

BRINGING YOUR HORSE INTO MONTANA For the 2009 ApHC Chief Joseph Trail Ride

Montana State Requirements

1. **Health Certificate (30-day)**
 2. **Negative Coggins test issued within the past 12 months (original document only. A faxed document is acceptable; photocopies are not acceptable)**
 3. **Montana Import Permit** (state entry permit – see below)
 4. **Brand Inspection** (see below)
- Montana Brand Inspectors will be checking all documents Sun. July 19 at assembly camp.*

1. Get your health certificate and Coggins done beforehand by your veterinarian.
2. Call the Montana Entry Permit Office (State Vet's office) @ **406-444-2976** to get your entry/import permit number over the phone. Your veterinarian can do this when issuing your horse's health certificate, but you can also call yourself if need be. Montana Import Permits are to gain entry into Montana. The permits are only good for 10 days after issue, so you must time your call for the permit within 10 days of entering Montana. However, if you will be traveling for a longer period beforehand, ask for an extended permit (30 day) and they will give you one.

Have the following information ready when you call:

- Owner Name
- Owner Address
- Owner Phone Number
- Horse Residential Address (if different)
- Sex
- Age
- Breed
- Destination Address: Ravalli County Fairgrounds, 100 Old Corvallis Rd, Hamilton, MT 59840.

3. Record your entry permit number on your horse's health certificate.
4. A) Get a **Brand Inspection** done by your state brand office. Lifetime brand inspections from your state will be honored by Montana. Brand inspections are required by Montana to cross county lines and to leave the state.
B) If your state or province does not have brand laws, you will have to get an inspection done at check in. Montana state brand inspectors will be issuing brand inspection permits on Sunday, July 19. If you need one, the fee will be **\$6** for a temporary permit; **\$25** for a lifetime brand inspection permit. They can accept **checks** or **cash** only; no credit cards. The lifetime inspection permits can only be issued to horses from states or provinces without brand inspection laws.

The following items are required for the brand inspection:

1. Current Health Certificate
 2. Montana State Import Permit number (see above)
 3. Negative Coggins
 4. The horse, of course
5. Don't forget a copy of your horse's ApHC registration papers for check-in at assembly camp.