

# Gila Chapter

## Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

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6/17/2025 6:00 PM | Grant County Extension Office

Meeting called by	Cheryl Roth	Attendees
Type of meeting	Monthly business meeting	Lynae Addy, Joan Bacon, Cathy Brett, Sharon Brown, Carole Clark, Cindi deCapiteau, Gerry Engel, Fred Fox, Becki Harrington, Betsy Holdsworth, Dave Imler, Nancy Imler, Rawlings Lemon, Cheryl Roth, Silke Schneider, Richard Waller, Nathan Williams
Note taker	Cindi deCapiteau	

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Call to order | Presenter Cheryl Roth

Cheryl Roth called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the last meeting held (in April) were approved by unanimous vote.

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Financial & membership report | Presenter Dave Imler

Since the April report, the Gila chapter expenses and bank balances are:

Expenses: \$22,307.36

Income: \$5,126.92

GBCH has 62 paid members

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Grant County Search and Rescue | Presenter Laurie Wlosinski

Laurie reported that a rescue involving three riders occurred at Rain Creek. One rider went down. The horse is ok. The rider was littered out. Twenty people were involved in the rescue effort.

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State BCH

The Pecos Chapter received a \$150K grant from BCHA.

Non-planning is ongoing for an informal 2025 Rendezvous. The event if and when it occurs, will not be sponsored by a New Mexico BCH chapter. The plan is to hold the Rendezvous in Resumidero.

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Activities in July

Melissa Green reported that construction for the new corrals for Woody's will begin on July 21 if weather conditions permit. Corrals will be set up following site preparation and installation of a water line. Melissa added that a grand opening to celebrate the new infrastructure will be planned in the fall.

A picnic will be held in July at Gomez Peak on July 15 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Silke Schneider has reserved the Gomez Peak pavilion for this event. GBCH will supply burgers. Members will be bringing salads, sides, and dessert.

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### *Highway Clean-up*

A highway cleanup detail will be scheduled for September/October when the weather is cooler. The supplies for the detail have disappeared and Cindi deCapiteau has ordered new vests.

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### *Upcoming Trail Projects*

See the list of trail projects on page [X](#).

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### *News from National BCH*

The public lands caucus is busy. Gabe Vasquez has started a bipartisan effort to preserve public lands.

BCHA is involved with the bipartisan group, No Labels. The group is addressing deficit spending, which is whatever is leftover (read: nothing) after allocations for Medicare, Social Security, and other entitlement programs from the federal government.

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### *Fire in the Forest*

Summer is rolling out on fire. A lightning-sparked wildfire is burning close to home. As a result, Donna Tillmann and Jenifer Douglas have been evacuated. Jenifer's husband was arrested for entering a closed fire zone. Fred Fox noted that county and fire officials are worried about looters in evacuated areas. He commented that Watch Duty is an excellent app for information about wildfires. Extra emergency medical services personnel in Mimbres are helping with evacuations. Smoke injuries happen, but Gila Regional Medical Center doesn't report them. Coordination is occurring with the Red Cross and the hospital is providing support for employees.

Hotshots from all over are encamped at Nan Ranch and the rodeo grounds east of Silver City.

We need a list of people who can accommodate evacuated animals.

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### *Adjournment*

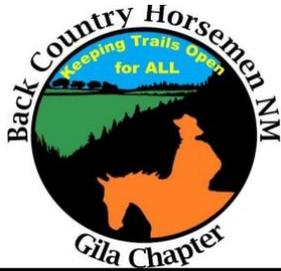
Tonight's meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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### *Announcements*

Next Meeting: Grant County Extension Office, September 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

# Fall 2025 Gila Trail Projects



All trail users welcome

**No trail work experience necessary**

Updated 9-15-2025.

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

## AEROPLANE MESA TRAIL # 705



**Dates:** Sept 28-30, 2025

**Trail Work:** Brushing, drains and removing rocks from the trail.

**Project Difficulty:** moderate

**Map:** <https://caltopo.com/m/04E8D71>

**Backpack/Ride to Base Camp:** 2 base camps options depending on if the river is high or not: 3 to 4 miles

**Hiking/Riding during the day:** up to 2.5 miles

[Project Details](#)

## CLEAR CREEK TRAIL #165 & WEST FORK CORRAL TRAIL #814



**Dates:** Oct 3 - 8, 2025

**Trail Work:** Brushing, logging, tread, and trail marking.

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map:** <https://caltopo.com/m/HFUF8D9>

**Backpack/Ride to Base Camp:** 2 base camps: 7.5 miles to the first base camp. 4.25 miles to the second base camp. See map.

**Hiking/Riding during the day:** up to 6 miles

[Project Details](#)

## CLEARING TRAILS FROM CLEAR CREEK

Clearing remote trails in the Gila Wilderness



**Dates:** Oct 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Who:** Equine riders only

**Trail Work:** Logging

**Project Difficulty:**

moderate

**Map:** <https://caltopo.com/m/4UQ0UDD>

**Ride to Base Camp:** 7.6 miles

**Riding during the day:** multiple options

[Project Details](#)

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## Gallinas # 129, Railroad # 128 & Crest # 79



**Dates:** Oct 16 - 19, 2025

**Who:** Hikers Only

**Trail Work:** Lots of brushing, in addition to logging, trail marking, and tread work.

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate

**Map:** <https://caltopo.com/m/085JC1G>

**Backpack to Basecamp:** 4.25 miles

**Hiking/ riding during the day:** up to 6.5 miles

[Project Details](#)

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## (LOWER) TURKEY CREEK TRAIL # 155



**Dates:** Nov 2 – 7, 2025

**Trail Work:** Brushing, logging, spot tread, and trail marking

**Project Difficulty:** moderate

**Map:** <https://caltopo.com/m/2AAA1HD>

**Backpack to the basecamp:** First basecamp will be at the trailhead and the second basecamp will be 3.25 miles **Hiking during the day:** up to 6.5 miles

[Project Details](#)

## SYCAMORE CANYON TRAIL # 234 – CDT ALTERNATE

\*Day Project\*

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**Dates:** Nov 13, 2025

**Trail Work:** Brushing

**Project Difficulty:** Moderate due to the steep hike to the trail project.

**Map:** <https://caltopo.com/m/08VH7NT>

**Hiking during the day:** 6 miles round trip

[Project Details](#)

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Spring 2026 projects will be listed in January.

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Future Projects will likely include:

- Red Canyon and Mineral Creek
  - Granny Mountain and Miller Springs Trail
  - Packsaddle and Cub Mesa areas
  - Flying V and Canyon Creek Trails
  - East Railroad
  - And more.....
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Help in other ways.....

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**Cook trail meals from your home:** for more info: [email](#)

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**Provide updated water info:** [Click here](#) or [email](#)

**Provide updated trail info:** [Click here](#) or [email](#)

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