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General Membership Meeting
April 5, 2022

Featured speakers:

Crystal Powell and Julie Padilla, United States Forest Service
Sandia Ranger District Update





Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Program – Crystal Powell and Julie Padilla, Sandia Ranger District Update
- Q&As
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Adjourn



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our Oct 5 General Meeting:
 - 6 new chainsaw certs were awarded end of Oct
 - Board Meetings were held Dec and Feb
 - NMG&F OHV Grant reimbursement
 - Jan 22 Snowshoe Race, 82 racers, 24 volunteers, cleared \$1400
 - Feb Meeting of SRD & Board to discuss 2022 Projects
 - Most Project Crews continued thru the winter! Sam has details.
 - 22 new members (128) and 13 new life sponsors (44) since Oct 1



Welcome New Members!

Julie Tertin – April 5, 2022

Dan Roberts & Linda Stiles – April 1, 2022

Caroline & Dale Blankenship – March 31, 2022

Cynthia Chavers – March 22, 2022

Bruce Julagay – February 28, 2022

Anthony Pachelli – January 31, 2022

Norman Stahulak – January 31, 2022

Luis Cuadros – January 24, 2022

Aidan Thompson – January 22, 2022

Lynne Uhring – January 19, 2022

Michael McDonald – January 19, 2022

Margaret Keller – January 17, 2022

Stuart Kay – January 8, 2022

Ryan Platz – November 29, 2021

Vincent Amendolagine – November 16, 2021

Robert L. Grey – November 16, 2021

Robert Hembach – November 12, 2021

Jon Driskell – November 4, 2021

Diane Reese – November 3, 2021

Virginia Seiser – October 20, 2021

Jennifer Bradley – October 16, 2021

Kevin Wall – October 8, 2021



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our Oct 5 General Meeting:
 - We have mile 4-5 on Crest Road as part of Adopt-A-Highway Program
 - Antonio out thru early May... reporting last quarter volunteer hours?
 - Expecting 2022 REI \$5K Grant anytime now
 - Ad hoc 'Shed' Committee formed to look at equipment storage
 - Need a new Paint Crew Leader!
 - Out-of-District Water Canyon Cabin re-roof May 6,7
 - Watermelon 100 Run by Matt Thompson (Cliff, Silke, Steve, Lou)



Support our Sandia Mountain Trails

Sandía (sahn-dee-ah) - Spanish feminine noun, watermelon



100+ MILES -- 30,000 FEET of GAIN -- 100% SINGLE TRACK



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings in FY2022
 - Trail Maintenance – 18 outings
 - Trail Construction – 17 outings
 - General Projects – 28 outings
 - Total Number of Outings – 63 (An average of 2.4 outings each week in fall and winter)



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Byron Garner (10 outings)
 - 10/11/21 – Cienega Trail to Pino Trail
 - 10/25/21 – Switchback Trail to Survey Trail
 - 12/6/21 – Trail 130 North
 - 12/20/21 – Checked snowshoe racecourse
 - 1/5/22 – Survey Trail in wilderness
 - 1/10/22 – Survey Trail in wilderness
 - 1/17/22 – Survey Trail in wilderness
 - 1/22/22 – Snowshoe Race Marshal
 - 1/31/22 – Trail 10K South
 - 3/07/22 – 10K North to Osha Junction



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder (8 outings)
 - 10/18/21 – Ellis/Osha Loop/10KN trees
 - 11/1/21 – Faulty Loop trees
 - 11/8/21 – 10KS/Tree Spring trees
 - 11/15/21 – Crest area trees
 - 11/22/21 – 10KN trees
 - 11/29/21 – Switchback/Buried Cable trees
 - 2/14/22 – Tecolote trees
 - 2/28/22 – 130S/Nature trail trees



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (17 outings)
 - Oct 7, 14, 21, 28 – Worked on and completed the **Challenge Trail Extension** from across the Crest Hwy from Dry Camp (Tecolote Trailhead) northwest to the downhill ski area
 - Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 2, 9, 16; Eric Russell led Dec 23 – Worked on an **extension to Wagon Trail** which will connect this trail to the Sulphur Canyon PA
 - Jan 13 & 27, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (conditions unfavorable throughout Feb) – Built or rerouted several trails in the **Placitas Trail System** as part of a larger project, per Kerry Wood, of closing off multiple undesignated social trails there and expanding the designated trail system



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (1–6 of 28)
 - 10/6/21 – Survey of Ellis TH; Nine–Mile, Capulin, and Balsam Glade PAs for hazard trees
 - 10/7/21 – Log limbing and bucking at Capulin and Nine–Mile PAs. Cut brush at Capulin PA
 - 10/12/21 – Graffiti removal at Juan Tabo PA
 - 10/13/21 – Splitting and hauling 3 cords of donation wood at Capulin and Nine–Mile PAs.
 - 10/16/21 – Cut stumps on Sandia Nordic Ski Club trails
 - 10/20/21 – Felling, bucking, splitting, and hauling wood at lower Nine–Mile PA and Ellis TH.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (7–13 of 28)
 - 10/24/21 – 2nd coat of paint on guard rail posts at culvert and painted Cienega kiosk
 - 10/27/21 – Bucking, splitting, and hauling donation wood from Ellis TH.
 - 11/3/21 – Replaced Cienega fence posts and poles; removed Sulphur solar power battery box
 - 11/4/21 – Removed graffiti from Juan Tabo PA.
 - 11/17/21 – Felled 2 Rocky Mtn junipers in Cienega PA and bucked, split, and hauled the wood.
 - 11/24/21 – Removed graffiti in Juan Tabo PA.
 - 12/1/21 – Crew removed a dozen graffiti tags from boulders in foothills SE of end of Indian School



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (14–22 of 28)
 - 12/8/21 – Bucking two very large logs in Cienega PA
 - 12/18/21 – Buried Cable Trail maintenance and diamonds on Challenge Trail Extension
 - 12/22/21 – Diamonds on Challenge Trail Extension and rerouted segment
 - 12/28/21 – Removed hazard tree at Snow Play Area parking entrance
 - 12/30/21 – Maintenance of Lower Switchback and Survey Trailhead
 - 1/5/22 – Survey Trail maintenance (21 trees)
 - 1/12/22 – Brushing along La Luz Trailhead Road
 - 1/19/21 – 10K North Trail maintenance (28 trees)
 - 1/24/22 – Photographed a dozen graffiti tags in Juan Tabo Shelter



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (23–28 of 28)
 - 1/31/22 – Maintenance of 10K South Trail (4 trees)
 - 2/8/22 – Removed graffiti tags from Juan Tabo CCC shelter and at La Luz parking lot
 - 3/2/22 – Cut brush and repaired signpost in La Cueva PA
 - 3/16/22 – Replaced 3 fence poles and 1 post in Sulphur PA; Replaced board in Cienega bridge
 - 3/16/22 – Removed a dozen graffiti tags in La Cueva and Juan Tabo PAs and at La Luz TH
 - 3/25/22 – Byron Garner and Sam Beard sharpened six chain saw chains



Treasurer's Report, Tim Brown

- Membership – 127 including 44 Life Sponsors
- Current assets – \$65,845
 - Checking account – \$25,175
 - CDs – \$40,670
 - Committed funds – \$18,000 (Juan Tabo Basin CCC Project)
- March transactions
 - Revenue – \$629
 - Expenditures – \$401 (office expenses and publicity)



Treasurer's Report, Tim Brown

- FY2022 YTD revenues – \$25,203
 - Memberships – \$4,823
 - Donations – \$2,549
 - Fundraising – \$2,975
 - NM Game and Fish reimbursement – \$14,000
 - Interest – \$856
- FY2022 YTD expenditures – \$5,433
 - Projects – \$3,726
 - Fundraising/publicity – \$1,131
 - Other – \$576



Program Speaker Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- Sandia Ranger District Update
- Speaker: Crystal Powell, District Ranger
 - Originally from Pittsburgh, PA area
 - Graduate of Slippery Rock University
 - 22 years with Forest Service
 - District Ranger since 2016
 - Worked in 4 of the 9 Forest Service Regions, on 6 National Forests, in 5 states from the east to the west at the District and Forest Supervisor's Office levels as well as on a National Recreation Area
 - Served on Type 1 National Incident Management Team



Program Speaker Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- Speaker: Julie Padilla, SRD Recreation Staff Officer
 - Life-time resident of Albuquerque
 - Proud mother of two teenage boys
 - Worked in family business then nonprofit management
 - Degree in conservation biology from UNM
 - Began Forest Service career as volunteer in regional office
 - Enjoys spending time with her kids, volunteering, gardening, biking, and hiking
- Use Chat for questions during presentation. Hold oral questions until end of presentation.



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- May 3 – Ed DiBello, New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors
- June 7 – Jayne Aubele, New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science
- July 5 – Jerry Carroll, La Madera Volunteer Fire Department
- August 2 – Elliott Herrera, Forest Service, Southwest Coordination Center – Dispatch (Alternate in case Elliott is dispatched again: Trevor J. Mayschak, International Mountain Medicine Center)
- September 6 – Jessica Sapunar–Jursich, City of Albuquerque Open Space
- October 4 – Mike Madden, State of FOSM and annual election results