



BACKCOUNTRY HUNTERS & ANGLERS

The voice for our wild public lands, waters, and wildlife

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ABOUT BHA

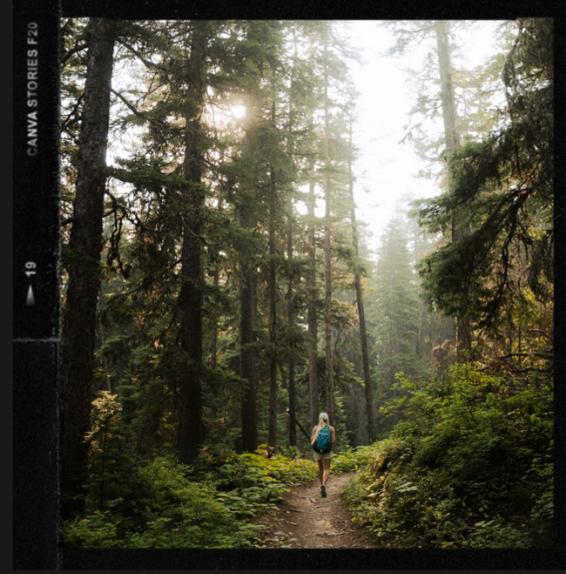
The mission of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers is to ensure North America's outdoor heritage of hunting and fishing in a natural setting, through education and work on behalf of wild public lands and waters.

OUR FOCUS AREAS



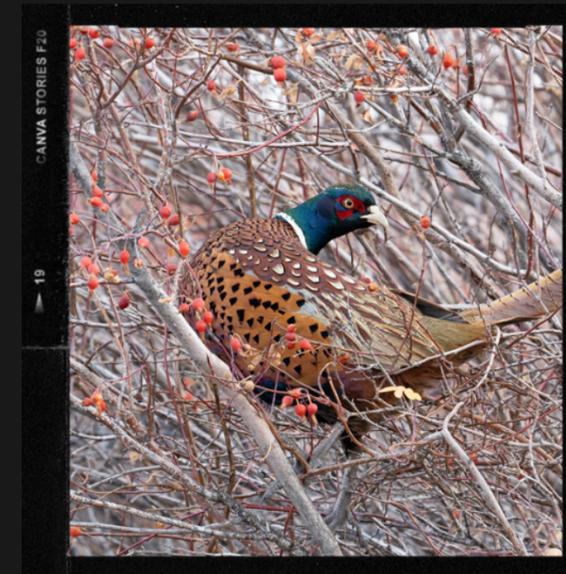
Access & Opportunity

Access has emerged as a priority issue for American hunters and anglers, and lack of access is cited by sportsmen and women as the No. 1 reason why we stop pursuing our passions.



Public Lands & Waters

Every citizen owns a share of public lands and waters in the United States. It is up to us to defend this heritage and ensure that our legacy of stewardship is handed down to future generations intact.



Fair Chase

BHA maintains that hunting should involve an element of skill, woodsmanship and challenge. Consequently, BHA state chapters have initiated and led a national grassroots movement to uphold the principles of fair chase.

What Sets Us Apart

- Grassroots
 - Volunteer led Chapters
 - Volunteer oriented/led stewardship & advocacy
- Not species specific
- Younger demographic
- Storytelling



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BHA DEMOGRAPHICS



CHAPTERS

BHA has chapters in 48 states, Washington D.C., 2 Canadian provinces, and 1 Canadian territory

MEMBERS

30,000+ members across North America advocating for public land issues

YOUNG, DIVERSE, and BIPARTISAN

63% of our membership is 45 or younger. 31% identify as independent, 20% as republican, 20% as democrat, and 6% as libertarian.

BHA PROGRAMS



ARMED FORCES INITIATIVE

Veteran and active-duty programming



COLLEGIATE PROGRAM

College clubs and student leadership in conservation



HUNTING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Recruitment, retention and reactivation



BACKCOUNTRY IS NOT SYNONYMOUS WITH WILDERNESS

- A place to find solace and derive a deeper connection to the natural world.
- Backcountry in your Backyard

Importance of Volunteer Projects!

- Provides a sense of ownership
- Creates stewards and advocates for conservation
- Provide opportunities for interaction with agency staff.
- Inroads to careers in conservation
- Builds bridges between user groups



BHA Stewardship Projects

- Fence removal, modification, inventory, and construction
- Guzzler or water catchment installation and maintenance
- Clean ups
- Plantings
- Invasive removal
- Trail clearing, maintenance, decommissioning
- Stream restoration
- Chainsaw trainings
- Mastication

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Responsible OHV Use and Management

BHA offers up to \$500 in rewards for reports or information leading to a conviction of illegal motorized users. Report illegal OHV use to your local game warden and/or land manager and help ensure that we continue to have quality habitat, hunts, and access for all.



Large Scale Volunteer Stewardship & Community Events



- Over 100 volunteers
- Over 200 attendees for after party

- Live music
- Fundraising

- Removed 5.25 miles
- Wild game potluck



Stewardship Partnerships

- Volunteer days
- Cooperative, cost sharing agreements, & SPAs
- Chapter funds
- Joint grant applications
 - Grant writing support
 - Project management
 - Increase capacity

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- **Low membership** in certain project areas





How can we help you?

- Perceived or observed challenges in project implementation and execution that BHA could assist with.
- Partnership obstacles
- Volunteer experience
- How to connect with agency staff?
- What are you looking for in a partner?