

# Gila Chapter Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico Board of Directors | MINUTES

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Meeting date | time 1/12/2022 6:00 PM | Meeting location Zoom

Meeting called by	Doug Dexter	Attendees
Type of meeting	Monthly business meeting	Joan Bacon, Cindi deCapiteau, Doug Dexter, Vicki Dowd, Gerry Engel, Melissa Green, Betsy Holdsworth, Dave Imler, Nancy Imler, Russ Imler, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Charlen Perez, Matt Rehani, Cheryl Roth, George Siavalis, Teresa Smergut, Ted Whittemore
Note taker	Cindi deCapiteau	

## AGENDA TOPICS

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Agenda topic *Recognize guests and new members* | Presenter Doug Dexter

Teresa Smergut rejoined us from wherever she is. Welcome Teresa

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Agenda topic *Additions or changes to agenda* | Presenter Doug Dexter

No changes to the agenda

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Agenda topic *Approval of minutes* | Presenter Doug Dexter

No changes to the minutes

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Agenda topic *Financial & membership report* | Presenter Dave Imler

**Money.** Dave reports that after the November 2022 meeting, the chapter had a bank balance of \$9,010.94. Represented in that amount are income of around \$46,000 from grant awards and expenses of about \$26,000 since November. The ending balance as of January 12, 2022 is in the neighborhood of \$29,000.

The ending balance is so high because one grant paid out the full award in advance.

In 2021, the chapter received donations of \$10,824.27. Grant money received in 2021 amounted to \$53,390.95.

Note that the chapter has a procedure for acknowledging contributions from private (e.g., non-grant) income sources. Dave sends information about who or what provided the donation to Cindi, who processes a personalized acknowledgment letter for each donor (see sample on page 6).

As an additional courtesy to donors (and to advertise a way to donate fee-free through the Google Giving Fund, the chapter distributed another acknowledgment at the end of the year to all donors (see sample on page 7). That letter includes a link to Melissa's trail work report.

Melissa Green reported on expenses for 2021 trail projects:

- Per diem & food \$5,805.
- Mileage reimbursement \$6,441.
- Tools and supplies \$5,390

- Contractor (for 2,250 hours) \$39992 to the contractor Melissa will send summary to Doug (see report on page 8).

**Membership.** Thirty-five members have renewed for 2022. In light of the usual 60+ members the chapter usually reports, a reminder to the various not-yet-renewed folks is in order. Dave will send out the reminder.

### Action items

### Person responsible

Send out reminder membership renewal letter	Dave Imler
Send trail project expense summary to Doug	Melissa Green

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### Agenda topic *Public Service/Communications* | Presenter *Gerry Engel*

**Packing demonstration.** The Gila chapter is hosting a packing demo in April; the event has been advertised on the chapter’s Facebook page and chapter members have been advised by email. (See notice on page 9.) Russ Lewis, who is presenting the demo, is a former US Marine. He has spent more than 20 years as a wilderness packer & hunting guide and is associated with [Heroes and Horses](#). The session will be open to GBCH members and the public. Cheryl Roth has sent a notice to people in Arizona.

Doug mused that we need to market the demo better because we have opened it up to the public. Doug will get ahold of Gerry to put together something for not-GBCH-member people in town. Melissa reported that 10 people have signed up. Russ Lewis hopes to keep the group small so that each participant’s experience can be hands-on, but there doesn’t need to be a limit for people who don’t come with a horse (as observers only)

If the demo goes well, Russ would be willing to repeat the class.

**Insurance (again).** Gerry asked if we need additional or different insurance to cover an event like the packing demo. Suggestions abounded:

- Since participants will sign a liability release, GBCH probably covered but this requires confirmation.
- We could just photocopy the state law and have people sign it. Dave thinks that’s a good idea and could include it in a registration form.
- A registration form will serve to tag participants for GBCH membership in GBCH. The registration form could show the state law at the top of the form, followed by a place for everybody to sign as they come in. Saves paper. The form could be emailed to participants, provided we can get the needed addresses in advance.
- We could set up a booth on site with info about GBCH and to register participants who haven’t already registered.

Betsy Holdsworth asked if insurance coverage is inherent for GBCH members. Gerry responded that we have third-party liability, which (given the frequency with which we ponder this matter) is perpetually inscrutable, so Gerry isn’t sure what all it covers. State chapter has weighed in about special events like the pack demo, and opines that a separate rider is necessary. Betsy added that she knows of a one-day insurance policy that costs \$50 and covers contingencies (US Equestrian Association?). Vicki commented that the carrier who indemnifies the NAN Ranch Ride can also offer insurance for a one-day event. Vicki will give information about the insurance carrier to Cheryl.

Melissa noted that all GBCH members are covered by at least one of the various policies from GBCH and BCHNM. Dave asked, “Who at the state can say if their insurance covers us?” Cheryl said to talk to Dick Rawls and she will make the contact.

## Action items

## Person responsible

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Develop registration form for packing demo	Dave/Cindi
Figure out insurance requirements and availability for packing demo	Gerry, Cheryl, Dave
Be prepared to limit number of participants for the packing demo, in case it is wildly popular	Doug, Gerry

**On the radio.** Gerry and Melissa were interviewed on the [KURU Community Spotlight](#) (on January 12) to reveal the Gila chapter's activities in 2021 and to describe what we are as an organization. They made a plug during the interview that the Gila chapter can use additional members. The interview was recorded and will likely show up on the KURU (a.k.a. GMCR—Gila Mimbres Community Radio) website, but was not posted at the time of this writing. Melissa agreed to send out a direct link to the interview when it's available.

**Trail projects.** Melissa reports that she has put together the 2022 work plan (see page 10). (The schedule is also on the [website](#).) For these projects, volunteers will come from all over the place. The American Hiking Society will come out on the Gilita project.

We're trying to plug project information into other organizations; in addition to hiking groups, the link has been sent to people associated with hunting groups. The strategy is to get this information out so that more people look at the website and attract more participation.

**USFS poster.** The year the Gila chapter cleared over 100 miles of trail (was it 2019?) the USFS honored us with a large poster that highlighted our work. That poster has been updated (see page 17). Melissa reports that the GIS guru at USFS will give us several copies of the full-size GBCH poster, which we can post wherever one will fit.

Dave suggested that we order placemat-size copies of the poster to distribute to restaurants for use at their tables. Cindi and Melissa are working on that.

**Grants.** Melissa has sent a grant proposal to Freeport McMoRan. She is also investigating a proposal for submission to Cabellas. About the Cabellas proposal: If you know anybody who is friends with somebody who works at the El Paso Cabellas let Melissa know. . . Vicki Dowd commented that Cabellas people have been at the NAN ranch and John Lang (biggest bigwig at NAN Ranch) could probably put you in touch with corporate Cabellas; headquarters can put out larger donations than the local stores.

**Barn cleanup.** The Forest Service has contacted GBCH about helping with a cleanup of the barn at the Gila Center near the Gila Cliff Dwellings. The job is to organize the space and weed out unneeded stuff. In return, they're willing to let us use the corrals below the visitors' center. The cleanup will occur on January 25-26, Tuesday and Wednesday. Gerry will email an announcement to chapter members. See page 18.

**Sign project.** An effort to replace and add trail signage in the Gila has been in the works. Also the sign project is underway to happen in Silver City.

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## Action items

## Person responsible

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Send direct link to KURU interview	Melissa Green
Investigate feasibility of printing placemats from the USFS poster	Cindi/Melissa
Find out if we need more insurance for the April packing demo	Doug, Gerry, Dave

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**Agenda topic** GCSAR Activity | **Presenter** Laurie Wlosinski/Russ Imler

Russ mournfully reported that nothing is going on in the search and rescue department. No calls have been issued for three straight weeks. This is boring for the adrenaline types that like to crash through the wilderness in the

middle of the night and in terrible weather to look for hapless missing people. Jeez, guys. We're sorry. We'll try to be more careless as the weather warms up.

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**Agenda topic** *NATRC Update* | **Presenter** *Vicki Dowd*

Our biennial (that's the pre-COVID theory, anyway) competitive trail ride (CTR) at NAN Ranch (over in Faywood NM) is scheduled for April 22-24, 2022. Now that we're in the thick of COVID complications, Vicki is encountering complications with transportation logistics for the CTR judges, who plan to arrive here the day before the ride begins. Alas, they plan to fly in to the Grant County airport, but, well, you know. Personnel shortages caused by the COVID scourge are making it hard to make airline reservations. The airline that serves Grant County airport isn't scheduling so far in advance. We have a chapter member, Jayne Hempstead, who is a backup judge and who is available.

The ride has been timed and we will start marking the trails in February. Ride maps were made for the cancelled 2021 ride, so we're all set to go.

Melissa asked to be kept up to date about the NAN Ranch Ride so she can post information about it on the GBCH website.

Vicki will develop a location plan to show where the various ride teams need to be. When she has done that, she will set up a transport schedule for the judges and team members. She might need an extra truck and driver in case COVID is still with us so employ social distancing as best possible to get people around to the various locations.

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**Action items**

**Person responsible**

Keep Melissa informed about ride developments

Vicki Dowd

Update GBCH website as needed

Melissa Green

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**Agenda topic** *Highway Cleanup* | **Presenter** *Matt Rehani*

Matt estimates that it's been about six months since last cleanup, so he's thinking about scheduling another one in February. Matt muses that the detail can begin mid-day instead of in the cold morning. Doug asked Matt to pick a date and we'll get some volunteers via email.

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**Action items**

**Person responsible**

Send clean-up date to Doug Dexter

Matt Rehani

Prepare email to recruit trash pickers

Doug Dexter

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**Agenda topic** *Cooking for Trail Crews* | **Presenter** *Mickey Lemon, Melissa Green*

Melissa cheerfully reported that volunteer cooks have been lined up. Mickey Lemon, who has skillfully managed the trail food operation for many years, is retiring from that position, but will still be happy to help and will be the primary "drop-off" person. The operation is now administered by Melissa Green and Betsy Holdsworth. The first project where food will be needed is in the middle of March. Melissa will send an email out next week about that.

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**Action items**

**Person responsible**

Prepare email about March trail project

Melissa Green

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Agenda topic *BCHNM Meeting* | Presenter *Mickey Lemon, Melissa Green*

The New Mexico BCH held its periodic meeting on January 8. Gerry reported that he, Joan Bacon, and Cheryl Roth participated in the Zoom meeting, which lasted about 90 minutes. Our state representatives have compiled a report of the meeting's events (see page 19).

Dan Key is the new state chairman, so state activities will move right along in Dan's inimitable way of getting things done. All New Mexico chapters were represented at the meeting, except for Lower Rio Grande and Three Rivers.

New Mexico has a new chapter, Hermit Peak, which is located northeast of Santa Fe on the east side of the mountains up there. Dan Key is setting up the chapter.

Gerry and Melissa have worked on the volunteer hours report we send each year to BCHNM.

Nobody at the meeting said anything about a BCHNM rendezvous for 2022, but the representatives did discuss having a three-day pack trip as an auction item for some time in 2023.

The national BCHA meeting will occur on April 9-13. An item for auction is needed for that event, but no decisions have been made.

The group discussed money and grants and where to find them. Sounds like other chapters aren't pursuing funds like we are.

**Next Meeting:** February 9, 2022

Sample Donation Acknowledgment



P.O. Box 533  
Silver City NM 88062

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date

Name

Address

Address

Dear (donor):

The Gila Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico thank you for your generous \$XXXX donation. Your contribution enables us to develop and implement a well-coordinated trail maintenance program for the Gila National Forest, the Gila Wilderness, and the Aldo Leopold Wilderness.

In 2021, the Gila Chapter, along with our many partners, maintained 130 miles of trails in the Gila region for all to enjoy.

Please visit our website at <https://www.gilatrailsinfo.org/uploads/b/10862d00-09db-11eb-9f38-5750f8f77a4e/98044860-5568-11ec-b67d-c7f621177112.pdf> to take pride in the accomplishments you helped make possible.

Your continued support is deeply appreciated, thank you so much.

We are a 501(c)3 organization; your contribution is tax deductible. For your reference, our federal employer identification number is 83-2435005.

Sincerely yours,

Cindi deCapiteau  
Secretary



P.O. Box 533  
Silver City NM 88062

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date

Name

Address

Address

Dear Name:

The Gila Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico extends both Happy New Year and our additional thanks for your donation in 2021. The contribution helps us develop and implement a well-coordinated trail maintenance program for the Gila National Forest, the Gila Wilderness, and the Aldo Leopold Wilderness.

In 2021, the Gila Chapter, along with our many partners, maintained 130 miles of trails in the Gila region for all to enjoy. Please visit <https://www.gilabch.org/highlighted-trail-work> to appreciate the accomplishments you help make possible.

A convenient method to support the efforts of the Gila Chapter is through the PayPal Giving Fund. Go to <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub>, search for Gila Chapter, then follow the directions. The Giving Fund does not charge fees on your donation, so the full amount accrues to the Gila BCHNM.

We deeply appreciate your continued support. Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,

Cindi deCapiteau  
Secretary

# 2021 Trail Project Expenses

These are estimates of what we "spent" in 2021, but some of it we still have not been reimbursed for. Even though we haven't been reimbursed yet for some of it, I added it in because it was associated with trail projects in 2021. So it does not correlate with Dave's profitand loss info for the year.

Per diem/food: \$5805

Mileage reimbursements: \$6441 Tools and

supplies: \$5390

Contractor: over 2250 hours but about 740 hours of that was volunteer

\$2809 in Gross Receipts Tax

\$39,992 to contractor

Save the Date: Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

# 1 Day Packing Training

By Russell Lewis



**Where:** Rodeo grounds

**Time:** 10 am to 3 pm

**Free** – purpose is to increase pack support for Gila BCH trail projects

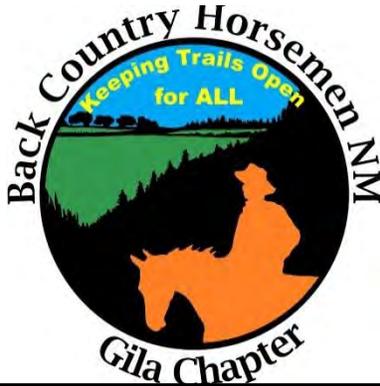
**RSVP** – Melissa – [groundworktrails@gmail.com](mailto:groundworktrails@gmail.com)



# 2022 Spring Trail Projects

All trail users welcome  
No trail work experience necessary

Updated 1-13-2022



Interested? For more info or to RSVP:  
Email [groundworktrails@gmail.com](mailto:groundworktrails@gmail.com)

## Junction sign making project

**Date:** February - TBD

**Trail Work Description:** Making Trail Junction Signs in Silver City



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## Mogollon Creek Trail # 153 - near trailhead

**Date:** Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** Brushing & cairns

**Project Difficulty:** Easy to Moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/4FP7Q>

**Hiking during the day:** 4 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)



## Rabb Park Trail # 747 – Day Project



**Date:** Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** brushing and some treadwork

**Project Difficulty:** easy to moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/071BF>

**Hiking during the day:** up to 4 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

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## Military Road Trail #709



**Date:** Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** cairn building, removing overgrown juniper limbs from trail and some additional brushing. A few logs to remove.

**Project Difficulty:** easy to moderate

**Map of project:**

<https://caltopo.com/m/Q0VLE>

**Hiking during the day:** 7 miles round trip

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

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## Log Trails from Woody's Corral Trailhead



**Dates:** March 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** Logging and crosscutting

**Who:** Equine riders

**Project Difficulty:** Easy to moderate for horse riders, moderate for those hiking

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/JPVJL>

**Camp:** at Woody's Corral

**Riding during the day:**

16 miles **Project Details:** [Click](#)

[here](#)

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**CDT alternate at Sycamore Canyon Trail # 234**



**Dates:** March 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** tread work, logging, brushing, cairns, and blazes

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/0TUC>

**Hike to basecamp:** 2.5 miles

**Riding to basecamp:** 5.5 miles (from Snow Creek Trailhead)

**Hiking/riding during the day:** up to 7 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

**Partners:** NMVFO & CDTC

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**Rabb Park Trail # 747 – Backcountry Project**



**Dates:** March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** mostly cairns, blazes and brushing with some logging and tread

**Project Difficulty:** moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/5VG9>

**Hike to Basecamp:** 3 miles

**Hiking during the day:** up to 7 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

**Partner:** NMVFO

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## Holt Apache Trail #181 & Johnson Cabin Trail #225



**Dates:** April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:**

Logging on Holt Apache Trail.

Brushing and tread work on

Johnson Cabin Trail **Project**

**Difficulty:** easy to moderate **Map of project:**

<https://caltopo.com/m/LG01T>

**Camp:** near trailhead – car camping

**Hiking during the day for Johnson Cabin Trail:** up to 6 miles

**Ride during the day for Holt Apache Trail:** 12 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

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## Tour of the Gila

### Clearing remote trails in the Gila Wilderness



**Dates:** April 12 - 18, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** Logging, brushing and tread work

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate to Difficult

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/A2J4C>

**Hiking during the day:** Moving basecamp most days. Up to 12 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

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Aspen Canyon & Rocky Point: CDT



**Dates:** April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** logging & brushing

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/AHCL9>

**Hike to basecamp:** 3.25 miles

**Hike during the day:** 6 miles

**Ride during the day:** up to 12 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

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Railroad Canyon, Gallinas Canyon, Crest Trail and part of East Railroad



**Date:** May 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** logging (chainsaw)

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/ADNUR>

**Ride during the day:** up to 11 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

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Gilita Creek (Middle Fork Trail #157)



**Date:** May 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** tread, brush, logging, cairns, moving rocks

**Project Difficulty:** moderate to difficult

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/BSU7C>

**Hiking during the day:** 7 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

**Partner:** Hiking Society Volunteer Vacations

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Middle Fork Trail #157 – Via homestead Trail #101



**Date:** May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Trail Work Description:** brushing, tread, logging and cairns

**Project Difficulty:** moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/JFQ6N>

**Hike to base camp:** 7.8 miles

**Hiking during the day:** up to 8 miles

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

**Partners:** CDTC and NMVFO

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## Logging Northern Gila Wilderness Trails



**Date:** May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Who:** Equine riders

**Trail Work Description:** logging and packing (optional)

**Project Difficulty:** moderate

**Map of project:** <https://caltopo.com/m/N9UVB>

**Project Details:** [Click here](#)

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## STAY TUNED FOR MORE TRAIL PROJECTS .... SUMMER/ FALL 2022

Including but not limited to:

Bear Canyon

Trail #104 Allie Canyon

Trail #104 Allie Canyon #100 Turkey Creek #155

Upper Mogollon Creek #177

# 20 Years of Success: Gila Chapter Back Country Horsemen

## In the Beginning...

In 2001, the efforts of Gerry Thompson led to forming the Gila Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico. The Gila Chapter is now the largest of 8 chapters in New Mexico. The Back Country Horsemen of America presently has chapters in 32 states. Our primary mission is to "perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness areas". One way we do that is organizing volunteer trail projects throughout the Gila National Forest. These efforts are keeping trails open for ALL.



## Join Us!

We improve both popular/high use trails as well as trails that are impassable. We keep trails from disappearing and disperse use throughout the GNF. In many years we maintain over 100 miles of trail. Over the years, Gila Chapter members and recruited volunteers have: maintained or built over 1200 miles of trail; developed and maintained horse facilities; participated in various other activities that support equine and trail users.

"Everyone who loves the Gila National Forest benefits from this work."

Find out more & Join  
[www.gilabch.org](http://www.gilabch.org)

New Members Welcome.

See trail project schedule and other updated trail information. Or join our community of volunteers. No experience necessary: Cook trail meals at your home, be a trail worker volunteer or packing in gear and tools.



## Dedication...



## Donate!

Over the years the Gila Chapter BCH has been able to unearth approximately \$100,000 dollars to support trail maintenance and equine facility projects on the Gila National Forest. These dollars are used for volunteer expenses, tools, supplies, and program oversight expenses.

These monies have come from sources such as Title II Secure Rural Schools Act local Resource Advisory Committee, public donations, a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the Gila National Forest with Great American Outdoors Act Funding, and grants from National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance Trail Grant and the National Forest Foundation in partnership with UGWA.

Donate today to help us open more Gila trails!

[www.gilabch.org](http://www.gilabch.org)

Dedicated volunteer cooks make over 700 meals for trail projects in 2021.

BCH 2001-2021

From 2001 to 2021, Gila BCH members and recruited volunteers contributed over 20,000 hours to keep the forest trails open for ALL. That is equivalent to over 500 person weeks or almost 10 person years of work.

In 2021, the Gila Chapter BCH has increased trail maintenance activities by partnering with volunteer hiking groups and recruiting hiking volunteers such as New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors, SNMTA, CDTC and more.

Keeping Trails Open For ALL



Gila National Forest

## Barn Cleanup at USFS Gila Center

The Forest Service is cleaning up the barn / work center up near the Gila Cliff Dwellings Visitor Center. They invited us to join them.

**Dates:** Jan 25th & 26th

**Time:** 10 - 3:30 (join for whatever time you want)

### The work will involve

- sorting through the barn contents and throwing in a big dumpster anything that is unusable.
- Organizing what is left
- Sweeping the areas
- Removing old horse food (pellets)
- and more

### What to bring:

- snacks/food
- work gloves
- safety glasses
- covid mask

(they can provide some of this stuff if you don't have it)

**Benefits to Gila BCH:** In the future, we will be able to park horse trails and living quarters trailers in this area and use the corrals during trail projects. This will especially be nice when Woody's is crowded in the spring.

**RSVP:** Please email Melissa at [groundworktrails@gmail.com](mailto:groundworktrails@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping with this. Melissa is not organizing this project, the Forest Service is. By RSVPing (even if it is the night before) Melissa will be able to contact you in case something changes or it is all completed day 1.

Thanks

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Melissa

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NOTES FROM BCHNM STATE BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2022

2022 OFFICERS

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LANDS CHAIR MARISA LUZIER(PECOS)

Chapters present, Gila, Jemez, Hermit Peak, Pecos, and Northwest. Those absent were Lower Rio Grande, Santa Fe, Three Rivers and Zuni.

NEW CHAPTER: Hermit Peak based in Las Vegas. Dan Key is the President and Gabe Lucero is Vice President. Their first meeting is Jan 22 with 8 persons signed into membership.

Membership Report for 2022 is due. It is needed so that dues can be calculated. Also, needed is the new membership list so that members can get the quarterly newsletter from BCHA.

In addition, the volunteer hours for 2021 are due ASAP.

Apparently, there are grants available through BCHA for chapters. It wasn't clear what they could be used for and I didn't understand that anyone had applied for one.

Dan Key commented that Lower Rio Grande and Three Rivers chapters are struggling to remain active.

2022 Rendezvous planning was tabled as we did not have a quorum. Likewise, the 2022 budget discussion was postponed.

Extensive conversation about where to get money/grants for trail work and to find crews to work on them.

At the end of the meeting Dan Key made four specific points.

1. It is possible to have dual membership in more than one chapter but you must pick one as your primary so that dues and head count are correct.
2. Help other chapters that are struggling.
3. Train/recertify sawyers to those folks and new ones able to work in the forests.
4. For next year 2023. consider having an auction for a 3 day pack trip where the monies would be divided between sponsoring chapter, state, and national.

An auction item is needed for the National Meeting April 9-13. There was discussion but no decision was made what it would be.

Next meeting will be April 2, possibly in person. Depending upon Covid restrictions and UNM requirements.