

## Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona Meet with Bike Alliance to Resolve Issues

Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona held a meeting with the Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance to discuss ways to resolve safety issues on the multi-use, non-motorized trails in the Prescott National Forest. It was a very productive meeting, raising public awareness of the issues that face all trail users. Plans were formulated as to how to educate all user groups of the safety and trail courtesy issues.

The BCHA of Central Arizona's main partner is the Prescott National Forest. In addition, they work with the Coconino National Forest, Kaibab National Forest, Tonto National Forest, National Park Service (Grand Canyon National Park and Wupatki National Monument), Arizona Trails Association, BLM and others consistent with the mission of Back Country Horsemen.

2010 projects also included building 8.5 miles of loop trails in the Almosta trail area. These trails have been flagged and work is ongoing. BCHCAZ received an \$8,000 grant for this project. \$3,000 reimbursed the chapter for the funds spent on the 1st phase. The additional \$5,000 was used in the development of the 8.5 miles of trail planned for 2010.

For more information, visit [www.bchcaz.org](http://www.bchcaz.org)



Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona meet with members of the Prescott Mountain Bike Alliance to resolve safety issues in the Prescott National Forest.

## Ellis River Riders Maintain More than 50 miles of Trails



Members of the Ellis River Riders in Maine maintain more than 50 miles of trails.

In Andover, Maine, members of the Ellis River Riders developed and currently maintain a trail system with more than 50 miles of trails. Most, if not all, of the trails are crossing privately owned lands. According to President

Deb Cayer, "This makes our situation quite unique as we do not utilize state or government lands. The task was difficult and required us to obtain a release from every landowner, allowing us to maintain an equestrian trail crossing their property."

For an example of the usage issues they face, the Pink Trail Loop is about 6.5 miles long and crosses a minimum of 10 different landowners. Other trails cover larger tracts owned by paper companies and forestry management. Right now, members have parking and access from the club showgrounds and the Andover Recreation Field park and ride for the public.

For more information about the Ellis River Riders, visit [www.ellisriverriders.com](http://www.ellisriverriders.com)

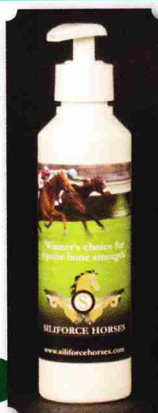


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