

## Wind River Back Country

### Horsemen

As horsemen we cannot allow our resources to suffer the consequences of neglect, either by an administrating agency or by an uninformed public. Our desire to reduce adverse impact while continuing maximum enjoyment leaves no room for apathy or indifference.

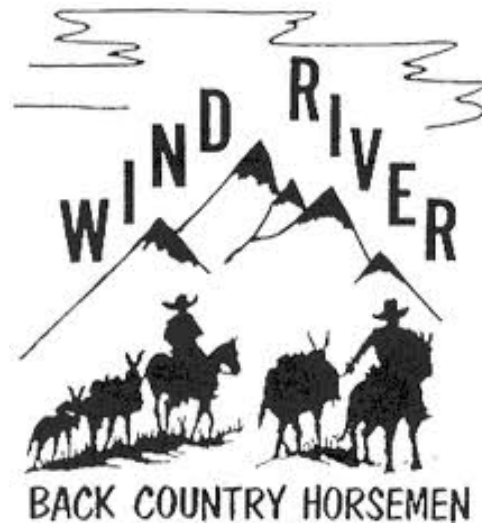
Since 1996, Wyoming Backcountry Horsemen contributed over \$2,000,000 in volunteer labor on trails, trailheads, and education. Nationally, more than \$100 million dollars in service and in excess of one million hours have been logged by these dedicated and concerned horsemen and women.

Horse owners or not, we invite you to become a member of our organization. The only requirement for membership is that you believe in the goals set forth in our PURPOSE. We are a family oriented organization.

## WHO WE ARE

The Wind River Backcountry Horsemen chapter is made up of individual horsemen and women who share a common interest-recreational use of horses and mules on public lands.

These men and women are dedicated to preserving the backcountry and protecting the stock users' historic right to use these lands. There are six chapters in the state and over 15,000 members nationwide, all affiliated with Back Country Horsemen of America.



## PURPOSE

To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of saddle and pack stock in America's back country and wilderness lands.

To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

To assist the agencies responsible for the management of public lands in meeting their goals.

To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage and "leave no trace" principles.

To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.

Volunteer Service- Education-Club Rides/Fun Activities-Fellowship



### **Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$40\_\_\_\_\_ Single \$30\_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and sign the liability release on the reverse side before mailing in application.

Mail Memberships to: Tony Baeton, PO Box 1773, Lander, WY 82520

\*Monthly meeting: First Tuesday of every month, Hudson Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

## LEAVE NO TRACE

Plan ahead and prepare. Know your animals, the area you are visiting, and the best techniques for minimal damage to the resources. Use certified weed free feed.

Pack it in, pack it out, including litter left by others. Don't clean your horse trailer at trailheads or leave your garbage.

Properly dispose of human waste. Be particularly aware of regulations in bear country and follow the regulations. Clean up after your animals, too, and spread manure.

Travel and camp on durable surfaces. (Trails, rocks, mineral soil.) *In remote areas, spread use. In popular areas, concentrate use.*

Minimize fires. If you must have a fire, use an existing fire ring, a pit fire, a mound fire, or a portable wood stove. Small gas/propane stoves are more acceptable, safer, and less damaging to the environment.

Leave what you find - artifacts, fossils, and wildflowers. Take what you find if it is someone else's trash.

Be considerate of other users. Be pleasant, helpful, and courteous. Avoid loud noises, camp far from water, camp clean, and contain your animals (including dogs) in a manner which is the least disruptive.

Consider the impact that you have upon wildlife. Do not harass, pursue, feed, or agitate them. Observe from a distance.

"Pack one; Ride one." Pack light, travel light, and minimize your food, gear, and livestock.

## **WYOMING BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN LIABILITY RELEASE**

I hereby make application to participate in Wyoming Back Country Horsemen [WYBCH] activities. I hereby acknowledge that these activities sponsored by the WYBCH involve risks which are inherent to equine use. In consideration of the WYBCH accepting me as a participant in these activities, and for good and valuable consideration, I hereby release and will not sue WYBCH officers, directors, and members, chapter officials and members, agents and associates, and the owners and occupiers of the real property on or over which said activities will be conducted from any liability arising of or in connection with my travel to or from or participation in said activities and for all damages to myself, my animals, or any of my personal property or equipment. I hereby acknowledge that the Wyoming Recreation Safety Act [W.S. 1-1-122,123], as adopted by the Wyoming Legislature provides as follows: [a] Any person who takes part in any sport or recreational opportunity assumes the inherent risk of injury and all legal responsibility for damages, injury, or death to himself or other persons or property that results from the inherent risks in that sport or recreational opportunity. [b] A provider of any sport or recreational opportunity is not required to eliminate, alter or control the inherent risks within the particular sport or recreational opportunity. [c] Actions based upon negligence of the provider not caused by an inherent risk of the sport or recreational opportunity shall be preserved pursuant to W.S. 1-1-109. A "sport or recreational opportunity" as defined by the Wyoming Recreation Safety Act includes backcountry trips and horseback riding. The Wyoming Recreation Act defines inherent risk as "any risk that is characteristic of or intrinsic to any sport or recreational opportunity which cannot reasonably be eliminated, altered, or controlled." I acknowledge that I have read the foregoing and understand that I am relinquishing any and all rights that I, my heirs, or executors, or administrators might otherwise have against the WYBCH officers, directors, members, chapter officials and members, agents and associates, and the owners or occupiers of the real property on or over which said activities will be conducted and that I do so voluntarily.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Complete address \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Address continued) \_\_\_\_\_