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A Smokey Summer

As NATRC riders we have learned how important it is to put our horses’ well-being first. To continue to practice this outside of our sanctioned rides, it is crucial to remember how the current riding conditions in our area might affect our 4-legged friends. UC Davis has recently published an article to remind us how smoke from wildfires hampers equine respiratory health. AirNow is a useful tool to check air quality in a region before heading out on a trail to ensure you and your mount can breathe easy.

“Jackson Again”

If you are in need of one more NATRC fix before the end of the year, you’re in luck! In lieu of the Lake Mendocino ride, Region 1 will be hosting their last ride of the season at Jackson Forest that same weekend (September 26-27). Come on back to enjoy this beautiful location and the company of your fellow riders and volunteers!

Also, if you are interested in donating spare horse supplies (blankets, halters, brushes, etc.) we will be collecting items at this ride for those who lost everything in the recent fires.

Trail News

NATRC on Horses in the Morning!

Earlier this month NATRC Region 1’s Laurie Knutilla was a guest on radio talk show Horses in the Morning. This popular program airs weekday mornings as guests from every type of equestrian event give insight into their sport. September 17th was a trail riding episode where Laurie was able to report on her ride Challenge of the North which took place in Alaska. Tune in to hear about the challenges she faced as a ride manager as fires and unpredictable weather threatened to cancel her ride! Find out how despite the odds, her ride was a success and learn about the unique demographics that were present. Laurie reminds us that any type of horse can thrive at our NATRC events.

Episodes on the third Thursday of every month are sponsored by NATRC. Listen in to learn more about our events, product reviews, and trail riding tips! Catch this episode and all other NATRC episodes here.

Upcoming Events:

• September 26
  National Public Lands Day
• September 26-27
  NATRC R1 Jackson Forest Fall
  Fort Bragg, CA
• October 3-4
  NATRC R2 RAHA Rally
  San Diego, CA
• October 3
  WSTF Ride & Tie/Equathon
  Cool, CA
• October 3
  GDETF Poker Ride
  Georgetown, CA
• October 3
  Ridge Trail Cruz
  Santa Cruz, CA
• October 30-November 1
  NATRC R2 Clinic
  Santa Maria, CA

*Click on Event for Entry/Info.