

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico Lower Rio Grande Chapter

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Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S PROSE

Is it November already? How can it be!!! I can't deny the fall weather—we're getting record low temps and lots of wind... We've postponed our ride and pot luck at White Sands until the nineteenth of November. Our meeting this month will be at that ride, and we'll be having our elections for next year's officers, so plan on joining us for a great ride and get-together then. Our past president, Tom Bryant is back with us and has been nominated as president for next year. If anyone else would like to run for any office, please step up now. Our current officers are doing a great job, but all agree that we need some new blood.

Our National Public Lands Day project for the BLM was to put in a gate in the fence line that the new extension of the Sierra Vista Trail crosses. The gate is a four-foot pipe gate with a chain latch. We installed it high enough to be opened and closed from horse-back. The trail can be accessed from Soledad Canyon Road, directly across from the parking area for the Sierra Vista Trail there, or from Dripping Springs Road on the North end. The BLM will be putting in a larger parking area there, with signage. The Boy Scouts dug the tread, and the trail is in good shape. We'll schedule a ride there soon.

We welcome new members Dave and Debbie Henderson, and Wayne and Donna Muncrief! Dave and Debbie did much of the work on the Sierra Vista Trail gate. Wayne and Donna hosted a ride at their ranch for us awhile back. We're glad to have them all!

Our December 3 Ride and Pot Luck will be at Rick and Debbie Cantrell's place in Anthony. We'll ride the West Mesa at 11 am – mark your calendar!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 19: White Sands Pot Luck and Ride, 11:00 am. Be sure and fill out the permit that Joyce sent out ahead of time, to save time at the gate. Our November meeting and elections will be held at this event, so make sure to be there!

December 3: Ride and Pot Luck at Rick and Debbie Cantrill's place at 11:00 am.

Directions: Take I-25 south to I-10 eastbound

Exit 155 Vado, turn right (west) on Vado Dr. (NM 227), drive approx. 1 mile to stop sign.

At stop sign turn left (south) on NM 478, go less than 0.5 mi. & turn right (west) on NM 189. Helena Chemical will be on your right, turn just past them. Cross RR tracks & river, drive to stop sign.

Turn left (south) at this stop sign. This road is NM 28.

Drive 6.5 - 7 miles, turn right (west) on Ranch Rd.

Ranch Rd. is a dirt road. It is a private road, so it has a red street sign instead of a green one. Follow this road to the top of the hill, we are at 1210 & Pull in at the chain link fence/gate.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Websites of our Congressmen, where you can get their email addresses:

<http://www.nmlegis.gov/lcs/default.aspx>

US Senator Jeff Bingaman: <http://bingaman.senate.gov> Phone# 800-443-8658

US Senator Tom Udall: <http://udall.senate.gov> Phone# 202-224-6621

Representative Steve Pearce's website with contact info: <http://pearce.house.gov/>

Equine Land Conservation Resource: www.elcr.org

New Mexico Horse Council: www.nmhorsecouncil.org

Information on the Rio Grande Trail:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/PRD/riograndeconcept.htm>

For up-to-date info on National Forests and BLM areas, go to <http://www.nmfireinfo.com> or http://gacc.nifc.gov/swcc/information/firerestrictions/nm/restrictions_nm.htm.

The website of the New Mexico DOT BPE (Bicycle/Pedestrian/Equestrian trails):

<http://www.nmshtd.state.nm.us/main.asp?secid=11190>

