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NMOHVA Member Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

August 2/3/4-
SFNF Fire Rehabilitation Info Meetings, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Albuquerque, NM

August 6 -
Chupacubra 100 New Mexico Desert Racing club Event #5, Gallup, NM

August 6 -
BR Fjord Memorial Trail Clean Up, Mt. Taylor, NM

August 20/21 -
Pajarito Mountain Hare Scramble, Los Alamos, NM

NMOHVA and Town of Red River Co-Sign Travel Management Comments



The Town of Red River and The New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance have co-signed and submitted Travel Management comment to the Carson National Forest. These comments are the formal response to the Carson's proposed action which would eliminate motorized use on some of the roads and trails currently used in the Questa Range District. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Carson National Forest must provide a detailed scientific analysis showing the current conditions in the forest

and justify closures. The comments show the Carson has failed to comply with NEPA.

-The Environmental Assessment contains no documentation of damage caused by motorized use. The Forest Service didn't even disclose the number of motorized users currently using the forest.

-The Town of Red River asserts that the economic analysis does not show the real impact to the community from reducing motorized recreation.

-The Carson provides no evidence that more restrictive seasonal closures or elimination of camping corridors are needed to protect wildlife or natural resources.

The Town Council of Red River signed a Resolution on Aug 31 2009, in response to the initial proposal from the Carson National Forest. The Resolution endorsed responsible motorized recreation use in the Carson but

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Do you have an event to share? Contact NMOHVA at prez@nmohva.org for a listing in the newsletter.

that that goal achieved without the elimination of any routes. The Resolution also encouraged increasing the amount of trails and roads available on the Carson to better sustain tourism based in the Town. The Carson's proposed action reduces both the mileage and the seasons available for motorized use but provides no facts, no discussion, and no rationale to justify the restrictions.

The co-signing of comments with the Town expands the partnerships that NMOHVA has encouraged with other organizations. We are a OHV organization but we recognize that we are but a small slice of the public that is negatively affected by the mismanagement of our forests. We have actively aligned ourselves and partnered with a broad swath of multiple use and access advocates including Catron County, the Town of Red River, the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, Americans for the Preservation of the Western Environment, Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico Counties , and others. We recognize that together, we can do much more.

NM4W Promotes Responsible 4WD and NMOHVA

By Frank Whiston, NMOHVA Board and NM4W Director of Environmental Affairs

On Saturday, July 23, the New Mexico 4-Wheelers (NM4W) attended a 'Jeep Jam' held at Casa Jeep in Albuquerque. The event was essentially a car show for Jeeps and a great opportunity for the club to meet the public and attract new members. As active supporters of NMOHVA, NM4W also manned a booth for NMOHVA to promote responsible motorized recreation and to educate people that opportunities to access public land are in jeopardy. The great thing about being at a dealership event was the ability to interface with people who are new to the OHV scene. Many of the attendees were either shopping for a 4WD Jeep, or had recently purchased one and did not know that there were clubs and groups supporting and promoting motorized recreation. Additionally, many of the people that the club talked with were excited there was a group that they could go out with as they learn how to use their vehicle. The Jeep Jam concluded with the dealership holding a drawing for door prizes for those who had participated in the event.



Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

The Santa Fe National Forest is holding a series of three meetings to discuss the recent fires and how folks can get involved in the trail rehabilitation work. It will be some time before the trail work can start but the agency is starting the planning and community outreach now. The meetings are:

Tuesday, August 2--Santa Fe--6:30-7:30 PM
Location: REI Community Room--500 Market St., Suite 100

Wednesday, August 3--Los Alamos--6:00-7:00 PM
Location: Los Alamos County Council Chambers in the Community Building --475 20th St. at Ashley Pond

Thursday, August 4 - Albuquerque - 6:30-7:30 PM
Location: REI Community Room (the room only holds 45 people so get there early)



The BR Fjord Memorial Trail Cleanup will be August 6th on Mt. Taylor near Grants, New Mexico. This is a volunteer project with the Mt. Taylor Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest. Those wishing to participate to help clean the mountain should contact Ronald Schubert at Redneckrons@msn.com to be put on the contact list for the project details. Lunch and water will be provided by Tread Lightly. Please Note: This activity could be re-scheduled due to the continuing drought that New Mexico is experiencing. Please check the NMOHVA website for any changes.

Fire restrictions have been lifted and the Cedro trail project should be back underway shortly. We will still need volunteers to help with various tasks out at Cedro well into the autumn. Please contact project coordinator Joanne Spivack at ravens-nest@comcast.net for more details or to volunteer your time.

NMHVA Trail Ambassador Ron Schubert

NMHVA Trail Ambassador Ron Schubert has made the necessary arrangements for NMOVHA to participate in the NM Department of Game & Fish's Outdoor Expo on Aug 20 and 21. This annual event is held at the Albuquerque Shooting Range by the Double Eagle Airport. The NMOHVA booth was very successful last year and we look forward to another opportunity of telling the public what our organization is about. If you are interested in volunteering to help man the booth on either or both days, contact Ron at redneckrons@msn.com or by calling 505-681-5185.

Any ATV/Motorcycle/4WD individuals or groups that organize and complete any volunteer work are reminded to please contact Ronald Schubert, NMOHVA's Trail Ambassador, with the project information. Ron is logging all of our OHV volunteer efforts to communicate, coordinate, and advertize the good work we are doing across the state. Help us make sure everyone knows what great work your local club is doing!



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