

2021 introduced Teton Valley Backcountry Horsemen to new endeavors. We were introduced to grant writing, deck staining, and hitching post building in addition to our usual duties of trail maintenance. This was our second year in operation. The second year brought vaccinations and loosening of Covid restrictions. This allowed for a wonderful “ Spring Fling” at Mike Mulligan’s home (our former board president and the catalyst that began our chapter). It was bittersweet. We were able to meet many new friends while saying goodbye to a very good one, Mike ,who moved to Vermont. He will be missed.

The spring of 2021 brought opportunities for our chapter. The Forest Service is assessing a newly acquired property. The Maytag property is now public property. The area is being assessed for use. Teton Valley Back Country Horsemen has been front and center. We want the Forest Service to consider this for equine access. We have made it clear that motorized access is not welcome. To express our commitment we had a service project. Dennis Craig and a group of volunteers stained decks and did repair work at the yurt that exists on the the Maytag property. The use evaluation of the property continues. We will remain engaged at every step.

This year 4 members earned their saw training via the US Forest Service. Our chapter successfully submitted two grants for much needed equipment. Bridge repair on Mahogany Creek was done via pack mules

hauling several loads of rocks. Heavily used trails in Teton Canyon and Moose Creek were trimmed and cleared. The Coyote Meadows trail was in need of clearing and trimming. Volunteers from Teton Valley Idaho Back Country Horsemen accomplished significant trail clearing during a pack trip .

A much needed project was done at Hidden Lake where it meets the Coyote Meadows trail head. We believe all projects have a positive impact. Perhaps the greatest impact for equestrian use was this Hidden Lake - Coyote Meadows project. Hitching posts had fallen into disrepair. A team of volunteers led by Melissa Pangraze repaired two hitching rails. Back Country riders can now tie their animals safely.



Our group logged 328 volunteer hours. Teton Valley Back Country Horsemen rode and provided service to 128 wilderness miles.