

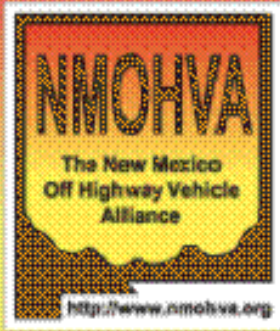
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New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance



NMOHVA Member Newsletter

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NMOHVA Members Making A REAL Difference

NMOHVA members don't just talk about making trails in New Mexico better, they are out doing it! This month's issue features three examples of recent work projects completed by NMOHVA members that benefit all users.

Mark - President

Upcoming Events for June

June 5 - Public Comment Meeting on East Fork of the Jemez Wild & Scenic River Management

June 6 -Offroad Gathering 7 - NMORL

June 13 - BTPA Trail Maintenance Work Day - Jemez Ranger District

June 13 - NM4W Club Meeting/ Picnic at Carolino Canyon Park

June 20 - ATV Trail Maintenance Work Day -

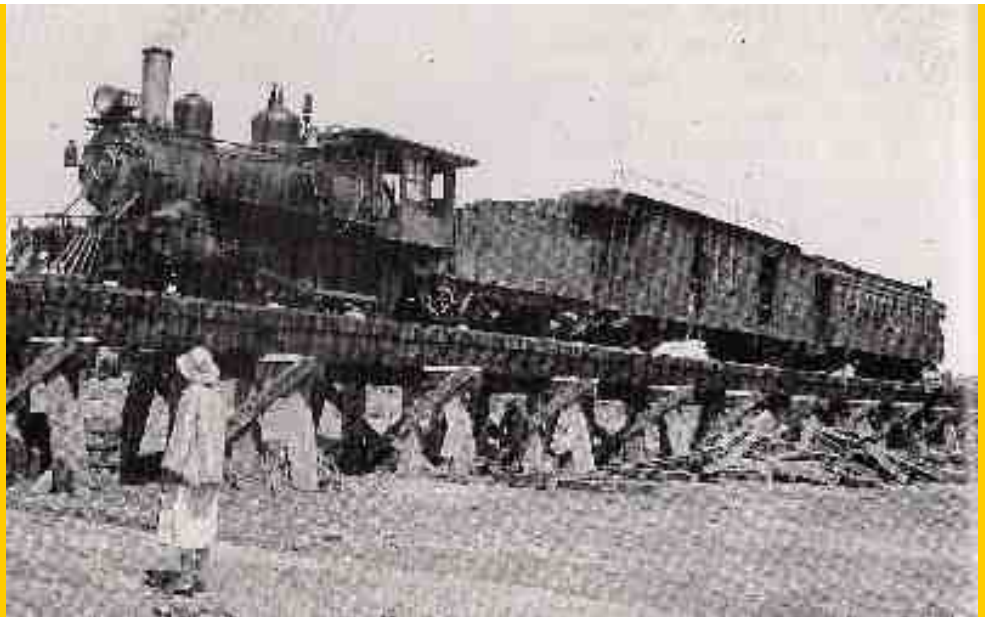
Preserving History in Northern New Mexico

A group of twenty motorized recreationists and railroad history enthusiasts met Taos BLM Ranger Jon Serling on a sunny and windy Sunday in late April. Ranger Serling had approached NMOHVA in a quest for good old-fashioned volunteer labor. The meeting was at the site of a bit of history along Old Buckman Road northwest of Santa Fe. The goal of the diverse group was to erect approximately 350 feet of post and rail fence to help protect the remnants of the 'Chile Line', a historic narrow gauge railroad road bed and trestle.

Jemez Ranger District

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.



The 'Chili Line' was originally started in 1882 by the Texas, Santa Fe and Northern Railroad but was short lived due to a lack of adequate financial support. In 1895, the company became the Santa Fe and Rio Grande RR before ultimately becoming a part of the Denver and Rio Grande Rail Road. The line ran from Denver to Santa Fe; passing through Antonito, Colorado and then Tres Piedras, Taos Junction, and Embudo in New Mexico.

On September 1, 1941 the 'Chili Line' made its last run between Santa Fe and Denver. By December of that same year, the entire New Mexico portion of the line had the rails removed and recycled in support of the growing war effort.



An interpretive sign with additional history of the Chili Line is being prepared and will be erected at the site. We salute and

thank the members of NMOHVA who donated their effort to help protect northern New Mexico's rich history.

Keeping the Trails Clear

The Blackfeather Trail Preservation Alliance (BTPA) is a group of dirt bikers who have been enjoying and maintaining a wonderful network of single track trails in the Jemez mountains for the last thirty years. Each spring, the members of the "Blackfeathers" take it upon themselves to clear the deadfall that has accumulated on the trails during the winter. It takes many hours of work remove the fallen trees and, once cleared, the trails are enjoyed by all of the many bicyclists, hikers, equestrians, and other motorcyclists who use them. This spring, the Blackfeathers have already logged nearly 300 hours clearing over 500 downed trees from the trails.



The Blackfeathers have been working closely with NMOHVA in the Travel Management Rule planning process that is underway on the Santa Fe National Forest. In addition to reviewing the Proposed Action and providing comments, the group has been active in engaging with the Forest Service in the field. They have hosted numerous meetings and on-the-ground trips with the Forest Service and have been providing active support for trail maintenance projects in the Jemez Ranger District. The Blackfeathers next trail maintenance day is June 13th. Please contact Jim Tyldesley (jrt_consulting@msn.com) for more information if you would like to help out.

ATVers Continue Jemez Work

The High Country ATV Explorers continued their history of road and trail maintenance in the Jemez District of the Santa Fe National Forest with yet another project day. May 9th saw the dedicated group of ATV enthusiasts out for the first of several trail maintenance days that they have scheduled for this summer. There was enough people on the 9th to field two crews. One crew installed nine water bars and leveled some ruts on Forest Road 266NA. The other group worked with a USFS-certified chainsaw user to clear deadfall from this last winter. The same group will be heading back out for more work on Road 266NA on June 20th. If you are interested in helping the Explorers on this or future projects, contact Ron Schubert at redneckrons@msn.com.





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