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*2019 14er Fest Features
Two Great Stewardship Projects!*



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4th QUARTER MEETING DETAILS

Saturday, October 26
Hosted by Colorado Off Road Enterprise
(CORE)
Noon.-4 p.m.

Buena Vista Community Center
715 E. Main Str, BV

*We need a head count for lunch at the meeting.
Trail Maintenance/Stewardship Project and Trail Ride
being planned for Sunday, October 27th by CORE.*

UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETING

First Quarter 2020 Meeting/ Annual Convention
Date and location to be determined at the
4th Qtr Meeting

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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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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.

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

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DON'T LET THEM CLOSE OUR TRAILS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS NOVEMBER 4, 2019

Pike and San Isabel National Forest Officials Release Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Public Motor Vehicle Use

Forest officials aim to continue working with all citizens to designate a motor vehicle use system within the Forests that balances the needs of forest users with protecting the land

PUEBLO, Colo., September 19, 2019 — Officials from the Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands (PSICC) today released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for public motor vehicle use. The Notice of Availability will publish in the [Federal Register](#) on September 20, 2019, initiating the formal 45-day public comment period that ends November 4, 2019.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is part of the [2005 Travel Management Rule](#), requiring National Forests and Grasslands to designate roads, trails and areas that are open for motorized use. It offers five alternatives for a system of designated roads, trails and areas by class of vehicle and season of use. The alternatives reflect input from forest users, partners, and state and local governments.

“Feedback on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will help strengthen our analysis,” said Forest and Grassland Supervisor Diana Trujillo. “Hearing the voices of various forest users is extremely important to us. Our goal is to designate a motorized system that works for the public while caring for natural and cultural resources.”

The alternatives address a range of concerns about resource impacts from motor vehicle use, reduced motorized access, and potential conflicts between motorized and non-motorized users. The five alternatives are summarized below.

- Alternative A, Public Motorized Routes Prior to Settlement, is the Forest’s public motorized route system prior to the [November 2015 settlement agreement](#).
- Alternative B, Settlement Action Proposal, removes all roads and trails not previously analyzed as identified in the [November 2015 settlement agreement](#). Alternative B reduces the Pike and San Isabel National Forest’s motorized network by 34 percent.
- Alternative C, Proposed Action, emphasizes a safe and environmentally sound system of roads, trails and areas that allows for existing forest uses and access to private property. It decreases roads open to motor vehicle use by just under 11 percent and increases trails open by almost 22 percent. The 4 percent overall reduction in roads and trails specified under the proposed action aims to reasonably address and balance the expressed concerns of motorized users, non-motorized users and environmental groups.
- Alternative D, Motorized-Recreation-Focused Proposal, emphasizes public motor vehicle use and recreation. This alternative combines parts of Alternative C with motorized routes proposed during public scoping. It proposes new motorized areas. Alternative D decreases motorized access by about 3 percent overall.
- Alternative E, Non-Motorized-Recreation-Focused Proposal, emphasizes natural resource protection, habitat quality and non-motorized recreation while providing the least amount of public

motor vehicle access across the forest. Alternative E decreases motorized access by just over 50 percent overall.

The Travel Management Rule exempts the following from designation: aircraft, watercraft, and over-snow vehicles; use by the military, law enforcement, firefighters, and Forest Service for administrative activities; permitted special uses, such as livestock grazing, mining, logging, and collecting fuelwood, Christmas trees and other forest products; and access to pipeline and utility corridors, as well as access to private land.

Forest officials will host four meetings for the public to review the alternatives, ask questions and learn how to submit comments.

Community	Date	Time	Location
Salida	Oct. 8, 2019	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	Salida Steamplant 220 West Sackett Salida, CO 81201
Pueblo	Oct. 9, 2019	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	Pueblo Community College 900 W. Orman Ave. Student Center, Room 234 Pueblo, CO 81004
Denver	Oct. 10, 2019	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	MindSpark Learning , West Room 455 South Pierce Street Lakewood, CO 80226
Colorado Springs	Oct. 11, 2019	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	S4 Inc. Center For Excellence 1925 Aerotech Drive Colorado Springs, Colorado 80916

Written comments must be submitted in person, through the [online comment portal](#), or mailed to John Dow, PSICC Forest Planner, Travel Management, 2840 Kachina Drive, Pueblo, CO, 81008.

Comments, including the names and addresses of respondents, will be part of the public record. Anonymous comments will be accepted and considered, but those submitting comments anonymously will not have standing to object to the final decision. Only those who commented during this process will be eligible to object the final decision. Comments should be clear and specific to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and must be submitted by November 4, 2019.

After considering the comments submitted, Forest officials will prepare a Final Environmental Impact Statement and designate a system of roads, trails and areas open for motor vehicle use by class of vehicle and season of use. The decision is expected to publish in the Federal Register in November of 2020.

Six new motor vehicle use maps will be published for the Pike and San Isabel National Forests. These new maps will complement the two that already exist for the Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands. All will be available free of charge.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement can be found at:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48214> under the “Analysis” tab.

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2019 14er Fest Was a Huge Success!

14er Fest is now in its third year and the 2019 edition was even bigger and better. With over 50 vendors, three days of activities and events, beautiful weather and again the Colorado Four Wheel Drive Community pitched in and helped out with two stewardship projects and shuttling mountain bikers up Mt. Antero! Great food was available from all the local restaurants and food trucks, beer and whiskey garden, live music and loads of fun. If you like to do things in the outdoors in Colorado's mountains, rivers and trails there is something at 14er Fest for you. Next year's event will be September 25 – 27, 2020 so mark you calendar's now!



2019 14er Fest Features Two Great Stewardship Projects!

CORE puts together two stewardship projects each year as part of 14er Fest. We always focus on multi-use projects and work to get as many user groups together to complete these projects. Saturday, we worked on the Green Timber Gulch Trailhead for the Poplar Gulch Trail adopted by Central Colorado Mountain Riders. We installed a kiosk and enlarged the parking area with some buck n' rail and cleaned the area. Sunday, we helped the Town of Buena Vista and BV Parks and Recreation finish rehabbing a section of the Arkansas River Trail. Thanks to the Colorado Off Road Enterprise (CORE), National Forest Service Salida District, Tread Lightly, Stay the Trail, Central Colorado Mountain Riders, Mile High Jeep Club, Colorado Jeep Girls, Colorado Springs Christian Four Wheelers, Big Horn Jeep Club, Buena Vista Single-track Coalition and the Town of Buena Vista Parks and Recreation for the great team work!



COLORADO HIGH TRAILS

Schedule of Events 14er Fest September 27-29

FRIDAY

MOUNTAIN BIKING

4:00pm-5:30pm Broken Boyfriend: Mtn Bike Ride (Black Burro) - VV

FLY FISHING

4:00pm-5:30pm Arkansas River Meet Up (Ark Anglers) - VV
5:00pm-6:00pm Kids Accuracy Fishing Contest (BV Fly) - BVR

FUN

3:00pm-7:00pm Vendor Village
3:00pm-9:00pm Beer Garden - VV
3:00pm-7:00pm Kids Remote Control Track (Stay the Trail) - VV
4:00pm-7:00pm Show & Shine Vehicle Display - AP
3:00pm-6:00pm MUSIC: Tropical Waffle DJ - MS
6:30pm-9:00pm MUSIC: Stillhouse Junkies - MS

OFF ROADING

8:00am-3:00pm Rock Crawling: Carnage Canyon (Meet @ Carnage Trailhead)
8:00am-3:00pm Mt. Antero & Little Browns Downhill: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP
8:00am-3:00pm Rock Crawling: Chinaman Gulch (The Edge 4x4) - AP
8:00am-2:00pm STEWARDSHIP PROJECT - AP
8:30am-2:00pm Mt. Princeton to Chalet: 4x4 Ride - AP
9:00am-3:00pm Baldwin Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing - AP
9:00am-3:00pm Pomeroy Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing - AP
9:00am-1:00pm Fourmile North Tour: ADV/Dual Sport - AP
10:00am-2:00pm Davis Meadow: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP
10:00am-1:00pm Aspen Ridge: ADV/Dual Sport - AP
10:00am-1:00pm Fourmile to Natural Bridge: 4x4 & Hiking - AP

MOUNTAIN BIKING

8:00am-3:00pm Mt. Antero & Little Browns Downhill: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP
8:30am-2:00pm Colorado Trail: Mtn Bike Ride (Black Burro) - SM
9:00am-2:00pm Alpine Tunnel Loop: Mtn Bike Ride (Black Burro) - SM
9:00am-1:00pm Raspberry Gulch: Womens Mtn Bike Ride (Black Burro) - SM
9:30am-11:30am Gravel Grinders: Mtn Bike Ride (Black Burro) - SM
10:00am-2:00pm Davis Meadow: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP
2:00pm-7:00pm Trek eBike Demos (Black Burro) - VV

FLY FISHING

7:00am Fly Fishing Competition Stage 1: Casting (BV Fly) - RP
9:00am-3:00pm Baldwin Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing - AP
9:00am-3:00pm Pomeroy Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing - AP
10:00am Fly Fishing Competition Stage 2: Obstacle Course (BV Fly) - RP

TRAIL RUNNING

9:00am-10:30am Altra Morning Run - TH
3:00pm 5k Fun Run & Race - VV
4:00pm Award Ceremony - MS

OFF ROADING

8:00am-2:00pm Rock Crawling: Carnage Canyon (Meet @ Carnage Trailhead)
8:00am-2:00pm Hancock Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing (CO Jeep Girls) - AP
8:00am-3:00pm Mt. Antero & Little Browns Downhill: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP
9:00am-1:00pm Mineral Basin: CORE Ladies Ride - AP
9:00am-1:00pm STEWARDSHIP PROJECT - AP
9:00am-1:00pm Fourmile South to North: ADV/Dual Sport - AP
9:30am-1:00pm Fourmile South: Dirtbike Singletrack - AP
9:30am-2:00pm Ptarmigan Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing - AP
10:00am-1:00pm Aspen Ridge: 4x4 Ride - AP
10:00am-2:00pm Davis Meadow: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP

MOUNTAIN BIKING

8:00am-3:00pm Mt. Antero & Little Browns Downhill: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP
9:00am-12:00pm Vitamin B: Mtn Bike Ride (Black Burro) - VV
10:00am-2:00pm Davis Meadow: 4x4 & Mtn Biking - AP
10:00am-11:30am Riverpark Trails: Family Bike Ride (Black Burro) - VV
12:00pm Kids Strider Race - VV

FLY FISHING

8:00am-2:00pm Hancock Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing (CO Jeep Girls) - AP
8:00am-2:00pm Harvard Lakes: Fly Fishing Session - AP
9:30am-2:00pm Ptarmigan Lake: 4x4 & Fly Fishing - AP
10:30am Fly Fishing Competition Stage 3: Finals (BV Fly) - RP

TRAIL RUNNING

4:00pm-5:30pm Group Run - TH

CLASSES

3:30pm How to Clean your Gear (Nikwax) - VV
4:00pm Gear Selection & Rigging Demo (BV Fly) - CKS
4:00pm How to Select Hiking Shoes (Oboz) - VV
4:30pm Off Road Vehicle Field Repair (On Trail Training) - VV
6:00pm-7:00pm Casting 101 Clinic (Ark Anglers) - BVR
6:00pm Camping for Beginners (Big Agnes) - VV

HIKING

8:00am Kroenke Lake with Oboz Footwear - TH
9:30am Sleeping Indian with Elevation Outdoors - TH
10:00am-1:00pm Fourmile to Natural Bridge: 4x4 & Hiking with Nat Geo - AP

FUN

7:00am-8:00am Jeeps N' Java Colorado (The Edge 4x4) - AP
2:00pm-7:00pm Vendor Village
2:00pm-9:00pm Beer Garden - VV
4:00pm-7:00pm Show & Grime Vehicle Display - AP
4:00pm-6:00pm MUSIC: Tropical Waffle DJ - MS
6:00pm-8:45pm MUSIC: Flash Mountain Flood - MS
7:00pm-9:00pm Kids Movie Night (Outer Limit Supply) - VV
8:45pm-9:00pm Raffle Giveaway - MS
9:00pm-11:00pm Happy Hour with MTN Standard - DH

CLASSES

8:00am-4:30pm Fly Fishing 101 (Ark Anglers) - CC
10:00am-11:00am Casting 101 (Ark Anglers) - BVR
2:00pm-7:00pm Plan Your Adventure (National Geographic) - VV
2:00pm-3:00pm Tips for Reading Water: Fly Fishing Clinic - CC
2:00pm Running Training: Tips, Tactics & Best Practices (Altra) - VV
3:00pm-4:00pm Mountain Navigation 101 - CC
3:00pm Recovery Clinic (On Trail Training) - VV
3:30pm Bike Maintenance Clinic (Black Burro) - VV
4:00pm Stop the Bleed Clinic (Outer Limit Supply) - VV
4:00pm How to Choose a Tent (Big Agnes) - VV
4:30pm Outdoor Photography Clinic (MTN Standard) - VV
5:00pm Hiking Clinic: How to Care for Your Feet (Oboz) - VV
5:00pm What to Pack for a Backpacking Trip (Deuter) - VV
6:00pm What to Pack when Climbing a 14er (Deuter) - VV

TRAIL RUNNING

9:30am 14er Fest 14K - VV
11:30am Award Ceremony - MS

HIKING

8:30am Colorado Trail - TH
9:00am Browns Creek - TH
9:30am Alpine Tunnel - TH

FUN

9:00am-1:00pm Vendor Village
12:00pm Kids Strider Race - VV

CLASSES

9:00am-10:00am Fall Fishing on the Arkansas River (Ark Anglers) - CC
9:30am Lightweight Backpacking (Deuter) - VV
10:00am Everything You Want to Know About Van Life (Oboz) - VV
10:00am Casting 101 (Ark Anglers) - BVR
11:00am Gourmet Camping Food (Deuter) - VV
11:00am How CBD Improves Health/Wellness (MTN Standard) - VV
11:00am-12:00pm Fly Fishing Entomology Hour (Ark Anglers) - CC

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

LOCATION KEY

AP - Avery Parsons Elementary
BVR - Buena Vista Roastery
CC - Community Center

CKS - CKS Main Street
DH - Deerhammer
MS - Main Stage
RP - BV River Park

SM - South Main
TH - Trailhead (Gear Shop)
VV - Vendor Village
■ - Crossover Event

Full description of events online:

14ERFEST.ORG

Northern District Land Use Update by Adam Mehlberg

Canyon Lakes Ranger District:

A second multi-district meeting was held July 23, 2019 at the Boulder Ranger District Office. The meeting covered the 4WD roads that receive volunteer work by the 4WD Clubs. Further discussions on opportunities. Main effort now is to get a Memorandum of Understanding completed between the Forest Service and Motorized Clubs and groups. The next meeting will be in late 2019 or early 2020.

Seasonal road closings will start in the November time frame, unless heavy snows force early closures.

Boulder Ranger District:

2019 Volunteer Service Agreements (VSAs) have been turned in by the 4WD clubs that have adopted roads on the Boulder Ranger District. These document hours on the Forest Service forms. They complement the Adopt-A-Road hours reported to the Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs.

Bunce School Road FR105 (Backbone ATV) – Bunce School does not seasonally close. Cleanup projects and additional buck and rail fencing have been done. Bypass and user created routes are being blocked. The connection with Peaceful Valley Campground is blocked at the top of the switchback due to the bridge replacement in the Peaceful Valley Campground. It may be closed until next spring depending on the contractor's progress. Caribou FR505 (NORAC) – Boulder Watershed coordination on mud hole repair (possibly corduroy fix), signing and route control projects have been completed.

Kingston Peak FR353 (NORAC/Rising Sun) – Late opening. Maintaining buck and rail and route control fencing.

Middle St. Vrain FR114 (Trailridge Runners) – Maintained recent corduroy road work, added buck and rail fencing to a section before the water holes. Middle St. Vrain was closed after Labor Day weekend to start the bridge (first bridge by campground) replacement work. If the contractor finishes before the end of the season, the road will be opened again this year.

Coney Flats FR507 (Trailridge Runners) - Installed a new "4WD High clearance required" sign, repaired the entrance buck and rail fencing, and worked on the kiosk and gate. Work was done on the rock garden to keep the alternate routes from pushing out into the forest. Coney Flats was closed after Labor Day weekend to start the bridge replacement work over at Peaceful Valley Campground. If the contractor finishes before the end of the season, the road will be opened again this year.



Miller Rock FR252 (Trailridge Runners) - Built closure fencing at the end of FR523.1C to keep people from going down to the river. A network of ATV and Side by Side trails was being built.

Jenny Creek FR502.3 (Rising Sun) - Post and cable maintenance, campsite restoration work was done.

Rollins Pass Road FR149 (OSCO) - Jenny Lake, block and re-vegetate bypass south of lake.

Taylor Mountain FR330 - Open.

T-33 Crash Site FR203 (NORAC) - Some new bypass routes at the rock obstacle need to be blocked.

Gamble Gulch FR411, Moon Gulch FR290, Lump Gulch FR409,410 (Mile Hi, Patrol 19) - Road reviews have been done. Signing needs to be improved. Some roads have grown in and need to be repaired. Moon gulch buried power line exposure repaired.

Lefthand Canyon OHV – Scoping request is now out on the Forest Service web site. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51312>
No documents are available yet. Meetings have started. Boulder Ranger District is planning on an interactive map to collect feedback to develop the planning proposals some time in the fall.

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2019 Off Road Events in Colorado

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
Oct., 18	GenRight 4x4 Night, 3rd Friday of the Month <i>(locations may change)</i>	<i>(locations may change)</i>	https://www.facebook.com/events/2492140577739814
Oct., 16-19	COHVCO & Denver Enduro Cross, Western Stock Show	Stock Show Event Center	
Oct., 16-19	Chili Challenge	Caballo Lake State Park, Hwy 187, Caballo	https://chilechallenge.org
Oct. 19	COHVCO & Denver Enduro Cross, Western Stock Show	Stock Show Event Center	
Oct. 26	COA4WDCI 4th Qtr. State Delegates Meeting, from Noon – 4 pm hosted by CORE	BV Community Center 715 E Main St, Buena Vista	
Nov. 15-26	COHVCO Raffle/Kicker Monster Truck Winter Nationals, Fri & Sat, 7:30 – 10:00 PM	Events Center at National Western Complex, Denver	
Dec. 7	Christmas Caravan & Toys 4 Tots 10 am – 3 pm hosted by Mile High Jeep Club	Lincoln College of Technology, 11194th E 45th Ave, Denver	
Dec. 14	Christmas for Kids, Colorado Springs area Clubs		



2020 Off Road Events Schedule

Jan. 16-18	Winter 4x4 Jamboree	Sand Hollow OHV Area, Hurricane, UT	www.winter4x4jamboree.com/
Jan. 2020	Colorado RV Adventure Travel Show	Colorado Convention Center 700 14th St Denver	www.corvshow.com
Jan. 25	COA4WDCI 1st Qtr Delegates Meeting	TBD	
Jan., 2020	Overlanding Adventure Intro	JC'S British & 4x4 1675 W. Hamilton Pl Englewood	www.jcbrish.com
Feb. 15-16	MOORE, Midwest Overlanding and Off-road Expo	Springfield, MO	https://mooreexpo.com/
Feb. 29	Happy Leap Year, Enjoy Your Extra Day!		
Mar., 2020	Colorado RV Sport & Travel Show	4655 Humboldt St Denver	www.coloradorvsportsshow.com
Apr. 4-12	Easter Jeep Safari	Moab, UT	https://www.rr4w.com
Apr. 18	COA4WDCI 2nd Qtr Delegates Meeting	TBD	
Apr. 20-26	Jeep Beach, Daytona	Daytona, FL	https://www.jeeptbeach.com
May 15-19	Overland Expo West	Flagstaff, AZ	www.overlandexpo.com
May, 2020	13 th Annual All Things Jeep National Go Topless Day		www.extremeterrain.com
June 4-7	Grand Mesa Jeep Club's, Rock Junction	Grand Junction	www.gmjc.org/rockjunction
June 6	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
Jul. 11-12	4 Wheel Parts Truck & Jeep Fest	451 East 58th Denver	www.4wheelparts.com/info/denver-truck-jeep-fest.aspx
July	Set Them Free Off Road	Chaffee County Fairgrounds, 10165 County Road 120, Salida, CO	www.stfoffroad.com
Jul. 25-Aug. 1	Mile High Jeep Club's 54th Annual All 4 Fun	Empire, CO	https://mhjc.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=241053&module_id=361316
Sept. 25-27	14er Fest	Buena Vista, CO	https://14erfest.com/ www.facebook.com/14erFest/
Sept. 26	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
Oct. 17	OA4WDCI 4th Qtr. State Delegates Meeting (Tentative)		
Dec. 5	Christmas Caravan for Kids		

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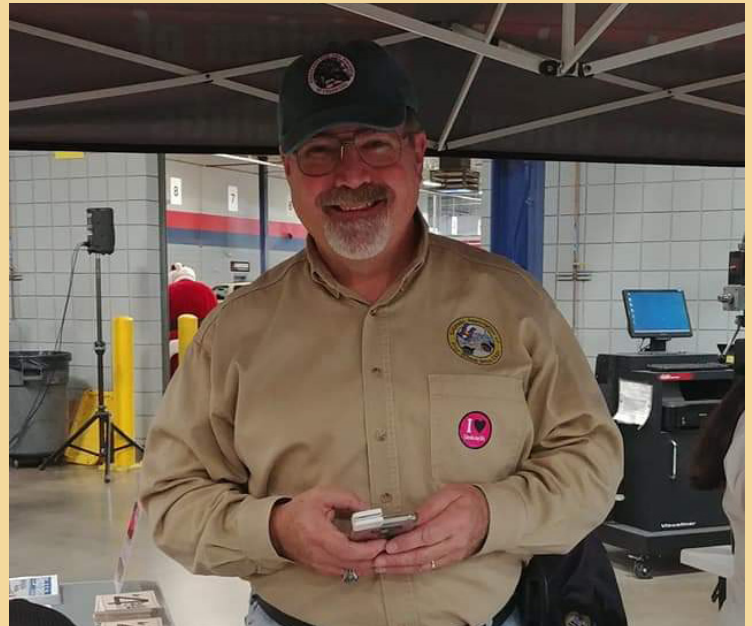
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drenched to the bone
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Or you'll sink like a stone, for the times they are a-changin'"
(The Times They are a Changin' by Bob Dylan)

The Times, they are Changing

As the Fall Colors are beginning to appear all around Colorado, it is clear that the seasons are changing and in the words of Bob Dylan, so are "the Times" and we need to change with them and start swimming! The waters all around us have grown is a good metaphor for what is happening with the explosion of full-size four-wheel drive trail use in Colorado and throughout the West. Yet for the most part, Club Membership has not kept pace and the traditional Four-Wheel Drive user is disappearing, being replaced by the Weekend Warrior who buys a trail ready 4x4 and hits the trails. The traditional four-wheeler is also being replaced by the new class of All Terrain Vehicle's (ATV) known as Side by Sides (SxS), Utility Task Vehicle or Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) or Recreational Off highway Vehicle (ROV), which can easily be towed behind most cars, trucks, RV's and even trail ready 4x4's. Another rapidly growing segment is the rental 4x4 and ATV/SxS/UTV/ROV market. We are seeing more and more of them on our trails and we have two options, stick our head in the sand and hope the fad will pass and they will all go away, or we can embrace the opportunity to help this newer group become part of the solution and not part of the problem.

How do we do this? First, we welcome them into our organizations and make our organizations the type that they want to associate with and perhaps even join. The Colorado Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc. (COA4WDCI) voted to do just that last year thru our "Associated Club/Group/Organization Membership Program". This will not happen overnight. Currently, there are very few organized groups for the over 50" ATV/SxS/UTV/RTV vehicle owners. Let us help them with that! If they don't want to join us, we need to help them organize on their own. The next group we need to work with is the rental market. As I have been traveling around the State the past year, I have made it a point to stop and visit the rental companies. The vast majority applaud this effort, want to help us in this effort and recognize that over the years it has been the organized full-size four-wheel drive clubs that have been responsible for maintaining our trails and keeping them open. The trick is the in the how do we do this? We have been



working with Stay the Trail, the Colorado Off Highway Vehicle Coalition (COHVCO), Tread Lightly, the United Four-Wheel Drive Association and the Off-Road Business Association (ORBA) on that part, so stay tuned, more to follow.


There is another big hurdle to overcome and that is getting the non-joiner generation to want to join! Not sure how else to categorize them any other way. They are not a certain age or demographic, but they own an off-road capable vehicle and they are on our trails. As I attend events and talk to folks on the trail, most are not interested in joining a club, attending meetings, paying dues, etc. Many were members of a club, but left because of life changes, time constraints, club politics and other reasons. Many of them want to get involved in helping to keep our trails open. They are responsible users, they don't tear up the trails, they pick up theirs and others trash along the way and they are courteous to other users. Some are not and for the most part they just need some education, delivered in a kind and polite way. Then there is the 1% that is the real problem and need their off trail and ignorant behavior documented and reported.

So how do we get the right people to help? Make it easy for them to participate, Keep It Simple Stupid (KISS) is the approach I am recommending. If you use Facebook, it is easy to see that there are ten times the number of clubs, groups and pages on there than there is traditional Clubs and they reach 100 times the audience. We need to use that resource to help with the education process. We also need to use social media to help promote our Clubs, State and National organizations, and the great work we are doing. Include them in your activities, trail runs, club projects, trail maintenance, and stewardship. A Facebook page can not adopt a trail or sign a volunteer agreement, but you can and when these none members show up, they can sign on as a "Volunteer" to help for the day as individuals. I have seen this work on several projects we have done this year. We have already cracked the nut on how to get things done with the National Forest Service (NFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They however have not, so we need to help them and include them and report their volunteer hours.

Lastly, how can we help and be more effective as your State Association? Step one has already happened and is being worked when we voted to include them. Next, I propose that the COA4WDCI be re-branded as the Colorado Four Wheel Drive Association (CO4WDA). May seem simple, but people who won't join a club may join a State level organization that represents them. Partner with other like-minded clubs, groups and organizations. We do this now with the groups I already mentioned, but we need to do more with the Trails Preservation Alliance, the Western Slope ATV Association, the Eagle County OHV Riders, the Gunnison Valley OHV Alliance of Trailriders (GOATS), Rampart Range Motorized Management Committee (RRMMC) and others. I have already begun this process my attending their meetings and events and I encourage you to do the same.



There is no time to waste, the time is now! The Pike San Isabel (PSI) Draft Environmental Impact Statement was released to the public on September 19th and there are several other Travel Management Plans that are out or will be soon that need our input. They won't wait for us!

Together we can have an impact on these decisions. Let us get it done and move into 2020 with a 20/20 Vision on keeping access to our Public Lands and trails open and our Clubs, Groups and Organizations strong!



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

Hours reported this year are shown in the summary next page.

**** Deadline for 2020 hours is September 15 ****

Any hours reported after this date will go into 2020 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.

Enter the hours on the Hightrails web page at:

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

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Hancock Pass, Alpine Tunnel

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Historical Highlight: Hancock Road and the Alpine Tunnel were built along the original railroad grade that passed through the Alpine Tunnel in the late 1800s. Before the blue & red trail that still clings to the side of the road at various points along the way. Several railroad structures still remain.

For many years, the old road over Williams Pass was closed. But, in recent years, the Forest Service decided to open the road one month out of the year in August. This is a fun but more difficult trail.

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 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. 839 to Alpine Tunnel is a high shelf road, but easy.

Stats: 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.

MILEAGE LOG:

0.0 **See this reference (Blue Mile)**
Follow wide, straight C.R. 162 south. (5.4)
[0.0] N 38° 42' 30" W 108° 35' 41"

2.7 Stay right around old railroad tunnel then go straight past turn for Mary Murphy Mine. (0.4)
[2.7] N 38° 38' 42" W 108° 21' 47"

5.4 Arrive at Hancock
Turnwest road on left. Hiking trail goes right to lower portal of Alpine Tunnel. Stay left after fork onto on lesser 295.5. (0.2)
[5.4] N 38° 38' 42" W 108° 21' 47"

5.6 At clearing between large trees, the main trail goes head right up F.S. 295. Side trip to Hancock Lake goes straight. (0.8)
[5.6] N 38° 38' 29" W 108° 21' 48"

6.0 **SIDE TRIP TO LAKE:**
Continue south on 295.2. Road is slightly rocky, so take your time. (1.0)
[6.0] Bear left. (0.4)
1.5 Trail ends at lower lake. Hike to upper lake. Turn around and return to Waypoint 03. (0.8)

6.0 **See this reference**
From Wpt. 03, turn left if returning from lake; right if coming from Hancock Townsite. (0.4)
[6.0] Rocky road swings right and begins steep climb to Hancock Pass. (4.5)
2.2 Arrive at Hancock Pass and continue down other side. Road changes to Gunnison F.S. 295. (3.4)
[2.2] N 38° 37' 25" W 108° 22' 49"

3.1 Scenic spot to pull over for lunch on right. (2.8)
[3.1] Bear right on F.S. 888. Hand trail to Tomichi Pass. Trail #40. (2.8)
[3.1] N 38° 36' 49" W 108° 22' 71"

3.7 Turn right on 839 to reach Alpine Tunnel. Left goes to Pitkin. (2.3)
[3.7] N 38° 36' 52" W 108° 22' 42"

6.0 Picnic area for Alpine Tunnel. Hike short distance from here to see depot and other structures. Longer walk to collapsed tunnel entrance. (0.8)
[6.0] N 38° 36' 30" W 108° 24' 49"

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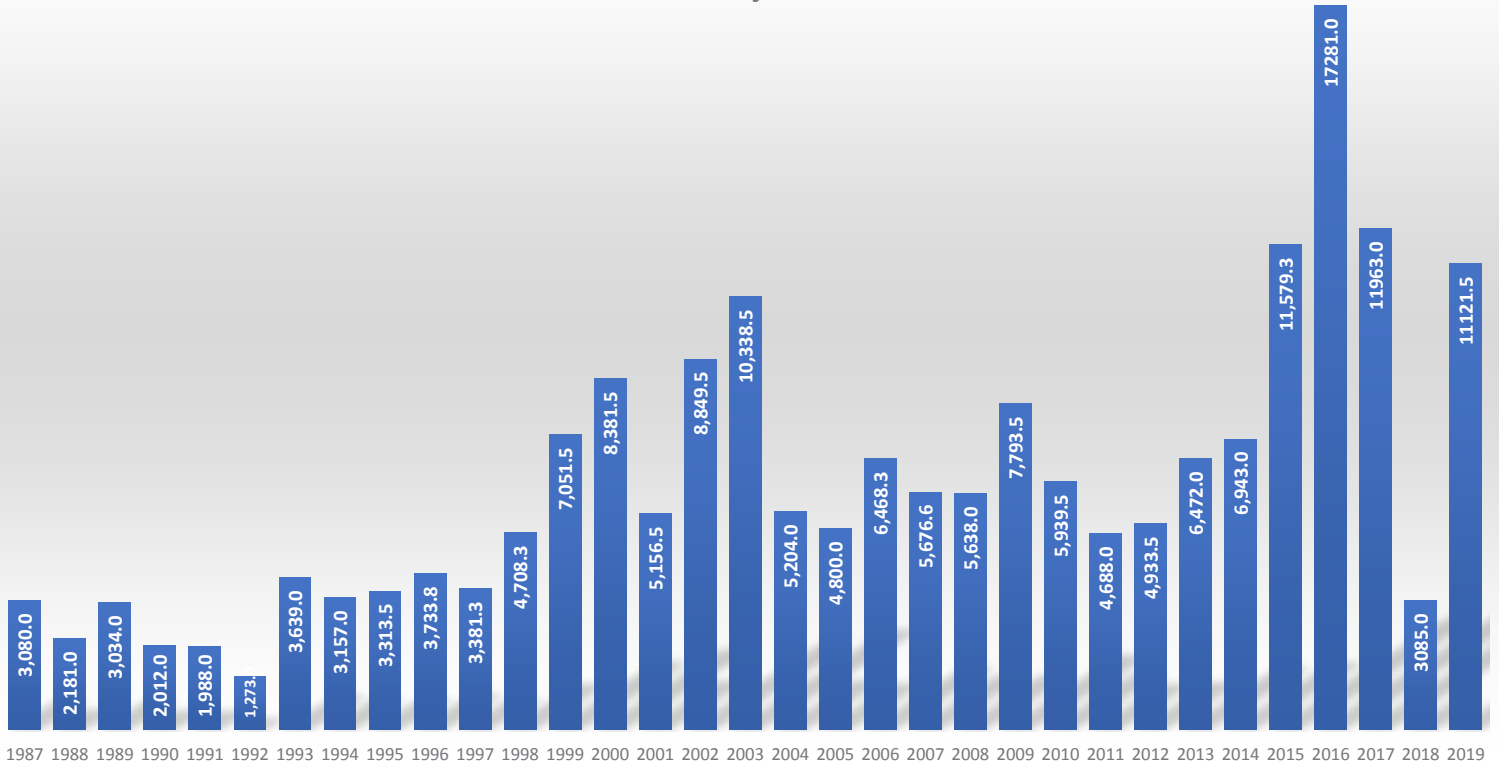
Colorado Association of 4WD Clubs Inc.
 Adopt-A-Road / Volunteer Project Hours to date Sep-19

Club	Project	Hours	Total
Adopt-A-Road Committee	Documentation	35	35
Big Thompson 4 Wheelers	Johnny Park Road, FR118	86	499
	Storm Mountain FR153	257	
	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	8	
	Greenridge Trail, FR177	84	
	Old Flowers Road, FR152	12	
	Pierson Park FR119	52	
Creeper Jeepers Gang	Blanca Peak, FR975	240	463
	Elwood Pass FR667	118	
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	105	
Larimer County 4WD Club	Kelly Flats, FR168, FR172	144	334
	Moody Hill, FR132, 513	190	
Mile Hi Jeep Club **not a member club**	Browns Pass FR176, Breakneck Pass FR175	160	516
	Wheeler Lake, FR408	210	
	Bill Moore Lake FR183.1	40	
	Perigo, FR413	21	
	Gamble Gulch, FR411	21	
	Dakota Hill, FR412	21	
	Moon Gulch, FR290	43	
Nissan Off Road Association of CO	Bunce School Road, FR115	173	687
	Kingston Peak, FR353	258	
	Caribou Flats, FR505	256	
Rising Sun 4WD Club	BRD OHV meetings	4	8130
	Pawnee Grasslands	24	
	Argentine Pass, FR724	333	
	Rollins Pass FR149	106	
	Jenny Creek, FR808, 502	225	
	Middle St. Vrain FR114, Coney Flats FR507	293	
	Bunce School Road, FR115	82	
	T33 Crash Site, FR203	114	
	Miller Rock, FR252, FR253	12	
	Acme Creek, FR219	38	
	Pole Hill, FR122	12	
	Moon Gulch, FR290	75	
	West Magnolia, FR355	6	
	Peewink Mtn., FR332	34	
	Switzerland Trail, FR93	176	
	Pennsylvania Gulch, CR95J	23	
	Gordon Gulch, FR233	8	
	Yankee Hill, FR175	870.5	
	Columbine Campground, FR176.1	160	
	Lamartine Road, FR712	145	
	Barbour Fork, FR194.2	70	
	Devils Canyon, FR246	20	
	Kingston Peak, FR353	189	
	Loch Lomond, FR701	67	
	Chinns Lake, FR174	16	
	Bill Moore Lake, FR183	87	
	Red Elephant Hill, FR171.3A	12	
	Spring Creek/Silver City FR712.2J	75	
	Pickle Gulch, FR718	221	
	Cascade Creek, FR710	9	
	North Supply Creek, FR121	5	
	South Supply Creek, FR119.1	4	
	Topaz Mountain, FR446	23	
	Wallace Gulch, FR854	6	
	Rock Creek Hills, FR39	12	
	Radical Hill, FR286	73	
	Red Cone, FR565	247	
	Hall Valley, FR120	20	
	Boreas Pass, FR33	22	
	Buno Gulch, FR118.E	12	
	Peru Creek, FR260	8	
	Chihuahua Gulch, FR263	8	
	Georgia Pass, FR355	26	
	Illinois Gulch, FR528.2	56	
	Middle Fork, Swan River, FR6.2	8	
	Sta John, FR275	105	
	Deer Creek, FR5.1	34	
	Missouri Gulch, FR347	72	
	Dakan Road, FR563	52	
	Rule Ridge, FR357	16	
	Redskin Creek, FR550	19	
	South Buffalo Creek FR543	19	
	Harris Park, FR108	310	
	Slaughterhouse Gulch, FR105	692	
	Holy Cross City, FR759.1	80	
	Half Moon Creek FR110	16	
	Hagerman Pass, FR105	45	
	Tin Cup Pass, FR267	16	
	Grizzly Lake, FR296	8	
	Carnage Canyon	45	
	Chinaman Gulch BL M6044	121	
	Stoney Pass, FR560	9	
	Lead King Basin, FR315	4	
	China Wall, FR204, FR212	36	
	Metberry Gulch, FR205	32	
	Hackett Gulch, FR222	222.5	
	Hayden Pass, FR6	78	
	Wheeler Lake, FR408	166.5	
	Aspen Ridge, FR185	8	
	Baldwin Lakes, FR277	6	
	Mount Antero, FR278	4	
	Medano Pass, FR559	56	
	Elwood Pass, FR667	20	
	Geneva Basin, FR119	4	
	Bald Mountain Gulch, FR300	6	
	Yankee Boy Basin, FR853.1B	13	
	Black Bear Pass, FR648, FR823	82	
	Imogene Pass, FR869	50	
	Onhir Pass, CR8, FR630	147.5	
	Corkscrew Gulch, FR886	66	
	Poughkeepsie Gulch, FR886	14.5	
	California Gulch, Cnty19	90	
	Last Dollar Road, FR638	177	
	Clear Lake, FR815	64	
	Alpine Loop	259	
	Stony Pass, FR520	140	
	CUSP Workday	66	
	Grand Junction OHV Area	12	
	Baraga Canyon	202	
	Lincoln Gulch, CR23	24	
	Burnt Ridge, FR651	80	
	Transfer Trail, FR602	80	
	Blair Mountain, FR601	80	
	Trickle Park Road, FR121	48	
	Leon Lake, FR127	48	
	Lambert, FR260	48	
Trailridge Runners 4WD Club	Middle St. Vrain, FR114	168	365.5
	Coney Flats, FR507	84.5	
	Miller Rock, FR252, FR253	81	
	BRD OHV meetings	32	
Ute Pass Iron Goats	Chinaman Gulch	92	92

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

Call to Order - Brian O'Connors

Pledge of Allegiance- All

Roll Call - Tracy Barker

Following Clubs were in attendance:

Big Horn Jeep Club, Bighorn 4x4, Trail Ridge Runners, Colorado Springs Christian 4-Wheelers, Colorado Land Cruisers, and Grand Mesa Jeep Club(Associate Members attending: Sam Logan, Stay The Trail; Marcus Trusty, CORE)

Introductions - Brian O'Connors

Review and Approval of the 2nd Qtr Meeting Minutes

Tracy Barker; Ige Gustavson (motion) Alex James (second), approved by vote.

Treasurer's Report - Ige Gustavson

Ray Como (motion), Tracy Barker (second), approved by vote.

Review and Approval of the 2019 Budget - Ige Gustavson

Ige Gustavson, Luke Gilganus (motion) Tracy Barker (second), approved by vote.

Report of Officers and Clubs

President Brian O'Connors

Visited USFS and BLM offices in Pueblo, Canon City; have not had an opportunity to visit Matt at Gunnison. Leo at BLM Office, Gunnison says the big thing is a list of projects between Gunnison and Cortez. Brian will send information to clubs. Americans for Responsible Recreation (Scott Jones) spoke about the "support recreation not red tape act". This information will be placed on the Facebook page; clubs should expect to be contacted in order to solicit members to write/ correspond with Representatives.

Trail Projects

8 June trail cleanup—Gold Camp Road/ Old Stage Road (Colorado Springs) with Colorado Springs Christian 4-Wheelers and Focus On The Forest.

Patrol 16, Kremmling, Stay the Trail, erected approximately 240'-250' of post and cable to block-off area to prevent off-trail driving .

Colorado Off-Road Enterprise (CORE) completed volunteer projects on Tincup and Grizzly Lake

Northern District

Trail Ridge Runners - (Ray Como)

reports that day-trips are drawing interest in the club; Cascade Creek, Barbour Fork, Memorial Day picnic. The club will have distant and longer duration trips next year as well, Sedona and Hole in the Rock 4x4 Trail (April and May, respectively). The Trail Ridge Runners' calendar is visible to the public.

Central District VP – Jessica Surface

Holy Cross/French Creek work project will be delayed to August due to snow remaining above the "boiler" landmark.

Southern District VP – Luke Gilganus

Colorado Springs Christian 4-Wheelers co-sponsored the June trail cleanup with Focus on the Forest.

Colorado Land Cruisers - has monthly trail rides, and our feature "week long" trip to the San Juan Mountains is the week following Labor Day holiday. Ute Pass Iron Goats (via email message from Chuck) will be doing trail stewardship on Carnage Canyon and has offered to help clear Tomichi/Palisades. The USFS is receptive to the idea but not decided a date.

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Western District VP – Jerry Smith

A significant project underway is to map the Rimrocker Trail extension (second leg)

Committees

Adopt A Road – Adam Melberg

Adam Mehlberg is the committee chairperson, and the person to whom clubs can report volunteer service hours. Adam can be contacted at 970-669-6979.

Land Use – Scott Jones

Saguache/Upper Rio Grande meetings (see Facebook page for details)

Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) has produced their Annual Report and a Message From the Board of Directors. Both are available via email format from Brian O'Connors.

Marcus Trusty, Colorado Off-Road Enterprise (CORE) provided a "Gulches update", where the bottom line is the action to open roads from Teller County into Park County (Wildcat Canyon) remain at a standstill until the draft EP is published by PSCII. Marcus suggests that this be a top-three priority item for COA4WDCI in order to put pressure on (the USFS) with respect to Wildcat Canyon.

COHVCO – Scott Jones

Senator Bennet's CORE Act; Senator Gardner and Representative Tipton have been supportive of the OHV/4x4 perspective. Representative Tipton's "Recreation Act" is much smaller; it designates motorized and non-motorized trails; it provides 150' corridor between roads/trails and wilderness.

New Member Applications

One new Club Membership, Colorado Jeep Girls

Associates & Supporting Memberships

One new—Adventure Trailers

FEAT

No Report

Stay the Trail & Tread Lightly

The Association made a motion to purchase Carsonite signs through Stay the Trail. Brian will send an email to club representatives in order to explain the who, what, and why. Purchase will be made if clubs agree.

New Business

2020 Raffle Vehicle

(Jessica has to the end of October 2019 to renew her raffle management credentials with the State of Colorado. The association needs a club to volunteer to take on the 2020 raffle truck project.

2019/2020 4x4 Event Calendar

See listing in this newsletter

Proposal

Change the quarterly meeting to VTC format, or have no quarterly meetings but an annual "conference" or "convention" possibly in January or February. The Board would continue with quarterly meetings to conduct business. Motion to adjourn: Brian O'Connors; second by Ige Gustavson.

Future Meetings

4th Quarter 2019 – Meeting will be October 19th; the Association needs a member club to host. The Board of Directors meeting will be on October 5th, location TBD.

BOD Meeting- Oct 5

1st Quarter 2020 - Meeting will be January 18th, hosted by the Board of Directors, location TBD.

BOD Meeting - Jan 18

Adjourn



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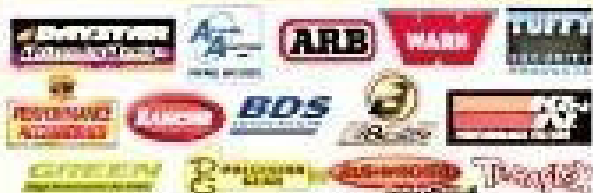
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