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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Well, it's that time of year again, we elect next years Officers for the club at our next meeting. The only position that seems to be changing this year is that Linda is running for Education Chair, a voting position on the board. You still have time to nominate anyone you wish (please let them know) for any board position at the meeting on the 23rd. Please come to the (short) meeting and the Potluck. We will have a report on what's happening with the Coyote Canyon Wild Horses and we will vote. The meeting is at the home of Linda and Michael Eskin. Information is on the back page of this newsletter. I'm looking forward to a nice visit with you as we only meet once a quarter now. Miss your shining faces!

This will be our last meeting this year, as we don't meet or have our Party in December. We will be having an 'After The Holidays' Party in January again next year, of course we will have the infamous gift game too! Come with a date in mind and think about a place to have it! There will be one more newsletter this calendar year. The November/December issue will be out in mid-to-late November. Your first 2005 issue will arrive after your Christmas mail. .

Hope that you are enjoying some of this beautiful Fall weather to ride! I am beginning to ride Joe again after his injury. Hard to believe that it has been over four months. (Yes, I'm pretty well healed too.) It will be long and slow work to bring his muscles back into condition. Meanwhile try to get out to the Trail Trials at Miramar and/or the San Diego Unit's workparty on the desert the following weekend! Both Flyers are in this edition. Hope to see you soon. Tauri and I are off to the State Board Meeting.

Nola

ps: Check out the website, it's looking really good!
Thanks Linda!

Minutes: BCHC/CdS Board Meeting

September 14th 2004

Call to order 6:15 pm

Treasurer's report given.

Tauri Cornell moved and Donna Jesse seconded to help with State Board Meeting expenses up to \$200.00. Motion passed.

Nola Michel will be running for 2nd Vice President of BCHC, nominated by this CdS unit board by Email poll.

Candace' Ricks/Oathout's EIR report will be on our website. Some shorter ones will be printed in our newsletters. comments.

Donna Jesse moved and Tauri Cornell seconded to send Candace Ricks \$100.00 for a consulting fee for the EIR report. Motion passed.

We need volunteers for the clean-up of Santee Trails headed by Susan Richardson.

Joint trail trial with Flying Hooves Riding Club is a go for November 6th.

We need volunteers in many capacities. Contact Tauri to offer your time and talents.

Nomination Committee has reported that following persons will accept the nominations for the year 2005:

President: Nola Michel

Vice President: Darrah Glynn

Secretary: Tauri Cornell:

Tresuraer: Donna Jesse

Public Liaision: Kathleen Hayden

Education Chair: Linda Eskin

Member at Large: Sharon Haysworth

Any further Nominations can be taken fro the floor at the next meeting, October 23rd, and will be voted on at that meeting. Installation of Officers will be held at our Annual 'After the Holidays Party in January

Adjourned 7:00pm

BCHC MEMBERS FINISH THE PACIFIC CREST TRAIL

From an email 9 October 2004

Hi

We made it to the Canadian Border on Sept. 15 at high noon. It was snowing, very cold. We did not want the hassle crossing the border so we touched the monument, signed in, took pictures and headed back 10 miles. Then another two days to Meadow Campground, then covered in snow, frozen snaps, frozen tent poles, tent and gear all covered in snow, we left the PCT via Harts Pass road down to Robinson Campground on Sept. 18, to get started on our journey home.

Jane Byram and friends took us to a Bed & Breakfast where we stayed till our ride home could come and get us. Ed Sher picked us up and we started home to Southern California. Stopped at his place for a one-day rest then headed home.

The trail was a lot tougher than I thought. We have worked on the Pacific Crest Trail in Southern California and rode the first 200 miles many times and knew where all the water and graze was. The next section, "C" was all new. New arch bridges washed out trails, down trees, and tight spots for pack saddles.

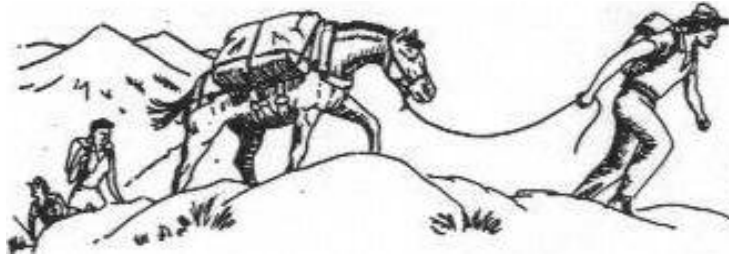
The trail was tough on the horses. Hikers climbed over all obstacles, we had to cut trees, build trail and just push through obstacles. Too much snow. They called this a fast melt year. Snow drifts were hard to deal with. Snow covered the whole trail, we had to tie up and scout around to find the trail. We hit snow many, many days.

I kept thinking, okay we are done with the snow but it just kept coming. The catwalk was easy, compared to the Goat Rocks and Old Snowy. We were told no snow on Old Snowy, it's a Glacier, snow stays on it all year round. Steep, narrow, high and snow! Our saddle horse slipped and fell on the last step to dry ground. She recovered on the dry ground, and the boys followed without slipping. Any mistake on this and many sections and your horse is dead!

Horses all did very well. All sound. They started to loose weight at the very end and the packhorses got sores on their backs. Too many miles, too many days. Everyone said they looked great. I even went for a ride with Denise the gal who runs the B&B and Linda felt so good she just wanted to go.

David and Arleene Foster

Linda, saddle horse, Cozad & Jr. pack horses



Budget problems threaten parkland buys in California

The Associated Press

October 9th , 2004

SACRAMENTO (AP) - California has stopped acquiring land for state parks for the foreseeable future because it can't afford to staff and maintain new parkland, according to a newspaper report.

Facing a budget deficit next year of up to \$10 billion, state public works officials quietly decided in March to stop accepting or buying new parkland, the San Jose Mercury News reported.

Following outcries from environmentalists and conservationists, however, the California Public Works Board agreed Friday to add 1,000 acres of redwoods to Castle Rock State Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

But in a compromise with park supporters, the board also decided to keep the newly acquired acreage unmarked and closed to public access to save money.

"We're not anti-park or anti-acquisition," said Bob Campbell, general counsel for the governor's Finance Department. "But we are mindful of the budget situation. And we have to take that into account." Critics of the plan suspending new acquisitions point out that voters have approved more than \$10 billion in bond money for new parks and water projects over the past four years. Some argued that no other California governor has halted all land purchases for parks, even during the Depression.

Fred Keeley, a former Santa Cruz assemblyman who helped write several recent parks bond measures, said the policy was against the wishes of the voters.

"They haven't stopped acquiring lands for new prisons or DMV offices. Somehow they have singled out state parks for special punishment," he said.

The Mercury News reported that so far this year, the Public Works Board has approved the acquisition of 4,075 additional acres for state parks, mostly in small pieces next to existing parks. By comparison, the board acquired a total of 62,969 acres in 2002 and 2003.

Big cats: We need balance

Pasadena Star-News - Opinion

If wildlife lovers (and who isn't) think the problems with mountain lion attacks come from people, they're right. Only it's not folks horning in on lion territory.

No, it was overzealous environmentalism that convinced voters to make the magnificent cats a protected species in 1990. Because wildlife officials can no longer manage the lions, which sometimes entails killing them, lions have multiplied to the point where there are just too many cats for the habitat and food source.

While there have been no definitive counts of lions in the state, other factors lead wildlife officials to conclude the lions have increased dramatically.

Foremost is an increase in the number of lions in long-urbanized areas. In other words, prior to 1990 and the prohibition on killing the virtual predator-free lion, the cats were never seen in such close contact with humans. Now attacks on humans lions see us as prey, nothing more and sightings of lions in long-established residential areas have increased.

Deer and elk are the lion's preferred food. But overcrowding has led more lions to seek out other prey, often in areas beyond their range.

The number of big horn sheep in the San Gabriel Mountains has been steadily declining over the past decade. Experts put their population at about 160. The state Department of Fish and Game believes the lions are the cause of decimated sheep populations here and in neighboring San Bernardino mountains.

Fish and Game, along with the U.S. Forest Service, are attempting to gain a better understanding of the extent of the predation of these protected herds through global positioning system technology.

Officials plan to affix \$5,000 GPS collars to four lions and up to 25 big horn sheep. A special signal is activated if an animal doesn't move for 12 days, usually indicative of death. Wildlife specialists can then track the signal and determine the cause of death. Signals from the animals are transmitted twice daily.

We have long called for action to stop the decline of big horn in our mountains and pointed to the increased mountain lion population as the likely cause of their decline. We are happy Fish and Game has decided to at least verify the kills so relocation of either the lions or the sheep might be accomplished.

Some wildlife biologists, however, believe lion relocation is seldom successful and that removing lions simply opens up the territory for more.

The lions deserve some protection, that's why hunters aren't allowed to take them indiscriminately, but certainly we need to protect the other wild species that may quite literally disappear down the throats of these powerful animals, forced by their own numbers to risk death in suburban neighborhoods to find food.

Balance, it's what nature provides and man, despite good intentions, so often skews. We must allow wildlife experts an opportunity to not only save the big horn but to keep the mountain lions healthy in distant habitat for their own sake.

WELCOME TO HAA

I AM a horse-aholic. I would like to welcome all of you to this month's online meeting of Horse-Aholics Anonymous. You may be sitting there thinking that you are OK, and don't really need any help. It is not easy to realize that you are a horse-aholic, and even harder to bring Yourself to a HAA meeting for help. HAA is here to Assist you. I have some questions to ask to try to determine if you can be helped.

1. Can you say 'sheath' in public without blushing?
2. Do you know exactly what 'snaffle' means? (No, it is not a drink!)
3. Do you drive a truck with some type of towing package and/or dual rear wheel when everyone else you know drives a real car?
4. Do you have more than one type of trailer because you own horses?
5. Do you spend your holidays going to shows, sales, clinics, and seminars when everyone else goes on a cruise?
6. Do you discuss things at the dinner table that would make a doctor leave in disgust?
7. Do you consider formal wear clean jeans and freshly scraped boots?
8. Does the inside of your home look like your interior decorator is 'State Line Tack'?
9. Do you often have barn boots on your front porch?
10. Is your mail made up primarily of breed magazines and horse catalogs?
11. Do your shirt pockets often contain bits of feed, hay, and empty syringe covers?
12. Do you worry about paying your monthly feed bill before you think of paying your electric bill?
13. When you meet a person, do you ask how many horses they have, and pity them if the answer is none?
14. Do you remember the name of a great-great-great grandsire when you can't remember your own Great grandfather's name?
15. Is your primary dream in life to breed the perfect foal?
16. Do you find non-horse people boring?
17. Is 99% of your e-mail about horses?
18. Do you have a collection of bits even larger than your collection of horses?
19. Does your halter collection include more than four foal halters, all the same size?
20. Do you know more than five people this list fits exactly?

If you answered YES to three of these questions, you are in pretty good shape. You will lead a long, dull life, and never call your mother and tell her, "I'm in the hospital, but everything is fine! The horse is ok."

If you answered YES to 10, you are in serious trouble. Give in gracefully, and become a member of Horse-Aholics Anonymous now... You will qualify eventually anyway.

Attention: Environmental Coordinator; Tina Robinson, CEQA Coordinator
Southern Service Center
California Department of Parks & Recreation
8885 Rio San Diego, Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92108

Re: Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

To whom it may concern:

I make the comments contained in this letter on behalf the following equestrian groups: Backcountry Horsemen of California, Antelope Valley Unit, where I am the Vice President of Public Lands; Equestrian Trails, Inc., of which I am a representative in this instance; and Antelope Valley Trails, Recreation, and Environmental Council, of which I am the Legislative Advisor. The membership of these groups, combined, total over 5,000 equestrians. All of these citizens of the State of California have an interest in preserving their historic right to ride on public lands, and preserving trails, trailheads, and campgrounds within Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

I am not going to comment on any particular alternative; the alternatives (and indeed, the idea of the General Plan) are moot in the face of the closure of trails to equestrians, without the implementation of the required CEQA public process, or indeed, any public input whatsoever. Instead, I will comment on passages found throughout the DEIR which require, in my view, rebuttal.

The DEIR purports to seek to preserve the "natural, cultural, and scenic resources" of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. I certainly agree that these resources should be protected, but disagree that the defacto elimination of an historic and cultural use, horseback riding, would be at odds towards that purpose. Indeed, if Anza-Borrego, to this date, contains so many outstanding natural features, as the DEIR catalogs at great length, and by virtue of its being named as an International Biosphere Reserve, then it is obvious that 500 years of equestrian use has not been detrimental to Anza-Borrego. If you disagree with the foregoing, then state the scientific basis upon which you claim recreational horseback riding on historic trails has been detrimental to any resource since no evidence to support removal of this recreational activity has been included in the DEIR.

Despite the fact that the DEIR states, at page P-4, that focused management plans for camping, roads and trails, among other things, will be prepared subsequent to the adoption of the DEIR, a "trail management plan" has been adopted, de facto, already, without the proper public review and to the extreme detriment of equestrians by their unprecedented virtual elimination on all of the historic trails (with the only exception being the parts of the Pacific Crest Trail and the California Riding & Hiking Trail that traverse Anza-Borrego and which trails have been mandated by state proclamation as "riding trails"). In fact, no other state park in California has eliminated equestrians from all trails.

Further, as the largest area of State Wilderness in California, and since the State's concept of wilderness was modeled after the federal government's definition of wilderness as defined by the landmark Wilderness Act of 1964 (which specifically protects equestrian recreation in wilderness areas), then the State's unjustified restriction of the historic use of horses and livestock in wilderness areas is manifestly unfair and arbitrary and appears to be set according to the tastes and preferences of the current anti-equestrian administrators. This form of recreation is not a "fashion" or a newfangled mode of transportation; horses are the very basis of the our history, and particularly as it pertains to travels across wilderness and open areas. Please state the basis, scientific or otherwise, for the interpretation of State Wilderness that excludes equestrians.

Throughout the DEIR, the former activities of humans are described in detail, from mining to ranching to military uses, and yet now when none of these uses, which defined the character of Anza-Borrego in its recent history, are still existing, equestrians are only recently being perceived as a threat to the environment or ecology of the park. There appears to be an agenda to try to restore Anza-Borrego to some sort of "pre-European" condition, although the stamp of human history will always remain, and should not be erased. Indeed, at page 2-72, the DEIR states, "In December 1941, the State Park Commission further expanded and dedicated the Anza Desert State Park to the memory of Colonel de Anza and all of the other pioneers and settlers." The DEIR details the many historic roads and trails that carried the traffic of our ancestors, from the recent past to over 5,000 years ago, and yet riding a horse along one of these trails, in the opinion of the current park managers, will somehow degrade that which was created by equestrians. Prove the logic, with scientific particularity, how equestrian traffic will degrade the historic trails, and specifically the de Anza Trail, the Mormon Battalion Trail, and the Jackass Mail Trail, as well as the California Riding & Hiking Trail, which has been closed in sections within Anza-Borrego.

At page 2-32, the DEIR states, "Many researchers have described soil disruption, plant trampling, and erosive effects of equestrian activity," and goes on to cite Widner and Marion 1993. In fact, this study describes that horses can cause disruptive activity if not managed properly, but in the full assessment, Widner and Marion conclude in the DEIR's own cited study, "horse traffic is not the single most important agent contributing to trail degradation," and that equestrians can be no more or less damaging to a resource than hikers or other forms of recreation. The study went on to describe particular instances where equestrians can be educated to minimize or eliminate impacts on the environment and recommended, "Visitor education is one of the few actions which can accomplish both objectives [protecting visitor freedom (from regulations) and protecting environment]. Introducing horse users to

the consequences of their use and encouraging them to adopt improved low-impact horse use practices can greatly reduce impacts and may eliminate the need for more direct and restrictive regulations.” With the elimination of equestrians from the trails within Anza-Borrego, it appears that the authors of the DEIR ignored the recommendations found in their own cited study. Further, the DEIR does not cite any studies proving that horses “spread ... exotic vegetation,” (and again at page 3-25) and in fact, there are no valid studies that can prove this. Studies conducted by Dr. Rob Atwill of University of California at Davis have concluded that horses are not vectors of exotic weed seeds.

In the cataloging of the endangered plant species within the park, a curious notation is found at page 2-50, “This plant [Arizona Carlowrightia] occurs along regularly used hiking trails and is likely to be impacted by passing hikers.” This sentence appears to contain an oxymoronic statement; how can a plant thrive along a hiking trail, and yet be in danger from hikers? To the contrary, it would seem from this casual, unattributed citation that hiking trails actually aid the survival of this particular species. My point is this: throughout this section of the DEIR, the personal observation of the rangers are cited regarding various plant and animal species, but with such confusing conclusions as the one found on page 2-50, just how accurate and scientific and unbiased are any of those findings, and how can these potentially misleading prejudiced personal observations be justifiable means for trail closures, or any other recreational restrictions?

Although at page 2-106, the DEIR states, “Equestrians use can be a great opportunity to enjoy the Park in the same way as early pioneers,” a conflicting statement is found at page 2-90, “. . . Equestrians are not allowed to travel off of the roads in the Park.” In practice, equestrians are constrained from a great opportunity to enjoy the Park in the same way as the early pioneers—modern equestrians cannot travel on the same routes that those very pioneers traveled by horseback.

In the proposed updated Declaration of Purpose, found at page 3-6 in the DEIR, there is reference to “. . . making available these treasured qualities and experiences for present and future generations.” A large part of what makes Anza-Borrego so treasured and so unique is the opportunity to imagine life as a pioneer or a settler as one crosses the desert using the same mode of transportation they used so many years ago. I would hope that my daughter can have that same experience without the interference of park managers who so obviously have a personal bias against equestrians. In order to preserve cultural sites, at page 3-31, the DEIR states, “Mitigative measure should be implemented where appreciable damage to sites is identified.” There is no reason why mitigation through trail rerouting, or other viable methods, cannot be used to reopen trails to equestrians in order to protect any nearby resources. The park’s own rangers patrol trails, currently closed to the equestrian public, by horseback, so obviously equestrian usage is not deemed to be a danger to cultural resources that requires the park to find alternatives to equestrian patrols! It’s the “do as I say, not as I do” attitude that is so hostile and seemingly arbitrary. Furthermore, at page 3-35 of the DEIR, it states, “Include outreach efforts to develop partnerships with and support from the community for. . . environmental education.” The paper regarding horse impacts, cited earlier, written by Widner and Marion, was a treatise on the education of the equestrian public in the “leave no trace” backcountry ethic, and yet the park has made no effort whatsoever to include partnerships with any recreational stakeholders, let alone equestrians. Certainly, there exist many equestrian groups, including the DEIR’s own study authors, that advocate the education of equestrians (and indeed all backcountry recreationalists) and includes my own group, the Backcountry Horsemen of California, which conducts workshops throughout the state on proper backcountry etiquette. The Backcountry Horsemen of California is ready and willing to form a partnership with the park to educate equestrians on the proper way to travel in the backcountry to minimize or eliminate impacts. I would hope that, as stated at page 3-59, “This Plan may restore some gentle use on historic trails or keep the historic trail intact and provide a parallel route along the same corridor,” and that the trails historically used by equestrians be reopened.

I would hope that the park, after the unprecedented and unwarranted helicopter stampeding and then illegal removal of the wild horses of Anza-Borrego in 2003, resulting in tragic consequences for those horses and a loss of that historic resource—which is a federally protected historic resource—without cause and without the required public process, would consider improving its relationship with the equestrian public.

The above comments are by no means to be considered a comprehensive list of the concerns I have regarding the DEIR. I reserve the right to continue to comment on and object to any future, unforeseen, and unfortunately predictably negative changes to the management of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

May I also add, as a personal note, that I have been visiting Anza-Borrego Desert State Park since I was an infant, over 45 years ago. Throughout my lifetime, I have hiked, backpacked, camped, flown over, jeeped, horseback ridden, and horse camped in just about every part of Anza-Borrego, and along all of the historic trails that criss-cross the park. I love this park as much or more than any of the authors of the DEIR, and hope to continue to enjoy it in the future with a view from the top of a horse, and employing the sound, low impact horsemanship and backcountry skills that I have always used to protect such treasured resources.

As Edward Abbey wrote over 35 years ago in *Desert Solitaire*, “Let the people walk. Or ride horses. . .”

Sincerely, Marcy A. Watton
Representative of: Antelope Valley Unit, Backcountry Horsemen of California; Equestrian Trails, Inc.; Antelope Valley Trails, Recreation, and Environmental Council
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**NO GLITZ! NO GLAMOUR!
JUST AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE!**

2004 “Nitty-Gritty” Trail Trial

*Sponsored by Flying Hooves Riding Club &
BackCountry Horsemen of California-Caballeros del Sol*

The competition will be on November 6th, 2004 at Miramar Stables, Miramar Way and Interstate 15.

There will be 10 obstacles with an added twist of possible scenarios.

Prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in both Junior and Senior divisions
with ribbons to tenth.

There are only open divisions, NO novice.

What’s Happening:

Check in from 7:00 AM – 10:45 AM at the Show Booth

Competition fee is \$20.00

(includes \$3.00 mandatory drug fee)

First rider out at 8:30 AM, Last rider out at 11:00 AM

Lunch available at the Pavilion from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

(\$5.00 gets you a hot dog, drink, chips, and a dessert)

Awards: 3:00 PM

Raffle?! Opportunity drawing?

??? QUESTIONS ???

Check the Participant Handbook or
Contact Tauri Cornell (858) 484-3495 or
roadappleranch@hotmail.com

Backcountry Horsemen San Diego Unit

Anza Borrego State Park Trail Project

November 11 to 14 rain or shine!

Arrive as early as Thursday and stay until Sunday.

Please join your fellow Backcountry Horsemen at our 10th Annual volunteer trail project in Anza Borrego. Enjoy luxury camping with corrals, clean bathrooms and a hot shower at Vern Whitaker Horse Camp. Corral space is limited so please send in your reservations today. If you can't attend but wish to support us with a donation to our Trail Project Fund please see the form below.

Donations to our Saturday night's raffle are always welcome!

Bring the whole family. Children under 18 eat for FREE Saturday night!

Corrals for the kids' horses are FREE!

ALL UNITS ARE INVITED. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Reservations MUST be made IN ADVANCE through the BCHC San Diego Unit, using the form provided below.

All volunteers must be current members of BCHC Inc.

This project involves moderate to heavy physical work and hiking. Bring your own food (except Saturday night), horse feed, water bucket, favorite trail tools (such as Loppers & Pruners), work gloves, hiking boots, eye protection, sunscreen, drinking water, water bottles/canteen and sack lunch.

Please remember to bring a backpack/fanny pack to carry your gear!

Thursday- Travel Day. Arrive to camp and settle in, enjoy the trails and beautiful campsites.

Friday- Travel Day, trail work optional. Evening campfire stories with potluck dessert.

Saturday- This is our primary volunteer day. We will continue with our improvements of the Lower Willows Trail. In the evening we will enjoy a group campfire, raffle, campfire program and one of Linda Marshall's "World Famous" chicken dinners. Enjoy the company of the best BCHers you'll ever meet.

Sunday- This is your day to enjoy, trail work optional. Ride on your own or gather up some friends and ride. Some folks might find a few chores to finish but this is not considered a workday.

Reservation and Donation Form Borrego Project Nov. 11 to 14

Mail Completed Form to: BCHC San Diego Unit c/o Tom Marshall

4445 Estate Drive Fallbrook, CA 92028-9311

Please reserve ____ corrals for the following persons:

Name and Address: _____ BCHC Unit: _____
Phone: () _____

Name and Address: _____

Name and Address: _____

Name and Phone(s) of Emergency Contact: _____

____ Corrals @ \$5 donation per night per horse X # ____ nights = \$ ____

____ Free corrals for children's horses

____ Saturday night dinners @ \$10 donation each (Menu: Chicken, potatoes and salad)

____ Children - Age/Names : _____ - (under 18 EAT and CAMP FOR FREE!)

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____

Total enclosed = \$ _____ payable to BCHC SD Unit.

I am unable to attend but wish to donate \$ _____

All proceeds to benefit the BCHC San Diego Unit Trail Project Fund

Backcountry Horsemen of California Inc. is a Non-Profit C4 Corporation dedicated to preserving the historic use of saddle and pack stock on public lands. Personal donations are generally not tax deductible, ask your tax advisor. Membership is required to attend this project. All BCHC units are invited.

Contact Tom or Linda Marshall for more information 760-731-0444 Traleman1@aol.com

Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Trails Maintenance Unit

OCTOBER:

Saturday, October 23, 8:30AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho, Register with Bernie and Peggy Martin at 619-445-1289 or peggy@oakzanitaranch.com

Saturday, October 30, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or cmcurtis@pacbell.net.

NOVEMBER:

Saturday, November 6, 9AM start. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or jerrydave@earthlink.net

Saturday, November 13, 9AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Bernie and Peggy Martin at 619-445-1289 or peggy@oakzanitaranch.com

Saturday, November 20, 9AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Terry and Nancy Nickols at 619-588-5235 or terrynicks@mail.escapees.com

Saturday, November 27, 9AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or cmcurtis@pacbell.net.

DECEMBER:

Saturday, December 4, 9AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Terry and Nancy Nickols at 619-588-5235 or terrynicks@mail.escapees.com

Saturday, December 11, 9AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or cmcurtis@pacbell.net.

Saturday, December 18, 9AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or jerrydave@earthlink.net

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.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

October 23rd , 4:00 PM

Linda Eskin's home

Potluck to follow.

**See page Back Page for
map**

CRSP 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

TRAIL TRIALS

MIRMAR STABLES

BCHC-CdS / FHRC

NOVEMBER 6th 2004

**Info & Registration forms
on the Website ater 20th
Sept.**

***NOVEMBER 11-14 2004**

Annual BCHC-SD

Vern Whitaker-Anza

**Borrego Campout and
work party.**

Contact: Tom Marshall

760 731 0444

See Flyer this issue

**UNIT BOARD PLANNING
MEETING**

TO BE ANOUNCED

PROBABLY BETWEEN

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

CDS Unit

"AFTER THE HOLIDAYS"

party

Tenitive date

Jan 8th 2005

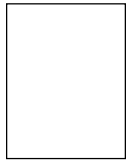
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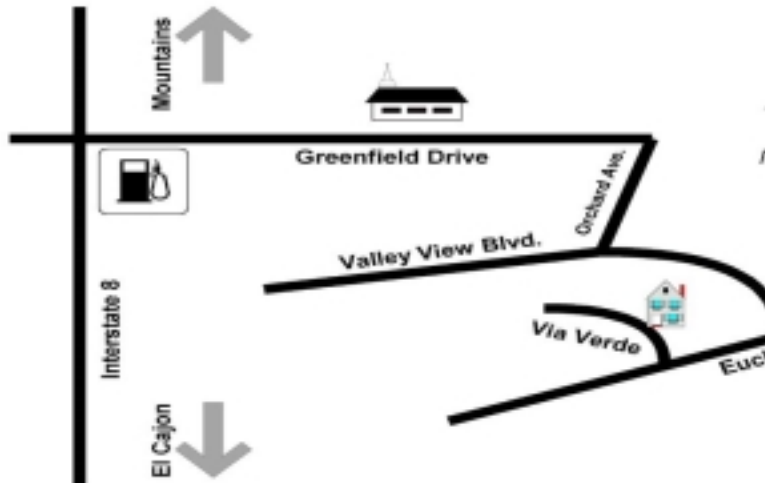
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GENERAL MEETING WILL BE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23RD 4:00 PM
GENERAL MEETING AND POTLUCK
LINDA ESKIN'S 2235 VIA VERDE 619 441 7675
POTLUCK TO FOLLOW



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