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A very happy New Year to all of our members and readers from NMOHVA. Another very busy and productive year is in the rear view mirror. The upcoming year already looks full of challenges and opportunities. Here is a very quick look back and an equally fast look forward:

2011 - The Year That Was

We might well remember this as the year of 'Travel Management'. NMOHVA submitted a massive comment package on the Gila National Forest's Travel Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We submitted another extensive set of comments on the Travel Management Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Questa Ranger District on the Carson National Forest. We even submitted a new set of comments on the Mountainair Ranger District's 2nd attempt at a Travel Management EA (the first one was thrown out because of a NMOHVA appeal in 2010).

NMOHVA filed appeals on the Travel Management Decisions for the Westside (Canjolon, El Rito, and Tres Piedras) and Questa District on the Carson National Forest. We co-wrote an appeal on the Mt. Taylor District Travel Management Decision.

NMOHVA's efforts weren't limited to keeping access to the National Forests. The BLM also received plenty of input from NMOHVA. We submitted Scoping comments on the Resource Plan Amendment for the Glade Run Recreation Area in Farmington. We are putting the finishing touches on an official Protest of the Taos Resource Management Plan Revision/Final EIS.

The entire year wasn't consumed by responding to NEPA documents. NMOHVA finally was able to break ground on the trail improvements at the Cedro Peak area in the Sandia Ranger District. NMOHVA was awarded a Recreational Trails Program grant for \$322,000 back in 2010. Various contract issues with the State of New Mexico delayed construction until this past year. A drought-invoked fire restriction severely shortened the 'work' season this year but the bulk of the

project is now 'on-the-ground' with completion anticipated for next year.

NMOHVA was in Santa Fe for the 2011 legislative sessions representing OHV interests around the state and submitting proposed legislation. While we can't claim any 'good' bills that made it into law, we can state that there wasn't any 'bad' legislation passed either!

NMOHVA is about fun, too! NMOHVA's Board gets out and rides and we sincerely hope all of our members and friends do also. Nothing is better for reminding us why we do the things we do than spending a day out on the trails. The NMOHVA Board continued its efforts to get out and meet our members around the state. We held Meet-N-Greet events in Las Cruces and Glenwood, NM. These popular events are designed to bring the NMOHVA Board of Directors to your town and out on the local trails.



Board members Dave, Hurley, and Jim enjoy the ride at the Glenwood Meet N Greet

BRING ON 2012!

NMOHVA is planning on more trail-oriented events this year. Details will be coming soon on an inaugural NMOHVA dual sport event sometime in the fall of 2012. We are planning more Meet-N-Greet events. If you have a local event that the Board should attend, contact us with the details. We love to get out and RIDE! It is lot more fun than grinding through NEPA documents!

But we can also look forward to another busy year with Travel Management. We expect both the Santa Fe and Gila National Forest's Travel Management decisions in the first half of the year. We still are waiting the Proposed Actions for the Magdalena (Cibola) and Camino Real (Carson) Ranger Districts.

With more Forest decisions to implement, there will be ample opportunity for our membership to get out and volunteer with trail projects. We also anticipate there will be lots of chances for all of our members to work with the BLM at the Glade Run (Farmington), El Palacio (Alcade), and Buckman (Santa Fe) areas. The State of New Mexico is soon kicking off their long-awaited Trail Ambassador program and will be looking to NMOHVA to help recruit volunteers. NMOHVA looks forward to a busy and productive year ahead. The Board hopes to meet all of you on a trail in the near future!

We All Need YOU!



Do you have a passion for OHV recreation? Do you want to give back to the sport that provides you and your family with so much fun? Do you want you help NMOHVA make things happen? NMOHVA doesn't have a huge budget. We don't have a paid staff. We don't have a fleet of lawyers and project managers hired to make things happen. NMOHVA is able to accomplish all we do only through the dedicated efforts of volunteers and members like you! We would like each of you to consider joining NMOHVA's Board of Directors.

At the upcoming annual meeting in March, we will be electing a President, Secretary, Recreation Resource Director, and an At-Large Board member. We also have a one-year vacancy to fill for our Vice-President. We know all of you are busy but busy people are the people who make magic happen! Please contact [NMOHVA President Mark Winscott](#) or any of the NMOHVA Board of Directors if you want to know what is involved in being a Board member.

Want to help out but can't commit just yet to a Board position? Contact NMOHVA's [Trail Ambassador Ron Schubert](#) to volunteer for a NMOHVA work project. Together, we do more!

Upcoming Events

Looking forward to a fun and productive year in 2012!

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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