

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF A TAX-EXEMPT  
ARIZONA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

1. Name: The Name of the Corporation is Back Country Horsemen of Central Arizona.
2. Purpose: The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:
  - a. Perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses and mules in America's back country and wilderness and work to ensure that public land remains open to recreational stock use.
  - b. Assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.
  - c. Educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustaining use of the back country resources by horsemen and the general public.
3. Character of Affairs: The members of the corporation provide volunteer services to various government and private agencies to assist in keeping trails and areas open for recreational stock use.
4. No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements,) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of October 2004 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of October 2004 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws).
5. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all its assets exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organizations organized and operated

exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of October 2004 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principle office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

6. The power of indemnification under Arizona Revised Statutes shall not be denied or limited by the bylaws.
7. Board of Directors: The initial board of directors shall consist of 5 directors. The names and address of the persons who are to serve as the directors until the first annual meeting of the members, if a member corporation, or Board of Directors, if the corporation has no members, or until their successors are elected and qualifies are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lon Willoughby	PO Box 4883, Chino Valley, AZ 86323
Gayle Higgs	3420 W. Emory Oak Way, Prescott, AZ 86305
Miramae Welch	PO Box 2994, Chino Valley, AZ 86323
Sharon Perry	250 W. Gina Marie, Paulden, AZ 86334
Wayne Pitrat	9500 E. Perkinsville Road, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

The number of persons to serve on the board of directors thereafter shall be fixed by the Bylaws.

8. Known Place of Business: (In Arizona) The street address of the know place of business of the Corporation is In care of the Statutory Agent.
9. Statutory Agent: (In Arizona) The name and address of the statutory agent of the Corporation is:

James Buchanan, 8250 N. Buchanan Drive, Prescott, AZ 86305

10. Incorporators: The name and address of the incorporator is:

Lonny R. Willoughby, PO Box 4883, Chino Valley, AZ 86323

All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporator shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

11. DISCRIMINATION: The corporation will not practice or permit discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, national origin, religion, or physical handicap or disability.

12. MEMBERS: The Corporation will have members.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ by all of the incorporators:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Lonny R. Willoughby

(Print Name Here)

PHONE: (928) 899-8722

**Acceptance of Appointment By Statutory Agent**

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts appointment as statutory agent of the above-named corporation effective this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

James B. Buchanan

(Print Name Here)