Dear BCHA Member,

As a member of Back Country Horsemen of America, you understand the critical role our organization plays in safeguarding equestrian access to public lands. Across the nation, our members commit countless volunteer hours, pack stock, and traditional trail skills to keep backcountry corridors open, safe, and accessible for everyone.

To sustain this vital work, our local chapters require reliable resources. We are writing today to invite your support for the BCHA Chapter Grants Program—a dedicated fund designed to directly empower boots-on-the-ground trail stewardship.

The Direct Impact of Chapter Grants

Local chapters are BCHA's greatest strength. They respond rapidly to storm damage, clear hazardous blowdowns, reconstruct eroded tread, and maintain historical routes that public land agencies often lack the budget or personnel to address.

However, major trail maintenance projects require more than volunteer dedication. They demand specialized resources, including:

- Traditional Hand Tools & Equipment: Crosscut saws, axes, rigging, and safety gear that meet wilderness standards.
- Pack Stock Support: Packing supplies, feed, and logistics required to haul heavy tools and materials into remote wilderness areas.
- Infrastructure Materials: Lumber, hardware, and gravel needed to repair critical bridges, puncheons, and water bars.
- Volunteer & Youth Training: Formal education in wilderness trail maintenance, safety protocols, and traditional packing arts to cultivate the next generation of stewards.

How Your Contribution Helps

The BCHA Chapter Grants Program provides direct, competitive grant funding to local chapters undertaking high-priority, time-sensitive stewardship initiatives. By eliminating funding bottlenecks, these grants ensure that local initiatives can move from planning to execution without delay.

Partner With Us Today

Ensuring continued equestrian access to America's public lands requires ongoing vigilance and sustained investment. Please consider making a contribution to the BCHA Chapter Grants Program today by clinking the link below or use the QR code.

Keeping Trails Open for All

Craig Ferdig, BCHA Chairman

Chapter Support Grants
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