

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

### **Chris Park Water Crossing**

The Chapter partnered with the Forest Service to build a wooden water crossing on a trail in Chris Park where the mud was deep at a stream crossing. With the help and guidance of the Forest Service crew, we re-aligned the trail and built a raised wooden platform across the affected area.

### **Haviland View Trail Re-Alignment**

Our Chapter provided funding for the excavation work needed to re-align a trail in Chris Park from a very steep, rocky incline to a gentler incline that is safer and more user friendly.

### **Farmer Cabin**

The Farmer Cabin is an historic structure built in 1959 and located on non-motorized National Forest System lands in the San Juan National Forest. The Chapter adopted the cabin in 2012 and has made many improvements since that time. The cabin now provides a unique opportunity for educational groups to enjoy the San Juan National Forest while staying in an historic structure.

### **Packing Clinics**

The Chapter has been holding packing clinics for several years to ensure the continued use of stock in the back country. Students receive hands-on learning from a professional outfitter about ropes and knots, equipment, safety, herd management, stock restraints, and more. The clinics are made possible with a grant from the BCHA Education Foundation and support from 4CBCH.

### **Tack Sales**

Since 2000, the Chapter has been holding a consignment tack and equipment sale at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. This is our only fund-raiser, and it has become a popular community event. \$40,592 in merchandise (including 2 horse trailers) was sold in 2017.

### **Colorado Trail**

Our Chapter hired a Southwest Conservation Corps crew to spend a week repairing a dangerously out-sloped portion of trail. We provided support for the crew and funding.

### **Pine River Trailhead**

In May of 2016, four new corrals were completed at the Pine River Trailhead. It took nearly a year of planning and on-site labor which involved volunteers from the San Juan Back Country Horsemen, Four Corners Back Country Horsemen, and McCarty Construction Company along with the cooperation of the US Forest Service.

### **Baling Twine Recycling**

A new fundraiser was started in 2017 that has been very popular and also beneficial for the environment. Thousands of pounds of twine have already been collected at drop-off points around the county. The twine was sold to a recycling center and our profit was donated to the National Forest Foundation to be used for planting trees.

### **Hermosa Wilderness Trash Pack-Out**

In August 2017, we packed out trash from abandoned hunting camps for the San Juan National

Forest. In three days, seven loads were packed out of the Wilderness that totaled an estimated 900 pounds. Another trash project is already scheduled for 2018.