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Dear RFVHC Members and friends of our Horse Council,

Below is Important Info: FREE Vaccine campaign changes; Hay Park / Thomas Lakes Report and GLASSIER DEADLINE (August 31, Monday - and the link you need to respond.)

After sending out the FREE vaccine news last week - we had a change to the Vaccine Campaign that I think you will approve. We are reaching out to folks that didn't get their horses vaccinated this spring, and especially against rabies due to Covid-19 interruptions and now the wildfires. Let us help!

We are pleased to update this campaign with <u>NEW NEWS</u>. Carol Dopkin, Lifetime member and former President of the RFVHC has graciously kicked off a NEW expanded campaign. Carol says, "In order to accelerate this very generous and important campaign gift to the equestrian community, perhaps some members like myself who are lifetime members would donate to *RFVHC*. I will start off the campaign with a \$250.00 donation." To join Carol 's initiative, go to <u>https://www.rfvhorsecouncil.org/donate.html</u> and donate for such a worthy cause. The generosity of the Glenwood Vet Clinic, Zoetis, and RFVHC members like <u>you</u> will help keep horses and mules in our valley landscape safer.

Contacting Karin at <u>RFVHC.colorado@gmail.com</u> to register for the vaccine(s) and to update or begin a complimentary year of RFVHC membership is the <u>first step</u>. Thank you!

<u>Glenwood Vet Clinic and Zoetis</u> will give away 40 vaccines, bringing awareness to our valley about the CoreEQ vaccine that inoculates horses against **Rabies**, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalitis, Tetanus and West Nile Virus, <u>all diseases that we do not want in the valley and can be transmitted via vectors or other animals</u>.

Clients may use other veterinarians, as GVC will be happy to give out the vaccine to the other vets to administer. The RFVHC asks all our members to reach out to your friends that own horses to tell them about this offer of free vaccines.

We will be holding a Zoom educational meeting in mid-September to answer many questions. Stay tuned for details.

Last week, the RFVHC joined up to work for a day with Wilderness Workshop, RF Mountain Bike Association, USFS, and RF Outdoor Volunteers up in the Hay Park/Thomas Lakes Trailhead. Read our report here - lots of photos!

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Fixin' our wayfinding signs!

We welcome **Taylor van Zyl to our RFVHC Board** - already we can see she is an amazing addition....have a skill you want to share? contact us to inquire about joining our Board.

Glassier Update <u>PC OST SURVEY & info</u> - **Public Comment DUE ON MONDAY AUGUST 31,2020 Survey takes 6-7 Minutes...**We want to ensure that the Glassier Equestrian Trail remains for horses and hikers only. Recently bikers expressed an interest in **making our Equestrian Trail an uphill bike route.** Don't let this happen! Please comment to protect one of the only horseback and hiker trails in the valley. The PC OST Survey is in this

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Two weekends ago we traveled out to ride the trail, here is our GLASSIER RFVHC RESPONSE TO PC OST 8.17.2020 with lots of photos!

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We hope this email reaches all of you safely, it's been quite a month! We want to thank the RFVHC members that have continued to donate to the Leslie Thomas Large Animal Rescue Fund. We hope the Aspen Fire training can be scheduled soon. Our firefighters are our heroes. Stay safe.

Best Regards, The RFVHC Board of Directors