

High Desert Trail Dust



High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen ** PO Box 1858 Klamath Falls, OR 97602

Prez Sez

By Betty Applebaker



Thanksgiving season is upon us. There is so much negative going on in our world. We need to stop and think about all the good things and good friends we have; celebrate our relationships with our friends and families and appreciate all the beauty we have around us. I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and can share some time on that day.

We enjoy seeing you at our General meetings on the second Tuesday of the month and hope those who have not been coming will join us again. It makes it more fun to be able to visit with you. I am trying to get interesting speakers and always looking for more ideas. If you know someone that might fill that slot, let me know.

Deb and Dan Price had a poisoning situation with their animals and made us aware of alsike clover. In January, we will have Pete Schreder, the Lakeview Extension Agent, as our speaker addressing Poisonous Plants. This will be good information for all.

Elections will be held at the November meeting, so I hope you got your ballots in. New Board members and our State Director will be installed at the Christmas meeting.

Speaking of the Christmas meeting, get your name on the list for dinner. It is Dec. 16 at the Shasta Grange starting at 5:00 pm. It is always a fun filled evening. Carole Hopkins has the details.

In January, we will need ideas for the activities you want for next year. Let Jim Collins know where you'd like to ride or campout. The Spring Tune Up was well attended last year, shall we do it again? We need to know. Jim Icenbice is working on project planning including some corrals, possibly a bridge, support packing for the Forest Service and maybe restoring a horse camp in Crater Lake National Park.

Betty

December 16 Meeting\Party Board Meeting , Dec. 19, Pack Expo Dec?

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Crater Lake National Park - News Release

October 30, 2017

For Immediate Release

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Crater Lake National Park Invites Public Comment on

Trail Management Plan Preliminary Alternatives

CRATER LAKE, OREGON – Crater Lake National Park is developing a Trail Management Plan that will guide trail management, investment in trail infrastructure, and visitor use of the park trail system for the next 25 years. The plan is needed to improve and diversify recreation opportunities, improve connectivity between features of interest, reduce user-created trails, eliminate unsustainable and underutilized routes, and protect park resources.

The park planning team has developed a set of preliminary alternatives in order to meet the plan purpose and need. Your feedback will be used to further refine the alternatives before a preferred alternative is selected. A newsletter that provides a detailed description of the preliminary alternatives for the Crater Lake Trail System is being issued with this press release, and is available for review at the website referenced below.

Comments on the preliminary alternatives can be submitted during a public scoping period that will be open through November 13, 2017. Comments can be submitted online, or sent by mail. The preferred method for receiving comments is via the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/crla>. Once on the website, select “Trail Management Plan” and then “Open for Comment” to provide your thoughts.

Mailed comments should be sent to:

Planning Team, Trail Management Plan

Crater Lake National Park

P.O. Box 7

Crater Lake, Oregon, 97604

When responding, please consider the questions below:

- Are there specific trails that you would like to see implemented? Why?
- Are there specific trails that you have concerns about? Why?

Please be aware that personally identifiable information submitted with comments may be made available to the public.

-NPS-

Alsike Clover-Toxic

From presentation by Debbie Price regarding her horses and Alsike

For those of us at the meeting where Debbie told her heartbreaking tale of her introduction to this plant which had been in her pasture, I am printing this so that perhaps the rest of us can be aware of this weed. I, myself had never given clover a second thought as being toxic, but apparently this one can be terrible under the right circumstances.

Horses grazing in pastures where clover is present face health problems depending on the type of clover, how much is present in the forage, and whether or not it is contaminated with fungus or other toxins. Hay can also be contaminated with clover if it is improperly put up or stored improperly.



Alsike clover - toxic to horses

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Three of the most common problems found in horses eating clover involve:

The toxin slaframine in Red Clover infested with *Rhizoctonia leguminicola* which causes excessive salivation

1. A photosensitivity response created by Alsike clover (*Trifolium hybridum*) that is secondary to liver damage
2. Sweet clover poisoning that results from molds that grow in sweet clover silage or hay that is put up while too wet.

The red clover plant itself is not toxic. The toxin, slaframine, is produced by the *Rhizoctonia* fungus which grows on clovers and alfalfa during periods of stress (high humidity, drought, and continuous grazing). Hay made from contaminated forages is also suspect, and the slaframine can remain in hay for several years.

When consumed while grazing or as hay, clover infected with this fungus will often cause horses to slobber excessively. This is known as Slaframine poisoning. The fungus infects red clover, white clover, alsike clover, and alfalfa. Slaframine poisoning is not life-threatening, but it can cause excessive salivation,

There are several strategies to reduce drooling caused by *Rhizoctonia*:

- Remove horses from infected pastures.
- Mow pastures until brown spots are no longer present on the leaves.
- Increase the concentration of grass by applying nitrogen fertilizer in spring and fall.
- Rest and rotate pastures to allow the grass to remain tall and competitive with the clover.
- Broad leaf herbicides, labeled for pasture use, can be used to remove existing clover plants from pastures.

Alsike clover creates a photosensitivity response secondary to damage in the liver caused by alkaloid in the plants. Chronic or nervous clinical signs and liver disease including biliary fibrosis and epithelial proliferation may occur.

This photo-sensitivity is caused by photo-reactive pigments in the plant that are absorbed into the blood when the horse eats the clover. In the presence of ultraviolet light from the sun, these then react in areas of non-pigmented skin and the horse's skin sunburns. Generally a horse has to consume these plants for several months before the liver effects become severe.

The best strategy is to remove all alsike clover from pastures by using a recommended broad leaf herbicide labeled for pasture use and rotate crops to allow grass to be competitive with the clover.

Sweet clover poisoning occurs as a result of molds that grow in poorly managed sweet clover silage or hay that is put up too wet. The chemical dicoumarol in the molds blocks normal blood clotting in animals that consume large quantities. Commonly found in commercial rodent poisons, dicoumarol is readily eaten by animals.

Signs of sweet clover poisoning include abnormal bleeding with spontaneous nosebleeds and black-tar-like manure. Swelling of joints, lameness and difficulty in breathing can occur if heavy doses are consumed.

Treatment consists of removal of the feed source and administration of vitamin K to restore normal blood clotting.

Again, proper pasture management can prevent sweet clover from becoming a major part of forage and proper management





Notes from The Editor

Just some last minute info and thoughts :

One.. For the Christmas Dinner we need you to bring the following:

A-H Appetizers

I - RSalads and Side Dishes

S-Z Desserts

Two. For goodness sakes, please don't let me be the only person who wears an ugly sweater. They are available on line for as low as 4.29

At the very least, wear one and bring your dress clothes to put on after the contest.

Have a little fun with this . I promise, that contest will occur early in the evening and then we can get our dressy clothes on. I know there are few occasions to dress up in Klamath Falls, but really!

Three. Betty has decided that this November meeting will be a Celebration of our work projects throughout this year and past year. Hey, that means CAKE!



2018 PHOTO CONTEST

Rules:

All photos must be original work by member who submits the photo and has been taken in 2017.

Entries must be submitted by November 20.

Photo, may have been used in Facebook .

Photos must be submitted to the editor of the Trail Dust by the photographer and she will record the pictures and number them and submit them to the judging committee . The Judges will be the membership attending the Christmas Meeting. There can only be one entry per category by the photographer.

Categories will be as follows:

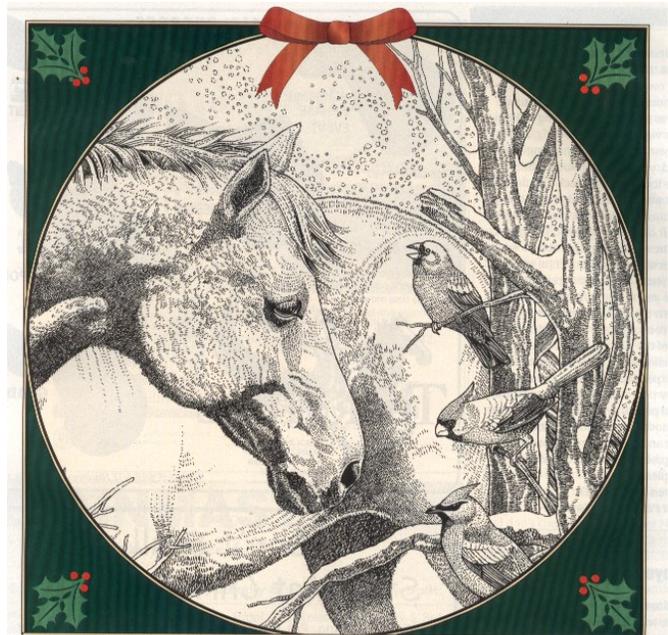
Equine photos

Nature \landscape \ flowers Photos

Pack Clinic Photos

Work Party \ Chapter activity Photos

The board has approved a modest budget for the winners of each category. .



HIGH DESERT TRAIL RIDERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN



NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ Original joining date: _____

(NOTE: Family membership is defined as a married couple with children; single adult with children or a couple co-residing.)

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Payment of your membership includes your dues for the State and National Organizations!!!

Please choose delivery method for your newsletter: _____ e-mailed _____ regular mail

Children's names and ages that will be included in the Family Membership. A person is considered a child if: a) they are age 18 or under.

Membership fees are due on November 1st each calendar year in order to vote or run for officers and board members at the November general meeting and are delinquent January 1st. Members joining after September 1st will be considered members for the following year.

I understand that as a member I am bound by the constitution, rules and bylaws of the High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen. Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident wherever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders and spectators and also recognizing the fact that Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc. including officers, directors

and/or members cannot know the conditions of trails or the experience of riders and spectators taking part in trail rides or other High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen functions, I hereby release the High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen, Inc. its officers, directors and all members from any responsibility, claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my horse(s)/mule(s), minor children, rider or property.

Basic chapter rules and by laws may be requested from the secretary at the general meetings or by email.

The purpose of the High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen shall be:

- ◆ To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
- ◆ To work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
- ◆ To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
- ◆ To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.
- ◆ To foster and encourage the formation of new state organizations and BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA.

By signing below you (and your family) agree to uphold the principles of the High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen.

Adult Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Total amount paid for the year 2018: _____ Date paid: _____ Paid by (check, cash, money order)

Mail form and dues to:

Checks payable to: HDTRBCH Meister.Maria@Gmail.com

Mail to: Maria Meister, Treasurer HDTRBCH Membership Chair: Debbie Hilbert

PO Box 1858, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 DebbieH@LonesomeDuck.com 541-281-1459

Christmas Dinner- Meeting to be December 16



We once again have an opportunity to share our best recipes with our membership and their guests. Our pot lucks have continually been a crowd pleaser. We will be introducing our new board members for 2018as well as featuring some video's of our chapter activities in 2017. We are requesting again that you please fill out the reservation for the meeting so that we will know how many tables and how much of the main course will be required for this event. We encourage you to bring a guest if you wish however please let us know An accurate count is really important.

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST

We will have an ugly sweater contest, so search goodwill and thrift stores for ugly Christmas Sweaters. Lots of fun.

HIGH DESERT TRAIL RIDERS BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN
P.O. Box 1858, KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97602
2017 END OF YEAR REVIEW / 2018 OFFICER INSTALLATION

Saturday, December 16, 2017 5:00PM to 11:00PM
Shasta View Grange, on Shasta Dr.

Klamath Falls, OR

RSVP Required

Cost is \$5.00 Per Person

We will be having a raffle.

Number of meals: _____ X \$5.00 = _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____

HDTRBCH will be serving Turkey and Ham as well as Coffee and Soft Drinks. And cake are provided also. BYOB. All dinnerware for eating will be provided.

HDTR Members will need to bring a side dish, salad, appetizer, or desert.

Happy Hours , from 5:00 pm to 6:00pm

Business meeting, officer installation and Dinner to follow.

A Chinese gift exchange will be part of the evening festivities. If you wish to participate, you must bring a wrapped non-gender gift priced no less than \$15.00 for each participant. This is a lot of fun.

PLEASE RETURN THIS RESERVATION FORM BY NOVEMBER 30 WITH CHECK MADE OUT TO:

HDTRBCH

PO Box 1858

Klamath Falls, OR 97603

Any questions please call Carole Hopkins 541 591 1805

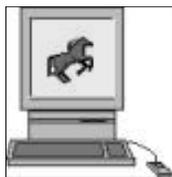
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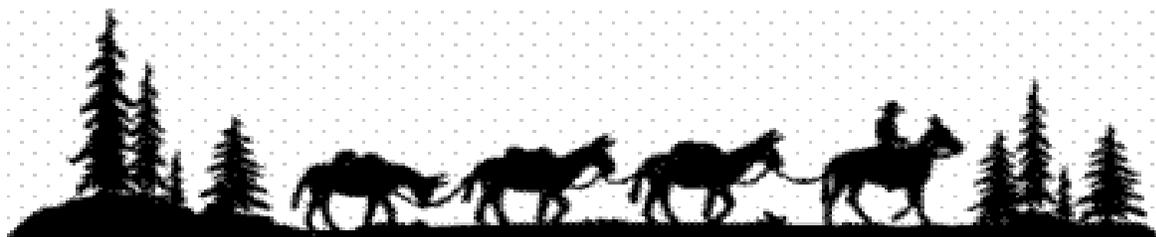
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“Back Country Horsemen” does not mean that all our members have to be back country packers. Although we have a number of members who pack with horses and mules, it is a matter of fact that most of our members do not pack, but are day riders who either camp at the trailhead or drive in for a day ride. Back country packers, front country riders, or any horse enthusiast who agrees that public lands should remain open to the recreational use of stock are welcome in



The High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen is dedicated to good horsemanship, good sportsmanship, the promotion of horse trails and trail horse facilities, to provide an active program of recreational riding and adherence to the purpose stated below.

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