

Access Army

BRC Recreation Advisory - America's Great Outdoors Initiative - What you need to know

On April 16, 2010 President Obama signed a Presidential Memorandum that will radically reshape the U.S. Government's conservation policy. The Memorandum created the America's Great Outdoors Initiative which directs the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Council for Environmental Quality (CEQ) to coordinate with the Interior and Agriculture Departments on a program to promote conservation and outdoor recreation.

According to Obama's Memorandum, the goals of the Initiative shall be to: Reconnect Americans, especially children, to America's rivers and waterways, landscapes of national significance, ranches, farms and forests, great parks, and coasts and beaches by exploring a variety of efforts, including: promoting community-based recreation and conservation, including local parks, greenways, beaches, and waterways; advancing job and volunteer opportunities related to conservation and outdoor recreation; supporting existing programs and projects that educate and engage Americans in our history, culture, and natural bounty.

Build upon State, local, private, and tribal priorities for the conservation of land, water, wildlife, historic, and cultural resources, creating corridors and connectivity across these outdoor spaces, and for enhancing neighborhood parks; and determine how the Federal Government can best advance those priorities through public private partnerships and locally supported conservation strategies.

Use science-based management practices to restore and protect our lands and waters for future generations.

The Memorandum listed three "functions: "1) outreach: 2) coordination: and 3) reports. The outreach function includes the listening session mentioned above and directs that special attention should be given to bringing young Americans into the conversation. The coordination function directs the EPA. CEQ, Dept. of Ag and Interior to work with various agencies of the federal government to "identify existing resources and align policies and programs to achieve its goals." The Memorandum also requires the Chair of the CEQ to issue a report by November 15, 2010, and Annual reports by September 30, 2011, and 2012. Why this matters to you:

There is a very real possibility this might just end up being a giant vehicle to hand the "conservation community" whatever is on its latest wish list. But you don't need to take my word for it. Here are a few excerpts from a speech New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson made at the April 16 conference: http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/Americas-Great-Outdoors-Conference-Video.cfm

What you need to do:
First of all, don't panic. Governor
Richardson's fondness for the "bad old
days" of Clinton era land grabs
notwithstanding, Secretary Salazar seems
to be pushing back a bit from adopting
the Wilderness Society's wish list, at least
not all of it. As if to hint at this,
Secretary Salazar made the following
comment to Governor Richardson
immediately after his speech: "Governor
Richardson, thank you for your
presentation and your great ideas. We
agree with most of them. [Laughter] But
you were never shy."

Participation in the "outreach" portion of President Obama's Memorandum is MANDATORY.

BRC is encouraging our members to attend the meetings in Asheville, NC, Minneapolis, MN, Hudson River, NY, Maine/New Hampshire, Anchorage and Denver. Meeting time and locations as well as additional meetings will be announced soon. (Subscribe to BRC's Action Alert email list for regular updates and info.)

IMPORTANT: The DOI has an online "idea generator." There are many good ideas that you can "vote" for and you might want to submit your own. http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf/

We've posted a few ideas and talking points below. Feel free to use these if you wish.

The DOI also has a "tell your story" webpage. If you enjoy OHV and snowmobile riding with your family, please consider taking a minute to jot down a personal anecdote on this webpage.

http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/Feedback.cfm

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Finally, call your congressional
representatives! With all that is going on
in Washington these days, your
Congressman and Senator may not even
know about this initiative. Make sure he
or she knows and remind them that it is
their (Congress) responsibility for
provide oversight and represent
constituents' interests - especially when
access to public lands is at issue. Easily
find your Congressman's contact info via
our Rapid Response webpage.
http://www.sharetrails.org/rapid_respons

MORE ON THE WEB:

http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdo

http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdo ors/Organizers-Toolkit.cfm

Remarks by The President at America's Great Outdoors Conference http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-pressoffice/remarks-president-americas-

great-outdoors-conference
HOW TO COMMENT ON THE

AMERICA'S GREAT OUTDOORS INITIATIVE:

You can email your information to: ago@ios.doi.gov or mail a hard copy to: Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, America's Great Outdoors, 1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240.

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Ideas for America's Great Outdoors Initiative:

This initiative is partly motivated by a need to enhance recreational opportunities on public lands. But increased recreation opportunities will not flow from a whisk of a pen in Washington D.C. Any successful recreation management policy must be accompanied by adequate budget, staffing, and above all, management's priority to achieve critical on-the-ground goals.

Federal agencies' allocation of budget, staff, and management effort should reflect the developing reality that outdoor recreation provides a greater good for more Americans than any other aspect of its multiple-use mandate. The time has come to make managed recreation the BLM and Forest Service's For more info:

http://www.sharetrails.org/alerts/?alert=

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Special points of interest:

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ROCK SPRINGS — Bureau of Land Management officials unveiled their proposed new maps of sage grouse core areas at a statewide open house kickoff Monday night.

The agency is beginning work on an environmental impact statement that will revise federal sage grouse and sagebrush management plans in six BLM field offices across Wyoming, BLM officials said.

Officials said the agency is toughening its standards for protecting sage grouse.

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The agency scheduled six open houses for lext month to begin the public scoping process. The final environmental impact statement is expected to be issued in October 2012.

The BLM issued new guidelines at the beginning of the year that strengthened sage grouse management efforts in Wyoming.

In January, BLM officials directed their Wyoming offices to consider certain restrictions for oil and gas drilling, new wind turbines and other kinds of development in sage grouse habitat, including possibly prohibiting many activities during sage grouse breeding season.

The new guidelines are similar to the state's development guidelines for sage grouse management,

which were issued by Gov. Dave Freudenthal's implementation team on June 29.

By amending the existing resource management plans, it will allow the agency to take a more uniform approach to sage grouse management that lines up better with the state's efforts, said Lance Porter with the BLM's Rock Springs field office.

"We wanted to get these updated maps of the core (sage grouse) areas out so the public can view them before the openhouse meetings" next month, Porter said.

"These maps represent the latest, most up-to-date information we have," he said. Sage grouse populations have declined significantly from levels a century ago. Federal biologists say the bird is facing threats from large-scale habitat loss, in part because of agricultural and subdivision development.

In March, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced that federal protections for the sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species under the terms of the Endangered Species Act are warranted but precluded by higher priorities at this time.

Game and Fish officials have been working in recent years with other Western states on management strategies aimed at bringing back dwindling sage grouse populations. The agency has also formed several citizen advisory committees to plot and implement conservation efforts.

In 2007, Freudenthal created a task force charged with trying to keep the sage grouse from being listed for federal protections. The team identified core areas in Wyoming where conservation efforts would have the most effect. The next year, the governor signed an executive order that required state agencies to focus on maintaining and enhancing sagebrush habitat within those core areas.

Porter said early public input is "crucial" to identifying various resource

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association Launches Interactive E-Course for ROV Safety

The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association, sponsored by Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris and Yamaha, announces the release of the beta version of its new ROV E-Course - a free, interactive online safety course available on its website, rohva.org. The new E-Course is the first formalized educational resource for the growing community of ROV enthusiasts to reinforce driver responsibilities, identifying:

Key risk factors associated with ROV operation

Safe riding practices designed to reduce risk of injury

The best resources for learning to operate particular vehicle models

Recreational Off-highway Vehicles (ROVs) are designed to travel on four or more non-highway tires, with a steering wheel, non-straddle seating, seat belts, occupant-protective structure, and an engine displacement up to 1,000cc. Sometimes referred to as side-by-sides or utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), current ROV models are designed with seats for a driver and one or more passengers and are used for a variety of outdoor recreational purposes as well as many work applications.

"ROHVA's E-Course is an excellent resource for both new and experienced ROV drivers to learn how to safely operate their vehicles while enjoying the freedom of adventure they provide," said Paul Vitrano, executive vice president of the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association. "The E-Course is intended to improve awareness about ROVs and inspire a safety-minded approach to off-highway recreation."

The two-hour on-line safety course helps develop safe driving habits but is not a "learn to drive" course. Users can save their progress and stop at any time to pick up later where they left off. At the end of the course users have the option to take an ROV safety quiz to test their knowledge. To register for free, drivers can visit cbt.rohva.org.

ROVs operate similarly to onhighway cars and trucks but there are special considerations when operating in an off-highway environment. The ROV E-Course provides drivers a new resource to reinforce proper techniques and safety rules. Following such rules are essential, as a recent study of ROV crashes revealed at least one behavior warned against in manufacturer operator manuals was present in 98 percent of crashes. These warnedagainst behaviors include doing stunts, riding at excessive speeds, riding on paved roads, using alcohol or drugs while driving, improper seating of passengers, failing to wear a helmet and failing to wear a seat

The study also found that 23 percent of crashes involved drivers under the recommended age. ROHVA recommends that no one under the age of 16 should operate an ROV without a valid driver's license. The ROV E-Course is not intended for children.

As highlighted in the E-Course, ROHVA urges enthusiasts to follow the ROV Safety Rules to ensure the safety of drivers, passengers and everyone else.

Always wear a helmet and other protective gear, use the seat belts, and keep all parts of your body inside the ROV.

Never drive on paved roads except to cross when done safely and permitted by law. ROVs are designed to be operated offhighway.

Drive only in designated areas, at a safe speed, and use care when turning and crossing slopes.

Never drive under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

Never drive an ROV unless you're

16 or older or have a driver's license. ROVs are not toys.

Never carry more passengers than

Never carry more passengers than the ROV is designed for, and never allow a passenger who is too small to sit in a passenger seat to ride in the ROV.

Read and follow the operator's manual and warning labels. The Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association is a national industry organization that promotes the safe and responsible use of ROVs. ROHVA is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to develop equipment, configuration and performance standards. Based in Irvine, Calif., the not-for-profit association is sponsored by Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris and Yamaha. For more information visit www.rohva.org.



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Maine Recreational vehicle riders seek access to East Madrid Road



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FARMINGTON — A local resident asked Franklin County commissioners to allow all-terrain vehicles and snowmobile riders to be able to ride on a portion of the East Madrid Road in Madrid Township.

Donald Whittemore of Farmington, who owns property in Madrid, said he was making the request on behalf of the Narrow Gauge Riders, an ATV club, and Northern Franklin Snowmobile Riders.

They would like to be able to ride about 2 miles on the East Madrid Road from a trail near Four Corners to a trail near the Phillips line, Whittemore said. The clubs face major costs to fix a trail in the area.

"I don't expect a lot of traffic," Whittemore said.

Landowners in the area don't want to

make it a major trail, he said. It would be mostly local people using the road, he said.

Other towns in the county allow it including Avon, New Vineyard, Phillips and a section of Madrid, he said.

About 85 percent of Temple is open to ATV traffic on town roads, he said. Commission Chairman Gary McGrane said they would contact the state to see if there would be any liability to the county.

He also said that residents of the road would have to be notified and as well as the general public, and possibly a public hearing held, to allow input on the proposal. He also said there may have to be a bond posted in case there is damage to the road.

County Road Agent Jerry Haines said that a speed limit could be put on the road and if ATV and snowmobile riders don't abide by it, it could be reported to the sheriff, game warden or other law enforcement officials. In the three years that Avon has allowed recreational vehicle use on a section of the Mt. Blue Road in that town, there has been no damage and he checks it frequently. The fire warden also patrols the area, he said.

Court Adopts Lewis and Clark Remedy - Restores Access

GREAT FALLS, MT (July 7)-Recreation groups are applauding a victory for public access announced in federal court in Montana on July 2, 2010. The Court found legal flaws in a 2007 Travel Plan issued by the Lewis and Clark National Forest, and adopted the remedy proposed by the Forest Service and Plaintiffs in the case. As a result, restrictions on over 200 miles of trail will be modified, and travel for dispersed camping restored on over 80,000 acres within 300 feet of certain routes. "This is an unprecedented

result for the recreation community," observed Brian Hawthorne, Public Lands Policy Director of the BlueRibbon Coalition. "Too many agencies have erred on the side of eliminating access, and we hope that this decision sends the message that the law requires balance, and that recreationists should never give up hope participating in the process," Hawthorne concluded.

The recent order came in the "remedy phase" of the litigation, and followed the Court's ruling on the merits on March 10, 2010. A

judgment largely concluding proceedings in the district court was filed on July 6, 2010. Preservationist intervenors Montana Wilderness Association have indicated they are likely to appeal.

For additional information view-

http://www.mic.org/news07 0210.cfm (MIC-SVIA news release July 2, 2010) http://m.greatfallstribune.co m/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID =/20100703/NEWS01/7030 302/-

1/WAP&;template=wapart (Great Falls Tribune article July 3, 2010)



County And Recreation Groups Challenge Illegal Road Decommissioning On Northern California Forest

SAN FRANCISCO (May 18)—County government and access organizations have filed their lawsuit against the Six Rivers National Forest in northwest California. The suit challenges road-decommissioning activities and alleges that a Motor Vehicle Use Map (MYUM), which governs public access, was released without required public review. The suit was filed on May 13, 2010, in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

The complaint specifically mentions "rehabilitation" of Forest Road 17N92 and alleges that in late 2009 a Forest Service contractor "performed ground-disturbing activities" without the legally required environmental analysis and opportunity for public review and comment. Unfortunately, the contractor's activities coincided with seasonal precipitation events to cause erosion and sediment-laden runoff to pour into the Smith River watershed.

Don Amador, the Western Representative for the BlueRibbon Coalition and a native of the region, states, "Where are these preservationist groups that insist on scrupulous compliance with procedures? Sadly, they are nowhere to be found in this case. Apparently those procedures don't apply when the agency is eliminating historic roads."

The suit further attacks publication of the MVUM. Required by the Forest Service 2005 Travel Management Rule, MVUMs in most Forests follow a lengthy public process and generation of a formal environmental analysis that is circulated for public review, comment and subject to administrative appeal. The Six Rivers did not conduct such review, but has promised, after release of the MVUM, to conduct collaborative discussions with interested groups to consider changes to

the MVUM.

"We are always interested in collaborative dialogue, but the Forest has put the legal cart before the horse. Many historically-used roads and trails were open one day and closed the next, without the notice or planning that occurs in other Forests," Amador claimed.

The parties bringing the suit are Del Norte County, Lake Earl Grange, Del Norte Rod and Gun Club, North Coast Cliffhangers Four Wheel Drive Club, California Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, and the BlueRibbon Coalition.

A copy of the complaint can be viewed at: http://www.sharetrails.org/uploads/Turcke _Six_Rivers_Lawsuit_Orig_Filed_May2010.

United Four Wheel Drive Associations Survey and Wheel-in.

UFWDA has being running major surveys over several years now at two yearly intervals and yes... there is another one that we would really appreciate your involvement with.

Although aimed at members, UFWDA welcome wider input from the 4x4 community, so we are happy for the survey link to be circulated.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ufwda2010

Some questions may not be ideally worded but that's usually because we repeat quite a few questions every time we run this survey, which allows the direct comparison with earlier answers. There are 74 questions but many are simple 'yes/no' style. There are opportunities to be more expansive with some answers

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, as it can provide some really useful data about our recreation and the people who enjoy four wheeling.

The Wheel-in for 2010 have been set and the dates are August 12,13 & 14, 2010 at Snowshoe Mountain Resort in West Virginia.

The registration and more information will be available February 1, 2010. Keep an eye on this thread for all of the latest information. See you in West Virginia! For more info on UFWDA, go to www.ufwda.org.

There you will find links to the above registration, forum, E-news signup.

4405 rebuild - Rising from the ashes!



The 4405 racecar stood for keeping our trails open, and public access. It raced to raise money for land-use organizations. It was a symbol for our fight. Owner Travis Carpenter recently lost the car and many other belongings to a freak middle of the night garage fire, which left his entire garage/shop decimated, as well as the buggy itself. A great effort has been put forth in an attempt to rebuild the car and any help is good help. Let

us rebuild this positive image for our sport. We are all floored by today's news of the tragic fire that destroyed the famous 4405 Land Use Race Buggy.

http://www.pirate4x4.com/forum/showthread.php? t=891108

Travis and Trout are completely devastated, and are too proud to accept help. But we need this buggy back on the trail and track, because the message is too important.

Many of you have expressed a desire to donate, parts and funds to help put this icon back on the trail and back on the Ultra 4 circuit, where the message about Land Use, responsible recreation and the importance of being involved can continue to be brought to the masses.

The attention it has brought to Land Use has been phenomenal, and has had measurable effect in saving our trails. It's been to both Friends of the Rubicon and Friends of El Dorado Work Parties, Schools, Conventions, Parades, and in Magazines, spreading the word about Land Use and being

ambassadors for our Sport. It has brought nearly \$20,000 in donations to Blue Ribbon Coalition (just from the last KOH event), and it helps to generate memberships to the Friends of Groups and Local Associations.

We had so many plans to continue to spread the word

Kurt, MFS and I, along with the help of our Friends and Land Use Advocates on Pirate 4X4, can surely pull this off with your help.
MFS has a paypal account rebuild4405@mfs-ca.com, where if you would like to make a donation to help rebuild the Land Use Buggy you can. It will be solely used for that purpose.(Make sure you put "for the 4405" in the notes) No donation is too small, \$5 or \$10 bucks will help. If you want to donate parts, you can contact me at bebehumr at gmail dot com, and I will track the donated parts and create a 'registry' for parts. The message of Keep Public Lands Open to the Public must continue.

Access Army Links

www.pirate4x4.com/landuse

www.savemytrails.com www.delalbright.com www.rltc.biz www.nohvcc.org www.ufwda.org www.ama-cycle.org www.atvaonline.com www.sharetrails.org www.treadlightly.org
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Texas - Officials discuss possible location for off-highway vehicle trail

HEMPHILL — Off-road vehicle enthuisiasts on Tuesday night attended a public meeting to discuss locations for a possible off-highway vehicle trail in either Angelina or Sabine national forest.

Some of the main speakers at the meeting, held at the J.R. Huffman Library in Hemphill, included Stephen D. Thompson, senior geologist and OHV program manager at Texas Parks & Wildlife; Eddie Taylor, an Angelina/Sabine district ranger; and Tony Eeds, president of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition.

The committee unveiled its list of five possible areas, reduced from an original list of 12 locations. The areas include North Toledo, Red Hills, Boles Field, Broaddus and Trail Between the Lakes.

The trail will be developed through several partnerships. The Texas Forest Service will provide the land and identify the best site in the forest to develop a trail. Texas Parks & Wildlife's OHV Program will offer grant money from the Recreational Trails Program and Off-Highway Vehicle Program. The former, a federal program that creates trails

Program. The former, a federal program that creates trails across Texas, will provide approximately \$560,000 in initial grant money.

In addition, the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition will help of the with how the trail is designed and maintained, and will also locatic act as a liaison with people who come to the parks to use the safety.

trails. Trails Unlimited, a professional trailbuilding company from California, will assist with construction. Careful attention is being given to the forest's sensitive resources during the construction process with the help of conservation groups.

However, the exact location of the trail has not yet been decided. The committee was keen on involving the community in the possible development of such a trail, and would not proceed otherwise.

"It's very important that we understand your concerns," Eddie Taylor told the crowded meeting room. "We want your comments." "The folks that live immediately adjacent to the forests have the most at risk." Stephen D. Thompson said. He went on to say that those people will have the most say in "how the trail needs to be designed, how it's built, how it's managed and how it's maintained." Some of the biggest concerns and questions addressed at the meeting concerned such aspects of the trail as the level of noise, the exact location in relation to private property, and safety.

Thompson said such a trail would offer clear benefits in the form of creating a safer environment for riders and revenue generation. He used western states like California as an example of successful motor trail programs. He said such programs deter activities like illegal OHV riding and trespassing and "greatly curtail" the number of places where people ride illegally.

"They, by trial and error, developed techniques that work and don't work." Thompson said. "It's provided people that want to follow the rules a place where they can go and have legal access to the land and have common sense rules about park safety."

Thompson said he believes that dangerous and often illegal riding in Texas has become something of a cultural norm that has led to a "negative stereotype" about many OHV riders. Such a stereotype has made it difficult for people to find a legitimate area to ride. "There's been resource damage, kids getting hurt, people using such vehicles to poach and to trespass," he said, "so as an alternative to that we're going to create a legal, safe place to



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Tell him to propose the Sandlick/Big Bend Area an official OHV Trail System since it's been open to OHV use for decades and is listed as open on the motor vehicle use map.

USFS is trying to close more in Slade, KY

Please call this guy if you ever want to wheel here in KY:

Dave Manner
District Ranger
Daniel Boone National Forest
Cumberland Ranger District
2375 KY 801 South
Morehead, Kentucky 40351
606-784-6428 Office
davemanner@fs.fed.us

Tell him to propose the Sandlick/Big Bend Area an official OHV Trail System since it's been open to OHV use for decades and is listed as open on the motor vehicle use map. He is trying to propose a ban without ever recognizing the cultural tradition and public desire to use the land as an OHV system. He is also going in the backdoor by hiding the correct status of his project all year, listing it as "on hold" until this past Friday when I called him on it and he says basically, "Oh, my bad, that was funded, we have data and analysis... nope, no plans for an official OHV Trail System there... reserve your comments for the comment period (when I ban OHV's)".

Help!

Help needed for Bagley Mountain, Fenders Ferry Road Traffic Study

This invitation to help out is not limited to those that live in the Shasta County Area. All CAL 4 members, CORVA, and anyone else that may want to help out are invited as well. The payoff here is the possibility of a NEW OHV AREA to recreate in. Anyone interested in helping the cause can contact Jim Williams at

funnyfarmwest@sbcglobal.net or Sylvia Miligan at smilligan4732@sbcglobal.net Some BACKGROUND:

Why

Forest Service managers on the Shasta-Trinity National Forests (STNF) want to provide appropriate and sustainable motorized recreation opportunities for the riding public.

The Recreation Outdoors Coalition (ROC) was informally contacted by the Forest to explore opportunities to better serve the OHV community. This collaboration

resulted in the Shasta County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) tentatively awarding a grant to ROC for the Bagley OHV Demonstration Project. The goal is to develop a conceptual route plan to provide a variety of riding difficulties, challenges, and experiences in a well planned and managed area, consisting of designated roads, trails and play areas along with supporting safety and infrastructure needs.

The ROC management Team is outlining the process to be followed to accomplish the goal. The grant for this project will not be funded until late 2010 or early 2011 and has a six-month time frame for accomplishment. However, it became apparent that if the conceptual plan is to be completed by this time in 2011, use

information needs to be gathered in 2010. Thus a Traffic Study Methodology has been prepared.

There are basically three (3) entry points to the Bagley Area: Fenders Ferry Road from the west at the McCloud River Bridge, from the east at the Pit River Bridge on the two arms of Shasta Lake, and Iron Canyon Reservoir via Big Bend or McCloud. The FS has some recreation use data for the campgrounds at Iron Canyon Reservoir, but there is not current data for the Fenders Ferry Road.

For more info:

http://www.cal4wheel.com/index.php?opti on=com_content&view=article&id=517:he lp-needed-for-bagley-mountain-fendersferry-road-trafficstudy&catid=75;nothern-california-

study&catid=75:northern-california-access-issues&Itemid=323



Who we are, what we do.

More on our Purpose and Battle Plan of Action:

To stop the closures, restrictions and theft of our freedoms.

To engage the troops in the fight for access and freedom.

To motivate folks to do more, more often, and better.

To outmaneuver the opposition and be proactive in helping to engage the troops in battle.

To help the troops educate and engage our elected officials.

To outfit the troops (provide the tools and links) to help folks get engaged effectively.

To make the fight fun.

To ambush the opposition at every opportunity.

To encourage membership in access organizations.

To shed light on issues by directing folks to the right place with confidence and trust.

To facilitate outreach, organization and better coordination in access efforts.

To train more leaders and soldiers.

To breakdown the organizational and turf walls that prevent any one organization from doing it all.

To find saviors in our own ranks.

To inspire leadership and provide examples for others.

Signed,

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Keep your friends close and your enemies even closer!



Upcoming events & Staff

Cantina –3 – 6 Sept Rubicon work weekends - Aug. 21-22, Sept. 25-26, Oct. 23-24 NEA4WDA Fall Crawl – 11 – 12 Sept UFWDA Wheel-in, 12 – 14 Aug Sierra Trek, 12 – 15 Aug High Sierra , 3 – 5 Sept PVD, 12 – 14 Nov SEMA, 2 – 5 Nov Ultra 4 Stampede, 8 – 12 Sept, in Reno NAMRC meeting, 1 Nov Hump-n-Bump, 5 – 7 Nov



NAME	SCREENAME	MAIN ORGANIZATION	TAA TITLE	NOTES
Kurt Schneider	kurtuleas	OV Rocksports; Pirate4x4	Warrior	Pirate Board
Don Amador	cuttenkid	BlueRibbon Coalition; ThumperTalk	Warrior King	Western States
Todd Ockert	Navy-Jeepster	Access Army, FOTR, Cal4	Air Warrior	Access Army
Brian Richardson	sincity	Sin City; JustGoodTrails.com	Pending	СО
Del Albright	jeepndel	BlueRibbon Coalition; Cal4	Grand Poobah	Founder
Dale Robins	fermentor	Rubicon Rockheads	Surgeon General	Dispenser of Elixirs
Jacquelyne Theisen	Bebe	Friends of the Rubicon	Grand Poobette	Hummer
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