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## 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Meeting, Saturday, July 16, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Hosted by:** The Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, in Grand Junction at the Fiesta Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant at 11 AM. Lunch will be from the menu at each attendee's expense. Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501, (970) 255-6609. Doors are normally locked until 11 AM, but we will have access to the meeting room from 10:30 AM.

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**Fourth Quarter 2016**  
**October 15**

Hosted by the Wild Bunch in Moab, UT

**Second Quarter 2017**  
**April 15** - Host TBD

**Third Quarter 2017**  
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**January 21** - Hosted by the BOD

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The purpose of the Association is to represent, educate and advocate for the 4x4 clubs and promote responsible motorized recreation use and conservation of our public lands and natural resources. To promote cooperation and friendship and inter-communications among the clubs, to liaise with other motorized recreation organizations and to bring forth a united voice and effort to benefit our clubs and members.



## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The Newsletter staff would like to thank everyone who sent articles, but we are always in the need for more. If we cannot fit every submitted article in the current edition, we will hold for the next edition. If you do not find it in the next issue, please contact us and let us know so that we can make sure that we have it. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this newsletter, please feel free to contact us at: [newsletter@hightrails.org](mailto:newsletter@hightrails.org).

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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.

Boulder Ranger District:

Jenny Creek FR502.3 - Planning a 4WD road review for August 20th, meet in Rollinsville at 9:00am.

Bunce School Road FR105 - OHV outfitters out of Estes Park will be under a permit with the Boulder Ranger District for recreational use. They will work with NORAC on education and maintenance in the Bunce School area. June 11-12 cleanup and camp-out, meet at U-Pump-It in Lyons at 8:30am.

Caribou FR505 - Adopt-A-Road review to happen July 10th, snow level permitting.

Kingston Peak FR353 - NORAC scheduled to review the road for opening on June 26 (They are working with the Boulder District.) Rising Sun 4WD Club may be picking up Kingston on the Clear Creek District side.

Miller Rock FR252 - Repair work project at the main obstacle to stabilize the downhill side of the road. June 18th, meet at the north Wal-Mart in Longmont at 8:00am.

Walker Mountain FR509 - On the Boulder Ranger District flood repair list. Will remain closed for the time being.

Middle St. Vrain FR114 - Need to replace the two traffic control posts that go next to the host building. Will need to install new Wilderness trail head sign at the Middle St. Vrain Wilderness trail head. First water crossing needs to be controlled to a single route. Will be doing a two day project with a camp out. June 25th meet at the Middle St. Vrain trail head parking lot at 9 a.m.

Coney Flats FR507 - Small pond at top will need ingress control to keep vehicles out of the pond. Use natural barriers, add "No Motorized" signs. Part of the Middle St. Vrain work weekend June 25.

Lefthand Canyon OHV FR286 - Now open to hiking and mountain biking. Access is an issue as the old entrance can not be used. 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. Lead mitigation project and Trouts Unlimited stream restoration project completed. Restoration removed the old road bed and routed stream so that the old entrance can no longer be used as an entrance.



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

Now that Memorial Day has passed, the summer activities in the mountains will start to ramp up. If you have done, or are planning on doing, volunteer work on our public lands, please remember to report it to me as soon as possible. Lately the Forest Service has become more interested in working with its volunteer groups to offset its shortage of resources. It can be hard to get in contact with the public lands managing agencies, so persistence is required. If you have a good working relationship with the agencies it is important to maintain the communication.

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.

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.

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Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs Inc. Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Project Hours to date				May-16
Club	Project	Hours	Total	
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	35	
Colorado 4 Wheelers	China Wall, FR204, FR212	0		
	Longwater Gulch, FR221	16		
	Hackett Gulch, FR220	36		52
Colorado Rockhoppers	Independence Trail	170		
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	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
Trailridge Runners 4WD Club	Middle St. Vrain, FR114	20		
	Photographer Volunteer	98		118
Total			7007.00	



# Stay the Trail Stewardship Project

## Gypsum Rock Crawling Trail Signage Installation and Clean Up Volunteer Day Castle Peak BLM Recreation Area near Gypsum, CO

On Saturday morning, May 14, more than 40 volunteers joined Stay The Trail and the Bureau of Land Management, Colorado River Field Office at the Castle Peak Recreation area north of Gypsum, CO to install new signs on four (4) extreme rock crawling trails and to perform an area-wide cleanup effort. The Hi-Country Four Wheelers Club was instrumental in working with the land manager to ensure that these very unique off-road opportunities were included in the BLM's new travel management plan. Many of those who volunteered this day are also club members and it is safe to say that these amazing trails would not exist, let alone have become official routes, without the persistent hard work of the



individuals that make up this group of four wheeling enthusiasts. This project is a great example of a motivated group of users taking ownership and becoming true stewards of the public lands that they love to enjoy.

Through a special signage grant funded by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife OHV Registration Program, Stay The Trail was able to work with the club to secure the means necessary to have the four (4) permanent steel signs constructed. These signs were then securely set in concrete at the trailheads for each of the following rock crawl routes; **Tierod Bender**, **Middle Middle**, **Upper Middle**, and **Ten Falls** respectively. Each sign indicates the trail's name and displays a 1 through 10 difficult rating for each route. A list of recommended 4X4 equipment is also listed on each sign to ensure that those who enter these extreme routes are well prepared. The signs also display the BLM and Stay The Trail logos


as well as the 'OHV Registration Dollars at Work' emblem to remind users to always register their off road vehicles and see that those funds are used to protect, create, and maintain off-highway recreational opportunities.

In addition to installing these signs, volunteers worked together in a massive area-wide cleanup effort which yielded almost 40 cubic yards of debris, two dozen old tires, and an abandoned appliance. Club members also worked into the following day to run the trails, perform corridor clearing, and install winch anchor points at key obstacles.

Overall this project was a great success and serves as an example of what can be accomplished when individuals work together with land managers and organizations such as Stay The Trail to preserve off-road vehicle opportunities on public lands.



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It seems as though spring has flown by already and summer will be here by the time you read this. There will be lots happening between upcoming events, getting trails open, trail maintenance, oh and of course some good ol’ fun 4-wheeling! Some off-roaders spend most of the winter working on their 4X4s in preparation for summer exploring and rock crawling and then try to cram as much fun as they can handle in a few short warm months. Others wheel year ‘round and fix things as they go. Either way, make sure that your rig is running correctly prior to hitting the trail, fixing known problems is always easier and safer to do at home rather than on the trail.

Unfortunately our 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr meeting and Meet-N-Greet had to be postponed due to adverse weather (that never really happened) and then the weather wasn’t much better on the rescheduled day. So the meeting turnout was ok but the M-N-G had a fairly poor attendance. Thanks to all who showed up from the ND. We have added a new club, the Nissan Off Road Club of Colorado aka: NORAC, that we voted in and welcomed at the quarterly meeting and were also happy to see members of the Horsetooth 4-Wheelers in attendance. Welcome and thanks to both of you for your support!



There are now 5 fully functional and hardworking clubs within the ND that will allow us to do lots of land-use related projects and hopefully other great events! We will try to plan another in Meet-N-Greet in the near future and hope for good weather that will help to guarantee a decent turnout. Some other upcoming ND events include the statewide Public Lands Day for the weekend of July 9 and 10. Look for more info on that in the newsletter and plan on helping to do some work on trails that don’t normally get much attention. Jim Dixon will be heading that up as I’ll be in Buena Vista attending the Set-Them-Free charity event for the prevention of human trafficking. Don’t forget to be prepared for anything, even though its summer and warmer weather, it doesn’t mean that you are safe from extreme weather conditions or don’t need to “buddy up” in order to head to the hills. It’s always better to go in a group of at least 3 or more rigs in order to make it home safely.

I look forward to helping out with the ND clubs and even hope to attend some club meetings and meet some of our new members.

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**Hancock Pass, Alpine Tunnel**

Overview: Pass through historic site of Hancock on way to 12,140-ft. Hancock Pass. See restored train depot at Alpine Tunnel. Enjoy more difficult side trip to Tomichi Pass, Trail #40. No unlicensed vehicles allowed on C.R. 162 east of parking lot at Waypoint 01.

Rating: Moderate. Very rocky and slow-going, but okay for aggressive stock SUVs. Skid plates are helpful. The drive should not be attempted if snow is on the trail. F.S. 339 to Alpine Tunnel is a high shelf road, but easy.

State: Length: 11.6 miles. Add 3 miles for side trip to Hancock Lake. Time: 3 to 4 hours. High point: 12,140 ft. Best time of year: July-early October.

Current Conditions: Gunnison and San Isabel N.F. Call (719) 539-3591.

Getting There: From Johnson Village, head south on Highway 285 about 6 miles. Just past Nathrop, turn right on County Road 162. Go west 15.4 miles to parking area (with toilet) on left. Immediately after parking area, bear left on County Road 295.

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the State Association. This would allow FEAT to seek Non Profit 501C3 status and solicit tax deductible donations directly. There was a lengthy discussion and then a motion made to table the decision and have the delegate take the issue back to their clubs and re-address the issue at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Meeting in July. The motion was made by Jerry Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob P and approved.

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

**Old Business**

**Website – Jim Dixon**

Still need your club events and other events for the calendar, still need club information along with websites and Facebook pages to help promote clubs. Need articles to post on the website from individual clubs. Discussion on moving to Club Express to handle the website and on line ordering along with club memberships, associate and supporting memberships. The cost would be a \$100 set up fee and Jim will handle moving everything over from the current site to Club Express. Need to get a 2<sup>nd</sup> Administrator for the website by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr meeting and also get a generic log in for each club to use to add their club content to the website. Motion made my Jerry S and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ige and passed.

**Newsletter – Kerry Beach**

Article deadline is still the 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous month, next deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 for the July 2016 Electronic Edition.

**Club Grants**

Ute Pass Iron Goats submitted a grant to help pay for the Port-A-Potty at Chinaman Gulch/Carnage Canyon Trail Heads. The coast of the Port-A-Potty rental for eight months is \$720. Motion to approve was made by Ige, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jessica Surface and passed.

**Scholarships**

Kevin Castle from Larimer County Four Wheelers was present and read his letter. The other scholarship went to Chad Smith of Big Horn 4x4's.

**New Business**

**2016 Raffle Vehicle** – Update on the 2016 Raffle Vehicle by Big Horn Jeep Club (Denver). Unfortunately the 2016 Raffle is still on hold. Since the aborted raffle that was to be built by Colorado Four Wheelers in 2014 and the fact that the two Raffle Agents, James and Chrystie Marden not only failed to build the vehicle, they also failed to file any of the required quarterly reports with the State of Colorado, the State Association is currently barred from getting a new license until we can satisfy the Secretary of State's Office requirements and file all the reports and pay a fine, currently \$200. So presently the raffle vehicle is being stored until the reporting and legal issues can be resolved.

**Public Lands Day for COA4WDCI**

dates are July 9 – 10, 2016 goal is to have as many clubs participate as possible and get some good press for the 4WD community.

**Vote for 1st Vice President:** s per the by-laws. Ige Gustavson and Jeff Stemas were nominated. After a vote of the membership, Ige was elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

**Other business:** Someone raised the issue of "Set Them Free Off Road" sending too many vehicles up Holy Cross Trail during their event and that the National Forest Service has requested that no more than 15 vehicle be on Holy Cross Trail at one time. Kerry offered to call the organizers of the event.

**Future Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr 2016 – July 16

Hosted by the G.M.J.C. in Grand Junction. At the Fiesta Guadalajara, 710 North Ave, Grand Junction Colorado on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting on June 25

4<sup>th</sup> Qtr 2016 – October 15

Hosted by the Wild Bunch in Moab, UT: The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn in Moab and start at 10 a.m. 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. This is still their busy season, that's the reason for the raised costs. If you'd like to try and find someplace cheaper, try [www.discovermoab.com](http://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. Any questions, let me know.

Board of Directors Meeting on October 2

1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2017 – January 21, 2017  
Hosted by the BOD

2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2017 – April 15, 2017  
Host Needed

**Adjourn**



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