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4th QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

4th Qtr Meeting, Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Hosted by: The Wild Bunch in Moab Utah.

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Third Quarter 2017 July 15- Host TBD

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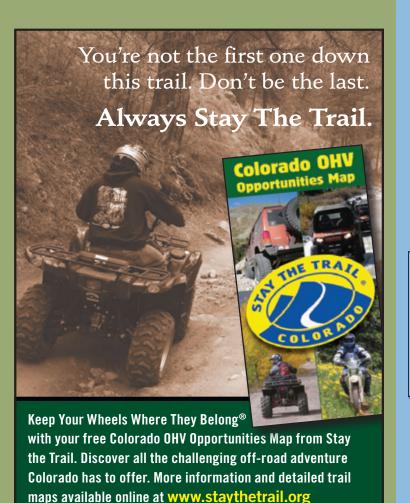
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Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

Waiting on analysis of the 2013 flood road closures. The Supervisors Office of the Roosevelt National Forest needs to determine when, or if, the remaining closed roads from the flood will get opened.

Crystal Mountain, FR344, will be gated at Cnty 44H by the Forest Service. Colorado State Lands Board will also install a gate at their boundary, before the turn off up to the top of the mountain.

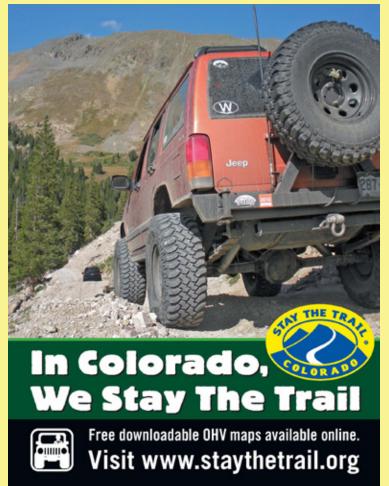
Boulder Ranger District:

Jenny Creek FR502.3 - Review project completed. Installed fence, fixed carsonite signs.

Bunce School Road FR105 - Issue: FR216.1A has been obliterated, no communication with NORAC before the work was done. Trying to find out what caused FR216.1A to be added to the flood closure list. Was not on 2014 documents for Flood damage. Future cleanup project, buck and rail fencing, probably late fall.

Caribou FR505 - Road is open. Possible fall project.

Kingston Peak FR353 -Open area between rock house and top of saddle between Kingston and James peak needs buck and rail for route control. Rising Sun 4WD Club has adopted Kingston, south half. Road is now open for the season. Possible fall project.





Miller Rock FR252 - Future project to fix the obstacle on the south side of the river. May need a fall review of options to fix the obstacle.

Walker Mountain FR509 - On the Boulder Ranger District flood repair list. Will remain closed until Travel Planning is done. TRR will continue to maintain Adopt-A-Road agreement.

Middle St. Vrain FR114 - Need to replace the two traffic control posts that go next to the host building. Will need to put in a walking/ bike path around the water hole. Possible review of the options for a walking route around the water holes on Sept 13 or 14.

Coney Flats FR507 - Future projects will address routes into sink holes and gate bypass.

Gordon Gulch FR233 - Project being planned for the fall. Forest Service fire crews hauled out trash and put in some buck and rail.

Mammoth Gulch FR176 - Forest Service cleared 1000' of barb wire fence in the area, for wildlife habitat improvement. Some fence still left on private property.

Lefthand Canyon OHV Inventory - Forest Service is now working with Trails Unlimited, internal group, to do inventory of what remains, and what has changed, in Lefthand after the flood.

Lefthand Canyon OHV - Now open to hiking and mountain biking. Lefthand will have a new plan written and presented for public review. Planning could take two to five years. Planning will need to be budgeted. Discussed FR287.1A access concerns. Boulder County now owns the short section of land that will connect FR287.1A with the county road.

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Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Projects, by Adam Mehlberg

The end of the year is here. If you have not reported your hours by now, you can send them to me to go in to next years report.

Hours reported this year are shown in the summary chart below.

** Deadline for 2016 hours is September 15 **

Any hours reported after this date will go into 2017 and will be reported to the managing agencies late, which will not help them in their annual reports.

Enter the hours on the Hightrails web page at:

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Remember that the drive time to and from the project counts.

You can document hours your club members meet with the public land agencies to do planning for on the ground projects, or time spent interfacing with the public as a volunteer for the Forest Service or BLM. You may also document hours for hosting 4WD roads and running trail patrols, or doing Highway Cleanups.

Thank you for your volunteer efforts!

Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Project Hours to date Aug-16				
Club	Project	Hours	Total	
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	35	
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CNCC Four Wheelers	Ellis Jeep Trail, FR500	168	168	
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Colorado 4 Wheelers	China Wall, FR204, FR212	0		
	Longwater Gulch, FR221	16		
	Hackett Gulch, FR220	36	52	
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Colorado Rockhoppers	Independence Trail	170		
	Penrose OHV	81	251	
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Creeper Jeepers Gang	Hwy 550 Clean up	63		
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	88		
	Blanca Peak, FR975	148		
	Elwood Pass FR667	94	393	
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High Country 4 Wheelers	Transfer Trail, FR602	1680		
	Lead King Basin, FR314, FR315	910		
	Battlement Mesa, FR847	650		
	Bowen Loop, FR631	360		
	Crescent / Mackinaw, FR616	500		
	Schofield Pass, FR317	350		
	Huntsman Ridge, FR517	120		
	Red Rim, FR534	50		
	Hubbards Cave, FR535	360		
	Power Line, FR532.1	200		
	Cunningham, FR538	370		
	Hubbard Mesa	480		
	Squirrel Mesa	50	6080	
Mile Hi Jeep Club	Spring Creek/Silver City FR712.2J	36		
	Bill Moore Lake FR183.1	30		
	Rio Grande Planning Meeting	12	78	
Nissan Off Road Association of CO	Bunce School Road, FR115	410		
	Kingston Peak, FR353	96		
	Caribou Flats, FR505	84		
	Mammoth Gulch	265	855	
Trailridge Runners 4WD Club	Middle St. Vrain, FR114	214		
	Coney Flats, FR507	252		
	Lefthand Canyon OHV, FR286	10		
	Miller Rock, FR252, FR253	160.5		
	BRD OHV meetings	40		
	Photographer Volunteer	98	774.5	

Total

8686.50

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The White River National Forest is the most visited national forest in America. With many 14,000 foot peaks, world famous ski resorts, and iconic hiking trails it's no wonder that this beautiful 2.3 million acres attracts so many adventurers. However, the White River National Forest has not historically been a haven for off-road enthusiasts. Specifically, the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District which includes the central mountains near Vail, Eagle, and Leadville, Colorado has zero miles of trails open to off-highway vehicles (OHVs). Therefore all ATVs, motorcycles, side by sides, and jeeps are limited to Forest Service Roads open to OHVs.



Some of these roads can be traveled by any passenger car and offer incredible scenery, while other routes provide challenges for even the most capable vehicles and experienced off-road drivers. The limited number of off-highway opportunities in this area makes it all the more crucial that these routes are used responsibly, properly maintained, and intentionally preserved for continued motorized access.

Stay The Trail and the Bighorn Jeep Club have been working with the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District this summer to perform maintenance and complete work projects to ensure that these special off-highway opportunities remain open to motor vehicles.

A trail maintenance day took place on the Holy Cross Jeep Road on July 31. Members from the jeep club used their high clearance, well equipped 4x4s to transport tools, materials, and Forest Service employees to areas where trail repairs were needed. A gate that had been damaged where the motorized route terminates at wilderness boundary was repaired to ensure that motor vehicles do not travel into the Holy Cross Wilderness Area.

In addition, signs were replaced near Holy Cross City to help protect the remains of historic structures found at the town site. Large, steel signs that had been installed during a Stay The Trail Stewardship Project in 2015 were re-inspected and all found to be in great condition.

The Bighorn Jeep Club has maintained and repaired this unique four wheel drive road for many years. This maintenance day is just one example of their dedication to preserving off road opportunities. Stay The Trail gladly assisted in organizing the event, completing work on the ground, and facilitating transportation for the Forest Service crew members who could otherwise only access this rugged jeep road by foot.

On August 7, Stay The Trail again teamed up with members of the Bighorn Jeep Club and employees from the Eagle Holy Cross OHV crew to complete an ambitious fencing project on Ptarmigan Pass. This Forest Service jeep road is located southwest of Vail Pass near the historic site of Camp Hale, a popular route enjoyed by both street legal 4x4s as well as all types of OHVs. Ptarmigan Pass also serves as a popular winter travel route for snowmobilers and backcountry skiers seeking access to Machine Gun Ridge. Unfortunately, vehicles had been traveling off of the legal route at the pass's summit and damaging the fragile tundra environment.



The Forest Service made plans and acquired materials to build a natural looking buck and rail style fence to keep vehicles on the designated route. The ranger district then turned to Stay The Trail to recruit volunteers willing to put in the hard work necessary to transform the large stacks of raw timber into a sturdy, sustainable barrier. After a few hours laboring at high elevation, the jeepers, crew members, and Stay The Trail staffers had worked together to have the fence all but completed. This 300 feet of buck and rail will keep wheeled vehicles off of the fragile tundra during the summer, but still allows for the legal access of over-snow vehicles during the winter months. The fence also includes a removable



section which provides access for a snow groomer to maintain the popular winter travel route. Thanks again to the hard work of the Bighorn Jeep Club, Stay The Trail, and the U.S. Forest Service this area will remain open to a variety of different motorized and non-motorized user groups.

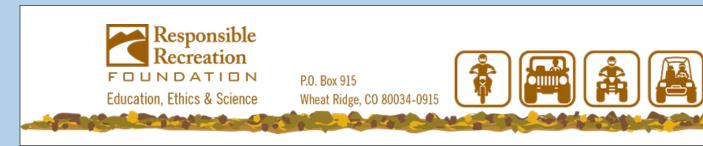
It is these types of partnerships between local clubs, land managers and non-profit organizations such as Stay The Trail that keep the tradition of off-highway recreation alive on public lands both today and for future generations. It is often the user group enthusiasts who have the passion, ambition, and willingness to complete projects like these.

The land managers hold the authority necessary to make them a reality. Stay The Trail is able to unite these groups and facilitate lasting partnerships that benefit all who enjoy public lands in Colorado. These efforts are made possible by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV grant program which helped to fund both the Stay The Trail campaign and the Eagle-Holy Cross OHV Crew this season.

All those who enjoy OHV recreation and find public land access to be an important issue should consider the success of these partnerships and seek out opportunities to volunteer.



In Colorado, please remember to always 'Stay The Trail' and 'Register Your Ride'.





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Rico/West Delores Travel Plan Challenge

This was a suit involving grandfathered routes on the existing MVUM in the Rico West Dolores/alpine triangle area of the San Juan Forest was brought by Colorado Backcountry Hunters and Anglers seeking closure of 14 trails which have a long history of motorized travel. COHVCO, TPA, Blue Ribbon Coalition, the San Juan Trail Riders and the Public Access Preservation Association have intervened to defend this matter with the Forest Service. The complaint was dismissed by the trial court and access was maintained. The trial court's decision was recently confirmed on appeal.

Legislation To Release Wsa Designation of Molas Pass Riding Signed Into Law

The motorized community in Colorado successfully gained release of a Wilderness Study area outside Durango Colorado which was proposed to be closed to motorized usage despite the long history of motorized activity and high value of the area to the multiple use community. In addition to releasing the WSA, the legislation mandated motorized usage was to be required in the area by law, which was a first in the nation. Additionally, the Legislation created a special management area of more than 70k acres where motorized trails were a characteristic of that area.

Greater Sage Grouse Was Not Listed As Threatened or Endangered

The Organizations were thrilled with recent determinations that the Greater Sage Grouse did not warrant listing on the Endangered Species list. Such a listing could have had a profound effect on all forms of recreation on public lands in Colorado. While we are thrilled with the non-listing, the Organizations will remain vigilant as new planning standards are implemented.

New Lynx Management Documents Have Been Published That Clearly State Trail Usage and Snow Compaction Are Not an Issue In Lynx Habitat

COHVCO, CSA and many other groups have been very concerned about the failure of many federal land managers to address recreational activity in lynx habitat with best available science, which has specifically concluded almost all recreational activity has no impact on lynx that might be in the area. Many land managers continued to manage based on out of date management documents, where there was theoretical concerns about recreational usage. Stakeholder concerns have resulted in the issuance of new management documents that avoids these types of issues in the future by clearly stating roads and trails in habitat are not a major factor for the lynx and that most snow compaction in the Southern Rockies is the result of natural processes rather than recreational usage. These documents clearly state that only major ski areas may impact lynx behavior and provide extensive analysis that weighs heavily against any claim of Wilderness areas being a benefit for the lynx.

The Proposed Expansion of Parking Facilities on Rabbit Ears Pass Is Moving Forward

The Hahns Peak/ Bears Ears Ranger District has moved forward with construction of expanded of parking areas on the Rabbit Ears Pass area outside Steamboat Springs Colorado. Parking is very limited in the area for winter usage causing a wide range of management and safety issues for users. This limited parking also limits access for motorized usage of the area that is consistently identified as one of the best snowmobile locations in the western United States. This project has been vigorously supported by the local clubs who have brought a wide range of information and resources to the table to allow for resolution of this issue.

Dillon Ranger District Allows Construction Of Over 20 Miles Of New Single Track Motorcycle Trail Outside Silverthorne

The Dillon Ranger District on the White River National Forest issued a FONSI permitting the construction of 21 miles of new single track motorcycle trail outside Silverthorne Colorado. This decision is the result of years of work and partnership between the Summit County Off Road Riders (SCORR) local club and agency personnel. This trail network will provide a motorized single track opportunity in an area where these opportunities area very limited currently.

Bear Creek Trail UPDATED

This lawsuit was served on the Forest Service and Colorado Springs utilities by the Center for Biological Diversity and others seeking exclusion of trails in the vicinity of cutthroat trout habitat in the Bear Creek watershed outside Colorado Springs. This suit sought a blanket exclusion of trails from areas adjacent to streams with genetically pure greenback cutthroat trout. COHVCO and TPA have intervened and making sure the best resolution for motorized recreation is obtained. Terms of settlement have been reached that would permit new trails to be created in the area and close the habitat area to all threats. TPA and COHVCO are working to insure the closures are applied per the terms of the agreement with the submission of a notice of intent to sue if the terms of the settlement agreement are not complied with.

The motorized community has also been working with the USFS and El Paso county to develop trails in the area that are outside the watershed. We are hoping that construction of these trails should be completed by the end of the summer.

COHVCO Economic Contribution Study UPDATED

COHVCO has obtained a grant from the CPW OHV grant program to undertake a complete review of their 2001 Economic Contribution study. While this study has been periodically updated, concerns arose about its age and changing spending profiles of the OHV community, such as side by sides costing 5 times or more the cost of an ATV in 2001. Data collection is almost completed and we anticipate release of this study within the next year.

COHVCO expects a draft of this report to be available early this summer and a final version completed by the end of the summer for circulation.

Bear Creek Trail Watershed

As noted this area has been the basis for litigation. The Organizations have submitted extensive scoping comments subject to the settlement of the litigation to insure that actual threats to the cutthroat trout are addressed in planning and that closures to do target motorized usage. Research indicates that most routes are not a threat to the cutthroat, and as a result should not be closed. The USFS anticipates moving forward with development of these rerouted trails funded with OHV grant money outside the watershed this summer.

Grand Junction BLM Resource Plan

The Grand Junction BLM office released a draft resource plan that proposed to close over 2,000 miles (60-70%) of routes in the office. The Organizations submitted extensive comments, participated in numerous meetings with BLM managers and federal, state and local government officials to highlight the numerous critical flaws that are present in the plan. These efforts resulted in more than 500 miles of routes being reopened.

The plan also proposed a massive expansion of closures for cultural sites in violation of federal law and sought to automatically close any sites located in the future. Currently there are 50 sites on the National register of historic places in the planning area, the plan proposed to add almost 1,900 sites to the list. The Organizations do not believe these sites are suitable for inclusion on the national register, which is a defining criteria for closures of cultural areas. The Organizations have appealed the decision on this basis and are optimistic of a positive outcome.

Rico/West Delores Travel Plan

The Rico/Delores Ranger district of the San Juan NF is developing travel plans for the Rico/Delores area of the forest. COHVCO/TPA applauds their efforts to develop multiple use trails in an area that often has been guided by a small vocal anti-motorized group. COHVCO/TPA is concerned that some trails have been converted from single track motorcycle type trails to wider ATV and SxS trails, as single track motorized trail opportunities are exceptionally limited in Colorado. Extensive comments have been submitted in conjunction with local clubs opposing trail closures and voicing our concerns about lost single track opportunities.

HB 1030 Allows Expanded OHV Usage Of County Roads - NEW

COHVCO efforts at the Capitol spearheaded passage of new Legislation (HB 1030) in Colorado expanding usage of OHV's on county roads as exemplified in Silverton, Lake City and Meeker. Expanded

OHV usage of county roads is also being explored by South Fork and Grand Lake Colorado. This was a multiple year effort that should bring greater consistency between counties allowing OHV usage of county roads to connect trailheads. Often times county roads provide important connectivity for trail networks and allow riders to come into town for fuel, supplies and lodging.

Legislation Defeated Allowing E15 Tax Credits - NEW

COHVCO efforts during this State
Legislative cycle were critical in defeating
proposed legislation that would provide tax
credits to support expanded distribution
of motor fuels with increased levels of
ethanol (E15) in Colorado. This proposal
was defeated at its first hearing in the
Senate. Even small amounts of motor fuels
with increased levels of ethanol severely
damages most small engines, decreases
performance, increases emissions in
addition to requiring significant subsidies
which impact many other facets of the
Colorado community.

Wildlife Mitigation Credits - NEW!

The US Fish and Wildlife agency is proposing a credit exchange program for wildlife habitat projects that improve the quality of habitat areas. The Organizations are exploring the possibility of credits being earned and banked through the CPW OHV trails program to allow for their future use to preserve and protect trails. CPW OHV grants provide a significant amount of funding to protect and preserve wildlife habitat along with trails and credits being provided could allow expanded trails in the future by avoiding concerns about possible wildlife impacts.

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NoCo4Lo News, by Kerry Beach

Happy fall to everyone! Some people love this time of year when the weather cools down, leaves change to a colorful glow, then fall to the ground. To others it means cold mornings and raking leaves, then comes that stuff that some call "the great white menace" or to others just "snow". Either way, this is a good time to head to the hills to experience any of the above and get in some great 4-wheeling at the same time.

As we come up on the holiday season I want to remind everyone to enjoy the time you have with friends and family but also don't forget that our work never ends. Even as trails are being closed for the winter we need to make sure that they are maintained and some will even be passable even after the snow piles up. You may think that this time would prevent less trail damage but it can also do quite the opposite. Driving on slick snow and ice can mean sliding into trees and even going off the trail if you get careless. This is how trails get damaged, and then closed.

Be sure to go in a group of at least 3 well prepared rigs (including extra clothes, food and water) so that you are not left helpless in a stuck situation or worse, a medical emergency. This is true any time of year but especially when the weather turns bad and normally easy trails turn much more difficult. I know that I'm probably preaching to the choir, but it is a good idea to pass this on to newer or less experienced members and friends to help keep them safe while enjoying our backcountry in the winter.

Things are pretty quiet up north but many are planning on prepping roads for the seasonal closure and prepping their rigs for some winter fun. The summer has gone way too fast, as usual, and I was only able to enjoy a few events and trail runs. But I am already looking forward to spending some extra time at home and on the trail as other things slow down and am putting some "new shoes" on my rig. I'm already planning for events happening next year and hope to spend more time with the ND clubs on and off the trail.

Our 4th Quarter meeting is coming up fast on Oct. 15th in Moab. If you are able to make it that should be a great time to take a few days to see what's happening within the COA4WDCI and then enjoy some great fall slick rock trails.



Also, just a reminder that the Christmas Caravan for Kids (Toys for Tots) event will be here soon. On Saturday December 3rd I plan again on heading a caravan from the northern area down to the Lincoln Tech Center in Denver for what we hope to be another awesome event. Be sure to be on the lookout for info on the web and email.

Till next year, Happy Holidays and Happy Trails to all!



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Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc 3rd QUARTER Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Ige Gustavson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Clubs Represented; Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers, Big Thompson, Larimer County "The Mountaineers", Wild Bunch, Grand Mesa Jeep Club, Trail Ridge Runners, CNCC 4 Wheelers, Big Horn Jeep Club (Denver) with 15 delegates present.

Introductions

Review and Approval of the 2nd Qtr Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept made by Jerry Smith, 2nd by Patty Beach and approved.

Review and Approval of the 2nd Qtr Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Jerry Smith and 2nd by Jeff Ferguson and approved.

Report of Officers and Clubs President – Ige Gustavson:

Dixon's Resignation – Ige read Jim's resignation letter which was accepted. Jim did agree to stay on as Web Master for the Association.

Northern District VP – Kerry Beach and Clubs present: Big Thompson –

Forest Fire forced the cancellation of the work day scheduled as part of "Public Lands Day". Work was done on the Greenridge Trail and Pearson Creek is still closed in the middle due to a landslide.

Larimer County "The Mountaineers" stated that the port-a-potty is in place at Kelly Flats and is good for the next two years. The cost is \$1,300 for a six month contract, and are looking at getting some of the local businesses who benefit from people wheeling at Kelly Flats to help cover costs. They may also look for a grant from the State Association to help cover some of the cost. Caribou Creek and Gordon Gulch were affected by the fire also. Looking to get some help with Bunts School House, Boulder County gave a local rental company a permit for Middle St. Vrain & Bunts School House and there has been a large increase in traffic and recreational shooters leaving trash on or near the trails. Also, Jim said that there was a possibility that Bestop may want to adopt two trails in Colorado. Holy Cross was

mentioned as one and Lee Loughty (sp) is the POC.

Trail Ridge Runners - did Miller Rock maintenance in the "Roll Over" area, built and fixed the fence, moved rocks and put signs up on Middle St. Vrain. The club also took a trip to Grand Junction for Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs "Rock Junction" event. Update on Left Hand Canyon is not good, the parking area has been eliminated and it is doubtful it will re-open to wheeling anytime soon.

Central District VP: - Ige Gustavson and Clubs present: The Hillbillies - club is not doing well, lack of new members.

Mile High Jeep Club's Patrol - 18 want to rejoin the State Association. In discussion it was mentioned that the MHJC Board of Directors approved individual Patrols joining the State Association.

Southern District VP – Jeff Stemas and Clubs Present: Colorado Springs

Christian Four Wheelers - has a busy schedule of trail runs and will be helping with the Christmas 4 Kids program again.

Ute Pass - April Club Meeting - Bill Alspach from TPA updated the club on the Pike San Isabel MVUM Lawsuit settlement. May 21 we did a maintenance run to our adopted trail Chinaman Gulch (we turned in 126 hours to Adam). June 25 we went back to Chinaman Gulch and repaired the gate to the access road (we turned in 18 hours to Adam). On July 9, for Public Lands day we cleaned up one shooting area on Rampart Range Road. There is so much more to do. (I turned in 41 hours to Adam). The port-a-potty is in place at Chinaman Gulch thanks to the COA4WDC grant. Signs are up giving credit to COA4WDC. The application has been submitted for the BFG Outstanding Trail for Chinaman Gulch. We now have 11 member families which is an all-time high for us! Member trail runs this year so far have been: Chinaman Gulch, Hacket Gulch, Red Cone, Saints John-Radical Hill - North Fork Swan, Peak 10 Breckenridge, Medano Pass, Ophir Pass, Alpine Loop and Upcoming runs to; July 16 - Summit County, July 24 – Ouray.

Western District VP – Mike Welch and Clubs Present: Wild Bunch - reported the Black Bear Backwards event is full with two runs on Saturday and one on Sunday. Also, this may be the last year for the event unless another group wants to take it over and deal with the permitting issues with the County. They will also be doing a trip to the Rubicon later this summer.

Creeper Jeepers - was running Imogene Pass the day of the meeting and has a trip to Mt. Blanca scheduled for Aug 14-15 and a Ladies Run on Aug 6.

CNCC - adoption & maintenance project of the Ellis Jeep Trail is on hold, they plan to go back on July 23 to do some work. May try to connect to an old logging road to provide a bypass and then close the "Bog" section. They also reported several trees down just before the "Rock Garden" on Battlement Mesa.

Grand Mesa Jeep Club - has officially adopted the 21 Road and has erected a kiosk explaining the trail and the "21 Road Toad" to help protect its habitat. The 21 Road has also been nominated to the BF Goodrich Trails Program. The club has already logged over 5,500 hours of volunteer service in 2016. Working on the Rim Rocker Trail that will run from Montrose to Moab and the other trails that connect to it. Also working to adopt the Calamity Mesa Loop and getting Tobauge opened to licensed vehicles. Did maintenance and trash pickup on Billings Canyon. Rock Junction was another big success with 135 people, 85 vehicles and they ran 8-10 trails each day with 8-10 vehicles per trail. In the process of finding a better location for the 4x4 Show that follows Rock Junction and the on the Sunday after Rock Junction during the "Clean Up the Desert" event they filled three 30 yard dumpsters and two trailers with trash. The club will also be supporting the "Crawling for the Cure" event in Rifle on August 13.

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam

Need your Volunteer Hours!

Land Use/COHVCO - Jerry

The 2nd Annual Land Use Summit hosted by Mile High Jeep Club will be help on Monday, August 1 in Empire. Detailed report is in this Newsletter.

United Four Wheel Drive Association

- Jerry: United 4WD Association - Jerry - Dominguez – Escalante NCA Proposed RMP is out. 30-day protest period began June 30. I have been nominated to sit on the Resource Advisory Council (RAC). Uncompangre Draft RMP is out. Comments must be in by September 1. Colorado River Valley Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan is out. One Voice - The western region is one of the first to get going and I am the acting Chairman for the western region. July 28 is the UFWDA Annual General Meeting it will be a conference call and Elections will be held. Hoping to get new leadership that can revive the organization and become more business-like than fraternal. One Voice Training - ORBA and their One Voice Program will be holding a Volunteer Leadership Training seminar at the SEMA show in Las Vegas in November 2016. They are hoping to begin training new, up and coming volunteer organization management. We are losing several of the "Old Guard" and changes in management must keep up with the times. Grooming new leaders will benefit ALL of our associations and clubs.

Club Membership – Shelly Surface No report.

Associates & Supporting Membership- Joel Vanderberg No report.

FEAT - Michael Hirschman

Revisited last meeting discussion on the topic of allowing FEAT to separate from COA4WDCI to become a 501c3 or remain part of COA4WDCI and find way to allow them to operate as needed to succeed. Michael Hirshman participated via teleconference and the vote was to have FEAT set up a 501C3 as part of the COA4WDCI rather than a separate entity. Michael will work on drawing up by-laws for FEAT and Brian will look at the COA4WDCI by-laws and SOP to see if they need to be changed to reflect this. Ige and Brian also volunteered to serve on the FEAT Board of Directors.

Stay The Trail & Tread Lightly – Mike Paris - No report.

Old Business

Website - Jim Dixon

Still need your clubs events and other events for the calendar! We need your

clubs information along with websites and Facebook pages to help promote clubs. Need articles to post from Member Clubs

Newsletter - Kerry Beach

Article deadline is still the 1st of the previous month, next deadline is Sept.1, 2016 for the Oct. 2016 Electronic Edition.

Club Grants

Grand Mesa Jeep Club presented a grant request for the 21 Road Toad preservation project for \$1,000. The motion to approve was made my Jim, 2nd by Mike and was passed pending land owners (BLM) signature.

Public Lands Day for COA4WDCi

Northern District Clubs will reschedule for a later date due to the fires. No report from the Southern District. Western District had scheduled their work days prior to event.

New Business

2016 Raffle Vehicle – Update from Raffle Chair – the COA4WDCI financials are ready to be filed with the State. Taxes still need to be filed. Once completed we will wait for the Secretary of State for Raffle License.

Black Bear Backwards – August 6 & 7, Hosted by The Wild Bunch 4x4 Club, details at www.wb4x4.com/black-bear-backwards-2016.html

New ideas for COA4WDCI to attract new members and increase attendance at meetings-

Transition meetings to a shorter 1.5-2 hour meeting to conduct business followed by a training seminar to help improve member clubs. Training seminars would vary material to include anything from improving social media pages, website construction, grant writing, trail etiquette, safety and so forth.

Increase presence of ALL Board of Directors at Member Club Meetings to help relationships between all members.

To help move the meeting around the state transition meeting host from clubs to District VP's responsibilities. This would ensure a meeting in each District once a year. To help with this process each of the District VP's could get each of their Member Clubs involved in different aspects of the meeting to increase participation and attendance.

Ideas from Delegates present -

- Change the by-laws to allow "Web Clubs" to join as "Affiliated Members".
- We need a PR Person
- Go back to doing event stickers and/or dash plaques.
- Bring back "Membership Cards", work with local shops to give member discounts.
- Encourage Rental ATV/UTV shops to join and provide education and "Trail Etiquette" information to their customers.
- Hire or find an experienced and successful Grant Writer that the clubs could work with to write grants that will win.
- Provide an attorney to recommend and guide clubs through setting up a proper 501 c entity or other legal needs.
- Provide an accounting service to keep each club in compliance with state and federal filings for taxes, licenses. Clubs have lost their tax-exempt status due to unknowing people running things. With help from the state association, this would not have to happen.
- Find a product that the clubs might sell to raise money. (similar to girl scout cookies) Have a competition between clubs to see which one can raise the most money with a bonus to the winning club. These funds could be split between the clubs and COAFWDC.
- Restart the End-O-Summer event. Keep the registration and the set-up simple enough that the COAFWDC board and delegates can handle the event. Move the event around the state, keep it fresh with trails that people have not run before.
- Begin a fund for trail building or maintenance that will allow a club with a grant pending to speed up the start and finish of a major project. Once the grant money is awarded, replenish the COAFWDC fund for the next project. This fund might be started with any monies generated as referenced above.
- Making sure each COAFWDC member receives his/her decal and membership card showing the renewal date.
 Suggestion: send items to clubs for distribution to keep mailing costs down.
 Also recommend that we demand the same from UFWDA so they may be sent at the same time. Maintaining a current membership data base would help.
- Rather than having a raffle vehicle, the hassles of getting one built and finding donated parts, why not raffle several items that our average members can use. This gives more chances of winning

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something, which might help generate more sales. Items like: Winches, Winch ropes, recovery straps, recovery kits, tow ropes, lighting, CB radios, tires, wheels, Hi Lift jacks, tool kits, first aid kits, fire extinguishers, GPS, Delorme In Reach, Yeti coolers, Trasharoo, seats, camping gear — tents, sleeping bags, Soft tops for Jeeps, Bikini tops, air compressors, air down kits, etc. Many of these types of items might be donated if we ask nicely. This would alleviate the cost of purchasing a vehicle and putting pressure on a club or two to build the thing.

- Have an umbrella liability insurance policy that would cover all COAFWDC member clubs and their events. If this is possible, it might convince some clubs that have dropped their membership to rejoin. With a good policy, all clubs, their Board of Directors, club sponsored trips, and events would be covered, likely at a discount to what an individual club must spend.
- The COAFWDC gives national organizations like One Voice, UFWDA, BRC, NOHVCC, Tread Lightly, Stay the Trail, and others a source for communications. Communicating with all of the individual

clubs would be nearly impossible. Clubs come and go. Contacts change. National organizations cannot keep up with all the changes.

Open Nominations for 2016 Elections-

President- Open Treasurer- Shelley Surface Central District VP- Ige Gustavson Western District VP- Mike Welch

Future Meetings

Board of Directors Meeting on October 2

4th Qtr 2016 – October 15
Hosted by the Wild Bunch in Moab, UT:
Saturday, October 15, 2016, Hampton Inn in Moab, UT. Meeting will start at 10 a.m. Trail ride available on Sunday, Oct 16th. Rooms available at the Hampton Inn. Normal rate is \$229.00. Can book them for \$189.00.
Now, even though that's a bit steep for many, (including me) if you are willing to room with someone it would save a few \$\$. The Big Horn Lodge, which is usually the most

reasonable in town, said they could book rooms for \$100. Limited availability right now so you might reserve ASAP. If you'd like to try and find someplace cheaper, try www. discovermoab.com Look under Lodging and you will find every place in Moab. Still working on the lunch menu and will advise when I have more info.

Board of Directors Meeting on January 17

1st Qtr 2017 – January 21, 2017 Hosted by the BOD

Board of Directors Meeting – Saturday April 1

2nd Qtr 2017 – April 15, 2017 Brian will talk to CSC4W about doing a joint meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting- Saturday July 1

3rd Quarter 2017 – July 15 Hosted by- TBD

Adjourn























































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