Enjoy fall in the foothills of the Rockies at the 34th Annual Colorado Trail Competitive Trail Ride. This ride is held in the Buffalo Creek Recreation Area (USFS). This is always a gorgeous ride with good footing, well-defined trails and views, views, views. You’ll see snow-capped Pikes Peak to the South, Mt. Evans and Mt. Rosalie to the Northwest, and Long Scraggy and Cathedral Peaks in the foreground. Terrain is varied over hills covered in conifers, open meadows, and aspen groves, speckled with creek crossings and punctuated with fall colors. Large boulders piled in impossible formations provide unusual images to ponder as you ride. Portions of the trail are on the historic 488-mile-long Colorado Trail that crosses the state from Denver to Durango.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP: From Denver: Go SW on US Hwy 285 to Pine Junction. Turn left onto Hwy 126 (Pine Valley Road). Go 14 miles through Pine Grove and Buffalo Creek. After the top of a long hill, camp is on the right and will have ribbons and signs to alert you to the turn. From the South, take Hwy 24 to Woodland Park and turn North on Hwy 67 to Deckers. Turn onto Hwy 126 and go about 15 miles. Just past Forest Service Road FSR 550, look for signs and ribbons on the left at the turn into camp. Camp is a short, easy haul.

CAMP INFO: Certified Weed-Free hay is required by the USFS. Contact Ride Chair for possible availability of hay. Horse water will be provided by the North Fork Volunteer Fire Dept. Please bring people water. Days can be warm and nights cool, so bring a blanket for your horse. Hay and manure must be scattered and grounds raked after the ride. Horseshoes or hoof boots are highly recommended. USFS leash laws in effect: all dogs must be secured at trailers when not on leash.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS: Jeffco Sheriff’s office (303) 277-0211, Ride Manager Bill Wingle (303) 279-1290. Only a few cellphones work at camp. Possible cell service at top of hill in camp or near the North Fork Fire Dept. (one mile north of camp on Hwy 126).

SCHEDULE (tentative): Check in with Ride Secretary/Vet: (1) Type “A”: Friday at 1:30 pm/2:00 pm; (2) Type “B2”: Same as (1) above or Saturday 4:00 pm/4:30 pm. Type “LeD”: check in w/Ride Secretary/Ride Briefing: Saturday at 8:00 am/9:15 am. Ride briefings for all. Check rider packet for more details.

MEALS: Friday evening happy hour (before briefing): Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage, Saturday: Lunch provided on trail; Potluck Dinner: Please bring a side dish to share; management supplies the meat portion. Balance of meals on your own.

AWARDS: “A” and “B2” rides will award 1st thru 6th place for all divisions/classes along with Novice, CP and Open Sweepstake Awards. “LeD” will award 1st thru 6th place plus prizes for all.

RULES: Ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. Distance Only (DO) offered for those who wish to compete in mileage only. Health Certificates and Coggins are required for out-of-state horses. Panels will be allowed, but they must be attached to your trailer and be no larger than 12x12 with one horse per pen.

WE ARE LIMITED TO 40 TRAILERS BY THE FOREST SERVICE, so please trailer share. Ride registration will close and wait list started once we reach our 40 trailer limit.


ENTRY AND FEES: Entry fee includes all NATRC national, regional, drug, USFS, and camping fees. Region 3’s discount opportunities for all rider members: natrc3.org, click on Resources tab.

Type "A": Adult member/non-member $135/$165; Junior member/non-member $105/$135.
Type "B2": Adult member/non-member $125/$155. Junior member/non-member $95/$125.
Type "LeD": Adult member/non-member $75/$90. Junior member/non-member $60/$75.

Deposit of $40 due or payment in full upon entry; balance at check-in. If payment is not received within 7 days of entry, you will be moved to the wait list. Refunds until September 5, 2022, less $15 administration fee. No show, no refund! CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Tanglewood Ranch, 8841 E Tanglewood Rd, Franktown, CO 80116

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RIDE SECRETARY: Pam Galchutt, pam.galchutt@gmail.com (719) 481-6561