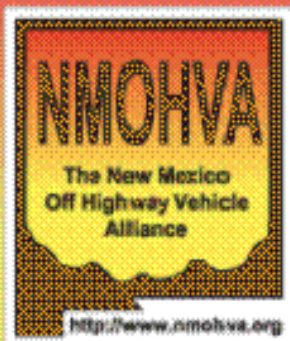


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# New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance



## *NMOHVA Member Newsletter*

December

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### Upcoming Events

Jan 4 - Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Advisory Board Meeting  
Jan 19 - Start of NM Legislative Session  
Feb 18 - End of NM Legislative Session  
Mar 27 - NMOHVA Annual Meeting

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

Do you have an event to share? Contact NMOHVA at [prez@nmohva.org](mailto:prez@nmohva.org) for a listing in the newsletter.

### Mark Your Calendars Now for the NMOHVA's Annual Meeting

NMOHVA's Annual Meeting will be in Albuquerque on March 27, 2010. Yes, that's three months away but we're giving you this early 'heads-up' as we know weekend dates fill up fast. The Annual Meeting is when NMOHVA's membership gets together with their Board of Directors. We'll review the year's accomplishments, elect/re-elect members of the Board, and brainstorm NMOHVA's efforts for the coming year.

The Annual Meeting is the place to get caught up with old friends and make new friends with other New Mexico riders/drivers with a passion for motorized recreation. We take care of business in the morning, and then we'll have our traditional free pizza lunch.

We're working on a plan for an official 'ground-breaking' ceremony for the Cedro Peak project. The ground-breaking will be after lunch on March 27th. The ground-breaking will celebrate NMOHVA's \$450,000 (including receiving a \$322,000 federal grant) trail system project. Further details on the meeting and groundbreaking event will be an

upcoming newsletter.

## **New Mexico Game & Fish Introduces New Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Advisory Board and Program Director**

This past July the state's OHV program (and the sticker fund) was transferred from the Tourism Department to New Mexico Department of Game & Fish (DG&F) . DG&F announced the seven appointees to the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Advisory Board on November 16th and this advisory board held its first meeting on November 18th. NMOHVA's Treasurer, Mark Winscott, attended the meeting.

A couple of items of special note from that meeting:

- David Chester was formally introduced as the new OHV Program Manager.
- A sub-committee was formed to provide ideas for an OHV education program.
- The next meeting of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Advisory Board was set for January 4th.

Last month, we told you that the governor kept \$800,000 in the Trail Safety Fund with a line item veto. The State Legislature wanted to take that \$800,000 to help offset the deficit in the state's budget. More than one of you has suggested that if the money was SPENT, it wouldn't make such an attractive target for future raids. NMOHVA and its Board of Directors completely agree. But it's also critical that the money be spent properly.

All Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Advisory Board meetings are open to the public. NMOHVA will continue to attend these meetings. We will also continue to announce future Advisory Board meetings, and we hope some of you can attend them.

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