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NMOHVA Member Newsletter

June

2011

Upcoming Events

June 11 -
**Bucky's Birthday
Bash - Cowboy
Dance and
Dinner,
Glenwood NM**

June 18-
**Jemez Ranger
District Trail
Maintenance
Day**

June 25 & 26-
**Rattlesnake 100
- NMDRC Event
#4, Espanola,
NM**

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

Do you have an
event to share?
Contact NMOHVA at

Trail Improvements ON THE GROUND at Cedro

The Cedro Peak project hit the ground in March when Jim Cooper of Pan Pacific Services started laying out trails. There were meetings with the Sandia Ranger District and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) to iron out details. The YCC crews arrived on site on May 2nd. We waited until May to make sure the ground was dry.

There are two YCC crews at work, each crew comprised of 8 YCC members and a supervisor. They've made good progress. Some of the new trail sections for the project have already been created. Ron Schubert's ATV is hard at work; drilling post holes with the mounted auger. Signs are being riveted to posts and installed. Several of the width limiters at trail entries have been installed.

The Sandia Ranger District is being an excellent partner on the project, their trails staff Kerry Wood spends a lot of time on site. This ensures close communication with the agency on the dozens of minor decisions that have to be made as the project moves along.

NMOHVA volunteers are on the job, too. Board member Hurley Wilvert has put in a lot of hours chasing down materials and getting the bids for the park lot grading work. Board member Dave Rockwell has been on site doing volunteer work. The New Mexico 4 Wheelers are a member club of NMOHVA. NM4W members Patrick Dixon, Cliff Meier and Don Roy have also logged volunteer time on site. Joanne Spivack, NMOHVA Special Projects Coordinator, works with Pan Pacific Services on the business management of the project. Every month we submit a package of forms and invoices to State Parks to get our reimbursements from the grant.

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The volunteer time is essential to the project; it is required by the Recreational Trails Program grant. The RTP rules say that the grant cannot exceed 80% of the value of the project; the other 20% has to be contributed by the organization getting the grant. We're allowed to make up the 20% with the value of donated labor and materials. That includes the rental value of the ATV that Ron Schubert provided to us. If you would like to help with the volunteer work, contact Joanne at nohvcontract1@nmohva.org (yes it has 3 'c's). The Sandia Ranger District has also contributed heavily to the 20% donation requirement with the value of work they've done since the grant was awarded.

Over the next two months we hope to see the bulk of the remaining trail work completed. The final phase will be the renovation of the Deadman Campground as a day use OHV trailhead and the installation of trail information kiosks at all the trailheads. Check out the improved trails at Cedro and let us know what you think!

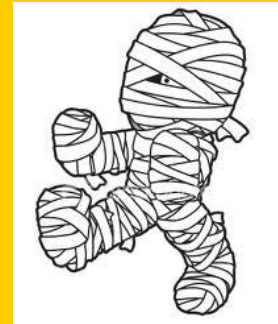
NMOHVA at the Races!



NMOHVA Secretary Jim Tyldesley and NMOHVA member Klaus Messerer are riding in the WeBeRacing Hare Scramble series. NMOHVA has lots of members who race the various race series in the southwest. What makes Jim and Klaus' participation different is that they had special jerseys made up for the races with the NMOHVA and Blackfeather Trail Preservation Alliance logos featured prominently. How cool is that? Cheer them on as they give us some great advertising!

All Quiet...But Far From Dead

The Travel Management decisions on the Gila and Santa Fe National Forests will determine our motorized access on some three and half million acres of public land. Those decisions have not been made yet. We haven't talked about this for many months because we're in a waiting period. Both of those forests will issue their Decision in the coming months. The Santa Fe National Forest released their draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in August of 2011; the comment deadline was mid-September. The Gila National Forest released their draft EIS in January of this year with a comment deadline in March. NMOHVA and the rest of the public had to submit their comments for each forest during the respective comment period. The Santa Fe website now says their Decision will be released in August. The Gila is likely to be even much later.



When the comment period ends, the first thing the forest staff does is make two piles. They separate 'substantive' from 'non-substantive' comments. There will be a really BIG pile of non-substantive comments. Each forest is likely to receive many thousands of form letters generated from environmentalist websites and mass mailings. But these form letters are not substantive comments. There will be a small pile of substantive comments; the ones that describe specific errors in how the agency did the NEPA analysis and how it wrote its draft EIS. NEPA says they must respond to each of those substantive comments. They can ignore the non-substantive ones. This smaller pile of substantive comments is the important pile and NMOHVA's comments will be in it. When a comment identifies an important mistake, the forest is supposed to make corrections in the draft DEIS. The corrected document is re-issued to the public and called the Final EIS. It is released along with the Record of Decision (ROD). ([Read more...](#))

Volunteer Opportunities



BR Fjord Memorial Trail Clean-Up -

It looks like that the date BR Fjord Memorial Trail Clean-up may be changing. The most likely date at this time is the 1st Saturday in August. We will post the date and the details on the Calendar section of the NMOHVA website when it is finalized.

Jemez Trail Maintenance -

Don't forget that there will be a Jemez Trail Maintenance Day on June 18th. Details can be found at the [NMOVHA website](#).

This is a quick reminder that dates and detailed information for all of NMOHVA's volunteer projects are also posted on the NMOHVA calendar.

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.