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2nd QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

2^d Qtr Meeting, Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m.

Hosted by: Bighorn 4x4s

Location: Western Museum of Mining and Industry
225 North Gate Blvd, Colorado Springs, Co 80921

Registration opens at 9:00am. Meeting starts at 9:45am.
Lunch served at 11:45 pm (Must present a meal ticket).

See Page 11 for DETAILS

UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Third Quarter 2018

July 21– Western Slope "On The Trail", Hosted by Jerry Smith

First Quarter 2019

January 19 – Hosted by the BOD

Fourth Quarter 2018

October 20– Denver Area,
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Second Quarter 2019

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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.

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Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

No updates no meetings.

Boulder Ranger District:

Boulder has a new District Ranger, Angela Gee, who worked in North Carolina previously.

Bunce School Road FR105 (Backbone ATV) – Bunce School does not seasonally close and will be open through the winter. Planning for spring cleanup projects and signing. Will need additional fencing for route control.

Park Creek FR202 (Backbone ATV) - Projects to continue route control fencing. Blocking of illegal routes at the end of Park Creek spur roads. Install signage.

Caribou FR505 (NORAC) – Planning route control fencing projects. Hazard tree assessment of dispersed camp sites.

Kingston Peak FR353 (NORAC/Rising Sun) – Planning fencing projects. Planned field trip with engineer to look at the road through the alpine meadow and determine solutions to flood damage and road definition.

Middle St. Vrain FR114 (Trailridge Runners) – Mud bog repair is holding. Check repair after winter. Fencing project for dry lake at Coney Flats. Coney Creek foot bridge plank repair project being planned. New sign to install at Middle St. Vrain trail head at entrance obstacle.



Miller Rock FR252 (Trailridge Runners) - Project to install gabions and rocks to repair the south side obstacle so it will be drive-able.

Jenny Creek FR502 (Rising Sun) - Projects include campsite restoration, post and cable maintenance, buck and rail work to block bypass routes. Assess mud bog area between Jenny Lake and Rollins road.

Switzerland Trail FR93 (OSCO) - Campsite restoration projects. Inventory of signage needs.

Rollins Pass Road FR149 (OSCO) - Jenny Lake camping area plan and modification work. Bypass route near the top of the pass needs to be blocked and re-vegetated.

Lefthand Canyon OHV – Scoping request is now out on the Forest Service web site. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51312>.

A poster for the 'Save Our Sport' (SOS) campaign by COHVCO. The top half features the text 'SAVE OUR SPORT' in large white letters on a blue background, with 'Protecting Our Land and Access Since 1987' and the COHVCO logo below it. The middle section shows three images: a person on a motorcycle, a person on a snowmobile, and a person on a mountain bike. Below these are three red boxes with white text: 'Public Land Closed to OHV Use', 'HOW CAN I HELP?', and 'OHV use areas still face an additional 70% Closure'. The bottom section shows three images of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) in a forest. At the bottom left is a red circular logo with 'COHVCO.ORG', 'SOS', and 'SAVE OUR SPORT'. At the bottom right is a QR code. The text at the bottom reads: 'When you buy your OHV sticker, also purchase your \$25 S.O.S. sticker and become a friend to COHVCO. Spread the word. Save Our Sport!'.

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

Winter seems to be ending on a warm note this year. Snow pack is low in the mountains so far, so projects can probably start earlier. With the warmer weather, people will be heading to the mountains to recreate sooner. Start working with the managing agencies on early spring projects that can be done now, as well as those that will need to wait until the snow melts out. Planning and material preparation are key to making a project a success. As always, report your hours when you complete your volunteer projects.

Hours reported this year are shown in the summary chart elsewhere in the newsletter.

**** Deadline for 2018 hours is September 15 ****

Any hours reported after this date will go into 2019 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:

www.hightrails.org/index.php/menu-projects-programs/menu-adopt-a-road/menu-adopt-file-hours

or

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970-669-6979, and tell me the project name, public lands you worked on, date, number of volunteers and hours for each day. drive time to and from the project counts.

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.

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Grand Junction Opens New Trails By Jerry Smith

The Bureau of Land Management hosted a ceremony to formally introduce four new trails Friday April 6th at the Third Flats staging area in the Bangs Canyon Area just south of Grand Junction.

The public turned out big time for the official opening. Members of the Grand Mesa Jeep Club, OutKast Offroad Club, Bookcliff Rattlers, COPMOBA (Colorado Plateau Mountain Bike Trail Association), Great Old Broads For Wilderness, MTRA (Motorcycle Trail Riders Association), and others came out to enjoy the opening of some long-awaited new trails.



Second Thoughts, a motorized single track, the Cut Off trail —“Is a very short but very extreme rock crawling route for Jeeps and modified buggies”, Good Vibes and Snake Skin are mountain bike trails.



The four trails total about 5 miles that are accessible through the Third Flats Trailhead that now offers a bathroom, a kiosk, expansive parking and a loading area for vehicles.

Many man-hours, both on the trails and in the planning have gone into the creation of these trails. The Grand Junction BLM Field Office has worked very hard to make all of this happen and all of Grand Junction is grateful for their cooperation.

Other new trails are still in the works for the Bangs Canyon Recreation Area, so the work is not over.



SET THEM FREE OFF-ROAD 2018

Fri, Jul 13, 2018, 12 PM
Sun, Jul 15, 2018, 3 PM MDT

Chaffee County Fairgrounds
10165 County Road 120, Salida, CO 81201

Set Them Free Off Road 2018 will be held on July 13-15th in beautiful Salida, Colorado at the Chaffee County Fairgrounds. New this year: All meals are complimentary. We want you to come and enjoy without the logistics of meal planning or budgeting. Better yet, the cost of tickets is staying the same!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 13

- 12 Sponsor & Volunteer Lunch - Courtesy of Set Them Free
- 3 Registration & Vendor Village open
- 7 FREE Dinner
- 8 Door prizes
- 9 Concert - Band info coming shortly

Saturday, July 14

- 7 FREE Breakfast - Vendor Village open
- 9 Vehicle group staging, ready to depart for trails
- 9:15 Depart for trails
- 4 Return to base camp, Vendor Village open
- 7 FREE Catered Dinner
- 7:30 Door prizes and raffle grand prize drawing
- 9 Concert - Band info coming shortly

Sunday July 15

- 7 FREE Breakfast, Vendor Village open
- 9 Vehicle group staging, ready to depart for trails
- 9:15 Depart for trails
- 3 Return to base camp
- 4 Check-out

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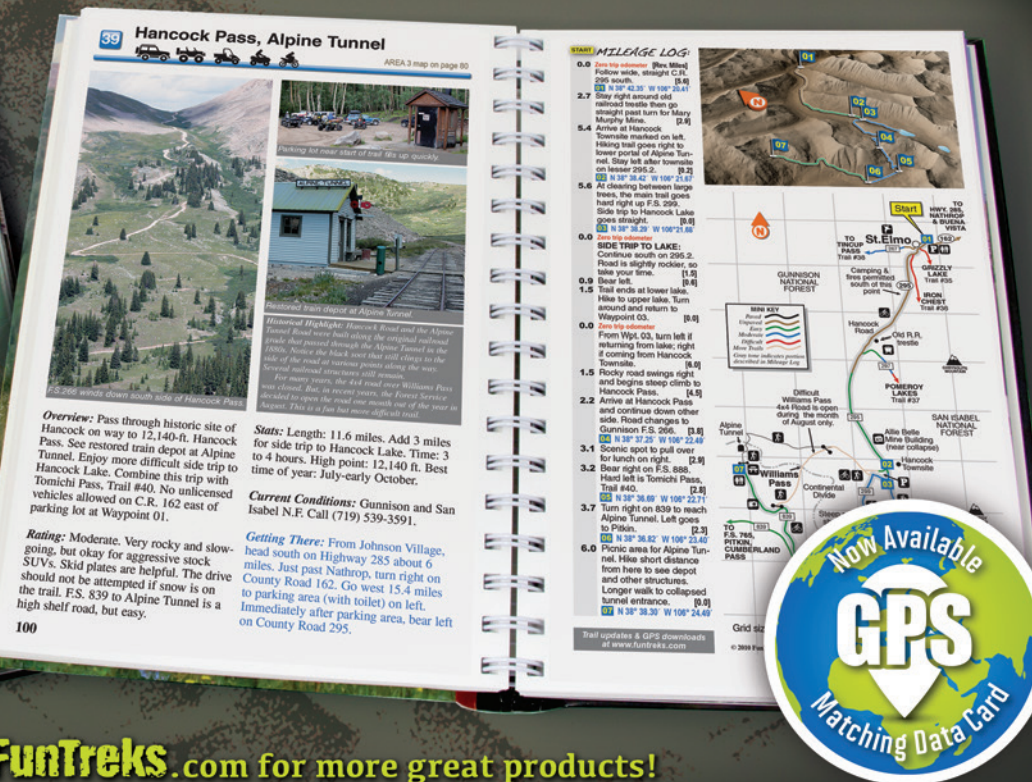
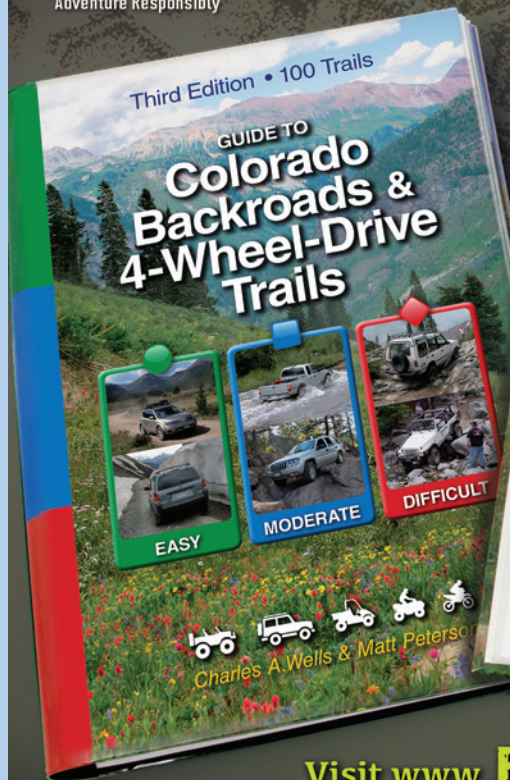
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Letter From the President - Ige Gustavson

Wheeling season is fast approaching and I'm realizing that I got nothing done during the winter even though I was busier than I've ever been. I was planning on getting some body work done and working on cutting pieces off a sacrificial frame, neither have even been started, so wheeling season may be delayed a bit for me. I hope you managed to get a bit more done than me and have enjoyed the mild winter we've had.

Big Horn Jeep Club did however manage to get more work done on the raffle vehicle. We delayed last years rig since the Secretary of State took so long to get the license approved, but we have this year's license in hand, the ticket draft has been approved, and tickets should be shipping as I write this. We will have tickets for your clubs at the second quarter meeting.

We are still looking for a couple donations from clubs. We need recovery gear, a cb and antenna, battery, a rear locker for a Chrysler 8.25, 4.56 gears (we may have a line on those), and a matching spare tire and rim. Please get ahold of Jessica Surface or myself if your club can help as we are still actively pursuing shops for parts also.



We also need to know of any events where you would like to see the raffle rig. We need to hit the ground running to with this raffle and get the association back on track. We're also still looking for someone to officially step up to do next years raffle. Now is the time to get started on finding and the beginning build.

Hope to see you at the next meeting!

2nd Quarter Meeting Details

Saturday, April 21 | 10am - 2pm

Hosted by: Bighorn 4x4s

**Western Museum of Mining and Industry
225 North Gate Blvd, Colorado Springs, Co 80921**

Adults (ages 12 and older) - \$10

Children (ages 5-11) - \$7.50

Ages 4 and under are FREE.

Registration opens at 9 am. Meeting starts at 9:45am. Lunch served at 11:45pm (Must present a meal ticket).

A full taco bar will be set up by La Casita Fresh Mexican Grill (<http://www.lacasitamexigrill.com>). **HOMEMADE** taco shells and chips, refried beans, Spanish rice, hot & mild salsas, grated cheddar cheese, diced tomatoes and shredded Lettuce. Tea and lemonade are included. Your cost for this delicious buffet.

Meal tickets are available at the door, but are limited to the first 35 people. You may make reservations by contacting Mike at mebmr@outlook.com, text or call (719) 332-4573. Include the number of adults and ages of children in your reservation.

The deadline to reserve your meal tickets is WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18th. Please don't hesitate!

After the meeting, please support the museum by purchasing tickets, online or in person. Enjoy this wonderful museum and it's impressive **WORKING** historical mining equipment. It is a fun family place which offers dynamic guided tours, interactive exhibits and other exciting activities for all ages. See <http://www.wmmi.org> for details and ticket prices.

A Weather Permitting, Sunday, April 22. If we can garner 3 or more interested folks planning to be in the area through Sunday, trail leaders are ready to take a group through the **EAGLE ROCK** trail (our clubs' adopted trail just above Colorado Springs on Gold Camp Road). Or we may decide to go instead to **CHINAMAN GULCH** near Buena Vista. This is about a two-hour trek from the Springs, but is well worth the trip if the weather is cooperating. The decision about which trail to attempt will be made during the delegates meeting. A signup sheet for either or both trails will be available at the registration desk, along with Sunday morning meeting place(s) and time(s).

We look forward to seeing you at the Delegate's meeting!

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Jeeping the Dolores River

By Jerry Smith



On Sunday March 11, seven Grand Mesa Jeep Club members and two guests had a superb day of Jeeping.

After leaving Fruita, we headed for Cisco, UT and Fish Ford on the Colorado River. This was the end of the trail from last week's trip where we ran the back roads from 16 Road to Rabbit Valley along the BookCliffs. From Rabbit Valley we followed the Kokopelli Trail (*which is the usual Rabbit Valley spring trip*) and then stayed on it to the junction at Cisco.

Due to a late day and a freshly modified Jeep on its maiden voyage that had some bad gremlins, last week's trip was shortened. Today we finished that trip to Hwy 128 down near the Dome Plateau trailhead. From there, we headed to Dewey Bridge for a trip across the Dolores River.

Jeeping across a river for many is a first-time accomplishment. We broke some cherries today and didn't stop at just one crossing.

Because the Dolores River was so low, we did the lower crossing and then proceeded to the upper crossing.

The lower crossing is considerably shallower than the upper crossing. It is also a more conventional ford in that you take a direct route across the river.

The upper ford is not conventional. From the north side of the river (*that we were on*), you enter the river and go upstream an estimated 120 yards to the exit on the south side. The water is fairly slow and always murky, so "reading" the water is not easy.

Entering the water the as the first in line is always with some trepidation. You never know what obstacle might be lurking in the bottom of a murky body of water...especially moving water.

Sandbars shift, muddy bottoms can have deep holes and be slick. Rocks tend to find new places to bring you to an abrupt stop. The first guy in the water is hoping none of those little "presents" exist.

Lucky for me, no "presents" were encountered on the way upstream to the small rocky island just below the exit and road out to the main road. Shortly Jeep number 2 entered the water and made for the island. Not far behind were the others that braved the brown waters of the mighty Dolores River.

Soon we were all on the island and had a need to return to the north side, so I traveled down and found a spot to face the driver side window toward the others as they came downstream. Some of the pictures here were taken from that position in the river.

After returning to the north side, we headed for the Coates Creek crossing for lunch and some great conversation. There, we also decided to return by way of Cow Creek and Snoopy Rock. Most had never seen Snoopy Rock, so this would be another first.

Cow Creek Canyon begins very docilely and gains difficulty and beauty as you go up the canyon. Snoopy Rock is best seen from the east side. From there you can see both ears, the nose and an eye and the outline of the head sloping down to his back as he lays down. The size of the whole thing is enormous, but you have to be there to understand.

Not long past Snoopy, the trail becomes increasingly difficult. There are steep climbs that gyrate your vehicle causing tires to lose traction. Here, you may still crawl the trail in 2wd, but you will need a very flexible suspension and good momentum. Otherwise, lockers or 4wd are a real blessing.

There are large granite-like boulders that protrude from the road surface and other places that have a white granite-like rock that has large quantities of mica that create flashes of light that make you wonder what is ahead.

The cliffs on the north side of the canyon rise in varying outcroppings that makes your imagination wander to out-of-the-world realms. Some of the small canyons in those cliffs make you wonder where they go and "how can I go there?"

Upon topping the trail we soon come to the road normally taken from Glade Park to Gateway. This is a popular summer trail run. There are some options along it that can enhance the day of Jeeping into a "Wow"-like trip. One of the favorites is to drive down Lost Horse Creek to the junction with Granite Creek.

The road down Granite Creek Canyon is often overgrown with brush and has some light duty obstacles, but the deep canyon walls are spectacular. The tops are a craggy rock formation that hold threatening possibilities of giant rock falls if you sneeze too hard. You also cross the Colorado/Utah border along the way. Sightings of wild turkeys and bears are fairly common.

The way out of the Granite Creek Canyon is a steep shelf road that once had dozens of well placed large rocks that caused a lot of folks to dread driving this road. The BLM did their 10 to 15 year maintenance in 2017 so those rocks were dozed over the steep mountainside. As the years go by, they will be replaced, so not all is lost. Good challenges are hard enough to come by without the land management ruining things.

People think I'm nuts when I complain that the USFS or BLM actually maintain a Jeep trail. I would rather the users maintain what actually needs maintenance to OUR standards than to have a perfectly good Jeep trail butchered by a man on a bulldozer who doesn't care. Of course "our" standards must meet their minimums, but basically we only want a "passable" 4-wheel drive trail, not some highway.

Special Jeep trails with good obstacles are treasures that aren't found just anywhere. I am thinking of creating more obstacles on a trail or two that have diminished in difficulty since I reopened them years ago. Some of us enjoy a tough trail that doesn't stray toward the extreme but scares the pants off of others.

Even today's river crossing raises the pulse rate of most until the first in line shows it can be done. I could see the doubt in quite a few eyes before I dove in and ran that second crossing today. BTW, I have driven that crossing with about 20" deeper water. Today, my front bumper barely got wet. In other crossings the water was up on the hood and fenders.

Any way you do it, a good day of Jeeping is better than any other I can think of, so go out on your next opportunity and MAKE IT an unforgettable day.

And while you're out there, always remember this; When you come to a fork in the road...take it!

Often, that is where adventure begins.



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- APRIL 24** Wheel Parts Jeeps and Java from 7:00 – 9:00 am All Colorado Locations | www.4wheelparts.com
- APRIL 21** Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs 2nd Qtr. State Delegates Meeting, Western Museum of Mining & Industry, 225 North Gate Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (Exit 156 and East from I-25). Meeting starts at 9:30 am. , www.wmmi.org. Hosted by Big Horn 4x4, www.bighorn4x4.org
- APRIL 28** Jeeps & Java, Enchanted Grounds, 3615 West Bowles Avenue. Suite 5., Littleton, Colorado 80123, www.facebook.com/events/183819292246955/ sponsored by Edge Automotive, www.theedgeautomotive.com
- MAY 19** 11th Annual All Things Jeep National Go Topless Day | www.allthingsjeep.com/go-topless-day.html
- MAY 31** Grand Mesa Jeep Club's, Rock Junction, Grand Junction, Colorado
- JUNE 1** www.gmjc.org/rockjunction
- JUNE 2** Rocky Mountain Off Road Expo, between Grand Junction and Fruita, CO at the intersection of US 6 and the 21 Road. www.gmjc.org/offroad-expo
- JULY 7 & 8** 4 Wheel Parts Truck & Jeep Fest, 451 East 58th, Denver, CO 80216 www.4wheelparts.com/info/denver-truck-jeep-fest.aspx
- JULY 13 – 15** Set Them Free Off Road, Chaffee County Fairgrounds, 10165 County Road 120, Salida, CO 81201 www.stfoffroad.com Note: This is the same weekend as the 22nd Annual Colorado Brewers Rendezvous <http://salidachamber.org/event/22nd-annual-colorado-brewers-rendezvous/>
- JULY 21** Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs 3rd Qtr. State Delegates Meeting, hosted by Jerry Smith. Details to follow, but the plan is to do a trail ride up on Calamity Mesa, south of Grand Junction (we got rained out last year). Details to follow.
- JULY 28 - AUG 4** 52nd Annual All 4 Fun, Silverton, CO (Note: event is already **SOLD OUT**) www.mhjc.org
- SEP 28 – 30** 14^{er} Fest, Buena Vista, CO <https://14erfest.com/>
- SEP 29** National Public Lands Day – Details to follow. We are looking for clubs to volunteer to work on trails that have not yet been adopted by a club thru out the State of Colorado. www.neefusa.org/npld
- SEP 28 - 30** Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs 50th Anniversary Event, Buena Vista Area, details to follow, www.coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/
- OCT 20** Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs 4th Qtr. State Delegates Meeting, hosted by Big Horn Jeep Club of Denver.
- DEC 1** Christmas Caravan for Kids

Colorado Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc 1ST QUARTER Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - Ige Gustavson

Pledge of Allegiance- All

Roll Call - Brian O'Connors

Following Clubs were in attendance:

Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheel Drive (1), Trail Ridge Runners (4), NORAC (2), Ute Pass (2), Horsetooth (2), Colorado Rock Hoppers (2), Rising Sun (1), Big Thompson (2), Big Horn Jeep Club (2), and one Supporting Member.

Introductions - Ige Gustavson

Review and Approval of the 4THQtr Meeting Minutes - Brian O'Connors

Motion made by Nick, 2nd by Jesse and approved.

Review and Approval of the 4TH Qtr Treasurer's Report – Larry McGimsley

Motion made by Nick, 2nd by Jesse and approved.

Report of Officers and Clubs President – Ige Gustavson

Building a list of logins and emails for the Assoc. Website. Gave a brief discussion of the roll of the District VP positions duties and responsibilities.

Northern District VP

Horsetooth 4 Wheelers reported that they are redoing their website, getting donations from local business to do a fund raiser to support COHVCO and the State Association.

NORAC reported that they are holding their elections on Sunday, also redoing their website, having a membership push and membership is open to all brands of 4WD vehicles, not just Nissan's.

Trailridge Runners reported that they are also holding elections and they recently finished their 2018 trip calendar and it is posted on their website.

Central District VP

Big Horn Jeep Club – finishing up the raffle Jeep, just had the rear bumper tire carrier installed by Tomken Machine in Buena Vista, wheels and tires are next and a front bumper. Planning a Holy Cross Work Weekend, no later than July or sooner if weather and snow levels permit

with an overnight camp along Home Stake Road. Renewed the Adopt A Trail agreement with the NFS for Holy Cross.

Rising Sun reported that Ben in their new Land Use Coordinator and they have an elected a new Board of Directors. They are doing a snow and pizza run to Yankee Hill on Feb 10th and they have a new event coordinator who working on better communication and coordination, a trip calendar. They also recently met up with Colorado Land Cruisers to coordinate some activities.

Southern District VP – Jeff Stemas

Rock Hoppers recently ran Chinaman Gulch and Carnage and then did a New Years Day run on Independence. Working with the BLM District Office in Canon City on the Adopt A Trail agreement for Independence and will be redoing the signs and conducting trail maintenance. Also planning a Memorial Day weekend trip to the South Dakota to run the with Black Hill 4 Wheelers www.bh4wheelers.com/ a great local club that also puts on the "Dakota Challenge" every year. Looking to officially adopt Carnage Canyon and planning a trip to Montrose, Gypsum, Grand Junction and then Farmington, NM.

Colorado Springs Christian 4 Wheelers is holding their annual kick off meeting on April 14 at the Church of the Nazarene in Colorado Springs.

Ute Pass Iron Goats planning a long trip to the San Rafael Swell and Ouray. Participated in the Woodland Park Parade of Lights, the NFS & BLM 2017 Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon. Received the BFG 2017 Outstanding Trails Grant for \$5,000 and has renewed their Adopt A Trail Agreement with the BLM for Chinaman Gulch. Also reported that Colorado Off Road Enterprise (CORE) in Buena Vista <https://keeptrailsopen.org/> also received a BFG grant for Grizzly Lake and Ige said she would be contacting Corey. Thanks to Mike Paris, Mile High Paid for the 1st Qtr rental on the port-a-potty at Chinaman and they would be asking Tread Lightly to help with the 2nd Qtr rental. May want to try and tie in the check presentation from BFG with Set Them Free in July. Also, there was a new sign near Mt. Antero and Baldwin Lake put up by the NFS that said

"Trail Closed for Administrative Reasons" and that seven miles of trail had been closed. Recommendation was we ask COHVCO to look into the use of such signs and what they mean. CORE is also working with Chafee County to adopt Iron Chest which has been a county road since the 1890's. Lastly, the 14er Fest in Buena Vista is September 28 – 30th and would be a good opportunity to tie in some trail products for National Land Use Day (September 29th), set up a booth and sell raffle tickets.

Western District VP – Jerry Smith

The Grand Mesa Jeep Club Board of Directors has voted to rejoin the State Association. There is a new trail called the "Cut Off Trail which is only about 200 yards long, but it is nasty and harder than Billings. Working on the Triangle Trail System which will tie the new Rim Rocker Trail from Montrose to Moab in with a trail back to Grand Junction and then the third leg back to Montrose. The Tabeguache Trail Crossing project has been taken over by the BLM and should be finished this summer. GMJC is holding their Trial Meeting in February to set the calendar for 2018 and has a goal to do at least 80 runs. Participated in both the Grand Junction and Fruita Parade of Lights in December. Rock Junction www.gmjc.org/rock-junction this year will only be two days, May 31 and June 1 with the Rocky Mountain Off-road Expo www.gmjc.org/offroad-expo on Saturday, June 2nd.

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

Need trail volunteer hours from all clubs, remember the time start from when you leave your house to when you return times everyone in your group. Adam's email is: adopt-a-trail@hightrails.org The form to report hours can be found here: https://coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=873637&module_id=226933

Land Use/COHVCO – Open

BRC/ShareTrails Executive Director Martin Hackworth has announced his retirement. COHVCO entered in the law suit over the Rico Travel Plan.

United Four Wheel Drive Association – Jerry Smith

ORBA and One Voice are working on a

grant proposal to help raise money for clubs and is also looking for a Grant Writer. The are also working on a rewrite of NEPA and the Antiquities Act. Specifically, with NEPA to streamline the comments process. Also, still working the Sage Grouse and Bears Ears issues.

Club Membership –Larry

Currently we have 11-member clubs who have paid their dues for 2017 – 2018 and a total of 479 Members.

New Member Applications- None

Associates & Supporting Memberships – None

FEAT – Wade Larson is stepping down and they are looking for a new coordinator and more volunteers.

Stay the Trail & Tread Lightly – Need some one to serve as our representative to both organizations.

Old Business

Website – Jim Dixon wasn't present

Raffle vehicle – Most of the big work has been done, still have the front bumper to install, but that is being covered thru the donation of a vendor. Still need a battery, Hi-Lift Jack, CB Radio & Antenna and a tire and wheel for the spare (BFG KM2 35"x12.50"x15" and a Pro Comp 15" Wheel PXA 7031-5865)

News Letter – Kerry Beach reported the 1st Qtr News Letter is done but had not been emailed out yet and would be next week.

Club Grants – None

Public lands day determination - Date and events will be planned for Sept 29 on a motion made by Bob and 2nd by Reed. Also, there was discussion of getting the clubs to get out and run "Lost Trails" that may have fallen off the MVUMs.

Affiliated club memberships Virtual club membership

Some one mentioned contacting CSU Off Roaders.

New Business

Special edition – Need club info!!! The Raffle rig is done and we need the special edition to be done and printed before the first big event which is Grand Mesa Jeep Clubs Rock Junction and the Rocky Mountain Off Road Expo May 30 – June 2, 2018.

End O'er Summer – Still looking for a club to host this and suggestions to what type event this should be.

Colorado Outdoor Stewardship Coalition – Jerry Smith
Nothing new to report.

UTVs allowed in and there was a discussion about the groups need education, stewardship and more groups like the Western Slope ATV Association to help bring them into the fold, help them with grants since they use our trails too.

Elections

Nominations were made for the following positions:

Secretary – Brian O'Connors

Parliamentarian – None

Southern District – Tabled to 2nd Qtr Meeting

Northern District – Kara Erickson & Ray Comeau were nominated. Kara was elected.

1st Vice President – Jerry Smith

Future Meetings

2nd Quarter 2018 – April 21, Hosted Big Horn Four Wheel Drive Club at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, Northgate BLVD in Colorado Springs.

BOD Meeting - Sat, April 7

3rd Quarter 2018 – July 21, hosted by Jerry Smith on the Western Slope.

BOD Meeting- July 7

4th quarter meeting – October 20t

BOD Meeting- January 5

1st Quarter 2019 - Jan 19 hosted by BOD

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