

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
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**Chapter Notes**

Thanks to Kim and Jeremy Montoya for again inviting us into their home and hosting the Christmas Meeting/Potluck. The food was great and the Gift Exchange was great fun, as usual.

Congratulations and Thanks to the members who have stepped up to take leadership positions to make the Chapter work. Here's our slate of new officers:

President – Rodney Woods  
Vice President – Becky Griswold  
Secretary – Donna Ketcheson  
Treasurer – Kim Montoya  
Board Members – Rick Babcock, Oscar Simpson, Michele Darrah, Roger Leopold, and Jan Koltunuk

The officers and members all look forward to a very productive and fun 2010 with lots of training rides and plenty of work projects.

Happy Trails

CALENDAR		
Thur, 21 Jan	January Monthly Business Meeting Bosque Farms Community Center	7:15 PM

**Meeting Dates**

By popular demand, our meeting dates have been changed to the **THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**. That means the next meeting, which is our major planning meeting for the year, is now scheduled for Thursday, 21 January, at the Bosque Farms Community Center. We've also moved the start time to 7:15, so those that need a little more time to get there can make it. (Roger will always be late, no matter when we start!!!)

## **Meeting Locations**

The other change that is coming is changes in venue. The membership would like to “move around.” So if you have a favorite restaurant or meeting place that can support both a meeting, and perhaps a pre-meeting dinner/get-together, let Rodney know or come to the next meeting with your ideas.

## **That Time of Year – Time to Pay Dues**

January is dues renewal time/ \$25 for singles and \$35 for families. This includes your BCHA State and National dues and your subscription to the BCHA Newsletter. Bring your dues to the meeting or mail it to PO Box 3398, Los Lunas, NM 87031.

## **New Rules for the BLM of Temporary Trail Closing**

Through our Board Member, Oscar Simpson, the MRGC, and the other chapters in New Mexico, were given to opportunity to sign onto a letter generated by the Wildlife Society addressing a new “Instruction” issued by the BLM. The gist of the Instruction was to put new impediments in the way of the BLM regional offices to implement temporary closures of trails and areas to control ATVs and other motorized vehicles that are causing environmental damage or user conflicts. The Instruction basically reduced or constrained the BLM from using existing rules for taking immediate action for environmental and public safety protection. Your Board agreed to sign onto the letter (along with several other BCHNM Chapters in the State).

## **Country Supply Connection**

Don't forget our partnership with Country Supply and the rebate that goes to the Chapter. Go to <http://www.countrysupply.com> and order as usual. When you go to check out, there is a box to enter our “Country Care” code - “mrgbchnm.” Just enter the code and the Chapter gets a contribution.



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