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As UFWDA quickly shifts our publishing to the digital formats, we are acutely aware that there are a lot of members who we are not reaching. You will see in an announcement in this edition, that UFWDA and JPFreek Adventure Magazine [www.jpfreek.com](http://www.jpfreek.com) are now partnering to create a digital Voice.

Most of the members that we know we are not reaching, are those in organizations who are reluctant to supply email addresses of their members.

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We find a fair number of emails that we send are not opened and are working to find ways to ensure that 'spam' filters etc are not interfering with delivery.

Over recent months, I took part in a NOHVCC webinar series of presentations and found them interesting and useful. I note that several are being repeated [www.nohvcc.org/education/webinars.asp](http://www.nohvcc.org/education/webinars.asp)

I started by mentioning Voice and as part of the revising of our prime publication, we are looking for material to publish that will inspire people to get out and explore what's still left, as the advocates of 'Wilderness' continue to close access in the USA to the general population. As you will see, we are looking for photographs and stories to encourage four wheeling and adventure.

*Peter Vahry*  
international vice-president

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## New Mexico Trail Safety Fund Survives Legislative Raid

New Mexico motorized recreationists recently celebrated a narrow escape when Governor Bill Richardson used his line item veto power to preserve \$800,000 in the state's Trail Safety Fund.

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The Fund, made up entirely of user fees on off road vehicles, was one of numerous state funds that were 'swept' by legislators trying to make up a \$600 million dollar state budget shortfall in a special legislative session. The \$800,000 was part of \$116 million in 'unused' funds in various state and agency accounts.

The New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance (NMOHVA) rallied its members when the Governor asked the state's citizens for input on the legislation. NMOHVA members deluged the Governor's office with requests to spare the fund since the source of the money was strictly user fees and not sourced from the state's general tax structure. NMOHVA was also strongly supported by other user groups who feared for their own user funds if the raid on the Trail Safety Fund was successful. When the Governor signed the legislation, the OHV fund was one of a very small handful of line items that had been spared by the Governor's line item veto.

With the Fund 'safe' for now, NMOHVA's efforts have shifted to ensure that money in the Fund is soon obligated for appropriate projects so it won't be such a fat, juicy target the next time the state runs short of money.

*Mark Werkmeister – President, New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance*

## **BFG Outstanding Trails suggestions**

UFWDA have been invited to again compile a list of special North American 4x4 trails, for consideration for the BFG Outstanding Trail awards in 2010.

"Collectively, since the inception of the Outstanding Trails program in 2006, we have honored some of the most incredible off-road trails in North America," said Gary Enterline, senior product category manager, light truck tires for BFGoodrich Tires.

[www.bfgoodrichtires.com/bfgapp/news/press\\_release/08112009.jsp](http://www.bfgoodrichtires.com/bfgapp/news/press_release/08112009.jsp)

Tell us something about your favorite trail and how it's being managed. Send your suggestions now, to [landuse@ufwda.org](mailto:landuse@ufwda.org)

## **UFWDA partner with JPFreek Adventure Magazine**

### **JPFreek to Commence Publication of Voice for United Four Wheel Drive Associations**

United Four Wheel Drive Associations announce a partnership with JPFreek Adventure Magazine to produce and publish Voice, the official magazine of United Four Wheel Drive Associations, as an engaging quarterly digital publication focused on off-highway and outdoor recreation as well as responsible land use.

The new partnership is a first for both organizations and will allow United Four Wheel Drive Associations to broaden its distribution scope by continuing the digitizing of their previous hardcopy edition of The Voice. In addition, the partnership will expand the subscription base for JPFreek Adventure Magazine [www.jpfreek.com](http://www.jpfreek.com) to an additional 10,000+ subscribers as part of the current membership package for United Four Wheel Drive Associations.

JPFreek Adventure Magazine founders Frank Ledwell and Richard Tinnell will assume the roles of Editor-in-Chief & Creative Director, respectively, for Voice. Wayne Groom, President of United Four Wheel Drive Associations, said of the partnership, "We are excited about the opportunity of

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this partnership as it will allow us to continue to enhance the quality and distribution of our primary communication with the off-highway enthusiast, allowing us to reach out beyond our current membership.”

Frank Ledwell, Editor & Publisher of JPFreek Adventure Magazine, said of the partnership, “Partnering with United Four Wheel Drive Associations in creating The Voice is exciting for JPFreek and our entire staff. Our passion for Jeep and outdoor adventure has been a huge part of JPFreek Adventure Magazine’s success, and our value set of promoting responsible off-highway and outdoor adventure recreation compliments our goals in establishing Voice as a highly credible and engaging publication.”

The partnership will work to bring the entire off-highway community together by broadening the scope and importance of engaging off-highway enthusiasts to become involved in various land access issues. In addition, added value for all business partners and sponsors of both United Four Wheel Drive Associations and JPFreek Adventure Magazine will be achieved through cross-branding efforts and other significant promotional and marketing efforts.

This partnership is effective immediately, with the new issue of Voice planned for release by January 15, 2010.

**Material is now being sought for the January edition and UFWDA encourages its members to submit stories and photographs from their adventures and travels before 25 November.**

To do so, please note the following guidelines:

- 1) Articles should contain at least 8 high-resolution photographs (digital files at a minimum of 300dpi).
- 2) Maximum of 1500 words
- 3) Discuss your article idea with us by sending an email query to: [VOICEedit@ufwda.org](mailto:VOICEedit@ufwda.org)

An article must be a unique and exciting story or photo(s) about 4x4 off-highway adventure, events, or the use of a 4x4 as a component of an outdoor recreation. All material for Voice will be gathered by UFWDA and should be sent to [editor@ufwda.org](mailto:editor@ufwda.org) For large files, please contact the Voice Editorial Manager [VOICEedit@ufwda.org](mailto:VOICEedit@ufwda.org)

About JPFreek Adventure Publications, LLC

JPFreek Adventure Magazine was developed in March 2006 with the express intent of sharing a passion for Jeep vehicles and outdoor adventure with fellow enthusiasts, all while promoting eco-friendly and responsible off-highway recreation. JPFreek's staff takes pride in delivering a fun, vibrant, and engaging digital Jeep® adventure publication that is the only one of its kind in North America.

## Helena National Forest EIS

Whole Document: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27144.htm>

SUMMARY: The Helena National Forest is going to prepare an environmental impact statement for vegetation management actions in the Little Blackfoot drainage west of the Continental Divide. The purpose and need for action is to be responsive to the mountain pine beetle outbreak in this area, specifically to recover economic value of dead and dying trees. Additional purposes for the project

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include promoting desirable regeneration, reducing fuels and the risk of catastrophic fire, and maintaining diverse wildlife habitats.

DATES: **Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by December 14, 2009.** The draft environmental impact statement is expected June 2010

## Do Not miss out on the FUN!!

SAVE the DATE and start your trip planning now! June 14-17, 2010

**The Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association is hosting the 2010 UFWDA Annual General Meeting in beautiful Traverse City, Michigan.**

Embraced by the beauty of the Grand Traverse Bay, this "up north" destination features miles of sugar-sand beaches and is decorated with rolling hills of pine-scented forests, offering astonishing natural beauty and unparalleled charm. For more information to assist in planning your adventure, here is a guide with over 100 pages of travel and excitement details about the area.



<http://www.bluetoad.com/publication/?i=8860>

Keep checking the UFWDA Forums for more details as they become available.

Trail ride destinations are being discussed within GLFWDA, pre or post AGM or possibly both. Stay tuned!

<http://www.ufwda.org/smf/index.php?topic=3055.0>

Hope to see you on the trails in Michigan in 2010!

*Doug & Kathy Saul*  
DDS4X4



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## Taxpayers foot the bill for environmental lawsuits!

The federal government spends about the same amount of money funding environmental lawyers as it does to protect endangered species, according to an investigation conducted by a Wyoming lawyer who defends farmers and ranchers involved in environmental lawsuits.....

<http://oregontaxnews.com/2009/11/04/taxpayers-foot-the-bill-for-environmental-lawsuits/#more-146>

## DO WE OR DON'T WE?



Written by Luana Schneider  
Photos by Tom Schneider and Mel Sauer

Yes, with the major economic problems facing all of us the primary question was, “do we or don’t we” put on the March of Dimes rally “Four Wheelin’ with Feelin’” rally in 2009? Could enough of the committee afford to work on the rally, could enough participants afford to come to the rally and could the participants get adequate pledges for us to justify putting this event on?

I contacted the main committee and they were willing to go for it under the work schedule we implemented last year. I then contacted some of our more involved participants and they pledged to be there and also would make a concerted effort to bring in the same kind of pledges as in the past. So we proceeded forward on planning the event.

*Right...It's my trophy I drew the cards for poker!*



For the full article go to....

[www.ufwda.org/smf/index.php?topic=3063.msg12805#msg12805](http://www.ufwda.org/smf/index.php?topic=3063.msg12805#msg12805)

## Tonto National Forest ... Arizona

The Tonto National Forest, located in central Arizona, is proposing changes to their motorized vehicle travel system. During the month of November, six public open houses were scheduled to explain the process used to review the current route system, the criteria for determining needs for change, and to discuss any issues people may have with the proposed changes.

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The Forest Service is seeking input from the public on these proposed changes before making a final determination on the designated route system. The public is invited to share their ideas about the forest's system of roads, trails, and/or areas and submit comments about the proposal.

A copy of the Forest Travel Management Proposed Action can be found on the Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/travelmgt/index.shtml> . You may also get a copy by visiting the Supervisor's Office at 2324 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, Arizona, or at one of the district offices.

**Written comments regarding this proposed action may be submitted through December 4, 2009.** Comments should be mailed to Travel Management Team Leader, Tonto National Forest, 2324 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix AZ, 85006.

For more information, contact Genevieve Johnson at 602-225-5213, or visit the Tonto National Forest webpage at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto)

**JUST REMEMBER, PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO KEEP RECREATION AREAS OPEN; PLEASE GET INVOLVED!**

*Jack Hickman, Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (AZOHVC)*

[www.pirate4x4.com/forum/showthread.php?t=832374](http://www.pirate4x4.com/forum/showthread.php?t=832374)

Tonto Forest travel management: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/travelmgt/>

Forest-wide trail proposed trail changes: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/tonto/travel...wide102509.pdf>

## State of Arizona RAC meeting.

Whole document: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27145.htm>

### State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet on December 9, 2009, at the BLM Arizona State Office located at One North Central Avenue, Suite 800 in downtown Phoenix, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Morning agenda items include: BLM State Director's update on statewide issues; update on BLM's Four-Tracks to Solar Energy Development in Arizona; update on BLM Scoping Process and Comments on the Development of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the Proposed Withdrawal of Mining in the Arizona Strip District; RAC questions on BLM District Managers' Reports; and reports by RAC working groups.

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A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on December 9, 2009, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council on BLM programs and business.

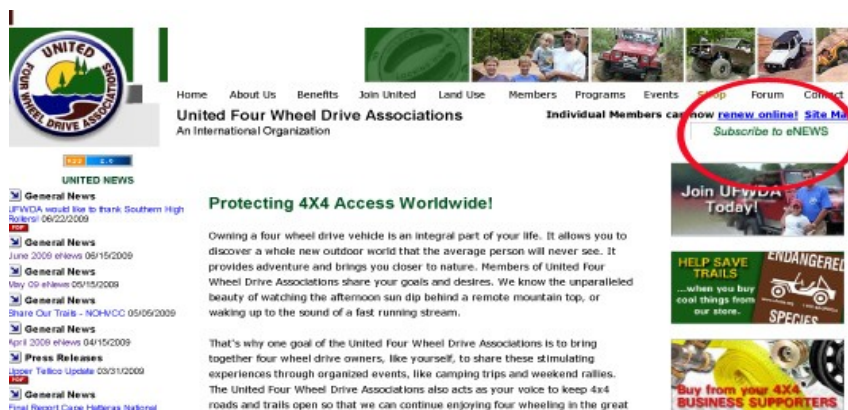
Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the RAC has been designated as the Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC), and has the authority to review all BLM and Forest Service (FS) recreation fee proposals in Arizona. The afternoon meeting agenda on December 9 will include review and discussion of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) Working Group Report, REA Working Group meeting schedule and future BLM/FS recreation fee proposals. The RRAC will not review any recreation fee proposals at this meeting.

DATES: Effective Date: **December 9, 2009.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, 602-417-9504.

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## New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance

### Announces \$450,000 Project for Cibola National Forest OHV Trails

**Albuquerque, New Mexico - November 6, 2009** - The New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance is receiving a federal grant to undertake a major trail project at the 19,240 acre Cedro Peak area, located in the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest. The \$448,512.00 project includes new trail segments, trail rehabilitation, and signing on over 60 miles of trail and also incorporates trailhead improvements, trail entry control, and public information. The \$322,392.00 grant is from the Recreational Trails Program, a federal grant program administered by New Mexico State Parks. The balance of \$126,120.00 will come from matching funding and volunteer labor from NMOHVA and its grant partners.

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"This project will implement the first USFS Travel Management decision in New Mexico. OHVs have always been legal at Cedro Peak, but now for the first time, the trails will be officially designated, managed, and signed for multiple use", said NMOHVA President, Mark Werkmeister. "These trail are for everyone. Information kiosks in the parking areas and accurate signage will educate the public about trail etiquette and sharing these treasured multiple-use trails."

The 2008 Sandia Ranger District Travel Management planning decision designated motorcycle, ATV, and full-size 4WD trails. All Cedro Peak trails are also used by mountain bikers, equestrians, and hikers. Cedro Peak offers the only National Forest OHV trails close to Albuquerque.

NMOHVA's partners on the project include the Sandia Ranger District, the New Mexico 4 Wheelers, the Black Feather Trail Preservation Alliance, and R&S Powersports. Recreation planning professionals from Pan Pacific Services will help manage the project. Ground-breaking is expected Spring, 2010.

The Forest Service's official Cedro Peak trail map is available at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/travel-management/tm\\_sandia/index.shtml](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/travel-management/tm_sandia/index.shtml).

More information is available by visiting [WWW.nmohva.org](http://WWW.nmohva.org) or by contacting NMOHVA at 505-893-1247.



### About the New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance

The New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance is a statewide incorporated alliance of motorized off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts that promotes responsible OHV recreation through education, safety training, land conservation and access, in cooperation with public and private interests, to ensure a positive future for OHV recreation in New Mexico

## Cal4Wheel Sweepstakes Vehicle 2009

Get tickets for the Cal4Wheel Sweepstakes Vehicle here:  
<http://www.cal4wheel.com/store/product.php?productid=136&cat=11&page=1>

2009 Jeep Rubicon. (Vehicle's current look)



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## Congressman Attempts to Close Public Lands by Circumventing Legislative Process

### An alert from the AMA

Contact your Representatives to oppose H.R. 1925! [Take Action!](#)

On November 10, U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey of New York, along with 88 other colleagues, sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar asking that he circumvent normal legislative procedures and administratively close more than 9 million public land acres in Utah. Effectively designating Wilderness areas without public debate or congressional approval only further erodes the public's confidence in their government. Hinchey is attempting to thwart the legislative process by having the public lands described in his bill, H.R. 1925, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009, administratively protected by the Secretary.

[H.R. 1925](#) would designate 9.4 million acres as federally protected Wilderness, and directly affect the Moab, San Rafael Swell and Chimney Rock areas, among others, in Utah. These popular OHV areas represent some of the most important remaining OHV recreation areas in the state. The proposed Wilderness designation would also make the land off limits to all-terrain vehicle (ATV) riders and mountain bikers.

For the full article..... [www.americanmotorcyclist.com/news/story.asp?id=1527](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/news/story.asp?id=1527)

## Marshall University OHV Recreation Management Course Spring Semester

### Scholarship Applications due on December 15, 2009

NOHVCC, in conjunction with the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA), announces a scholarship for the spring semester 2009-2010 of course 451/551 Planning and Design of OHV Trails. The course may be completed on-line and is 3 semester credit hours.

This course is the second of a 4 part OHV Recreation Management track offered by Marshall University. The content for the courses was developed in cooperation with NOHVCC. The funding for this scholarship is provided by MIC and SVIA. Application for the scholarship can be received by contacting [NOHVCC](#). All completed applications must be received by NOHVCC by the end of the day 12/15/09

## WOHVA Fire Rehabilitation

Volunteers from the Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) recently spent several days rehabilitating Spirit Mountain in Mole Lake. The area was ravaged by fire earlier this year. In addition to the fire damage, a 12 foot wide fire break was dug by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources fire control team. The fire break extended for approximately a ¼ mile and was

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becoming a source of erosion. Prior to the erosion having a negative impact on the environment, WOHVA volunteers stepped in and repaired the damage.

WOHVA volunteers are trained in trail design and development, following principles outlined by the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC). WOHVA installed numerous water bars (which control erosion), re-seeded the area and closed access points that had become unauthorized roads in the forest. Projects such as this are part of WOHVA's pro-active approach to responsible motorized recreation.

Right, Volunteers from the Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association (WOHVA) stand by one of their many erosion stopping water bars.



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