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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a very nice meeting and an interesting talk at our last quarterly meeting. Dr. Gary Amaral DVM spoke to us on immunizations. He handed out the piece I reprinted on the subject and we also discussed the West Nile virus and preventions available.

If any of you have an Idea for a program for our next meeting in July 31st please talk to me. We will be having our next gathering at the Crest Home of Khandy Franklin-Collins. (Khandy and Charles' home was spared in the terrible Oct. '03 fires.) Swimming in the beautiful pool will be available. We will have it on a Saturday evening, maybe our attendance will be better on the weekend. I sure would like to see more of you come to these, as we are only having meetings quarterly now. We will also have a BYO meat and a dish to share also, seems everything goes better with food.

I made an executive decision to call off the May 22nd ride. We had only one paid reservation. Seems like a lot of our people would be out of town and the others thought it might be too hot or maybe it was too close to Bishop Mule Days.? I am hoping that we can have a ride in Ranchita next spring, as the flowers in the high desert are usually spectacular. Hope that if you ride in a burn area that it is recuperating as well as it can. Miramar has had some really beautiful flowers even though we have had only half enough rain. And some of the bushes and trees are pushing new green up from the roots and trunks.

Are you are participating in the massive amount of trails reconstruction going on. We need to keep our public lands open. Steve said at the last meeting that we need to keep on working, especially up at Cuyamaca. Even though some of the trails are open, many are not and the equestrian camps need to be rebuilt too. If we have equestrians up there working it will be much harder to keep our camps closed.

Hope this finds you all in good health, and stay that way! Keep the iron side on the trail and the furry side up!

NOLA

BCHC CDS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2004

Called to Order @ 7:02pm

Pledge of Allegiance

- Minutes from last meeting, Jan 04, MSP (Moved, Seconded and Passed)
- Treasurer's Report- Donna Jesse- All bills are paid.
- Sharon Haynesworth completed an audit of the books from the years 2001, 2002 & 2003 and everything is in order, there were no discrepancies.
- Our Trail Whispers newsletter won 3rd place @ BCHC Rendezvous.
- **Top-Hand was announced**
- **The Right to Ride Bill is out of committee and will go to congress house bill. Article in newsletter.**
- **More information of the state wild horse bill, which failed in committee, will come out in the next newsletter. we haven't seen the new ABDSP plan, however the BLM is still behind us to get horses back in the canyon. Kathleen Hayden is in Sacramento today to promote the Coyote Canyon bill.**
- **Trails in Cuyamuca Rancho State Park have made tremendous gains since last Saturday's work party which had about 500 people show up! PVMR had 20 people fed the volunteers. Volunteerism MUST CONTINUE in order to demonstrate the support for the camps to reopen. The park will reopen some trails on May 1st, due to the awesome efforts of the volunteers. Steve Randall will provide an extensive list of what trails will be open and not. Keep yours eyes out for the list.**
- **Service - PLEASE simply down load the work report page from our website and document your work/service hours. Steve is getting lonely with no work to do compiling nothing, he stated. We all know that people are putting in the time and efforts, but we have no documentation. Nola says for each hour of service the state puts forth so much money towards the trails/parks for fire damage repair and FEMA adds to that. Keep up the good work, we need our camps back in use!**
- **BCHC / CdS Poker ride- May 22nd @ Cano Ranch, cooking help is needed for this event. Raffle donations are being accepted and we have some nice ones already. Make sure you have you check in for your reservation so we know how much food to prepare.**
- **National Trails Day. Penasquitos Canyon, We are providing a Trail Tool Packing Demo and Membership booth. There will also be a Poker Ride – June 5 @ same place, sponsored by Ramona Trails Association.**
- **Next meeting will be @ Khandy Franklin-Collin's home in Crest, sometime in late July or August (TBA). It will be a pool/BBQ.**
- **GUEST SPEAKER- Dr. Gary Amaral, topic "Innoculations"**

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by MARCY MILLAR (filling in for Sec.Tauri Cornell)

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors." —Plato

EQUINE DISEASE QUARTERLY

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THE OLD SAYING “AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION is worth a pound of cure” certainly applies to the current practice of vaccination in order to prevent infectious disease. Most horse owners recognize that it is much easier and less expensive to protect their animals through vaccination than it is to treat them once they become infected. For vaccination to be effective, however, it must be administered correctly and at the proper time.

In terms of adult horse, this means administering the proper dosage (s) well in advance of the exposure to the infectious agent. This timing is particularly necessary for primary immunizations, since full protection may not be obtained until a month or more post - vaccination. More rapid protection will be seen following administration of a booster to a previously immunized horse, though even in the case complete protective immunity may not be in place until several days post - vaccination.

The need to vaccinate foals in order to protect them from infectious disease is a widely appreciated; however, the timing of the initial series of vaccinations is a control issue. Foal vaccination is complicated both by the immature status of the foal's immune system and by the presence of maternal antibodies obtained through the ingestion of colostrum.

The newborn foal, like its human counterpart, possesses a fully functional but naive immune system. The neonate is thus capable of responding to a vaccine or infectious agent, but because it represents a primary immune response, it may take a month or more for protective immunity to develop. This delay of protective immunity post-vaccination is why cloistral transfer of maternal antibodies is so important to the foal. The maternal antibodies provide the foal with protection for several months and allow time for the foal's immune system to develop its own protective responses.

Ironically, these antibodies can also inhibit the foal's ability to respond to vaccination by eliminating the antigens in the vaccine before an immune response has the opportunity to develop. This is particularly true in the case of modified live vaccines in which the infectious agents can be neutralized by maternal antibodies. This phenomenon of “maternal interference” is well recognized in puppies and kittens and is only now recognized as a significant issue in foal vaccination. In light of these findings, it is now recommended that no vaccine be administered to foals before four months of age. Vaccination prior to four months of age will likely be ineffective in inducing protective immunity in the foal and could potentially interfere with the immune system's ability to respond later to the same antigens. A better strategy is to enhance the quality of cloistral antibodies by vaccinating the mare four to six weeks prior to foaling.

What does your horse need? Currently the recommendation of annual 4 way (Tetanus, Flu, E & W Encephalitis) in the spring before the mosquitoes arrive.

CERTIFIED WEED FREE FEED ON THE NF, LETTER TO BONNIE DAVIS

Hi Bonnie, my co-worker, Leia, notified me that you are interested in a Forest Order for certified weed free feed. To my knowledge, at this time the Los Padres NF does not require the public to have only certified weed free materials while using the National Forest. I am recommending such a requirement, only for resource protection and invasive species prevention.

I encourage you to participate in the public involvement process the Los Padres, Angeles, San Bernardino, and Cleveland National Forests are conducting for the Land & Resource Management Plan (or Forest Plan) revision(s) and represent your viewpoint on this topic after you have read the draft Forest Plan(s).

I'll be able to help you more when I have studied the draft in more depth as well. The need for a Forest Order can be affected by the content of the Forest Plan. So please contact me with your concerns and ideas. My idea for the Forest Order is to use the same Order that Region 4 of the Forest Service is using. It is simple and thorough and I noticed that it's on the <<http://www.weedfreefeed.com>> link. Region 5 is most of California. However, with an Order, enforcement is unreliable and part of the key to making this concept successful is having local feed stores and farmers/ranchers to get their products certified as weed free and willing to make trading and selling weed free materials available to the consumers and part of their businesses. Then Forest users are more inclined to be responsible regarding exotic species risks.

THE COYOTE CANYON WILD HORSE HERD SB 1294 KILLED IN COMMITTEE

From Trudy Thomas, CA Senator Morrow's office

As expected our bill, SB 1294, to restore the Coyote Canyon herd of wild horses to its native range was killed in the powerful Senate Resources Committee this morning with the votes down strictly partisan lines: the Democrats against, the Republicans for. Senator Morrow was, of course, passionate and brilliant in defending his legislation and the horses and we are delighted to report that Senator Hollingsworth, a committee member, also strongly supported the legislation.

Thankfully, we were at least able to have our witnesses testify so at least the truth was told which refuted categorically UC Davis Wildlife Health Center's bogus study and final report on removal of the herd and exposed State Parks' ongoing vendetta against the horses and, for that matter, against public access to public lands.

As you may know, the little herd persisted in Coyote Canyon, Anza Borrego Desert State Park for at least 100 years. They did not compete for forage with other wildlife nor with domestic cattle or horses. This was the last wild horse herd in Southern California and the only one in California that the public had a chance of seeing in its native range. But Parks' current management plan is to acquire and manage for habitat preservation instead of the old mandate to acquire and manage for public access, safety and enjoyment. In other words, make sure everything is removed that the public might want to see, including the horses, and then draft general plans to lock up these "public" lands in "wilderness" and "culture preserves" designations to make sure the public has no access to its own land.

Some of the most powerful testimony was prepared and read by Barbara J. Ferguson, Vice Chair - Public Lands for Back Country Horsemen of California did a thorough review of Park' UC Davis-commissioned "study/report".

We need to spread the word far and wide how the little lost herd of Coyote Canyon can't come home because of egregious actions of the bureaucrats and their friends in the legislature.

NOTE: BLM has expressed interest to come to the table to work with us and the public to restore and manage the herd. State Parks is the hold-out, standing firm on the pack of lies and half-truths aka their "final report on the removal of the herd." One more point: Don't despair. We are not giving up!

To: Office of Historic Preservation, Rachel Magana

From: Kathleen Hayden

Rachel,

It was nice speaking to you and thank you so much for the contact information. I represent both California State Horsemen's Association (CSHA) and Backcountry Horsemen of California (BCHC) on a task force to rehabilitate the last herd of wild horses in California to their native range in Coyote Canyon. From all of our extensive research this small herd of forty horses has existed in the canyon area for well over a century and are a natural, cultural and historic resource that should be listed. They were referred to as the Ranch Ramuda by pioneers in the late 1800's. Fossil species in this area are listed in the Anza Borrego State Park inventory and date back 6-700,000 years. The species originated in North America and disappeared about 10,000 years ago. They were re-introduced by the Spanish.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated by the above-mentioned organizations and future generations. Without your help this resource will be gone forever.

Thank you, Kathleen Hayden

An Act Of Congress: "Congress finds and declares that wild free-roaming horses and burros are living symbols of the historic and pioneer spirit of the West; (and) that they contribute to the diversity of life forms within the Nation and enrich the lives of the American people ..."



(L) Mares in the Canyon prior to removal, picture taken from <www.adventureware.com>. All of the mares are now in S. Dakota (below) Stallions waiting at Ridgecrest.



NOTES ON COYOTE CANYON and SB1338

SB 1338 (Morrow), the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail bill sponsored by CORVA, which sought to reopen the road through Coyote Canyon in the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, was heard today in the Senate Natural Resources Committee. Even though the bill was voted down in committee, the fight to re-open the road continues due to the Legislative Counsel opinion received by Senator Morrow. This legal opinion has cast a whole new light on the subject. The Legislative Counsel has found that State Parks did not have the authority to close the 3.1-mile portion of the Coyote Canyon Road. Coyote Canyon Road is a highway established pursuant to RS 2477 and jurisdiction has not been relinquished by a city or county, thereby Parks cannot close the road for an environmental reason.

(With Senator Morrow's permission, Legislative Counsel opinion can be forwarded to you via email. Request it from your editor, too long to print here.)

The request for Legislative Counsel opinion was put together from an accumulation of information we have been gathering for several years. My personal thanks to Dan Clifford, San Diego Unit, who researched the Western Aggregates Case. Kat

Sharon Saare and I met a Jeepster in Coyote Canyon the other day who said he doesn't want Turkey Track even repaired.. He says "they" like the 4x4 challenge and it keeps the "riff raff" out. He meant the general public...you know..like kids, senior citizens (me) and the handicapped (me again)

I suggested if all user groups kept these routes in good repair they would have a vested interest in keeping routes open and safe to the public. Soon even the challenged routes will be closed because of the danger; one more reason for agency closure. The Turkey Track portion of the De Anza route is not even safe for a horse, nor is it signed with the historical markers. CDF used to maintain the road and it was drivable with a two wheel drive vehicle. Now it requires a skilled OHV driver with special equipment. We borrowed a jeep 4 cylinder and had to get towed out by the BIG BOYS...we were too grateful to be humiliated. By the way Baileys Cabin is the perfect spot to monitor the wild horse herd...when we get them back. But the road must be useable all year and all the way through. Kat

Horse Terminology

Hock: Financial condition of all horse owners.

Stall: What your rig does at rush hour in an unfamiliar city on the way to a big trail ride.

A Bit: What you have left in your pocket after you've been to your favorite tack shop.

Fence: Decorative structure built to provide your horse with something to chew on.

Pinto: Green coat pattern found on freshly washed light colored horse left unattended for a while.

Well Mannered: Hasn't stepped on, bitten, or kicked anyone for a week.

Lunging: Popular training method in which a horse exercises their owner by spinning them in circles until dizzy.

Gallop: Customary gait a horse chooses when returning to the barn.

Nicely Started: Lunges, but not enough health insurance to even think about riding him.

Colt: What your mare gives you when you want a filly.

Easy to Load: Only takes 3 hours, 4 men, a 50 lb. bag of oats, and a tractor with loader.

Easy to Catch: In a 10x10 stall.

Endurance Ride: End result when your horse spooks and runs away with you.

Hobbles: Walking gait of horse owner after their horse has stepped on their foot.

SHEEP & HORSES

"Wildlife groups" consider the bighorn sheep and the American bison "native" to North America. However, both species actually evolved in Asia and came into North America via the Bering Strait land bridge. The horse, *Equus caballus*, conversely, evolved exclusively in North America and crossed the Bering Strait land bridge into Siberia, traveling in the other direction! *Equus caballus* fully evolved on the North America continent before they supposedly became extinct about 8,000 to 10,000 years ago. So the (wild) horse, *Equus caballus*, is truly a native species to North America contrary to the myth that they are an exotic, non-native species. See <http://www.savewildhorses.org/history.htm>



These Big horn Sheep were photographed by Robert Hayden from the Road on Montazuma Grade a few days ago. There were four in the group.

VOLUNTEERS - ACTIVISTS

In the beginning, organizations like ours formed for social reasons, which soon became political reasons to maintain outdoor recreation opportunities. These organizations exist because of volunteers. Volunteers are an integral part the success and effectiveness of any organization.

Volunteers can be activists. More and more, members becoming activists for a few minutes a month are making a difference.

There are many ways you can become involved for as little as 5 minutes a month. Please take a few minutes to look over the following list of opportunities. Activism is you being active in protecting your rights. Activism starts with ACT.

5 Minutes a Month —

- Leave a copy of your club or association newsletter at work.
- Put a note about your club activities in the company newsletter.
- Call or send an e-mail to your elected official.
- Write a contribution check to a political action fund.
- On your next trail ride, stop and pick up a piece of trash.

15 Minutes a Month —

- Call new club members to welcome them and ask them to get involved.
- Write a "Dear Legislator" letter on a critical issue.
- Write a Letter to a public official to preserve recreation opportunities.
- Write a Letter to the Editor about recreation issues.
- Leave your campsite cleaner than you found it.

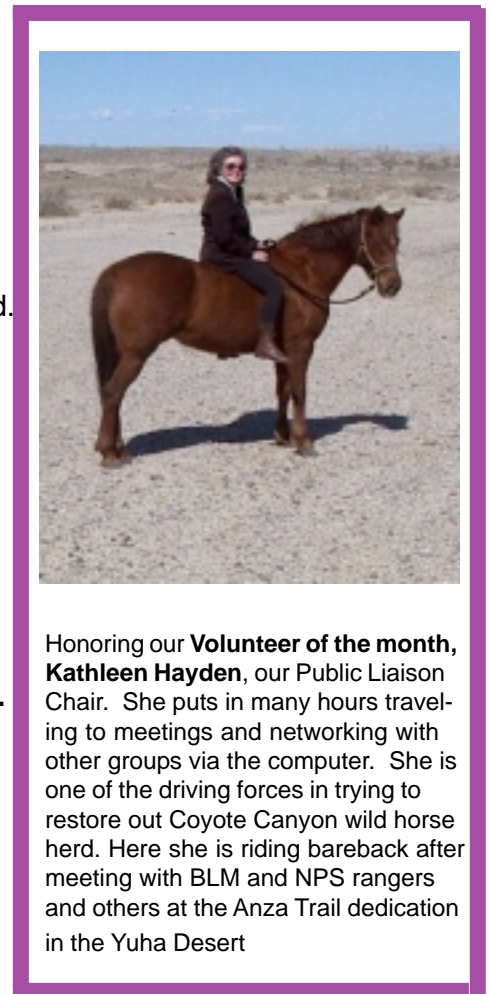
1-2 Hours a Month —

- Write several letters to representatives and editors.
- Get to know your local legislator.
- Become more active in your local club.
- Take membership applications and newsletters to libraries and stores.
- * **Attend a local Planning Board or Board of Supervisors meeting.**
- * **Attend a BLM or Forest Service Public Comment meeting.**
- * **Do PR or Education work.**

3-5 Hours a Month —

- * **Join in to clean up or rebuild a campsite, trailhead or trail.**
- Participate in a club or association committee.
- * **Work with the political committee to elect recreation supportive candidates to office.**
- Take a friend on a club or association outing.

When you do any thing that is in Bold above, please keep track of your hours, milage and whether you used stock or tools. We keep track of these hours and turn them into the State BCHC. They usually add up to a dollar value, when put together, of a million dollars, plus. This gives us quite a bit of clout for the state organization to use when negotiating with the public lands managers for the access we need. Just simply download the work report from the front page of the website or call Steve Randall, his numbers are on the front page sidebar.



Honoring our **Volunteer of the month, Kathleen Hayden**, our Public Liaison Chair. She puts in many hours traveling to meetings and networking with other groups via the computer. She is one of the driving forces in trying to restore out Coyote Canyon wild horse herd. Here she is riding bareback after meeting with BLM and NPS rangers and others at the Anza Trail dedication in the Yuha Desert

UPDATE ON FEE-DEMO HEARING

Scott Silver ssilver@wildwilderness.org

May 06, 2004

This morning, the House's Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on legislation to make fee-demo permanent (HR 3283). What happened might surprise some folks. What happened certainly should be of interest to the media and to organizations that have watched from the sidelines without having become directly involved.

The testimony given by Representative Ralph Regula (R-OH) and by the land management agency representatives was unremarkable. It was a rehash of the same, generally misleading, testimony given on numerous occasions. These witnesses said that park visitation is up, fees stay on site, the public supports the program, etc.. Virtually any fee-demo activist could refute the accuracy of each of these claims but that's old news.

The testimony of the 5 non-agency witnesses who made up the third panel was far more interesting. It is in this testimony where the news peg can be found. Four of the 5 panelists supported fee-demo. Three of the 5 panelists are Members of the Board of Directors of the long-time, chief proponent of opposition to fee-demo came from our friend, Robert Funkhouser, President of the Western Slope No Fee Coalition.

NOT ONE of the presenters on this third panel supported Regula's proposed legislation. NOT ONE. Most said they could not support it as currently written. The ARC directors all supported the introduction of a new, 6 year-duration, fee-demo phase-two program. That proposal was originally floated by the ARC nearly two years ago and has been described in some detail in recent Senate Testimony (April 21). Testimony given by ARC's directors today closely parallels testimony given to the Senate.

The big news from this hearing is that Congressman Udall let the cat out of the bag when he said that the President will soon be introducing a fee-demo bill of his own. It can almost go without saying, that President Bush's yet-to-be-seen legislation will reflect the American Recreation Coalition's current preferred vision for a National Recreation Fee Program. The failure of today's recreation-industry fee-supporters to support Regula's legislation strongly suggests that they are reserving their support for an even harsher piece of legislation that more-explicitly encourages the commercialization and privatization of recreational opportunities on America's public lands.

I encourage people to share their thoughts on fee-demo with the one Congressperson of this subcommittee who expressed misgivings with the Program... that being the ranking minority leader, Donna M. Christian-Christensen (D-VI), phone 202-225-1790, FAX 202-225-5517. I also encourage people to share their thoughts in letters to the editor and with their elected officials. And I'd encourage everyone to become actively engaged in this rapidly escalating fight. Scott

RIGHT TO RIDE BILL PASSES IN SUBCOMMITTEE

On April 22nd H.R. 2966 the "Right to Ride" bill, passed by voice vote in the House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands. The legislation will now be taken up by the full House Resources Committee with another possible hearing in the next few weeks.

H.R. 2966, known as the "Right to Ride Bill," applies to all federal lands managed by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Forest Service.

Specifically the legislation mandates that the lands should be managed by the federal agencies "to preserve and facilitate the continued use and access of pack and saddle stock animals on such lands, including wilderness areas, national monuments, and other specifically designated areas, where there is a historical tradition of such use."

To mediate concerns regarding the bill, some changes were made to the original legislation. Language was added that stated that H.R. 2966 did not give priority or precedence over other multiple users. In addition, language was also included which stated that the Secretary of Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture would retain the authority to issue Special Use Permits as well as continue to authorize emergency closures.

It is important to note that both Representatives Donna Christian-Christensen (D-Virgin Islands), Ranking Member of the House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands and Nick Rahall (D-WV), Ranking Member of the House Resources Committee, have expressed opposition to the legislation.

THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AT 30: WHY WE NEED TO CHANGE IT?

Richard W. Pombo, Chairman House Resources Committee

My daughter fell ill recently, so my wife and I took her to see a pediatrician. After a careful examination, an illness was diagnosed and a treatment was prescribed for her recovery. As I fully expected, she was running around our ranch with her siblings in no time at all. Thanks to years of research and innovation, modern American medicine worked. From the common cold to the worst cases of cancer, government and private research cooperation has led to incredible successes in health care.

By comparison, the Endangered Species Act has given us very little to cheer about on its 30th anniversary. Since its inception, nearly 1,300 species have been listed as threatened or endangered. Yet, not one single species has recovered as a result of the ESA alone.

The bottom line: After 30 years, the ESA has a zero percent rate of success.

Sadly, that is the history of the Endangered Species Act. Born of the best intentions, it has failed to live up to its promise, and species are more threatened today because of its serious limitations. Thirty years of the same prescription has failed. Moreover, despite the evidence, some maintain that we can only use one treatment — the one prescribed 30 years ago.

If these were the statistics of my daughter's pediatrician, I would consult another. If America's health-care system was in the same abysmal condition, there would be a nationwide outcry for reform. But for the last 30 years, the ESA has remained a law that checks species in, but never checks them out. It has been a failing form of managed care. As stewards of the species that inhabit our nation, we can — we must - do better.

Specifically, the "diagnosis" and "treatment" aspects of the law are fatally flawed. They are ambiguous, open to arbitrary personal judgment and do not rely on sound science or peer-reviewed research. Known as "listing" and "critical habitat" respectively, these key elements of the act are responsible for the misdiagnosis of species as endangered or threatened and the application of a one-size-fits-all solution.

When a species is listed for protection, treatment comes in the form of critical habitat designations, which forbid the use of lands by or for anything but the species.

Critical habitat is one of the most perverse shortcomings of the act. It has been interpreted to mean that if an animal is determined to be in trouble, there is only one viable option — to designate critical habitat and "let nature take its course."

This "hands-off" approach fails to recognize the amazing strides in technology, biology and medicine that have lengthened and improved the quality of lives for countless humans. If the doctors told us that our children were in mortal danger from disease, and then recommended that we let "nature take its course," what would we do? What if they told us they had prescribed the same treatment for 1,300 patients over the last 30 years and none of them had recovered? We would certainly seek a second, third or fourth opinion until viable recovery options were found.

To make matters worse, rampant environmental litigation has undermined the already-broken system at the expense of species recovery. In fact, there have been so many lawsuits that the federal critical habitat program went bankrupt this year.

The effect of the lawsuits filed by environmental extremists was aptly described by Craig Manson, the U.S. Interior Department's assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks. "Floods of litigation over critical habitat designations are preventing [us] from protecting new species and reducing [our] ability to recover plants and animals already listed," he said. "Imagine an emergency room where lawsuits force the doctors to treat sprained ankles while patients with heart attacks expire in the waiting room and you've got a good picture of our endangered species program right now.

This flood of detrimental litigation also frustrated the Clinton administration, when then-U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Jamie Rappaport Clark called it a "biological disaster" that had "turned our priorities upside-down. Species in need of protection are having to be ignored. "

The shortcomings and unintended consequences of the ESA have also led to decision-making that defies common sense. The inflexibility in the treatment of endangered species sometimes gives them priority over human beings, but does nothing that actually helps.

In the recent case of the Klamath Basin and the endangered sucker fish, for example, it was determined that the sucker needed water more than the area's farmers needed it to irrigate their crops and feed their families. The result was a devastating loss of family farms, human life and economic vitality.

Or, consider the case of the endangered longhorn elderberry bark beetle and the Arboga levee in California. Weak levees were not able to be repaired because the work might have disturbed the habitat of the endangered beetle. The result: a huge flood broke the levee at the exact point where repairs were needed and three human beings lost their lives.

The list of horror stories that defy logic goes on and on.

Celebrating these failures — as many are doing on the 30th anniversary of the act — is not how we should mark this occasion. Instead, we must begin to improve it for the 21st century.

Congress must focus on legislative reforms that foster the science, technology and innovation that have made America successful in other endeavors. That is precisely what I hope Americans will be wishing for as they blow out the candles on the ESA's anniversary cake. The House Committee on Resources is going to start working on meaningful reforms shortly after the party is over.

Rep. Richard W. Pombo, R-California, is chairman of the House Committee on Resources.
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THE LATEST NEWS ON CUYAMACA

May 1st, some trails opened in all sections EXCEPT the north west quadrant, (north of Paso...all of the peaks), due to so many trees that are down. Merrigan Trail head, and most of the parking along the highway will be opened up. There is still heavy equipment occupying the north section of the Sweetwater Trailhead parking. Limited parking to the South end. BE SURE and check with the park before going up. All phones now work. Look at CRISPIA's web site, www.cuyamaca.us for current information and telephone numbers.

The MAU poker ride is on! It will be from the south end, camping in Merrigan's pasture.

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Trails Maintenance Unit Workpartys

MAY

Saturday, May 15, 8:30AM start. Meet at Oakzanita Ranch (driveway opposite Cuyamaca Rancho State Park sign at south end of park 100' north of 1000 Trails camp ground. Small sign on the driveway, "Oakzanita Ranch", park by corrals.) Pot Luck to follow in afternoon. Register with Bernie Martin at 619-445-1289 or peggy@oakzanitaranch.com

Saturday, May 22, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho day use parking. If TMU member show VIP card or non member, advise kiosk you are a trail work volunteer. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or cmcurtis@pacbell.net.

Saturday, May 29, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho day use parking. Register with John Sproule at 619-390-9737 or jsroule88@hotmail.com

JUNE:

Saturday, June 5, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho day use parking. Register with Matt Jankowicz at 619-749-0254 or matthewjankowicz@ngc.com

Saturday, June 12, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho day use parking. Register with Dave & Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or jerrydave@earthlink.net

Sunday, June 13, 8:30AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Bernie Martin

Saturday, June 19, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis

Sunday, June 20, 8:30AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Bernie Martin

Saturday, June 26, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with John Sproule

JULY

Saturday, July 3, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Matt Jankowicz

Saturday, July 10, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis

Saturday, July 17, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave and Michele Hernandez

Saturday, July 24, 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Terry and Nancy Nickols at 619-588-5235 or terrystickols@mail.escapees.com

Saturday, July 31. 8AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with John Sproule

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 General Meetings will be held quarterly with a special attraction and Potluck or BBQ. Check the back of each newsletter for location and directions to the Next meeting.

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ON-GOING

WEEKLY TRAIL REPAIR

The faster it is repaired the quicker it will all be open! Come out as often as you can!

See the schedual on Page 10

May 15 -16
Cuyamaca Work Party
from the Oakzanita Ranch.

See Page 10

CANCELED

22nd MAY, 2004

Fundraiser Ride

Contact: Nola at 858 278 9088

or trlrider@san.rr.com if you

have questions

6th JUNE

National Trails Day

Tool packing demo

Penasquitos Canyon Preserve

Ranch House

**Poker Ride put on by Ramona
Trails Assn.**

Contact: Kathy 760 789 5790

30 JULY

TRAIL TRIAL

Bonita Valley Horsemen

contact:

Ray or Diane Mansur

619 470 3244

dimanfarn@cox.net

NEXT MEETING

31ST JULY

At Khandy's home in Crest

Pool available a 3 pm

B.O.Y. Meat and Dish to share

Eat at 6 pm, Meeting at 7 pm

Come have FUN !

Below is from the San Diego Vollunteer Fire Recovery Network. The website for info is:

<http://www.sandiegoriver.org/sdfm/CurrentProjects.htm>

May 29: Highpoint Cleanup

(Palomar Mtn) -

A high impact recreational area needs our TLC! We'll be removing trash and generally tidying up this place that is frequented by recreational target shooters (but not on this day!) No hiking. Agency: Cleveland National Forest, Palomar Ranger District.

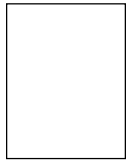
June 5: Inaja Memorial Park Trail Repair (near Santa Ysabel) -

This National Scenic Trail overlooking the beautiful San Diego River Gorge. It is in need of repair. We'll be shoveling, scraping and trimming the trail to prepare it for the summer hiking season. Short walking distance to project area. Agency: Cleveland National Forest, Palomar Ranger District.

June 15: Black Mountain Park Open Space Rehab (in Rancho Penasquitos)

An area that was burned several years ago has suffered some damage due to illegal access. We'll be removing berms and bumps and debris, and preparing the area for re-planting. No hiking, freeway close! Agency: City of San Diego Park and Recreation Dept

Backcountry Horsemen of California
Caballeros del Sol Unit
P.O.Box 12311, El Cajon, CA 92022
(Return Address Requested)



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**THE MAY 22ND RIDE HAS BEEN
CANCELED, SEE INSIDE**

**THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE ON SATURDAY
JULY 31st
WATCH THIS BOX NEXT MONTH
FOR DIRECTIONS**

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