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NMOHVA Member Newsletter

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

NMOHVA wishes a safe and happy holiday to all. May there be parts for your machine under the tree!

OHV Riders Clean Up Other's Mess

The call went out for volunteers. The BLM was looking for help to clean up the Buckman area just west of Santa Fe. The OHV community responded in a big way. The Buckman area is a popular riding area but it also gets lots of use from hikers, equestrians, shooters, climbers, and others who enjoy its close proximity to the City Different. The entire clean-up crew that showed up on November 12th was all from the Blackfeather Trail Preservation Alliance or the host BLM.

The day's project was to clean an area that is popular with casual shooters. Unfortunately, far too many users leave their trash behind and the crew spent four hard hours cleaning up shotgun casings and a wide array of household appliances, bottles, and assorted garbage that had been shredded with shotgun blasts or riddled with bullet holes. The clean-up team had to resort to using rakes and shovels to clear the landscape of the plastic and metal 'mulch' that had been left behind from the shooting sessions.



One of the shooting areas at Buckman before..... and after the NMOHVA members cleaned up the

mess.



A big thanks to the crew of NMOHVA/BTPA riders who gave up a sunny Saturday morning of riding to clean up someone else's mess. Also a big thanks to Mike Carpenter and the BLM for organizing the clean-up.

State OHV Program Update

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) held an OHV Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday evening, December 1st in Santa Fe. NMOHVA was well represented by our members who attended the meeting (thanks Gordy, Jim, Dave, Mark, Peter, Sid and anyone else that we missed!). In addition, this was NMOHVA member Ron Schubert's first meeting as a member of the Advisory Board. It was great to see an OHV enthusiast providing input to the state's program.

There were several items of high interest to enthusiasts discussed at meeting:

- NMDGF is looking at the possibility of establishing an OHV Park on State Land Trust land just west of Albuquerque. It is still in the VERY early stages of discussion but NMOHVA is certainly in support of the creation of additional places to ride.
- The NMDGF's new OHV Coordinator is Desi Ortiz. A new Education Coordinator should be hired within a few weeks. These two new positions should help free up David Chester (OHV Program Manager) to focus on new areas of opportunity for the program.
- NMDGF will be officially rolling out a Trail Ambassador program as soon as the new

Education Coordinator is on board. They will be looking for riders across the state to volunteer for this new program .

- On January 1st, the state MVD will be switching from registration plates to a registration sticker (same fee, different way of displaying). All OHV's registered after the 1st of the year will need to display the sticker at all times.

More information on any of the above programs can be found at the NMDGF's OHV website at www.b4uride.com.

Upcoming Events

Have a GREAT Holiday Season with your family and friends!

See the [NMOHVA Calendar](#) for event details and contacts.

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



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