

2012 MVBCH Officers

President

Nihla McCabe

Vice President

Bill Vicary

Secretary

Lyn Rowley

Treasurer

Curt Henderson

Board of Directors

Amy Bean

Sue Grabbe

Tif Rodriguez

Howard Thomas

State Board Reps.

Nihla McCabe

Tif Rodriguez

Alternate Seat Is Vacant

Committee Chairpersons

Education: Kathe Hayes

Social: Jill Poplin & Curt Henderson

Trail Work: Bill Vicary

Membership: Gloria Thomas

Fundraising: Jill Poplin

Public Affairs: Tif Rodriguez

Newsletter Editor

Tif Rodriguez

(submission deadline is the 10th of the month)

Web Site Maintenance

Ann Streett-Joslin

If you have questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please contact one of us. We can help!

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen
P.O. Box 812
Cortez, CO 81321
www.mesaverdehorsemen.com
mvbchorsemen@yahoo.com

MVBCH

President's Message

Nihla McCabe

I am so excited to be your president this year and I hope you are as excited about the coming year as I am. Do you hear what I hear?... No, it's not Christmas songs still... it's the call of the backcountry!!

I would like to ask each and every one of you to sign up for a committee this year. I know it sounds like a big commitment, but if everyone does one thing we can accomplish a lot!!

I have asked Gloria to head the Membership Committee as she did such a great job last year, and guess what?... She agreed to do it and I didn't even have to beg!! WOW!! If you think you could help her with getting new members, sign up for Gloria's membership Committee. The Ag show is not far off and we all need to be a part of that.

The head of the Trail Committee is Bill V. I didn't ask him ... I just volunteered him. Don't ya just love it? Trails are the most important part of our work and our volunteer hours were down some last year, and I am hoping we can increase those hours of volunteer service to be one of our all time highs. Wouldn't it be cool if our little



February 7, 2011
6:15 p.m. Taco Night
7:00 p.m. Meeting
Connie Clementson
Tres Rios BLM Manager
Location: Elks, Cortez

Chapter had more hours than some of those bigger Chapters on the Front Range? LET'S DO IT. Sign up with Bill's Trail Crew and get involved. All of us should sign up for this one. I am in. Are YOU?

Fundraising is a big deal, too, and again Jill Poplin will head the committee. Get ready for the world's biggest yard sale. I know we all have stuff to donate, we just have to get out there and dig around a little and take it to Jill. Then volunteer to run a shift at the sale!!

We have plenty to do in the Education Committee and Kathe and Tif have got a list of great educational meetings as long as my arm. Don't fret. We'll try to consolidate some to a useable list. SO git your calendars out and start writing down all the dates you will be getting an education. I would also like to see us have a day when we get together with hikers, bikers and ATV users for a social work day. That way we can help educate each other on our needs and issues.

Continued on the next page

President's Message

Nihla McCabe

Continued from page 1

As just a reminder, I want to stress that the Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen was formed to perpetuate the use of stock in the backcountry. If you do not have a backcountry horsemen's handbook please let me know and I will get you one. It will explain our mission in great detail. Please read it and even if you are not a new member take it out and read it again. Share it with others who may not be members.

The backcountry is being used more and more by all kinds of enthusiasts, and I want to be sure that we as horsemen, we always present ourselves with a courteous respect for others. We can be stewards of the land and still have consideration for the other users as well.



Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President

Nihla McCabe. Nihla asked if there were any changes to the last meeting minutes, and then asked for a motion to approve. Curt Henderson made a motion to approve, Jill Poplin seconded it and it passed.

The treasurer report was read by Curt. We had \$283.00 income, \$563.64 expenses. He passed around the roster for people to make any changes or corrections. Howard Thomas made a motion to accept the treasurer report as read, Ted Saunders seconded it and it passed.

Nihla gave a president's message.

A. She would like for the Chapter to answer the call of the backcountry. Nihla asked for all to sign up for a committee, work on the trails at least

Always use your common sense! There are many political issues we have been involved in by making

comments and being involved in planning processes. I have a feeling it's only the tip of the iceberg. Tif and Judith have volunteered to be our political "watch dogs." This position will help us by briefing us on issues such as the endangered sage grouse habitat that may be affecting some of our riding areas, and the La Plata canyon OHV use.

We have lots to do and lots of fun planned too. If you have any questions, concerns or issues let me know. I am willing to try and please everyone as best I can, but today may not be your day ... LOL!

Remember, leave your camp cleaner than you found it, and let's get out there and get to work!

once a month, turn in all volunteer hours for everything we do. We need to have all of our work accounted for.

Kathe said we need a volunteer agreement with the USFS. She will do it if Bill Vicary can't or doesn't have time.

B. Nihla reported that Gloria Thomas agreed to head up the Membership Committee and asked that she also organize our Chapter for the Ag Expo March 15th thru March 18th. Howard said that we have always participated in the BCH meeting held on Saturday during the Expo and was there going to be the same this year. Nihla said she would talk to 4 Corners and see about getting it going.

C. Kathe Hayes will head up the Education Committee. She indicated that she would like for Tif Rodriguez to help and she would get in touch with her.

D. Nihla said Jill agreed to do the tack/yard sale fundraiser again. Jill will need a lot of help, so asked that people volunteer.

E. Nihla would also like to have the "despook" clinic this year, she will order BCH of America guidebooks so we have them on hand. Cindy

volunteered to coordinate all the booklets and brochures. Nihla asked that we be polite to all the other trail users, and Kathe said that our May meeting topic is sharing trails. There is some talk about the Gunnison Sage Grouse and it becoming extinct so the trails on their area (Dolores County/Dove Creek) may be limited to motorized.

F. Tif has volunteered to be on the Political Affairs Committee and Trails Committee and Bill Vicary will be Chairman of Trails.

G. She asked all to come to the board meeting January 17th since we will be working on the calendar for the year. This is a great time to put anything on the agenda, such as when you are willing to work what days on trail throughout the year.

Jill said she has the Chapter albums and asked everyone to take photos and e-mail them to her for the album. Also to send in any articles from the paper referencing our work, the Ag Expo, etc.

Curt brought cake to share and 4 bottles of wine to be given away - to start off 2012 with a bang! (Thank you, Curt!)

Nihla opened the meeting to the trails reports.

Sue Grabbe gave a report on two trails she likes - Mockingbird Mesa and Hovenweep.

A. Mockingbird Mesa - 491 toward Dove Creek; turn left on Road BB, go 8 miles to Road 12 and turn left. Go to the end of the road and park by Kinder Morgan. There are a lot of trails to ride there including to an old homestead and to the ruins. Using a GPS to mark your trails is recommended.

B. Hovenweep - 491 toward Dove Creek; turn left on Road BB and go 6 miles to Road 10 - turn left on Road 10 and go 16 miles to the corrals. You can park at the corrals and cross the road to ride. Again it was suggested you mark your trailer with a GPS.

C. Sue also brought both a Bushnell Backtracker from Cabela's and an eTrex GPS to show. The Backtracker from Cabela's is about \$39.95 and can mark 3 way points. The eTrex goes for about \$100 and does more.

Tig Griffith suggested when giving trail information to mark the coordinates with your

GPS so others can put the coordinates in their GPS to find the trailhead.

Judith Franklin gave her report on two out of state trails.

A. Fort Robinson State Park, Nebraska, is in the NW panhandle of Nebraska, 3 miles west of Crawford on US Highway 20. A Google search will bring up a lot of information including maps and addresses. There are 22,000 acres of rolling grassland and pine ridges and bluffs. It is a historic location where the US Cavalry remount station was from the 1800's until the end of WWII. Lots of water when you ride. There is an RV campground and horse barns.

B. Comb Wash and Mule Canyon, Utah. Hwy 491 west to Monticello. South (left) on Hwy 191 through Blanding about 2 hours with a stop at the border. Be sure to have your Coggins, brand inspection and traveling papers with you. West on SR 95 toward Natural Bridges. Pass through Comb Ridge. At the bottom of the hill turn left on C.W. dirt road. There's a great camping site on down the road on a stream, but you have to ford a couple of creeks. A recon beforehand is recommended. Compass bearing 210 degrees will get you into Mule Canyon.

Kathe Hayes reported on Mud Springs. Hwy 160 to CR G, Left on CR 21 to the parking lot. There currently are monitors working there that keep a lookout for illegal parking, vehicles, etc. You can also access Mud Springs via rock crawlers 50" in width. That access is also in the parking lot. It is prohibited unless you specifically have a vehicle modified to do extreme off road driving. Mud Springs is an area of critical environmental concern and significant ruins.

Howard Thomas said his favorite trail was Lower Chicken Creek. Take 184 to Road 42, turn right 5 miles to Road N, go left on Road N to Mancos State Park, past the trash cans and park on the side. The second access is the Forest Service land on Road 42. You can ride the trail to the old sawmill.

Nihla thanked all the members for their reports and asked for a motion to adjourn. Sue made a motion to adjourn, Barb seconded it and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted, Lyn Rowley, Secretary

Members Only! Fun Facts, Where Have You Been Ridin', Product/Book Reviews and Member Anecdotes!!

Where Have You Been Ridin' and Other Anecdotes!?!

Cindy C. and Illy - Mud Springs, Road 23

Charles Whitehorn - My Hay Field

Sue G. - Mockingbird Mesa, Hovenweep, Mud Springs, Wickenburg, AZ

Judith F. - Mud Springs, Home, Below Goodman Point, Sage Hen

Donna T. - Sage Hen, Goodman Point

Sharon V. - Mud Springs, Goodman Point, Sage Hen, Sand Canyon

Nihla M. - Sand Canyon

Barb H. - Mockingbird Mesa

Kathe H. - Sage Hen

Member Anecdotes & Tips

Pati T. - There is a newly approved equine formulation of pergolide called Prascend for horses who have pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction (Cushing's syndrome) now available through your vet.

Donna T. - Here's a photo of John Kelly and his granddaughter, Kit (Below). We took a ride to Goodman point today (1/3/12). It's dry in some places and wet in others. They are working on the north side of the road and have a ditch there so you can't get around. Definitely have to go south side of road now.



Sue G. - In case you missed the meeting, here's a riding area that Sue shared: Directions to

Hovenweep: Go eight miles north on 491 to Rd BB and turn left. Go six miles to Rd 10 and turn left. Go 16 miles to corrals that will be on left. It is about 40 min from Roundup Junction.

Directions to Mockingbird Mesa: Go eight miles north on 491 to Rd BB and turn left to Rd 12 (which is in a dip in road). Turn left and follow main road as it turns south and west several times. Go to end of road where there is a gate and a Kinder Morgan plant. Park outside fence of plant and ride through gate and explore!

Judith F. - And that Judith shared: Out of state horse riding vacation areas of note (both require Interstate Health Certificates and neg. Coggins papers)

FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK, NE

In the NW panhandle of Nebraska, three miles west of Crawford, NE on US Highway 20

Google search will bring up a lot of information (Res., Map, address, etc.) Rated four stars out of four. 22,000 acres of rolling grassland and pine ridges and bluffs. Historic: US Cavalry Remount Station from the 1800's until the end of WW II. Lots of water when you ride. RV campground, horse barns. Use highway maps of CO and NE to find your way.

Nationwide Overnight Stabling Guide lists facility near Pueblo for breaking the driving approx. in half COMB WASH & MULE CANYON, UT

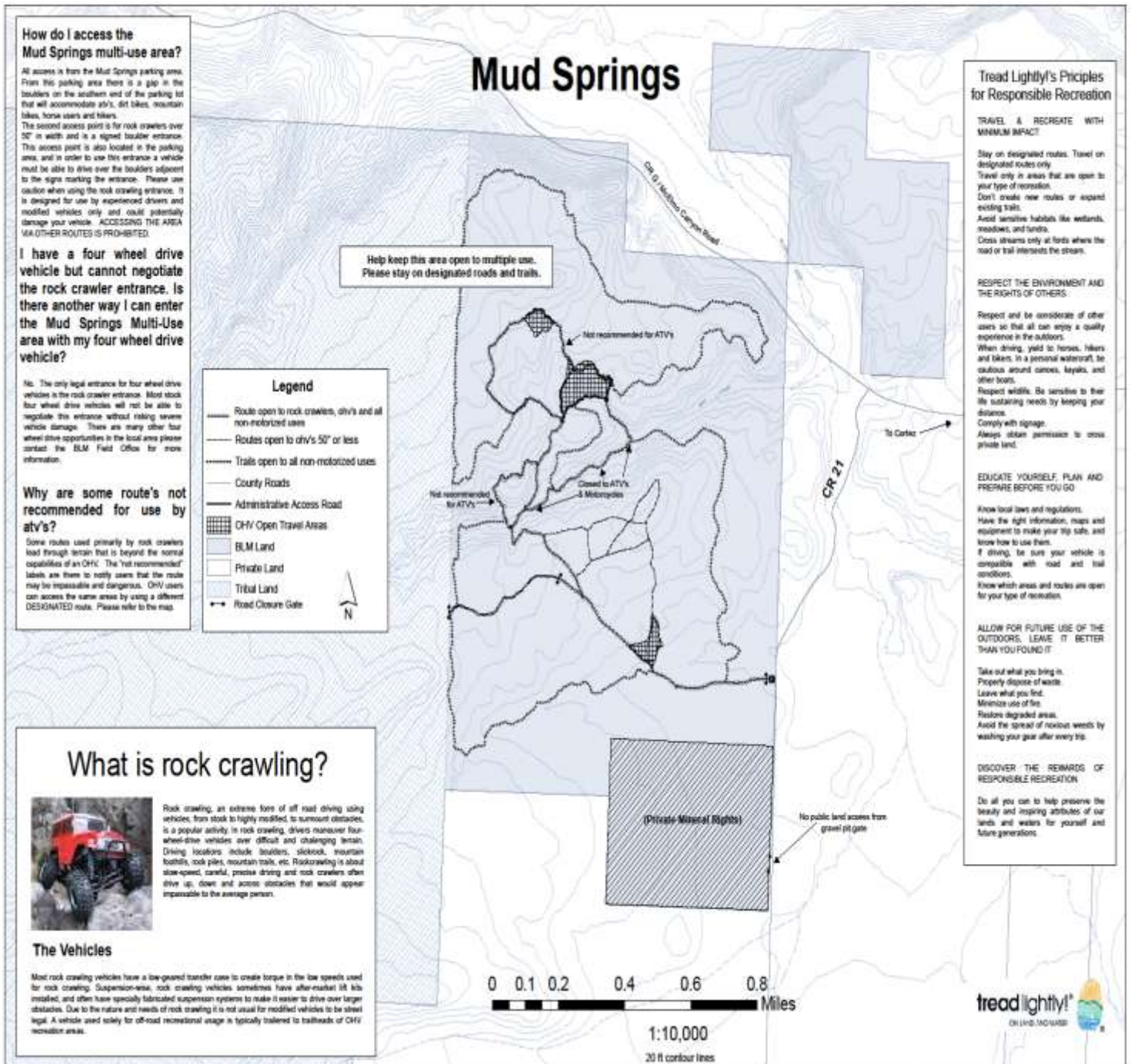
Hwy 491 west to Monticello. South (left) on Hwy 191 through Blanding (about two hrs with stop at border). West on SR 95 toward *Natural Bridges*. Pass through Comb Ridge. At the bottom of the hill, turn left on C.W. dirt road. I camped in the second cottonwood grove. Probably a great camping site on down the road, on a stream, but have to forde a couple of creeks (recommend recon before attempt)

-Compass bearing 210 degrees will get you into Mule Canyon

Members Only! Fun Facts, Where Have You Been Ridin', Product/Book Reviews and Member Anecdotes!!

Kathe H. - Thanks to Kathe for submitting this great map and informational handout for the newly redesigned Mud Springs area. Let's make sure we

educate ourselves on the new rules, signage and expectations for this often abused area, and do our part to keep it open!



BCHA Media Committee Request

BCHA Directors,

The Media Committee is trying to include a youth oriented article in each issue of the BCHA Newsletter starting with 2012. We need articles involving BCH and youths. Please contact your members for articles including a couple pictures of any work projects, training clinics, 4-H group, etc. that any of your chapters worked with in 2011 and submit to me for future inclusion.

Thanks,
Rod Parks
rod.d.parks@gmail.com
BCHA Media & Marketing Committee Chairman

Hey MVBCH Members, a couple great ways to get our organization either in the National Newsletter or in Trail Blazer magazine! PLEASE READ this page for further information and contact each individual listed directly.

Trail Blazer Magazine Request

Happy New Year!

It's time for Trail Savers and Trail Warrior for the March issue of Trail Blazer magazine. **My deadline is January 25.**

There are two opportunities for national publicity:

Trail Savers

- Monthly Column of short vignettes featuring our trail organizations across the United States
- Features trail work days, efforts toward saving and improving trails, promoting equestrian trails, etc.

- Shine the spotlight on your organization!
- Send me the information on your organization – via email, add me to your newsletter list
- We also need photos to go with each article.

Please send a high resolution photo for four color magazine printing (usually the raw, unedited photo works best off of the camera). Also please identify the folks in the photo.

Trail Warrior

- A monthly feature that shines the spotlight on an individual – a champion of the trails
- This could be someone who shows leadership but it could also be the person who may stand in the background but is someone you can always count on.

- To nominate for this article, send information on WHY this person deserves the honor, about 300 words or less. Doesn't need to be a completed article.

- Also need a clear, high resolution photo of the nominee

- Please include the person's address also because if selected they will receive a one-year subscription to the magazine.

Something exciting for 2012 – in the November issue, a feature story will be written by me to spotlight our top trail advocacy warriors from different regions of the country. I'll interview these folks over the phone (or via email) and the questions would be something like what are the top issues trail riders face and how are you approaching them to save trails? I would love to have your input on who would be a great person to be interviewed for this article. Send me the person's contact info – Name, Organization, Involvement in trail advocacy, email address, best phone number to reach him/her.

Where can you get this publication? Trail Blazer Magazine is a nationally-distributed magazine, published 10 times each year and not available on newsstands. The only way you can receive it is to subscribe at www.trailblazermagazine.us. You can also LIKE Trail Blazer magazine on Facebook where there are subscriptions specials, contests, polls, etc. You'll love this beautiful magazine that is full of great information for horse lovers and trail riders.

Any questions – feel free to shoot me an email!

Terri Folks

Trail Advocacy Editor

Trail Blazer Magazine

www.trailblazermagazine.us

Voice/Fax (405) 340-6912



MVBCH MONTHLY CALENDAR



<p>January 2012 3-Monthly Meeting - Come prepared with information on your favorite riding trail, Members!! 17-Board Meeting, Jack & Janelle's, 6:15 dinner, 6:45 meeting, contact Nihla FMI</p>	<p>February 2012 7-Monthly Meeting, Connie Clementson, New Tres Rios BLM Manager 21-Board Meeting, TBD</p>	<p>March 2012 6-Monthly Meeting, Social Styles, Get To Know Your Neighbor 20-Board Meeting, TBD 31-BCHCO BOD Meeting, Buena Vista, CO-Contact Tif FMI</p>
<p>April 2012 3-Monthly Meeting, Easy Boot Fitting 17-Board Meeting, TBD</p>	<p>May 2012 1-Monthly Meeting, Tread Lightly, Resolving Conflicts in the Backcountry 15-Board Meeting, TBD</p>	<p>June 2012 5-Monthly Meeting, TBD 19-Board Meeting, TBD</p>

FOUR CORNERS AREA HORSE CLINICS AND EVENTS

March 15-18 - Four States Ag Expo, Montezuma County Fairgrounds

Since 1974 John Kelly's

Hitchin Post Saddlery

Fine Horse Equipment & Tack
Pack Saddles & Panniers

Chaps & Chinks Saddle Repair

29442 Rd. P.5 (is Rd. 29) Shop is Next Drive N. 799 4475
johnlewiskelly@yahoo.com hitchinpostsaddlery.com



IT'S TIME TO RENEW!!

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen 2012 Membership Form

Name(s): _____ **REFERRED BY:** _____

Occupation: _____

Mailing

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Other: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of Membership (circle): New Renewal

Individual \$28 Family \$33 Associate/Business \$33 Youth \$4 (under 18 accompanied by guardian/sponsor)

(Memberships paid October-December include the rest of the current year & all of the next year)

Interests (circle): Work Projects Social & Fun Rides/Events Newsletter Publicity Education

Membership Scrapbook Public Relations Packing Horse Training Tack Repair Computers

Public Speaking Teaching

Please make checks payable to: MVBCH or Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen

Mail to: MVBCH, P.O. Box 812, Cortez, CO 81321

I am aware that activities involving horses can be inherently dangerous and hazardous, and thereby agree to accept any and all risks of injuries or death that are associated with participation in events sponsored by THE MESA VERDE BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN, Inc. I (we) hereby release the Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen, Inc., each and every member, agent and employee, of any and all liability which may be sustained in connection with the Chapter's activities.

PHOTO RELEASE: I (we) agree to the use of my (our) images taken at Chapter activities and events to be published in the monthly newsletter, on the web site, in Chapter scrapbooks or at any Chapter function.

Yes _____ No _____

How do you prefer to receive your monthly newsletter (**it's more cost effective to use e-mail!**): E-mail _____

Postal _____

Signed: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____ *(All persons 18 years and older included in this membership form must sign this release form)*

GET YOUR YEARLY DUES IN! YOU
NEED MVBCH. FEBRUARY 2012
WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR VOICE
HEARD SO GET YOURSELVES ON A
COMMITTEE. WE GET WORK DONE,
AND HAVE FUN WHILE DOING IT!

SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF, BREAKDOWN OF MVBCH'S VOLUNTEER EFFORTS FOR 2011. LET'S TOP THEM FOR 2012!

Basic - 724 hours = \$10,860

Skilled - 98 hours = \$2445

Recon - 30 hours = \$450

Public Meetings - 79 hours = \$1,185

Admin Service - 44 hours = \$19.80

Travel Time - 161 hours = \$2,408.25

Trail Miles - 63

Personal Vehicle Miles - 1,305 = \$1,174.50

Stock Hauling Miles - 5,103 = \$5,613.30

Total Stock Used - 96

Total Stock Days - 112

Donations - \$480

Grand Total Contributed by MVBCH in 2011- \$35,835.47

COA 101-Courtesy of Bill & Sara Vicary. First ride, Woods Canyon, Sunday, 1/22/12, no dogs, limit 10 riders. Call or email Bill V. FMI

D **YNAMITE**
SPECIALTY PRODUCTS



Distributed By:

LATIFIA "TIF" RODRIGUEZ

Independent Distributor

Mancos, CO 81328

970-882-3488 - Cell 970-903-8752

E-mail: LRodri0202@cs.com

Web Site: <https://www.dynamitespecialty.com/TifRodriguez>

NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS

FOR SALE

- Circle Y Flex Lite Park and Trail. Very good condition. 16" black grain padded seat, six silver conchos, beautiful tooling, stirrups turned and ready to ride. New \$1,600. Asking \$800 OBO. Serial # 115526030601. Contact Lyn 882-3094. PICTURED AT RIGHT



- For sale: 16" Big Horn lightweight western saddle \$260;
16" Australian saddle \$260 - Call Sue Grabbe 970-564-9454 or email slgranch@gmail.com
- Downsizing my herd - For sale: Beautiful tricolor paint mare (Gaited) 9 years old. Good trail horse. Natural hoof care, 14 hands, intermediate rider, good temperament. \$950 or trade for hay.
Nice looking 4 year old mare. Has had ground work, ready to start under saddle, Arab/? Gray, black mane and tail. Good 4-H project, natural hoof care, good temperament, 13.3 hands. \$300.00 or trade for hay.
Small gelding paint, 4 years old, only 13 hands, good temperament, has had ground work, good 4-H project, natural hoof care. \$300 or trade for hay.
5 year old paint donkey (male). Good temperament, stands for farrier, leads, very friendly. Ready to be trained to ride or pull a cart. \$300 or trade for hay. **970-533-9135**

Mesa Verde Back Country Horsemen
P.O. Box 812
Cortez, CO 81321



ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

