most of the laminated signs.

New Business:

Rocky reiterated that he has a passion to get everyone out on the trails. He spoke with Cheryl Brandt regarding redoing our maps. If anyone wants to help, let him know. He would like to gps Silver lake. It has been logged. The view is nice, but the trails are a mess. There was a discussion about putting up trail signs. Rocky would like to see a sign committee formed.

Sam gave a brief history of why the finance committee is in existence and made a proposal to disband the Finance Committee and move that responsibility directly to the Board. All present steps would remain in place. Rocky would like to bring it to a vote next month. If you have any questions, comments, or oppose this, please contact Rocky as he would like to hear both sides.

Rocky wants to make sure we have everyone's e-mail as he would like to communicate to the membership that way.

Awards for volunteer hour were presented:

Roger Nelson: 50 hours

Jack Carr: 100 hours (not present)

Mick Blakely and Nancy Giordano: 200 hours

Rocky Leavitt: 500 hours

Numerous minors volunteered time last year and we are working on coming up with an appropriate award for them.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Lloyd Johnson. His take of the pot was \$23.50.

Sharon Hoofnagle, DVM, did a presentation on Winter Horse Care. There was a lot of very good information presented.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Kathy Adams, Secretary.

EDITOR'S POLICIES

Trail Tales is published monthly. Deadline for submission of articles is the 15th of each month. Non-copyrighted submissions are welcomed (subject to space limitations). Opinions and views expressed in letters or personal articles are not necessarily the opinions of BCH. Send submissions to: Editor, Fran Van Diest, 723 Van Wyck Rd, Bellingham, WA. 98226. E-mail to: wbnnewseditors@msn.com or fvandiest@msn.com.

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CALENDAR



- Feb 1 Monday** **Board meeting** at Bob's Burger & Brew, Barkley Village. Dinner at 6:00 optional, meeting at 7:00
- Feb 3 Wednesday** **Legislative day in Olympia.** Mike McGlenn and Rick Olson are planning to attend if there is anyone else that would like to go, please contact Mike or Rick
- Feb 10 Wednesday** **General meeting at Laurel Community Grange, 6172 Guide Meridian, Lynden Meeting at 7:00.** There will probably be a short program, Sharon is working on it.
- Feb 27 Saturday** **Work Party/Potluck ride at Heady trails.** For those of you that go for the work party, be ready to ride at 9:00 a.m. The club will provide chili, please bring a potluck dish to share with the chili. Lunch will be between 12:30—1:00. If you choose not to work, come join us for lunch! Just bring a dish to share! Please let me know if you plan to attend to know how many are coming and what you are bringing—call me at 360-734-2567 or send me an email: fvandiest@msn.com



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Fran

USRider Issues Green Fuel Pump Handles Safety Advisory

Lexington, Ky. (Jan. 19, 2010) – Jane was on her way to Wisconsin when she pulled into popular gasoline station and filled both tanks of her diesel-powered truck. Down the road, the engine started cutting out on her. After having her truck towed, Jane learned from the mechanic that the fuel tanks had been filled with gasoline instead of diesel.

Perplexed as to how she could've made such a ruinous mistake, Jane returned to the gas station to check out the pump she had used. She saw that – at this station – green handles are for gas, not diesel as she was accustomed.

While there is no standard in place for the colors used on pump handles at fuel stations, the majority of diesel fuel handles in the U.S. are green. So how did Jane happen across a green gasoline handle? She was at a BP station.

In 2000 BP unveiled a new, unified global brand. To visually signify the company's new emphasis on going "green," BP officials adopted a new identifier – a green, yellow and white sunburst to symbolize energy in all its dynamic forms. As part of the new color scheme, BP changed the color of its gasoline pumps as well. BP pumps sport a green handle on gasoline dispensers and black handles for diesel. This relatively simple change has caused some unforeseen problems for drivers.

"Drivers of diesel powered vehicles are accustomed to looking for the green handle, which has commonly been used to differentiate fuel pump handles from gasoline," said Mark Cole, managing member for USRider, the national provider of roadside emergency assistance for equestrians. "Out of habit some folks are reaching for green handles at BP only to realize later that they have filled their diesel fuel tank with gasoline."

The gasoline nozzle is smaller than the diesel nozzle. So, while the diesel nozzle will not fit into the gasoline inlet, the gas nozzle will fit very easily into to diesel inlet, making it even easier to slip up.

Putting gasoline in a diesel engine will cause major problems for the vehicle. Diesel acts as a lubricant for the fuel injection system. If gas is inadvertently introduced to the vehicle, that lubrication function will not be fulfilled. So if a diesel engine is run with gasoline, the fuel pump will overheat and the injection system will be damaged. If the vehicle is run too long on gasoline, the engine will fail, especially if pulling a heavy load.

"USRider has taken calls from Members who've accidentally filled their diesel-powered vehicles with gasoline in the past. Such incidents usually occur late in the evening or in the early morning hours when travelers are perhaps not as alert," said Cole. "However, we know of at least one incident at a BP station and can foresee the possibility of more incidents occurring in the future."

Putting the wrong fuel in a vehicle is a major inconvenience and can greatly delay a person's trip. USRider can help locate a service provider for a Member. But it will take time to drain the fuel tank. If the vehicle has run on the wrong fuel, the fuel system must also be cleaned and checked for damage.

USRider urges drivers not to rely on a fuel pump's color. "Be sure to read the label before you fill your tank," said Cole.

Through its Equestrian Motor Plan, USRider provides emergency road service to its Members in the lower 48 states as well as Alaska and Canada. Designed for those who travel with horses, USRider provides emergency roadside assistance and towing services, along with other travel-related benefits geared especially toward horse owners, such as towing up to 100 miles plus roadside repairs for tow vehicles and trailers with horses, emergency stabling and veterinary referrals.

For more information about USRider and more equine trailer safety tips, visit the USRider website at <http://www.usrider.org> online or call (800) 844-1409 (email received article in US Rider)

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF WASHINGTON????

By being able to count you as a member of this organization, it demonstrates that the stock users of Washington are serious when it comes to keeping public lands open to recreational stock use. BCHW is a highly respected organization and numbers count when we are dealing with legislators, government agencies and other recreational trail user groups. PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU!

By joining BCHW you also automatically become a member of Back Country Horsemen of America. Not a 'joiner'? No time to volunteer? WE NEED YOU TOO! Do you know that you do NOT have to belong to a chapter in order to belong to BCHW, that you may join as an Independent member? Just send your application & state dues to BCHW ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 110 W. 6th Ave., PMB 393, Ellensburg, WA 98926. Or you can now join on-line at the state website www.BCHW.org. You will then receive the latest trail related information from both organizations. On the other hand, you can join as many chapters as you want by only paying that chapters dues, as long as you have also paid your state dues; many members belong to more than one chapter and by doing so get their newsletters and find more places to work and ride and make new friends. You can find all the chapters also listed at the state website

Pictures wanted for Calendar

Thought I would send this special request out in the hopes that everyone will forward this message. Please send to the Directors, Newsletter Editors, Chapter Presidents and anyone else that you can think of that may have pictures to submit for our calendar. Mention this request at your chapter meetings and in your newsletters I am trying to gather pictures for consideration now as I am coordinating with the BCH of Idaho to have our calendars printed together again this year which saves our organization thousands of dollars in printing costs. They require their calendars by July and in order to have the graphics ready for this deadline I must get them into our graphic artist earlier than normal. Please send pictures via e-mail or on disk in a large enough file that it can easily be enlarged. If sending an actual photo a 4x6 print will do nicely for scanning but any size up to an 8x10 will work also. I am looking for all types of pictures: groups shots, individuals, animals, scenery, work parties and projects, habitat restoration, packing, chapter rides, winter, fall, cooking, kids, Junior BCH activities, camping, fun activities, meetings and anything else you can think of. As always, I am accepting pictures at any time during the year. I have created an archive of photos that have been sent to me. It takes approximately 90 pictures to fill the calendar. I would love to be able to have pictures from every Chapter represented in our Calendar but that means that I need your participation. Please send pictures to:

Vicki Clark
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Please feel free to flood my e-mail with pictures.

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VET NOTES Sharon Hoofnagle D.V.M. Internal Parasites in Adult Horses

Internal parasite control in adult horses has changed through the years. We have greatly decreased the presence of a major killer, the large strongly, with modern de-wormers. However other parasites have developed resistance to many of our current de-wormers.

Internal parasites have a migratory pathway in the body and can only be killed after they enter the intestinal lumen, after most of the damage has already been done. It is difficult and sometimes dangerous to kill the encysted forms in the intestinal wall. So de-worming is aimed at reducing pasture contamination of eggs.

Some horses are resistant to internal parasites. Horses that are resistant to parasites do not need to be de-wormed as often as horses that are not resistant. If resistant they are not being harmed by parasites and also are not shedding as many eggs onto the pasture. Resistance is in part immunity to the parasite so some exposure to worms is needed to develop this resistance.

Parasites, even of the same type, differ in their resistance to de-wormers. Some have developed drug resistance, others have not. We would like to select for the type that are not developing resistance to de-wormers. In other words if the pasture is being contaminated by a low level of parasites that have not developed resistance to de-wormers, all of the horses will be infected with a low level of this parasite, that can easily be controlled by de-wormers. The horses will continue to develop immunity to parasites because they will be constantly exposed. However the level of parasites in the horse will be low and less harmful than a heavy load. If the opposite occurs, the pasture is contaminated by a high level of drug-resistant parasites this type of parasite will predominate.

The key is to run fecal egg counts on your horse to find out what the parasite load is and only use de-wormer if needed. The tests should be run at certain times of the year, winter can be misleading. Running the test within 6 weeks of de-worming will tell you if the de-wormer is working, but not what your horses' status is. It is more practical to wait 8 weeks after de-worming.

Another issue is that the tests are more expensive than the de-wormer. Testing is money well spent. You may be able to cut your de-worming down to twice a year, or even lower. This will also identify the horses who are shedding large numbers and de-worm them more aggressively with the correct de-wormer. This will reduce the number of drug-resistant parasites in the environment.

Testing horses will result in slowing the development of drug resistance by parasites, preserving the immunity of horses to parasites, stimulate natural selection for less dangerous parasites, save money, and reduce environmental contamination of drugs.

Parasite control in young horses is different, farms and horses need to be individually accessed. The above info only applies to adults



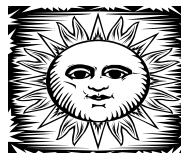
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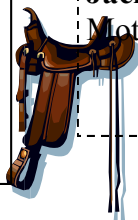


Sunshine Committee

If you know someone that needs a little ray of sunshine, please contact Lori Hunt 360-384-0704

Gary Anderson: Our thoughts and prayers sent to Gary, his uncle, Cecil Anderson passed away.

Jack Carr: Our thought sand prayers sent to Jack, his Mother passed way.



REMINDER ON MEMBERSHIP FORMS:

As I keep receiving memberships I thought I would send a reminder on how to fill out the forms. I am sure most of you do not know the processes the treasurer has to go through when completing your membership. I know this might sound as if I am talking to grade school children, but you would not believe what comes in sometimes. Let's all make this easier for Shirley as she starts the year out.

- Make sure "new" or "renewal" are checked and the **State** Membership number is filled in. If you don't know your State number please leave it blank. **THIS IS NOT YOUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP NUMBER**, nor is it "No. 1"
- Fill out form completely and check it over to make sure name(s) and address/phone are clear and LEGIBLE in dark enough ink or pencil that the copies can be read. **EVERYONE** has to fill out a form every year, and it must be signed by all adult persons – renewals included. The originals will be sent to the State organization and **THEY** have to be able to read it. It is not the job of the treasurer to fill this out for you and it is appreciated if you don't just send a signed blank form.
- Make sure the State and Chapter dues sections are filled out and you submit the correct amount. You **MUST** be a State member to join a chapter. If you are already a State member with another chapter you only need to pay our Chapter dues amount to join our chapter. Also, if you join under one of the special State categories your State dues are included and need not be included unless you wish to donate extra to the State. Chapter dues are not included and must still be submitted.

Make sure form is signed by all adult members.

As an extra, we like to put out a membership list and you will automatically be added unless you tell us not to, or if you only want some of the information included. If you wish to help out in some way please let us know that, too. Our Chapter forms have this at the bottom, the State forms do not.

Finally, mail the form and your check to your new treasurer, Shirley Todhunter, 5999 Fazon Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226.

Thank you,
Lynn Johnson
Past-treasurer

Auctions

The Herman Miller 4H Park will be having their auction on March 27th at the Northwest Washington Fair-Expo Building. Silent auction at 5:00 pm and Live auction at 7:00 pm. Food will be available.

The Whatcom BCH Chapter will have our auction on May 14, 2010 at the Everson Auction Barn. The auction committee has met several times and letters have been sent to the businesses. Soon the committee will be contacting the businesses in person. The auction committee are Mike Bjornstad, Gary Anderson, Sam Miller, Roy Van Diest, Sharon Hoofnagle, Chick Long, Marillyn Tefft, Nancy Giordano, Pam and Ken Ritter, Karin Snavelly and Sherri Duncan and Letitia Wheeler helping out with paperwork. More helpers will be needed later on, so if you are interested, please let me know or contact Mike Bjornstad at 360-398-2646.

Fran Van Diest

(email received January 22, 2010)

General Membership meeting, Leadership training and Dinner Auction March 19-21, 2010

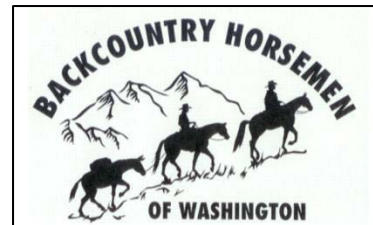
The General Membership meeting, Leadership Training and Dinner Auction and Dance is March 19 – 21 in Ellensburg. Sign up early for Early Bird prices on the dinner and camping! This form was in the last issue of the Trail-head News which is also posted to the state website www.bchw.org ; you can print the form off there if you don't want to cut your up your THN and you don't have a copy machine.

Lori

Come Join Us!

To join BCHW, complete this application, sign the liability release (all members over 18) and enclose payment:

Chapter members, turn application and payment in to **Whatcom BCH Chapter Treasurer, Shirley Todhunter, 5998 Fazon Rd. Bellingham, WA 98226**



Member Info

New Member Renewal--(State)-Membership number(s): _____

Adult's name (s): _____

Children's names(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Legislative district (if known): _____ County: _____

Number of horses in your household? _____

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Date Pd.	_____
Check #	_____

State Membership

Basic Membership:

Single	\$36.00
Family	\$49.00

Optional Membership (includes family or single from above)

Contributing	\$65.00
Sustaining	\$100.00
Patron	\$250.00
Benefactor	\$500.00
Additional State Donation	\$ _____
Subtotal	\$ _____

Chapter Membership

Chapter Name: (or Independent): _____

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Chapter Dues

(determined by Chapter) **\$10.00**

Additional Chapter Donation: +\$ _____

Subtotal (**from left column**): +\$ _____

Grand total from left column & right column=\$ _____

WHATCOM CHAPTER



Liability Release

ALL ADULT MEMBERS MUST SIGN!

Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Backcountry Horsemen of Washington, Inc., including Chapters, officers, directors, or members cannot always know the condition of trails or the experience levels of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other BCHW events, I do hereby release and hold harmless the above named from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children, or horses.

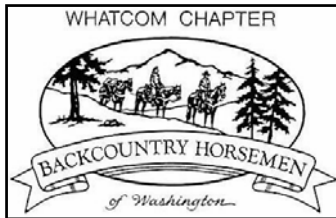
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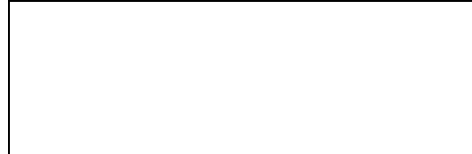
Signature: _____ Date: _____

The information on this membership application will be shared with BCH of America, and if so designated by the applicant the appropriate local chapter of BCHW. Otherwise, the information will not be divulged to any other person or organization without the express permission of the applicant.

- Do you want your name, address and phone number listed on the Whatcom membership list? _____
- If you wish to only have part of the information listed, please indicate what you want listed _____
- Areas of Interest**-Circle any that apply: Trail Maintenance/work parties; food preparation; Legislation; Rides; Packing; Hospitality; LNT; fund raisers



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Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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