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NMOHVA Member Newsletter

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NMOHVA Meet-N-Greet in Glenwood, NM

The Board of Directors headed to southwest New Mexico for the latest in their series of Meet-N-Greet public meetings. What is a Meet-N-Greet? The Board of Directors meets face to face for a change of pace from the usual monthly teleconferences. They combine the Board meeting with an opportunity to meet both NMOHVA local members and the interested public. We also take advantage of the weekend to enjoy some of the fine local rides available across the state. Hosted by At-Large NMOHVA Board member Bucky Allred in Glenwood, the latest Meet-N-Greet was a huge success and fun for all.



Glenwood Meet-N-Greet host Bucky Allred explains NMOHVA's mission.

The weekend started off with killer hors d' oeuvres and great conversation around the Friday evening campfire. Saturday morning, the Board members in attendance joined a group of local enthusiasts for a trail ride up the Bear Wallow Road. In spite of being adopted by the Mogollan-Apache-Gila (MAG) Riders ATV club and the Las Cruces Four Wheel Drive Club, this popular local route is threatened by the upcoming Travel Management decision on the Gila National Forest.

Saturday evening was a big Bar-B-Que dinner at the Blue Front Café in Glenwood. The Board meeting that followed included the many NMOHVA members and guests in attendance. The Board heard first-hand the many challenges and issues particular to the Gila area. The meeting included a presentation by the Catron County Commission on their effort to maintain former State Route 12, an acknowledged RS2477 route. This historic highway runs up the San Francisco canyon from Alma to Reserve. The Center for Biological Diversity has threatened a lawsuit over the County's maintenance activities earlier this summer. The County and its constituents are well

aware that much more is at stake than simple OHV recreation. Loss of motorized access on public lands threatens the very lifeblood of Glenwood and similar communities. Let the Catron County Commission know how much we appreciate their firm stand for public access!

If you are interested in hosting a NMOHVA Meet-N-Greet on your home turf, contact any of the

Board Members (their contact information is on the NMOHVA website at www.nmovha.org) or send a message to prez@nmohva.org.



NMOHVA Board members answer questions from the public at an impromptu 'meadow meeting' during the Meet-N-Greet ride.

NMOHVA Volunteers Enhance Sandia Ranger District Trailhead

NMOHVA's major renovation and enhancement project on the trail system at Cedro Peak took another major step forward this past month. A group of NMOHVA volunteers combined their fabrication expertise with sweat to construct a new pipe rail fence at the Mars Court trailhead. The Mars Court trailhead is the southern access point for the portion of the trail system on the west side of NM 337. The trailhead is a popular access point for mountain bikers and hikers in addition to the motorized single-track available there. The new fencing will help the Forest Service provide better access control for the area.



NMOHVA volunteers Joe Cromey, Dave Rockwell, and Pat Brady

The improvements to the Mars Court trailhead are part of the larger project funded by the grant NMOHVA received from the Recreational Trail Program. This month, YCC crews hired by NMOHVA have completed the installation of the width limiters, finished the reroutes of both Delbert's and the Chamisoso trails, and installed most of the directional signs. Project work still remaining is the posting of trail numbers and signs (the Forest Service is re-assigning some of the trail numbers), the completion of the Deadman trailhead upgrades, and the creation of an accurate and user-friendly trail map of the area. Work continues on various elements of the project until the snow flies with completion scheduled for next spring. If you are interested in volunteering for Cedro project work, please contact Hurley Wilvert at vicepresident@nmohva.org.

Buckman Area Clean-Up



The Taos BLM and the Blackfeather Trail Preservation Alliance are hosting a volunteer clean-up day at Buckman Mesa (just west of Santa Fe) on November 12th. Illegal dumping and litter pose a hazard to the many people who use the area for its wide range of recreation opportunities. The clean-up will run from 8:00 am to noon. Volunteers are asked to bring hats, sunscreen, and gloves. Directions to the area and contact information are available on the event calendar on the NMOHVA website (www.nmohva.org). Together, we can do more!

Upcoming Events

Nov 12- Buckman Area Clean-up, Santa Fe.

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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