

## DOUBLE DIAMOND AWARD

The Double Diamond Award is given only once a year in April at the BCHA National Board of Directors Meeting. It is bestowed on a special project, program or person that best exemplifies the collaborative spirit, community awareness and devotion to the mission and purpose of the BCHA. The Board of Directors established the award in 2003.

Written applications for the Double Diamond Award must be received by April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year. Any BCH state, chapter/unit or affiliate may submit an application for consideration. The entries will be reviewed and the winner chosen by the BCHA Volunteer Hours Committee. The Double Diamond Award winner will be announced at the annual National Board of Directors Meeting annual banquet. Applications should be sent to :

Peg Greiwe, Executive Secretary  
Back Country Horsemen of America  
PO Box 1367, Graham WA 98338  
1-888-893-5161

or e-mail to:

[Volunteer@BackcountryHorse.com](mailto:Volunteer@BackcountryHorse.com)

Possible winners could include, but is not limited to, trail maintenance projects, trail construction, trailhead construction, educational and youth programs. This is an excellent chance to honor those who go above and beyond. Start thinking now about those special people, projects or programs that deserve recognition and submit an application for consideration.

In 2008 there were five entries and the winner was for a work project at the Wupatki National Monument north of Flagstaff, Arizona. The project brought eighty people together to help replace old fencing in a remote corner of the Wupatki National Monument. The BCHA Central Arizona Chapter provided horses and mules to pack in the fencing materials. Central Arizona Chapter members worked with National Park Service employees, US Forest Service employees, and young volunteers from American Conservation Experience, Northern Arizona University, and the Student Wildlife Society. Together they moved 12,000 pounds of wire, fence posts, concrete, and water over extremely rough terrain. Congratulations again to BCHA Central Arizona for this outstanding project involving community, youth and educational programs.

Written applications for the 2009 Double Diamond Award should detail the project from start to finish. Please provide answers to the questions: who, what, where, when, why, and how. Also include any letters from agencies or private parties that were involved in working on the project or program. Programs/projects should improve access to public lands and benefit the general public. Include any pictures or other pertinent information that the committee can use in making its selection of the Double Diamond Award recipient.