



Back Country Horsemen of America

LIGHT ON THE LAND

BCHA PUBLIC LANDS

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QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS TO BETTER SHARPEN OUR PUBLIC LAND FOCUS

- SHOW OF HANDS: STATES THAT HAVE CHAPTERS THAT WORK ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS.
- SHOW OF HANDS: STATES WITH NO (ZERO) CHAPTERS WORKING ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS.

QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS TO BETTER SHARPEN OUR PUBLIC LAND FOCUS

FOR THOSE STATES WITH CHAPTERS VOLUNTEERING ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS:

- WHO HAS CHAPTERS WORKING ON **NATIONAL FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS**?
- WHO HAS CHAPTERS WORKING ON **BLM PUBLIC LANDS**?
- WHO HAS CHAPTERS WORKING ON **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE** ADMINISTERED LANDS?
- WHO HAS CHAPTERS WORKING ON **US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS** MANAGED FACILITIES?
- CHAPTERS WORKING ON **US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE** AND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES (E.G., AK KENAI)?
- OTHER – DID I MISS ANY FEDERAL AGENCY? BIA? BUREAU OF RECLAMATION?

U.S. FOREST SERVICE (USFS)*

- UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
- FOUNDED 1905
- *MISSION: THE MISSION OF THE FOREST SERVICE IS TO SUSTAIN THE HEALTH, DIVERSITY, AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE NATION'S FORESTS AND GRASSLANDS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.*

- BCHA STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS AND/OR WORKING RELATIONSHIPS: 22
- BCHA STATES ONLY WORKING WITH USFS: 8

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)*

- UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
- FOUNDED 1946
- *MISSION: THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S MISSION IS TO SUSTAIN THE HEALTH, DIVERSITY, AND PRODUCTIVITY OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.*
- *RECREATION FOR ALL: WE WILL WORK TO ENSURE THAT ALL FAMILIES NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT, CAMP, FISH, HIKE AND PLAY ON OUR PUBLIC LANDS.*

• BCHA STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS AND/OR WORKINGS RELATIONSHIPS: 8

• BCHA STATES ONLY WORKING WITH BLM: 0

NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE (NPS)*

- UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
- FOUNDED 1916
- *MISSION: THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PRESERVES UNIMPAIRED THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES AND VALUES OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM FOR THE ENJOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND INSPIRATION OF THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE COOPERATES WITH PARTNERS TO EXTEND THE BENEFITS OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND OUTDOOR RECREATION THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD.*

- BCHA STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS AND/OR WORKING RELATIONSHIPS: **10**

- BCHA STATES ONLY WORKING WITH NPS: **0**

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (COE)*

- UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
- AUTHORIZED 1812
- *MISSION: DELIVER VITAL ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR PARTNERS, TO SECURE OUR NATION, ENERGIZE OUR ECONOMY, AND REDUCE DISASTER RISK.*

- BCHA STATES HAVING AGREEMENTS AND/OR WORKING RELATIONSHIPS: 9

- BCHA STATES ONLY WORKING WITH COE: 1

NOTE:

- **BCHA STATES LISTING NO AGREEMENTS AND/OR WORKING RELATIONSHIPS: 2**
- **BCHA STATES ALL 4 AGENCIES AGREEMENTS AND/OR WORKING RELATIONSHIPS: 2**

QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL DIRECTORS TO BETTER SHARPEN OUR PUBLIC LAND FOCUS

FOR THOSE STATES WITH **FEW TO NO** CHAPTERS WORKING ON FEDERALLY-ADMINISTERED LANDS, HOW MANY ARE LOCATED IN:

- THE MIDWEST?
- THE EASTERN STATES?
- SOUTHEAST?
- GREAT LAKES?
- WEST? (INCLUDING TEXAS AND ALASKA!)

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FOR THOSE STATES WITH FEW TO NO CHAPTERS WORKING ON FEDERALLY-ADMINISTERED LANDS, WHO HAS CHAPTERS WORKING **PRIMARILY** ON:

- **STATE** PARKS, DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FISH & GAME RESERVES, ETC.?
- **COUNTY** OR **CITY** LANDS (E.G., AL McCLELLAN)?
- PRIVATE LANDS?
- OTHER?

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BETTER PARTNER WITH AGENCIES?

INFORMATION! INFORMATION! INFORMATION!

- ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (REGIONAL, DISTRICT, AREA, ETC.)
- OPERATIONAL GUIDING DOCUMENTS (GENERAL MGMT. PLAN, FOREST PLAN, ETC.)
- USE BCHA RESOURCES (PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE, PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE, ETC.)

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WHAT ARE THE **BIGGEST NEEDS** THAT BCHA MIGHT HELP
ADDRESS IN TERMS OF PUBLIC LAND ISSUES FOR YOUR
STATE?



What is the National Trails System?



The National Trails System Act of 1968 established a national system of trails in the United States to promote the preservation of, public access to, and enjoyment of outdoor areas and historic resources, including four trail categories:

- **National Scenic Trails**
- **National Historic Trails**
- **National Recreation Trails**
- **Connecting/Side Trails**

National Scenic Trails

- **Appalachian:** Length: 2,190 miles
States: ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, NY, NJ, PA, MD, WV, VA, TN, NC
- **Arizona:** Length: 800 miles
States: AZ
- **Continental Divide:** Length: 3,100 miles
States: MT, ID, WY, CO, NM
- **Florida:** Length: 1,300 miles
States: FL
- **Ice Age:** Length: 1,000 miles
States: WI
- **Natchez Trace:** Length: 65 miles
States: MS
- **New England:** Length: 215 miles
States: CT, MA
- **North Country:** Length: 4,600 miles
States: MI, MN, ND, NY, OH, PA, VT, WI
- **Pacific Crest:** Length: 2,650 miles
States: CA, OR, WA
- **Pacific Northwest:** Length: 1,200 miles
States: ID, MT, WA
- **Potomac Heritage:** Length: 710 miles
States: DC, MD, PA, VA

National Historic Trails

- **Ala Kahakai** Length: 175 miles States: HI
- **Butterfield Overland** Length: 3,292 miles States: AR, AZ, CA, MO, NM, OK, TX
- **California**: Length: 5,600 miles States: CA, CO, ID, KS, MO, NE, NV, OR, UT, WY
- **Captain John Smith Chesapeake**: Length: 3,000 miles States: VA, MD, DE, DC, PA, NY
- **Chilkoot**: Length: 16.5 miles States: AK
- **El Camino Real de los Tejas**: Length: 2,600 miles States: TX, LA
- **El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro**: Length: 404 miles States: NM, TX
- **Iditarod**: Length: 2,400 miles States: AK
- **Juan Bautista de Anza**: Length: 1,200 miles States: AZ, CA
- **Lewis and Clark**: Length: 4,900 miles States: ID, IL, IA, KS, MO, MT, NE, ND, OR, SD, WA
- **Mormon Pioneer**: Length: 1,300 miles States: IL, IA, NE, UT, WY
- **Nez Perce** (Nee-Me-Poo): Length: 1,170 miles States: ID, OR, MT, WY
- **Old Spanish**: Length: 2,700 miles States: AZ, CA, CO, NV, NM, UT
- **Oregon**: Length: 2,170 miles States: ID, KS, MO, NE, OR, WA, WY
- **Overmountain Victory**: Length: 330 miles States: NC, SC, TN, VA
- **Pony Express**: Length: 2,000 miles States: CA, CO, KS, MO, NE, NV, UT, WY
- **Santa Fe**: Length: 1,203 miles States: CO, KS, MO, NM, OK
- **Selma to Montgomery**: Length: 54 miles States: AL
- **Star-Spangled Banner**: Length: 560 miles States: DC, MD, VA
- **Trail of Tears**: Length: 5,045 miles States: AL, AR, GA, IL, KY, MO, NC, OK, TN
- **Washington-Rochambeau**: Length: 700 miles States: MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, DC

National Recreation Trails

- **Approximately 1400 National Recreation Trails**
- **Subsets include:**
 - Rails Trails & Side and Connecting Trails**
 - National Water Trails**

**Does your State, any Chapters or Members within your State,
routinely provide volunteer hours on any of the 32 National Scenic &
Historic Trails?**

- **Did Not Answer: 1**
- **No: 16**
- **Yes: 11**

Trails Listed:

Appalachian Trail

Arizona Trail

Continental Divide Trail

Pacific Crest Trail

Pacific Northwest Trail

California Trail

Old Spanish Trail

Pony Express Trail

Does your State, any Chapter or Members within your State, routinely provide volunteer hours on any of the over 1500 National Recreational Trails?

- **Did Not Answer: 2**
- **No: 13**
- **Yes: 13**

Trails Listed:

**Honey Creek – Big South Fork Trail
Centennial Trail
Bear Creek Trail
Calico Trail
Highline Loop Trail
Lake Fork Trail
Resurrection Pass Trail
Pulpit Trail**

**Como Lake Loop Trail
Blue Mountain Trail
Ozark Trail
Tahoe Rim Trail
Callahan-Sisson Trail
Fish Creek Trail
Huntington Canyon Trail
Too many to list**

Volunteer Work Hours Made Easy

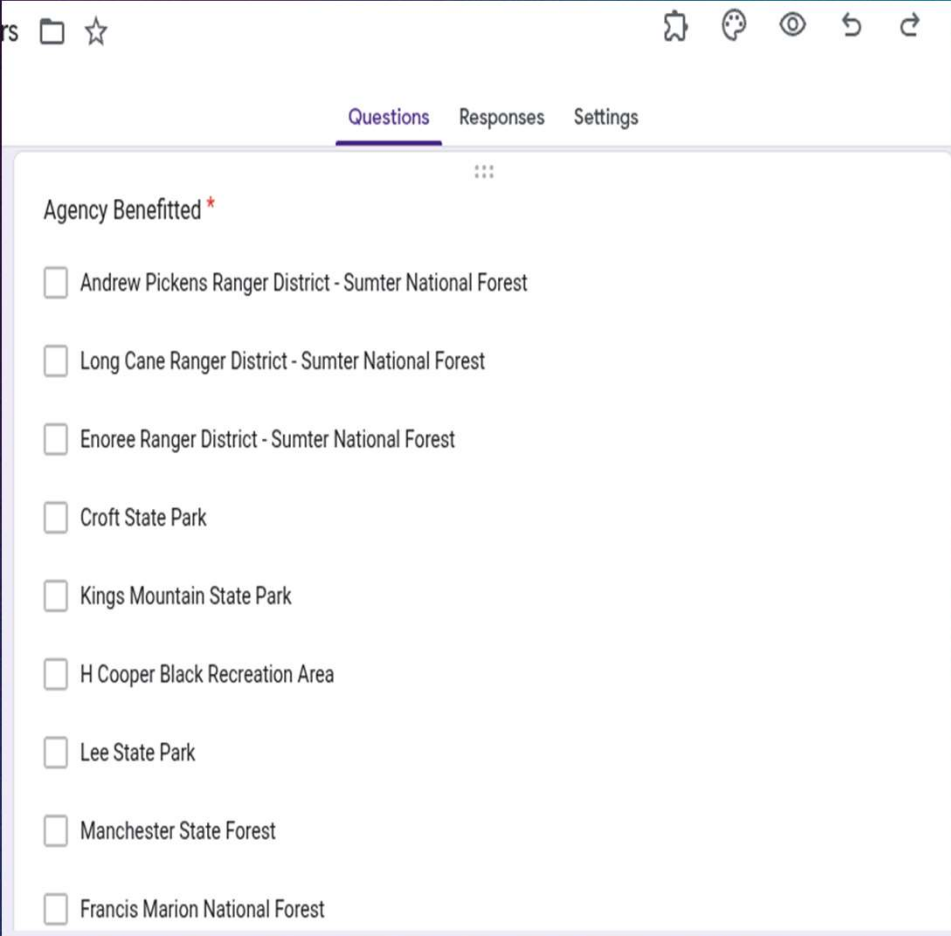
Agency Benefitted	Basic Work Hours	Skilled Work Hour	Non Trail Hours: A	Round Trip Travel
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	0	8	0	2.5
Fant's Grove/Issaqueena - Clemson Experimental Forest	0	4	0	1
Fant's Grove/Issaqueena - Clemson Experimental Forest	0	4	0	2
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	0	8	0	2
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	0	5	0	2
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	0	5	0	2
Other	0	0	0.5	2.25
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	4.5	0	3	3
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	2	0	0	2.5
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	4	0	0	1
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	0	6	0	2
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	8	0	0	2
Fant's Grove/Issaqueena - Clemson Experimental Forest	0	5	0	1.5
Fant's Grove/Issaqueena - Clemson Experimental Forest	5	1	0	1.5
Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest	0	7	0	4
Other	5	2	2	2

Using Google Forms or Jotform for digital submission of volunteer work hours has lots of benefits.

- The user will give the data you need
- Sortable spreadsheet
- Totals calculated for you
- Accessible anywhere

The Data You Need-

- The questions ask what you need to know, i.e., Which ranger district?
- Stock use days
- Travel time
- Mileage



A screenshot of a web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with three tabs: 'Questions' (which is selected and underlined), 'Responses', and 'Settings'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area displays a form titled 'Agency Benefitted *'. Under this title is a list of ten options, each preceded by an unchecked checkbox. The options are: 'Andrew Pickens Ranger District - Sumter National Forest', 'Long Cane Ranger District - Sumter National Forest', 'Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest', 'Croft State Park', 'Kings Mountain State Park', 'H Cooper Black Recreation Area', 'Lee State Park', 'Manchester State Forest', and 'Francis Marion National Forest'. The browser's address bar and various icons are visible at the very top of the window.

Agency Benefitted *
<input type="checkbox"/> Andrew Pickens Ranger District - Sumter National Forest
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Cane Ranger District - Sumter National Forest
<input type="checkbox"/> Enoree Ranger District - Sumter National Forest
<input type="checkbox"/> Croft State Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Kings Mountain State Park
<input type="checkbox"/> H Cooper Black Recreation Area
<input type="checkbox"/> Lee State Park
<input type="checkbox"/> Manchester State Forest
<input type="checkbox"/> Francis Marion National Forest

Sortable Spreadsheet

- Each column is a question
- You can sort by Ranger District, State Park, etc..
- Total those columns and voila!
You're done!

Timestamp

F	G	H	I	J
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Accessing your data

The screenshot shows the Google Forms interface for a form titled "Volunteer Work Hours Reporting Form". The top navigation bar includes a menu icon, the form title, a share icon, a star icon, and a "Send" button. On the right, there are icons for a pin, chat, preview, undo, redo, and a user profile icon with the letter "L".

Below the navigation bar, the "Responses" tab is selected, indicated by a purple underline and a badge showing "374". The other tabs are "Questions" and "Settings".

The main content area displays "374 responses" in large text. To the right of this text is a green plus icon followed by the link "View in Sheets" and a vertical ellipsis menu icon. Below this, there is a toggle switch labeled "Accepting responses" which is currently turned on (indicated by a purple circle).

At the bottom of the responses summary card, there are three tabs: "Summary" (which is selected and underlined), "Question", and "Individual".

Below the tabs, a section titled "Who has responded?" is visible. It contains a list of email addresses under the heading "Email":

- rtthomas@comporium.net
- rtthomas@comporium.net (1)
- rtthomas@comporium.net (2)
- bchsc.vchair@gmail.com

A question mark icon is located in the bottom right corner of the interface.

The Live Form

Questions?



WORKING WITH LOCAL CORPS

Ahdelle George
BCH of the Flathead

WHAT IS THE CORPS?

A BODY OF PEOPLE ENGAGED IN A PARTICULAR ACTIVITY

- The Civilian Conservation Corps was established in 1933 as an effort to employ young men during the Great Depression.
- Today, AmeriCorps is an independent government agency for volunteerism.
 - *Workers are paid living stipends and often receive education awards upon completion of their work program.*
 - *Work consist of urban and rural projects.*

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF BCH CHAPTERS ENGAGING WITH THEIR LOCAL CORPS?

- The more youth we can involve with BCH, the longer BCH chapters can thrive for years to come.

**Youth provide diversity in input of local problems, projects and events. They also have broader communications.*

- Corps members typically go into careers on public lands.

**Enhanced horse & rider safety as well as equine trail construction, maintenance, and use advocacy.*

- Positive youth/elder working relationships.

HOW CAN YOUR CHAPTER ENGAGE WITH LOCAL CORPS?

Educational Seminars/Project Work

- Packing clinic
- Leather tooling
- Wildlands camping and LOL lessons
- Trail maintenance/cleanup
- Horse corral maintenance/cleanup

Social Gatherings

- Bonfires
- Picnics