

# Backcountry Horsemen of California

2025 YEARLY REPORT

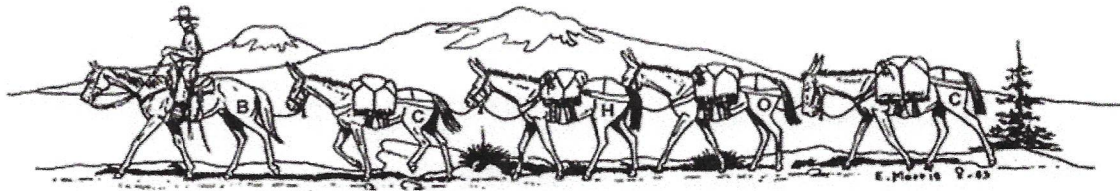
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### WHICH UNIT WILL YOU JOIN?



WHETHER YOU LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS,  
DESERT, FOOTHILLS, COASTAL AREA OR  
VALLEY, THERE'S A UNIT FOR YOU!

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BCH CA has 20 units, approximately 2000 members.

California has 18 National Forest, 9 National Parks, 19 National Monuments. All units support trail work with some of the trails being PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) approx. 1700 miles. TRT (Tahoe Rim Trail) Pony Express Trail.

- The BCH CA continues to set aside a percentage of income to build the following funds:
  - "Legal Fund".
  - "Education Fund"

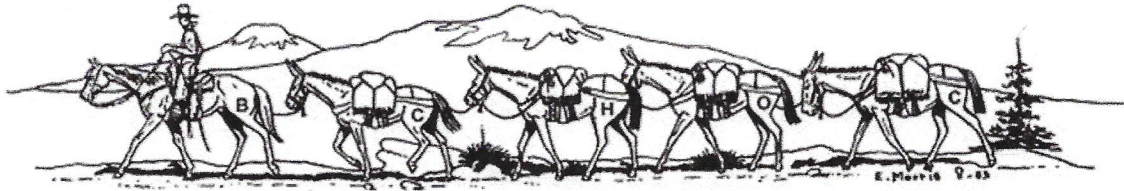
LNT Education is the goal of Backcountry Horsemen of California whether be our members or the public. This past year our committee members developed and published on our state website an educational/information flyer regarding Wolves in our backcountry. Another event is Leave No Trace classes at our annual Rendezvous and when enough points are earned pins are awarded.

As an LNT Provider we are offering a LNT Level II with Stock course this year (April 26) in northern California. This course is open to all folks interested in learning the LNT principles. During this is a week long course attendees are provided the skills to instruct other users of our Public Lands the LNT principles.

Plan Ahead and Prepare  
Travel and Camp on durable surfaces  
Dispose of Waste Properly  
Leave What YOU Find  
Minimize Campfire Impact  
Respect Wildlife  
Be Considerate to Others  
Stock Management  
Stock Care

From this course we also recruit Wilderness Riders for our California BCH. We are the only provider of LNT Stock management. As LNT Level II (Masters) we have partnerships with some land management agencies i.e. BLM, USFS, and NPS in California.

Our Education Co-Chairs are on schedule for a zoom meeting with LNT in Colorado in late April 2026.



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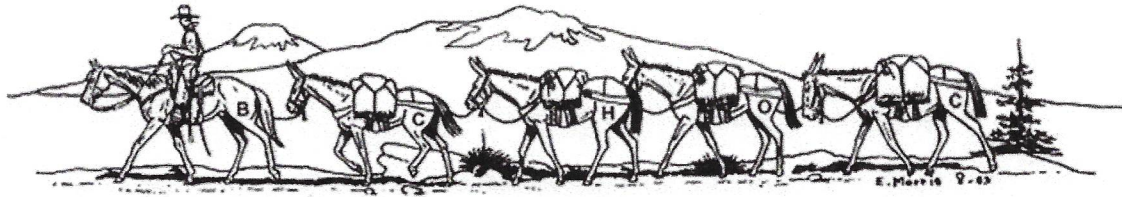
- BCH CA units help sponsor some of the Collegiate teams at Mule Day.
  - 1 UC Davis team
  - 3 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo teams
  - 3 Fresno State team-by
  - 1 Modesto Junior College team
  - 1 Reedley College,
  - Mother Lode Unit.
  - Los Padres Unit.
  - San Joaquin Sierra Unit
  - Mid Valley Unit.

#### State Board Activities:

- Feb. 7 E. Board mtg, Bakersfield.
  - Feb. 8 Public Lands, Education and State Board of Directors Mtgs. - Bakersfield.
  - Mar, 28 - E Board mtg. zoom
  - April 11-13 BCHA Rendezvous, Rolling Hills Casino, Corning
  - April 14-16, Sent 2 reps. to the BCHA 2025 - Ntl. Board of Directors Mtg. Prescott, AZ.
  - May 22-26 Bishop Mule Days, Units sponsor Colligate Packing Teams, a cross-cut saw area for the youth and the BCH CA information booth.
  - July 11-12 - Summer State E board meeting at Happy Camp, Balch Park near Springville
  - Oct. 3 – E board Mtg in Hilmar
  - Oct. 4 - Public Lands, Education and State Board of Directors Meeting held in Hilmar.
  - Enabling trail maintenance and trail support projects:
  - Continuing to build the Chain saw education platform.
  - Ongoing education for Grant Writing among units and state programs.
  - BCHA maintains a Web site and social media accounts.
- **Backcountry Horsemen of California and US Forest Service with Eastern Sierra Conservation Corps present the USFS Pack Stock Center of Excellence Apprenticeship Intern Program.**

Seven years ago Back Country Horsemen of California initiated this Intern Program to help to retain the packing programs in the Forest Service. Many of the existing stock programs employees are aging out and BCHA wants to make sure highly trained individuals are coming up to make sure the stock programs are continued.

BCHA aspires to support one Packer Intern each year. The intern will be located at the Region 5 Center of Excellence (COE) in Mammoth Lakes California, as they are equipped to best teach the intern all of the goals that we in turn wish this program to achieve. In addition, the Center of



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Excellence (COE) provides consistent, professional staff that work directly with us (BCHC) to accomplish our similar goals.

The mission of this program is to recruit and train an Intern that may become the new generation of highly skilled packer, trail workers, wilderness managers and volunteers that have a strong desire to protect our public lands, while preserving traditional wilderness skills and maintaining accessibility.

The Packer Intern will develop the skills and knowledge to help perpetuate the common sense use of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness and will develop the skills and knowledge necessary to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; whether as an employee of the agencies stock program, or as a private citizen.

BCHC receives applications from interested 18 to 30 year olds to consider. There is a lot of talent represented and it was a tough decision to come up with our new intern, The program has been so successful that the term has been extended to 16 weeks for a cost of \$15,600 and is now about 2/3 funded with grants. Also, some of the other applicants were hired by pack stations up and down the Sierra's.

Meanwhile at the north end of the state: BCHC Shasta Trinity Unit and Top of the State Unit sponsored an intern, Matt Alloway, on the Shasta Trinity National Forest in 2025. This was the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the Units sponsored an intern. The Shasta Trinity NF wanted to keep the intern Matt Alloway on longer, so the Shasta Trinity and Top of the State Units are now sponsoring him for a full year starting October 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Matt is hoping this works into a full time position with the Forest Service.

BCHC would like to see this program expanded to give more opportunity to young adults. BCHC is looking at additional grants and into developing a perpetual fund for the intern program.

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## Volunteer Hours Report

January/1/2025-December/31/2025

### Totals for State

	P1 Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value	
Total Basic Hours	11248	\$38.61	<b>\$434,285.28</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Skilled Hours	4070	\$57.92	<b>\$235,734.40</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Trail Recon Hours	2377	\$38.61	<b>\$91,775.97</b>	Calculated per hour
Total LNT - Education	3753	\$38.61	<b>\$144,903.33</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Public Meetings	2912	\$38.61	<b>\$112,432.32</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Administrative Service	11530	\$38.61	<b>\$445,173.30</b>	Calculated per hour
Total Travel Time	9812	\$38.61	<b>\$378,841.32</b>	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>45702</b>			
Wilderness Trail Miles	2094			
Other Trail Miles	1850			
<b>Total Trail Miles</b>	<b>3944</b>			
Personal Vehicle	177420	\$0.90	<b>\$159,678.00</b>	Calculated per mile
Stock Hauling	80346	\$2.00	<b>\$160,692.00</b>	Calculated per mile
<b>Total Travel Miles</b>	<b>257766</b>			
Power Equipment	645	\$35.00	<b>\$22,575.00</b>	Calculated per hour
Heavy Equipment	218	\$140.00	<b>\$30,520.00</b>	Calculated per hour
<b>Total Equipment Hours</b>	<b>863</b>			
Total Stock (Pack and Saddle)	1009			
<b>Total Stock Days</b>	<b>2881</b>	\$125.00	<b>\$360,125.00</b>	Calculated per day
Total Donations	\$26,531.00		<b>\$26,531.00</b>	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,603,266.92</b>	