

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN  
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**May 2009**

**Presidents Notes**

Hey,  
Hope everyone has had a good Spring with lots of riding. Hope to see you at the May meeting to go over our Summer work plan. It's a Potluck!!

I'm going to Cochiti on Mother's Day if anyone wants to go, give me a call – 379-3493.

Happy Trails

Becky

**CALENDAR**

Wed, 13 May	Work Project – Call JoAnn – 864-1254 Dome Wilderness	
Wed, 20 Apr	May Monthly Business Meeting - Potluck Joint Meeting with Socorro Chapter at Kiva RV Park	6:30 PM
TBD	Training Ride – Donna is Trail Boss – 310-3896 Cerrillos Hills State Park	
11-13 September	BCHNM Rendezvous Gila National Forest – Make your plans NOW!	

**Joint Chapter Meeting with Socorro Chapter**

Becky has been working with John Young of the Socorro Chapter (and also an associate member of our chapter) on a joint chapter meeting to discuss joint projects. The May meeting will be a joint chapter meeting with the Socorro Chapter hosted by Diane Wiltshire at the Kiva RV Park. The meeting will be preceded with a potluck starting about 6:30 PM if you want to join in.

## **Training Ride**

Donna Ketcheson had to cancel the ride around the Cerrillos Hills area. This is a newly established NM State Park just off the Turquoise Trail north of Sandia Peak and Madrid. It's supposed to be a great area to ride, and most of our members have never been there. We'll re-schedule at the May meeting. Keep the directions below.

**Date:** Saturday, 25 April 2009 – Ride starts at 10:30 A.M.

**Training Ride Trail Boss:** Donna Ketcheson – 505-310-3896

**Rendezvous:** Come to the meeting for final details on the trip.

**Weather Go/no-go:** If weather seems questionable, call Donna after 6 p.m. Friday, 24 April

**Directions:** Head for I-40 East of ABQ toward the East Mountain area and take the Tijeras exit 175 onto NM 14 North. Head North toward the Village of Cerrillos (about 45 miles). Turn left onto Rt 57 to Cerrillos, and the right on Rt 59 leaving Cerrillos to the North. Go about 0.5 miles to the Entrada parking area. It's about a 2 hour haul from Los Lunas.

## **Continental Divide Trail Project – 18-19 April**

Several of us joined the NM Volunteers for the Outdoors for a work project developing a new section of the Continental Divide Trail near Mt. Taylor. The project involved building tread on a new trail sections. If you recall, we got rain/snow that Friday, so it was a little uncertain if it was a go. Rick and JoAnn drove up Saturday morning, and except for a dusting of snow where the trail work was, the roads were fine. The sun broke out about 10 AM, and it ended up being a beautiful day. JoAnn brought her camper, and stayed overnight. Kelly and some other members came up Sunday and put in a day working and checking out the area. It'll be a great area to ride – once the trail is in.

## **Dome Wilderness Work Project – Wednesday – 13 May**

Phyllis Martinez of the Jemez Ranger District wants some help finishing clearing the last section of a trail in the Dome Wilderness. JoAnn had originally organized it for Wednesday, 6 May, but Phyllis had to cancel. JoAnn has tentatively rescheduled to Wednesday, 13 May, but hasn't got confirmation, so keep in touch with JoAnn (864-1254) if you can help out. This will be a walking project. We normally meet at the Bernalillo park-and-ride and go to the Ranger Station with Phyllis and take a Forest Service truck to the trail head.

## **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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