



Trail Whispers

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Darrah Glynn

When anyone experiences another person acting in a way that is generous, kind, or compassionate, it literally inspires that person to "mirror" the action. It also increases our happiness so much that it can be measured positively in our physical bodies. In other words, goodness is catching, and the phenomenon even has a name. It is known as "elevation" to the medical community.

In light of our recent "fire storm," those of us in the everyday world may want to tap into this largely unlimited source of power. Imagine what could happen if enough of us inspired each other to perform simple and random acts of generosity and kindness. Many here in San Diego have already been doing just that and I am proud of what the community is accomplishing. Even with what has already been done, there is still so much more to do and we as BackCountry Horsemen any have a real opportunity to do some good.

There is a lot of trail re-building that will need to be done. Now may be the chance to let our voices be heard in re-establishing trails that have been lost to us. We may be able to help agencies decide how and where to re-build trails so that everyone's needs can be filled, as well as meeting the environment's needs. I am sure there will be plenty of opportunities to work manually to get the trails in shape for future use as well.

With all that needs to be done right in our own backyards, now is not the time to give up our unit, our fight, and the ability to help others. Raise your self up to a new "elevation" and help make San Diego a place where trail users of all types can again enjoy the beauty that will return to our county. I know that it will be difficult, but I ask that you come to the November meeting (Especially since October's had to be canceled.) and give your input on how to make this unit bring about the kind of trails we want to see in San Diego. We need you to be there to vote and support the people who work hard for you in public lands. I hope to see you there so that we can all check in on each other and learn what each of us can do to support those hardest hit. Until then, don't hesitate to contact me and let me know what your needs are and how we can be of assistance to you. See you soon.

Darrah

NOTICE! 21ST NOV STATE PARK HEARING CANCELED

NOTES FROM NOLA.

There are no minutes from last month. We canceled the meeting as the fires were still raging. This month is the Elections of you new Board for 2004. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. I hope that you can attend. Meeting will be at the Randall Home. Directions are on the back page. Please come, vote and tell you story. We all need to hear our stories.

Your unit participated in the MCAS Miramar Horse Fest, 15th Nov, 2003, an annual celebration of horses and a thank you for our military from military horse owners. Jennifer and Ken Foster, from the Borrego Unit, accompanied by Terry Haider of the San Gorgonio Unit arrive just in time for Jennifer to ride her saddle pony and lead her Mule, Babe in the Discipline Demonstration. We also had a Gentle Use camp set up. Jennifer cooked up some really good peach cobbler in the Dutch Oven. I was so busy that I forgot to take my camera out, sorry. We have many of our members that board at Miramar and it was so good to see all of them there, participating in and enjoying the program.

Thanks again to the Fosters whose expenses were paid by Jennifer's company, JLF Medical Billing and Consulting, and to Terry Haider, whose expenses were covered by his company, All Phase Fire Protection. We appreciate your time and effort to make our day a success!

HORSE GEAR FOR FIRE VICTIMS

From Kandhy Franklin-Collins

I have great donations of horse person's clothes and supplies from Bonita valley Horsemen and Double S Feed. Even some fancy ones ; chaps, boots, and glitter tops.. If you know someone burned out, if they can use these items get the word out that I have them and will be glad to give them out. Kandhy.

ELECTION DAY 25 NOVEMBER 2003

Nomination Committee selections for the Board of Directors, Caballeros del Sol 2004

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Additional nominations may be taken at the meeting. Write in nominations allowed.

If unable to attend and you wish to vote, you may return the email sent to you with your choices on it or handwrite your ballot and mail it in the return snail mail (ASAP) to BCHC Caballeros del Sol, PO Box 12311, El Cajon, CA 92022

FIRE DAMAGE IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY



FIRES NOTES AND NEWS

These are some notes from myself and Kathleen, observations from others and notes on some of our members that were in the most severe fire areas.

During the fire I got a call. John Keyes and Toby Horst (Pres. and past Pres. Of BCHC) offered to come down and transport and board the horses of any member that was burned out and keep the animals for the time needed for the rebuild. What a generous offer!

While this fire, in one way or another affected all members, some of them were more severely affected. Here is what I know of at this time. Carol Levin's Ranch and home, at the end of Mussey Grade Rd, was burned out, She, caretakers and



Above: El Cajon Valley Oct 26th 2003

Below Firefighters at Alpine



animals are safe. So far as I know this is our only member that lost a home. In Crest, Kandhy Collins home and the one she and Charles are building were saved. Also in Crest, the Sellers family home was saved, their barn burned. Their 3 horses are temporarily residing at MCAS Miramar. While not a member, many of you know veteran trail worker, Mary Augustine, home in Cuyamaca was saved. This large historic fire came so close to so many of us. We are blessed to have so much left. We pray for the healing and rebuilding of those that were burned out. For those of you that want to see pictures of the holocaust and have a computer check out; http://www.nbcsandiego.com/sh/slideshow/_auto/sh32330s1.html? Show starts with satellite shots. Just keep clicking NEXT and More Images for rest of show.

From Nevada

Yesterday (Oct 27th 2003, in Ely NV) I attended another Congressional Field hearing chaired by Congressman Gibbons on healthy forests and rangelands. Testimony from USFS, BLM, stakeholders coalition and even the Sierra Club was unanimous that the "preservation ethic" was the cause of catastrophic fires and destruction of healthy rangelands and woodlands, water shed, all species, and the spread of invasive weeds, etc. The transcript should be available soon. Congressman Gibbons referred to the "flyover" the Resources Committee did at Lake Arrowhead last month and that the tragedy because the fires were 100% predictable.

While this fire is a tragedy it should be a wake up call for URBANITES who support Wilderness and Wild and scenic Rivers. And while the call is out for our US Senators to support Healthy forests, as it should be, the focus should also be on the San Diego Board of Supervisors. Last year, through Trudy's efforts, we presented Bill Horn and the other four Supervisors an assessment of the Cedar Creek Area (where the Cedar Fire started) by

USFS Jeff Wells. He opposed further wilderness....it is my recollection that the USFS manages the Cleveland as de facto wilderness due to lack of resources to manage otherwise. Add to that State Parks refusal to cooperate with the other agencies in fire management. We are experiencing the catastrophic results.

Kat .

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From Crest, El Cajon

I am doing well, and the houses were spared. Charles and I are putting in many hours helping others, cleaning up, getting rid of the burned debris, handing out packets of info and driving folks to get what they need. It is so burned as well as the Cuyamacas where I ride. Out of 25,000 acres, only 400 are left. There are no words and pictures don't really tell the story. I won't in my lifetime see the huge pines or the cedars.

But the spirit of the folks are good and I think the good of all of this is that Crest could be re-born with cute houses and be more valuable than it is today.

I have the "TV experience" and the political fall out is everywhere, along with a lot of anger. We had no warning, no fire support, and no help evacuating until the police got up in the late afternoon and they watched me and another woman directing traffic out the backside of Crest. We spent the first night at the baseball diamonds at Granite Hills watching the fires rage down the mountain towards us in the back of a truck.

Environmentalism gone amuck!
Kandhy

When I asked her permission to print her note I got this reply!

Date: Friday, November 07, 2003 6:02 PM

You wouldn't like my real thoughts on this mess?! One that is a much better rendition of the fear and panic of evacuating horses for people standing along the roadside

hoping someone would stop and put their horses in trailers. Or getting Granite Hills to open up their areas when the fire was in Ramona and being told I was rather premature, knowing that the majority of folks in Crest and Harbo had no trailers.....Or getting people to try the dirt road out of Crest that was illegally graded for large fire rigsOr that our new house was spared because we illegally brushed the property further than the requirement and fined \$10,000 for doing it.... Oh well, we need to go on and rebuild and help others to do the same while keeping an eye on the elected officials.

Kandhy

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From Gretchen Randall
e-mail: grandall@winninggreen.com

Issue: Even with forest fires raging out of control near San Diego and Los Angeles endangering thousands of people and having destroyed over 1000 homes, the news media- for the most part - doesn't explain to listeners, viewers or readers the real reasons for the extreme fires.

Jack Blackwell, Regional Forester for the Southwest Pacific Region which includes the San Bernardino National Forest which has burned over 26,000 acres, said the forest is suffering from drought which has weakened trees so they get diseases like root disease and bark beetle infestation. He also points out that the forest is literally choked with too many small trees - over 300 to 400 trees per acre - all competing for moisture and sunlight. And because of efforts by radical environmental groups, no thinning or removal of trees has occurred in the San Bernardino National Forest for over 10 years. Lumber mills have since closed and now removal and disposal of dead and diseased trees is expensive.

Comment 1: The President's Healthy Forests Initiative would remove dead and diseased trees both near the communities and in the forests so that huge raging forest

fires like we are seeing in California won't reoccur.

Comment 2: Overgrowth of trees and brush must be removed so that heavy fuel loads aren't present in dry conditions to provide fuel to fires that start. But environmental groups are opposing efforts to pass a bill in the U.S. Senate that would begin to address the problem.

Comment 3: The media could do a much better job in addressing the underlying issues and helping the average American who doesn't live near fire prone areas understand the causes and solutions so these fires can be prevented in the future.

Background and links: To read Jack Blackwell's testimony of Sept. 22, 2003 before the U.S. House Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, go to:
<http://www.house.gov/resources/108cong/forest/2003sep22/blackwell.htm>

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During the Senate Discussions an editorial in the San Jose Mercury News was mentioned that likened the CA fires to The Three Mile Island disaster in making a turning point in policy.

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The U.S. Senate debate started before noon and finished about 6:00 pm California time. The Healthy Forest Bill 1904 passed 80-14. Senators Clinton, Jeffords, Leahy, Kennedy and Rockefeller were among those that voted against the bill.

Thanks to all who called, faxed and e-mailed in an effort to help Pass this Bill.

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Linda Eskin and I attended a meeting on Nov 14th, chaired by USFS Chief Ann Fege on fire recovery, a five year plan and program of how to implement the services of volunteers with the agencies and persons that need them. Head of several public agencies and leaders of volunteer group were present to brainstorm the problems and get the ball rolling on reconstruction and access. We may be calling on you for your help in the near future.

MY BEAUTIFUL CUYAMACA MOUNTAIN

Betty Ortlieb

Oh, my mountain, my beautiful San Diego mountain. I mourn for you. You have been a refuge to so many of God's creatures. You have shown us all such beauty in your surroundings, in your quiet serenity and loud thunder, in your bounty of activity through the high pitched chirps and howls and the low, deep hums of creatures inhabiting the trees and shrubs of the land and its lakes. Even the worms below the earth's surface and the creepy, crawly things of the earth, I mourn for.

Oh, my mountain, my beautiful Cuyamaca. You have welcomed so many to your life of open spaces and wondrous vistas. You have welcomed the tiny buds in the spring-time and the pollen of majestic oaks and pines. How gloriously you clothed your surroundings. I mourn for you and for all who called you home. The ancient oaks; branches reached high and wide to give refuge to so many kinds of birds, the trunks of the tall pines were filled with hundreds of woodpecker holes, the manzanitas and ceanothus abundantly supplied berries and the meadows gave their grains and other seeds. Oh, how I mourn for the birds and beasts who inhabited your hills and valleys. Oh, how I mourn for all that called you home.

What can I say for myself? You gave me refuge from a busy, demanding daily life. When I came you offered me complete and instant relief from the pressures of city life. You gave me opportunity to share your beauty with so many. You gave me a greater sense of my own place in this world. My cup is very bitter indeed when I think of so great a destruction to this way of life and this beauty that has been taken from us. I weep for the treasures that have been given up to this holocaust. I weep for the lives of all who called you home for it cannot ever be the same again, at least not in our lifetime. I weep for you my mountain. I weep for you my gray, ash covered mountain.

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Upper is the meadow at Paso Pichaco

Lower is the Dyar House that was Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Hearquarters.

To the right is a piece written by a resident that was burned out in the Cuyamaca community



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10-24-03

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Via fax 916 321 9301

Urgent Re Anza Borrego Desert State Park Plan Approval by Park Commission scheduled Friday November 21, 2003

Dear Governor Elect Schwarzenegger,

Congratulation on your election!!! I am writing because of the upcoming deadline and the serious consequences of the Anza Borrego Desert State Park Plan.

As a member of multiple use organizations, and as an aging equestrian I have been dealing with closures on the largest State Park in the contiguous USA, the Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The final public meeting is scheduled in San Diego on November 21, 2003. This plan will change the very nature of Park by zoning. This diminishes public use to limited and/or no-use of proposed Wilderness and Cultural Preserves. If that sounds innocent to you and the unsuspecting public, it is insidious in fact. In essence it changes access to our Historic Resources as provided and mandated by the State Historic Preservation Act and the Federal Revised Statute 2477. Both the Dept of Resources and State Parks have implemented management practices conforming to the International Biosphere Reserve Agenda. They manage and acquire more Habitat for Species as their primary goal. This is contrary to Park and Recreation mandates and public resource codes. To date no amount of negotiations and public outcry have prevented this. Billions of Dollars of public moneys have been spent by these agencies that neither protected wildlife or provided recreation.

Numerous Historic routes including the Mormon Battalion/Great Overland Stage Route and the D'Anza Road have been closed. These and others have been used for Centuries. They are OUR living history. The park inventory includes thousands of historic sites. IN 1941, the Anza Borrego Desert State Park was dedicated to its Pioneers to ensure that future generations could experience and celebrate their history as a living part of our communities. We are that generation!!!. Future generations will never have that experience unless you do some serious housecleaning in the Dept of Public Resources and State Parks. The heads of these Departments have mismanaged public funds and violated CEQA processes by removal of access to historical, sites, water and route resources. The eviction of the Coyote Canyon Wild horses was the last herd of Wild Horses in So. California. Removal of the wild horses from the cougar's diet has also increased bighorn sheep mortality. Please help us restore this Historic Herd.

The deficiencies in the 1995 Coyote Canyon Plan must be corrected. Closures were based on the false premise and assertion that public presence and vehicles use of roads were harmful to the Peninsula bighorn sheep and the Coyote Creek riparian habitat. Overgrowth resulting from closure has strangled the streambed and endangered all wildlife including sheep by providing cover for cougars. Overgrowth has sucked up precious water and diminished flow all the way down the canyon. How much this is affecting the water table in Borrego?

Lastly, and most significant is State Park's denial of safe access for children and Americans with disabilities.

Your intervention is needed to replace these malfeasants and replace them with responsible Managers. Their actions have been criminal and documentation will be provided at your earliest convenience.

Please say you will assist with this emergency.

Yours very Truly,

Kathleen Hayden

California State Horsemen's Association,
Trails Director, Vice Chairperson
Backcountry Horsemen of California,
Task Force Leader for the California Riding and Hiking Trail

Cc. Senator Bill Morrow
Senator Dennis Hollingsworth

LITTER

Adeline York

I have been musing of late on the subject of litter that I define as stuff thrown away carelessly or without regard. What ever did people use for litter before fast food came on the scene? Was there no such thing as 'litter' before McDonald's?

Thinking back to the pioneers who braved the vicissitudes of the barely blazed trails in their Conestoga wagons. Did these people toss things out as they blithely rolled along? What would they have cast away? They had no aluminum cans, paper napkins, Styrofoam boxes, hard paper cups, little clear plastic cups for sauces, plastic mustard packets, cigarette boxes or packs, plastic grocery bags and straws, or quick pick lottery tickets.

What could they give a toss. A broken harness strap perhaps? Doubtful - we may be able to use it to mend another break sometime. A broken spoke from a wheel? Not with firewood so scarce. How about that empty medicine bottle? Not on your life. I can put my dried, ground sage in that. How about this skirt that is almost in ribbons? No. That will make a nice addition to the braided rug we are making. Surely this worn through horseshoe can be tossed. Sorry, that can be made into a spike for our new house when we get there. Somehow I cannot envision much being left along those trails. I know things were left but they were left from necessity and not by neglect.

In WW II there was a slogan, "Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without." We don't need those words anymore, we are all too well off for that. We are living in a different age with different priorities, for better or worse.

I really don't mind living in a throw away society, believe me, I take advantage of every work saving devise I can get my hands on. I just wish we would throw it away in the proper places.

Dear Mr. Nastro,

Attached is the draft summary of the Desert Managers Group meeting conducted on October 7-8, 2003 in Death Valley California. Also included is an email message that was forwarded to me along with the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The meeting Summary and all referenced documents are accessible on the DMG website at www.dmg.gov. Please provide this documentation and attachments to State Park Commissioners. Since the public has not reviewed this information, how will these agreements between the Desert Managers Group affect the General Plan?

I am concerned that the attached MOUs may be deficient and unbalanced in that they fail to address and integrate all of the factors necessary for management of the resources in San Felipe Creek and other listed watersheds. These factors include existing and historical routes, and access to water. I am concerned that this MOU promotes an agenda inconsistent with a State Park that was established for public use. While the public expects best conservation resource management, the signors named in this document have consistently opposed public access to historic resources.

The enclosed MOU is similar to past agreements made between the same agencies to "justify closures in Coyote Canyon using bogus and biased Peninsula bighorn and Wild Horse "studies"; studies that were financed with public "Park" funds. It is my opinion that the outcome of these studies was predetermined to suit an agenda that does not serve the public interest. This MOU has amazing similarities to the 1995 Coyote Canyon PUP. At the very least, this MOU should include interested Stakeholders and multiple user groups affected by the goals of this "Desert Managers Group.

Is it the intent of the Desert Manager's group to preserve multiple use access to all routes through these areas as an integral part of conservation planning as guaranteed by both State and Federal mandates? Is the Commission aware that all routes in the Anza Borrego were granted to the public and predate the park's existence? These are grants in perpetuity. They include not only the frequently traveled roads but also other kinds of public ways, including footways, trails, bridges, traversable washes, and even railroads. The essential element is that whatever the means of transport, the public has the right to use them.

Due to the effect this agreement will have on the upcoming Anza Borrego Desert State Park Plan I would appreciate a response as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

Kathleen Hayden, Public Lands Chair
Caballeros Del Sol Unit Backcountry Horsemen of Ca.
Ca. State Horsemen's Assoc. So. Ca. Trails Director Vice Chair

Cc: Senator Bill Morrow
Senator Dennis Hollingsworth
Assemblyman Jay La Suer
San Diego County Board of Supervisors

Back Country Horsemen of California
Borrego Valley Unit

October 21, 2003

Back Country Horsemen of California
Back Country Horsemen of America

To All Concerned Parties:

The weekend of October 17 thru October 19 I attended a BCHC State Board of Directors Meeting carrying the vote for the Borrego Valley Unit. I heard Unit reports that this organization is keeping trails open on PUBLIC LANDS. After all, that is our Mission Statement. During the Public Lands Meeting I was asked to give an update on the West Mojave Route Designation. The West Mojave encompasses over 9 million acres, the Northern and Eastern Colorado 5.5 million, Northern and Eastern Mojave 2.4 million acres. This is in addition to the California Desert Conservation District, Anza Borrego Desert State Park (700,000 acres) I do not have the acreages for the Cleveland, San Bernardino, Las Angeles, and Las Padres National Forests. In addition there are 1.6 million acres of the San Jacinto and Joshua Tree Monuments. The majority of these "public" lands constitute over 70% of the entire land mass has been designated as critical habitat for endangered species. This has resulted in the permanent closure of Historic routes in violation of both Federal and State laws. In effect, all citizens including Backcountry Horsemen have lost access rights. Every time a wildfire occurs, (occasionally from an agency "control burn") routes are permanently closed and vertically mulched under the guise of "rehabilitation" Vertical Mulching a process of removing all traces of the route and returning it to a natural state; never more to leave a trace of gentle use.

As a long-standing member of BCHC I have heard the conviction of those who believe that as long as they contribute service hours they will get to use the land. Based on results this is an illusion. Token trails have lulled many into a sense of dangerous false security. We are losing sovereign soil at a far greater rate than ever imagined. The denial of this by members is detrimental to the organization as a whole.

In addition more lands have been purchased for habitat removing local taxes that support services i.e. search and rescue and other medical emergencies in the backcountry. Ongoing State, National, and Inter National Plans steadfastly continue to limit if not put an end to your enjoyment of your PUBLIC LAND.

While I was at the Directors meeting the two National Board Members, Ann Lange and Jerry Ledbetter, came to ask the Directors of California for additional dues because they were operating in the RED. I think the number was \$15,000.00. I had to ask "what had the National Organization done for Southern California" and the answer from Ann Lange was "well if you are talking about State Lands we don't deal with that." AS if the 700,000 acres of the Anza Borrego State Park was not public lands worthy of BCA concern. I continued to ask about BLM, NPS, USFS lands and neither member could give me an answer. All they could say was that they make trips to DC and speak with Representatives.

We speak with our Fed representatives on our home turf. It has been effective. In less than 45 days we promoted and attended TWO CONGRESSIONAL FIELD HEARINGS by Congressman Pombo and Randonovich to amend the Endangered Species Act and pass a Healthy Forest Act. Two of our National Representatives who live in Ca. were not at these two very critical meetings.

I strongly disagree giving the National Board any more money when it is sorely needed at the local levels to support the thousands of volunteer hours some our public lands reps are doing now. The loss of work hours, recreation time, family and health cannot be measured. Small units cannot even afford to pay the travel expenses of their PL reps; this financial burden is a hardship. We travel extensively to meet and work with Supervisors, Assemblymen and Senators, plus every land management meeting over the past ten years. We cannot afford even one more dollar to go to the National organization. IN addition membership is dropping. Trail riding folks want social gatherings as a benefit of membership. For some work parties suffice but not all our members participate in politics or work parties. Membership fees and fundraisers do not cover the small units financial burdens. This is similar to local government where an individual's tax either go to the state or Federal Government, which rob citizens of their constitutional and financial independence to govern themselves. National benefits do not compensate for the loss. BCHA should live within its means. We do not have the means to give more.

Jennifer Foster
Public Lands Rep
Borrego Valley

JUST IN- THE ARROGANCE OF SOME..

Ralph Regula (R-OH) and six other east coast Congressman recently introduced HR 3283. The bill calls for making Fee Demo permanent in all five agencies and demanding a \$100 annual fee from every citizen who wants to walk on any public lands. Here are some more not so bright highlights:

- * Caught without a pass and you'll face up to 6 months in jail or a \$5,000 fine.

- * States that Secretaries may jointly enter into cooperative agreements with governmental and non governmental entities. Translation: Privatization.

- * No more Golden Age Pass or lifetime passes.

- * The pass would be named America the Beautiful

The good thing is this bill has virtually no chance of moving forward. The bad thing is, the precedence has been set and we can expect Regula to try and push elements of his bill into must pass bills. Please Keep Posted!!!

RIDER'S PRAYER

Give me strength to guide my horse, make my hands soft and my head clear, let my horse understand me, and I him. My heart you have blessed with a special love of these animals.

Let me never lose sight of it. My soul you have gifted with a deep need for them. Let that need never lessen. Always let my breath catch as the sun gleams on an elegant head. Always may my throat tighten at the sound of a gentle nicker. Let the touch of a warm nose on my hand always bring a smile.

I adore the joy of a warm day on the farm, the grace and splendor of a running horse. The thunder of its hooves makes my eyes burn and my heart soar. Let it always be so.

Grant me patience, for horses are harnessed wind, and wind can be flighty. Instead, show me ways to understand them. Above all, fill my life with them. When I pass from this world, send my soul to no heaven without them, for this love you have given me graces my existence. And I shall cherish it and praise you for it for all time.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Thanks for all your efforts! Hearing delayed on desert state park.

Kat and Nola

STATE PARKS PUBLIC HEARINGS POSTPONED

UNION-TRIBUNE
November 17, 2003

The state Park and Recreation Commission has postponed a public hearing on updating the proposed general plan and environmental impact report for Anza Borrego Desert State Park.

The hearing had been scheduled for 9 a.m. Friday at the San Diego Marriott in Mission Valley. Although it will be rescheduled, the date has not been determined, said spokesman Steve Capps.

Backcountry Horsemen of California

Mail application to:

BCHC Membership DataCenter
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Application provided by the
Caballeros del Sol Unit
P.O. Box 12311, El Cajon, CA
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Membership Application

Name(s) _____ Check # _____

Address _____ Amount Enclosed _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Res. Telephone (____) _____ Email _____

Membership type: Individual \$30 Family \$40 Benefactor \$100
 Patron \$250 Mt. Whitney \$500

Preferred Unit Affiliation (Circle only one):

Antelope Valley	Kern Sierra	Ohlone Riders	Sequoia
Borrego Valley	Lake Mendocino	Redshank Riders	Shasta Trinity
Caballeros del Sol	Los Padres	Redwood	Sierra Freepackers
Eastern Sierra	Mid Valley	San Diego	Sutter Buttes
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Backcountry Horsemen of California

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Name _____ Parent Membership DCTR # _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

Please sign me up for _____ Associate Memberships at \$15 each. I understand that each Associate Membership must expire concurrently with my Parent BCHC Membership.

Signed _____ Date _____

Associate membership unit choices: _____

SIGN UP A RIDING BUDDY, INCREASE YOUR UNIT'S INFLUENCE 10

BCHC / CdS CALENDAR

**MARK THESE
IMPORTANT
DATES
ON YOUR
PERSONAL
CALENDAR**

BCHC sponsored activities are BOLD

Any BCHC activity may be attended by BCHC members from any unit, unless so noted. Call a board member for a contact phone number.

Other activities of interest are in italics (not sponsored by BCHC and FYI)

BCHC Caballeros del Sol Meetings:
Board meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month.,

General Meeting will be held quarterly with a special attraction and Potluck or BBQ
Check the back of each newsletter for location and directions to the meetings

Nov 25th, 2003
CdS Meeting/Elections
7:00 pm - Location

1 January, 2004
Borrego Units
New Years Ride
Contact: Les Levie
760 767 5252
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MUST HAVE RESERVATIONS
\$20 Poker Ride and Dinner
\$15 Dinner only , \$5 xtra
poker hand, Great Raffle,
Overnite OK, contact Les.

January, 2004
Unit Post-Holiday Party!
Date and Location TBA

March 11 – 14, 2004
Rendezvous in Santa
Maria

May, 2004
Fundraiser Ride
Multi-unit ride in
Ranchita at a beautiful
private ranch. Details
coming soon...

COME !

HELP US

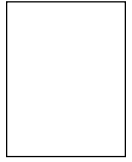
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NEXT MEETING

Calling all members. Last meeting of the Year!

Election of next year's Unit Board

25 November, 2003 Randall's Home
6149 Medill, El Cajon, CA 92021, Phone: 619 561-6764

Meeting 7 PM

DIRECTIONS

Hiway 8, Exit: Los Coches Rd.
North to Aurora Dr., Left onto Aurora
Left onto Serenity, Go to top (end)
take the cement driveway at 11 o'clock
At the top, turn left in the dirt driveway (you are there)

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