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WILDERNESS SKILLS WEEKEND

Hamilton, MT. – The Bitter Root Back Country Horsemen (BBCH) will hold their annual Wilderness Skills Weekend on May 31 - June 1, at Charles Waters Campground on the Stevensville Ranger District. The event is free to the public and runs from 9am-5pm on Saturday and 9am-4pm on Sunday. Sessions for attendees include packing, Leave-No-Trace camping, stock containment, setting up camp, backcountry cooking and safety, GPS navigation and SPOT satellite devices, equine first aid, and more.

The events will take place at the west end of the campground. For a full schedule of events and directions to the campground visit www.bchmt.org/bitterroot or contact Bonnie Morgan at 381-9021.

BBCH was established more than 30 years ago and was one of the first chapters in the nation. Their goal is to ensure that stock users can continue to access backcountry and wilderness trails. The club annually contributes over 600 personal hours and 425 stock hours on projects, most on the National Forest, that create significant benefits for all trail users and for the natural resources.

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