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Does UFWDA still exist?

The answer is **YES**, but currently without our website. Our website was hacked and partially rebuilt, then was hacked again which totally wrecked things, so the system has been shut down for the present..

Along with the loss of our website, we've also lost for the moment our linked email addresses for contacting UFWDA people, alternatives are...

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For the present we are relying on our **Facebook** pages to keep the world informed.

If you've been waiting for notice of the UFWDA 2019 AGM, please be advised that the plan is to hold that meeting during the SEMA show, as both a face to face and online event. Another reason to visit SEMA?
More on that soon.

Your input of topical material for each eNews is still vital, so please keep UFWDA and our readers informed by emailing **before the 10th** of each month. **If your organization has a website with interesting stories etc. then send a link to editor@ufwda.org**
Peter Vahry; [editor](#)

UFWDA are looking for help to rebuild our web presence

Are you experienced in building web sites?

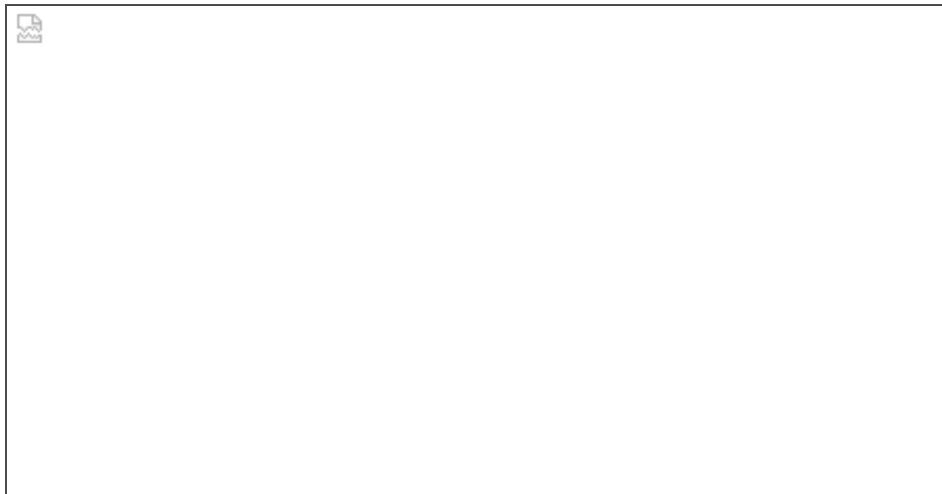
We are looking for expressions of interests for the job of crafting a replacement web site.

UFWDA is the only US national or international organization exclusively representing four wheel drive recreation. With the constant pressure from many quarters, our recreation still needs strong, visible representation to ensure its future.

Our website will be a part of that visibility and a point of contact to learn about UFWDA efforts and to facilitate that vital component, membership!

This project has some urgency, so besides just registering, you may wish to include some links to examples of your work and an idea on costs.

To register your interest in creating the UFWDA website, email to pete4wd@gmail.com



Support the Recreation Not Red Tape Act

Bi-partisan legislation has been introduced in both the House and the Senate that would make recreation on public lands a higher priority for the federal government. S. 1967, introduced in the Senate by Senators Ron Wyden (D-Oregon) and Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and H.R. 3458, introduced in the House by

Reps. Rob Bishop (R-Utah) and Debbie Dingell (D-MI) would do the following:

- Simplifies procedures for the issuance of recreational permits by setting time limits for the processing of such permits; reduces fees; mandates online purchases; and provides for the issuance of a single joint permit for multijurisdictional trips
- Directs federal land agencies to make recreation a priority when making land and water management decisions
- Encourages the use of volunteers in trail maintenance including the creation of uniform interagency trail maintenance standards for trails the cross agency jurisdictional boundaries
- Seeks to enhance coordination between federal and state recreation agencies and allows for the purchase of a state(s) and federal recreation pass with one transaction

[Read more ...](#)

4X4 club removes 3,000 pounds of trash from forest near Helena

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Photo Courtesy of Joe Skagg

The Frontier 4X4 Club [removed more than 3,000 pounds of trash from the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest](#) over the weekend.

The Forest Service recruited the club to assist in the removal of a camper and pickup bed

trailer that was abandoned on Priest Pass. The trailers were left in a swampy area off a closed road and getting tow trucks to the site was not feasible.

[Read the full article!](#)

Have you ever had a look at the
UFWDA Environmental Affairs
Director's Facebook page?
<https://www.facebook.com/UFWDA/>

ATTENTION: The word is they plan to close 20% of existing roads!!

Pike San Isabel Motorized Travel Management (MVUM) Analysis

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Pike San Isabel Motorized Travel Management (MVUM) Analysis will be released for public comment via the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register in August 2019. During this 45-day comment period, all interested or affected parties are asked to provide comments.

Public Commenting Period and Public Meetings

The public comment period for the MVUM DEIS is scheduled for August 10 - September 24, 2019. A series of public meetings will take place during that period to gather public feedback. The following public meetings are scheduled (meeting times and locations still developing):

- Salida - August 27
- Pueblo - August 28
- Denver - August 29
- Colorado Springs - August 30

Get involved with the creation of the UFWDA 'Voice'

To create an edition of the UFWDA Voice online magazine requires sourcing a variety of content and with a great geographic area to cover, we have to rely on willing contributors to fill those pages.

As 'Editor' it would be great to be able to spend time attending events and club activities, but sadly the system just can't accommodate the time

and travel costs!

That then means we need to ask you, our readers and members, to send us some of your photos of your four wheeling and maybe even a few words describing the activity?

Links to Facebook, or other locations where you've posted pictures etc are welcomed too.

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