THE ANN LANGE PUBLIC LANDS AWARD - 2026

This award is in honor of our long-time BCHC member and public lands advocate Ann Lange. Ann was raised on the Rankin Ranch in Walker. She married her husband, Detlev Lange, DMV, who supported her and rode the backcountry with her on many adventures. They lived in the Kern River Valley and were members of the Kern Sierra Unit of Backcountry Horsemen.

Ann spent over 20 years working to make sure that trails did not disappear. She spent countless hours reviewing Forest Service policies and legislation that could affect the trails. She served as California's Representative to Back Country Horsemen of America, sharing her expertise in all things trail related. She always said her job "was not glamorous, but somebody had to do it".

This award is presented annually to a Unit member who goes above and beyond and who has consistently worked in public lands improving trails, meeting with agencies, and advocating for trail improvement.

Award nominations are due by February 1, 2027. The Vice President of Public Lands, with a committee of two others, will review the nominations and select the recipient.

NOMINATING FORM

The _____ Unit would like to submit

_____ (Name) for the Ann Lange Award. The reason we feel they should be considered as the recipient is: (Please give a detailed description of the nominee's work on behalf of your unit or on behalf of BCHC. Attach extra pages as needed and then email the completed form and all attached pages to Richard Cochran at richardcochran003@gmail.com by February 1, 2027.)