

Gila Chapter

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 11/16/2022 6:00 PM | Meeting location Watts Hall

Meeting called by	Doug Dexter	Joan Bacon, Vicki Chick, Cindi deCapiteau, Dixie Dexter, Doug Dexter, Gerry Engel, Andrea Imler, Dave Imler, Nancy Imler, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Matt Rehani, Cheryl Roth, Diane Shriner, Jerry Shriner, George Siavalis, Donna Tillmann, Deborah White, Laurie Wlosinski
Type of meeting	Monthly business meeting	
Note taker	Cindi deCapiteau	

AGENDA TOPICS

Call to order | Presenter Doug Dexter

Call to order at 6:00.

Approval of minutes | Presenter Doug Dexter

Minutes from the October approved and noted for their brevity.

Financial & membership report | Presenter Dave Imler

GBCH deposited \$15 from the October 50/50 and a \$250 donation. Expenditures amounted to around \$4,076, leaving a bank balance of some \$70K. Membership held steady at 60.

Publicity | Presenter Vicki Dowd

Vicki's article about GBCH activities is pending for an upcoming issue of the Silver City Independent. Vicki has also submitted article to BCHA.

Public Service/Communications | Presenter Gerry Engel

Trail #177 runs along Mogollon Creek. The trail is accessed from the Gila Cliff Dwellings (Woody's Corral) by way of Little Creek (Trail #161) and a half-mile or so along Turkey Creek (Trail #155). A GBCH trail crew camped at the lush Little Spring to work on 2.4 miles of #177 (map on page 4). The trail had not been worked for a while, but now is clear 2.5 miles up to the saddle.

Dates have been established to talk to the forest supervisor and plan for wilderness trail projects in 2023.

Dixie Dexter reported appreciation for GBCH from a friend who hiked Little Dry Creek, where GBCH worked last summer. See map on page 4.

GCSAR Activity | Presenter Laurie Wlosinski

Nothing but close calls for Grant County Search and Rescue.

Highway Cleanup | Presenter Matt Rehani

The highway cleanup detail originally scheduled for November has been postponed until Thursday, December 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m. Park at the fire station on the Truck Bypass Road near the intersection of US 180. Matt will provide more information by email.

Action items

Person responsible

Notify rag pickers about rescheduled highway cleanup detail.	Matt Rehani/Gerry Engel
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Christmas Party | Presenter Doug Dexter

After much discussion, GBCH members present decided to postpone our usual Christmas Party until January 2023, at which time a potluck New Years' Celebration might be held at The Commons (501 E 13th St, Silver City, NM 88061) (according to current plans)(more information to follow). The new owners of the Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House want lots of dough to host a catered party for us (\$500 for the facility and \$38 per head).

Chapter Elections | Presenter Doug Dexter

- ☞ Gerry Engel will remain as the chapter's director-at-large.
- ☞ The representatives to BCHNM (Joan Bacon and Cheryl Roth) serve a two-year term that isn't up until 2023, so Cheryl and Joan stay put.
- ☞ Secretary - Cindi deCapiteau will serve for 2023.
- ☞ Treasurer - Dave Imler will monitor the money for another year.
- ☞ Dixie Dexter will serve as vice president for another year.
- ☞ Vicki Dowd will continue as the chapter's public affairs champion.
- ☞ Matt Rehani was officially nominated as chapter president going forward and was so elected by unanimous vote.

December meeting | Presenter Doug Dexter

After an appropriate motion and second, the members present voted unanimously to cancel the December 2022 meeting.

January 2023 meeting | Presenter Doug Dexter

The regular January 2023 meeting will step in for the cancelled December 2022 Christmas party. The meeting might be held at The Commons in Silver City and might also be catered. Doug is working on it.

Action items

Person responsible

Check on availability of The Commons for GBCH meeting in January 2023	Doug Dexter
Check on catering possibilities for the January event	Doug Dexter

Trail cooperation fact-finding mission | Presenter Gerry Engel

The chapter board of directors voted a while back to send a GBCH delegation to Oregon for a meeting with bigwigs at the Siskiyou Mountain Club (SMC) (<https://siskiyoumountainclub.org/>), which has programs that share its paid trail crew with other trail maintenance interests. The delegation would explore the potential to work with SMC directly and learn how they run the programs. Melissa Green will likely make the trip to Oregon solo. Her

travel and other expenses associated with the trip will be funded by GBCH, although the meeting could be held via Zoom. No date has been set for the confab.

Gila Watershed Alliance | **Presenter** *Joan Bacon*

Joan Bacon mentioned that the Gila Watershed Alliance has established a citizen science program to monitor Forest Service lands to measure trail quality, trash, dirty camps, and other nefarious conditions that spoil the wilderness experience. The program has been set up by a GIS expert who is creating a GIS app. The data collection instrument (see page 5) hopes to deliver enough data to give to Forest Service, the better to show where problems exist and improvements are in order. The idea is to have people identify problems (the often-trashy roads leading to and around Bear Mountain for example), not to clean up the messes.

Contact Donna Stevens at UGWA.org for details.

Monsoon Report, Upper Gila Basin

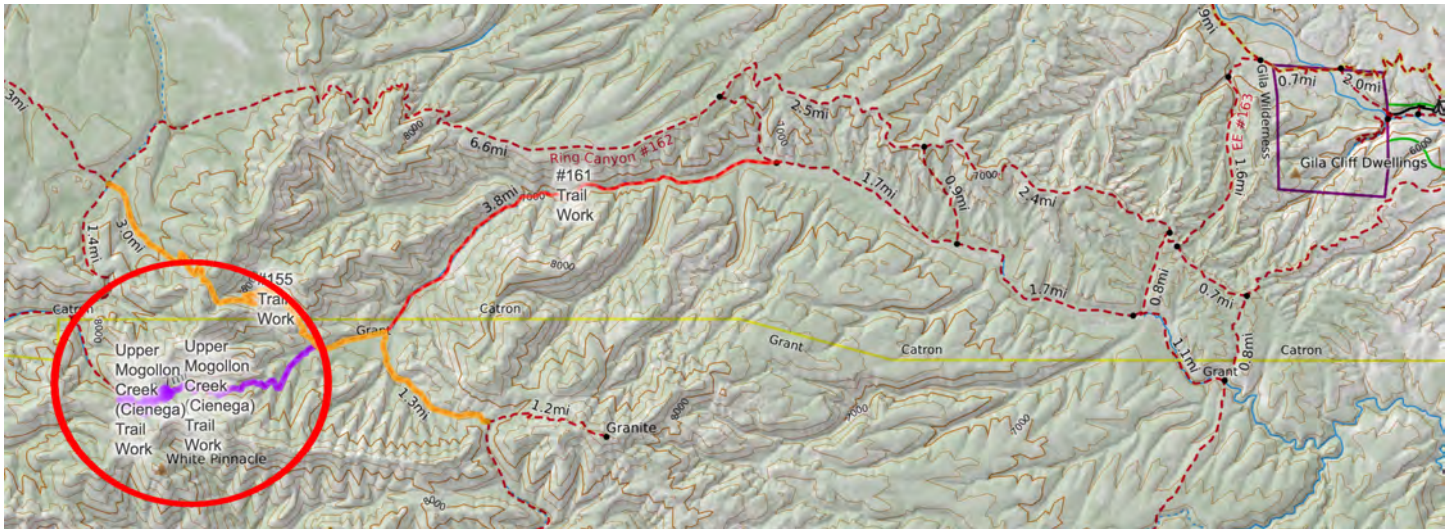
The interesting graph shown on page 7 is courtesy of the Gila National Forest. Looks like 2022 was a very good monsoon year.

Agenda topic *Announcements* |

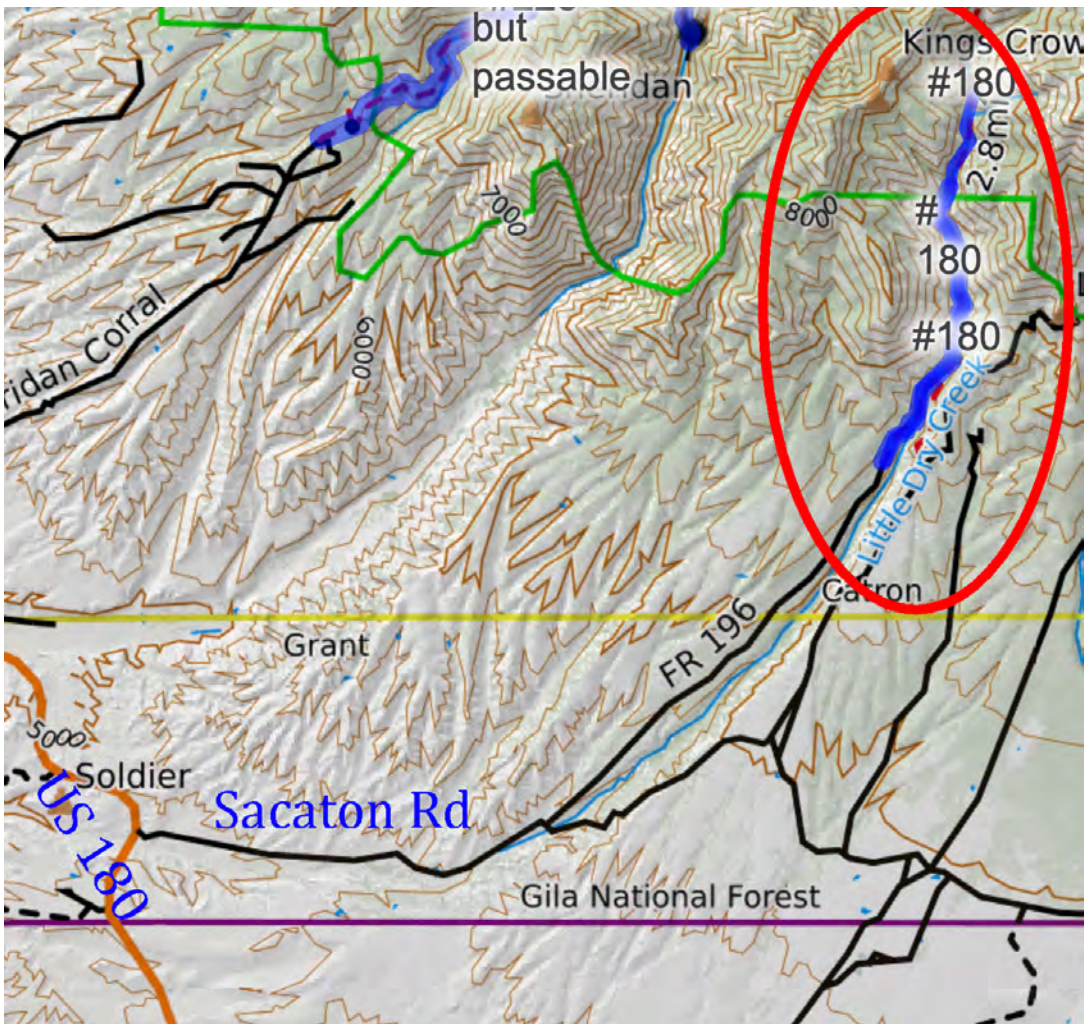
Next Meeting: Place and time to be determined

Vicki Chick is going out to NAN Ranch shortly to pick up the trail flags left over from the last NAN Ranch Ride. The ribbons have languished out there because the river has been too high to get across. (There are also ribbons languishing in Cindi deCapiteau's bumper pull trailer, which suffered an axle disaster on her last foray out there and was out of service for a while. Cindi will transfer the ribbons to Vicki.

Location of Mogollon Creek trail work (source CalTopo via Gila Trails Cleared map)



Little Dry Creek (source CalTopo via Gila Trails Cleared map)



Gila Watershed Alliance Data Collection Form

001 Collector ID	002 Date Collected	003 Route Name and/or Number						
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 or scan and email: director@ugwa.org

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003 Route Name and/or Number

Barriers Present - Effective Barriers Needed

024 Erosion Presence & Condition

Erosion - None Erosion Present - Heavy
 Erosion Present - Light
 Erosion Present - Moderate

025 Erosion Description

026 Route Drainage

Well Drained (No Problems Seen) Poorly Drained (water pooling)

027 Riparian Presence & Condition

Riparian Not Applicable Riparian Impact - Yes
 Riparian Impact - None Seen

028 Riparian Description

029 Vegetation Description

030 Litter Presence & Condition

Litter - None Litter Yes - Moderate
 Litter Yes - Light Litter Yes - Heavy

031 Human Waste Present

Human Waste - None Observed Human Waste - Yes, Observed

032 Cultural Site Presence & Impacts

NA - None Present Light Damage Heavy Damage
 Present - No Damage Moderate Damage

033 Photo File Name

034 Photo Direction Facing

NA North N East SE South SW West NW

035 Photo Description

