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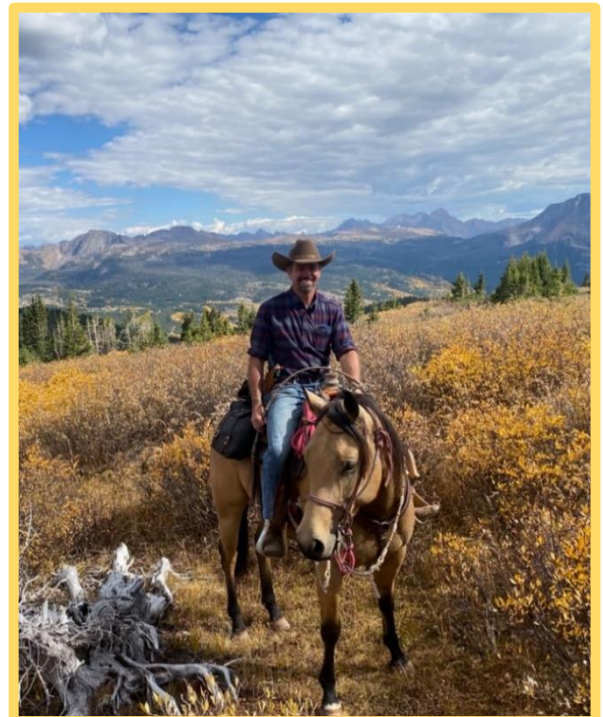
From the President's Pen

Hello members,

My name is Andrew Carroll. I've lived in Colorado with my two kids for over four years now. I was raised in New Mexico but have lived in several places around the United States during my time with the military.

I chose to settle down in Southwestern Colorado for the many outdoor opportunities the area has to offer for not only myself but my two kids, my dog and my three horses. I am an outdoor enthusiast, and you will often find me out on the trail either just doing a trail ride with my daughter or packing some gear into the mountains via horses. That is how I ended up joining 4CBCH. I am a firm believer in protecting, rehabilitating, and using the trail networks that our public land has to offer. I believe the best way for me to practice what I preach is by getting involved as much as possible with this organization and the ones we are partnered with.

It is my hope to grow 4CBCH back to a formidable organization that continues to protect the rights of equestrian men and women on public lands while educating the public to the positive aspects equestrian riders can provide to everyone's beloved lands.



We can do this through volunteering in education programs, trails projects, trash clean ups and many more opportunities. I also want to keep the spirit alive within the group through get togethers, trail rides and many other group activities where like-minded people can get together. I hope to get more of the membership involved in our meetings, volunteer outings, trail rides, etc.

If I haven't met you yet feel free to introduce yourselves and if you'd like to get in contact with me, email me at Drew48200@gmail.com. See you on the trail.

Monthly General meetings are the third

Thursday of every month at the

Florida Grange at 6:30pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled on

Thursday, February 20th!

with a Potato Bar and all the fixins.

Please feel free to bring prospective members, as well as your ideas for projects, clinics and social events!

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SPECIAL GUEST

SPEAKER

February 20th General Meeting

BEN BAIN

Weed Manager

La Plata County Weed Office

TOPIC: Weed management in pastures and identification of poisonous weeds.

4CBCH Welcomes New Board Members

NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The new Board is excited to begin coordinating new trail projects, social events and clinics for the coming year!

Andrew Carroll – **President**

Email: drew48200@gmail.com

Katie O'Hare – Vice President

Larry Zauberis – State
Representative

Linda Boulder – Secretary

Ed Tolen – Treasurer

Jon Sherer – Trails Chair

Katie Minkler

Cathy Berra

Tara Lahet

Donna Bailey



Hello All!

I'm Katie O'Hare and I am honored to be your 2025 Vice President!

I am a third generation rancherette and I own The Stable Life, LLC, a small lesson and training business outside of Ignacio, which I started in college.


I love all things horses, and I love sharing that love with everyone I meet. 😊 Training, trail rides, working on trails, carriage-driving, lessons, shows, judging and generally working toward my goal of riding every discipline keeps me happy. I'm looking forward to planning more trail rides, clinics, and horse-related events with all of you.

Please feel free to reach out to any of us on the board if you have any great ideas for the future of 4CBCH!

I look forward to serving and riding with ya'll this year!



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 holiday party:
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2024 HOLIDAY PARTY!

We held our annual holiday party on Saturday, December 14, 2024,
 at the Sky Ute Indoor Arena.
 Fun was had by all!

Let's look forward to 2025 and our many planned events.
 Our community does make a difference, and your contributions do not go unnoticed.
 To be a part of the bigger picture in helping to maintain our trails
 is a vital part of what we love to do!
 Here's to a great 2025 with 4CBCH!

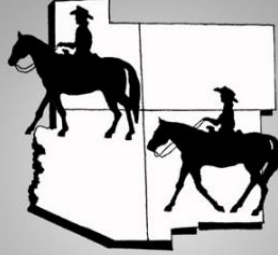


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SAVE THE DATE

4-H EQUESTRIAN 2025 EVENTS

JAN 25	Fuzzy Horse Show & Gymkhana Fundraiser for Southwest Silverado's Drill Team, Ignacio
FEB 22	Fuzzy Horse Show Ignacio
MAY 17-18	Spring Fling Show and Gymkhana , LPC Fairgrounds
JUNE 21	Saturday Night Fever Gymkhana LPC Fairgrounds
JUNE 28-29	Invitational Show and Gymkhana LPC Fairgrounds
JULY 12-13	District Show and Gymkhana LPC Fairgrounds
JULY 18	Friday Night Lights Gymkhana LPC Fairgrounds
AUG 2-3	Fair Show and Gymkhana LPC Fairgrounds

LA PLATA COUNTY COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

Please report your VOLUNTEER HOURS!
Go to 4cbch.org and click on the "Volunteer" option at the top of the page.

2025 SAVE THE DATE!

**National Trails Day Clean
up at Saul's Creek
Saturday, June 7th**

Bayfield 4th of July Parade

Poker Ride - TBD

**Heritage Day Parade –
Saturday, September 27th**

**Cowboy Parade, Durango –
October 1st**

**Holiday Party
at Sky Ute Downs
Saturday, December 13th
from 10am – 4pm!**

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WEBSITE UPGRADES

The Board is currently in the process of deciding on much-needed upgrades to the 4CBCH website, including an assessment of how to make the volunteer hours page more user-friendly and efficient.

If you have any ideas or input, please contact Andrew Carroll, President. Stand by for information once these changes have been made.

2025 - The United States Forest Service (USFS) is experiencing a staff shortage due to budget shortfalls and a hiring freeze. The freeze affects seasonal employees, including trail workers, biologists, and wilderness rangers. The freeze also includes a moratorium on external hiring for permanent positions. Simply put—due to an ongoing lack of funding, key roles in the U.S. Forest Service will remain vacant for 2025. In a typical year the U.S. Forest Service hires approximately 2,400 seasonal employees to help manage 193 million acres of National Forest land across the country.

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Our Mission Statement:

1. To perpetuate the commonsense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
2. To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
3. To assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.
4. To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the public commensurate with our heritage.
5. To foster and encourage the formation of new state Back Country Horsemen organizations.