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General Membership Meeting  
August 2, 2022

Featured speaker:  
Elliott Herrera, Albuquerque Interagency Dispatch Center





## Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Program – Elliott Herrera, "Albuquerque Interagency Dispatch Center"
- Q&As
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Adjourn



## President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our July 5 General Meeting:
  - Welcome July new members: Lisa Bryant, John Cooper, John Mitchiner, Lisa Tannenbaum, Margo Buchard, and Rick and Kathy Brown
  - Matt Thompson, Watermelon 100 fundraiser, did a showing of his 40-minute film at Manzano Mesa July 14. YouTube link available on website.
  - Received very generous donation from Charles Wood's estate; Now have a brokerage account to receive stock and bond donations
  - Held as-needed Board of Directors meeting on July 12
    - Formed ad hoc 'Spending Committee' (Sam, Joelle, Mike) and discussed ideas with Julie Padilla July 25
    - Identified need for Paint Crew Leader, Snowshoe Committee Marketing Leader
    - Decided to continue using Zoom for 2022 meetings; Formed ad hoc committee (Cliff, Silke, Joelle, Steve) to identify facility options for in-person meetings in 2023



## President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our July 5 General Meeting:
  - Our Guard Station (shed) went through a deep cleaning, ladders now stored outside on the back wall, flammables in a cage in the white HAZMAT building
  - Volunteers needed for tabling @ REI ABQ store Labor Day Sale, two Saturdays before Labor Day, 9am - 2 pm, contact Don
  - Adopt-A-Trail signs are up! Crest Road mile 4-5, waiting for NMDOT to do brushing before we schedule a clean-up event



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings Since July Meeting
  - Trail Maintenance – 3
  - Trail Construction – 4
  - Paint Projects – 2
  - General Projects – 7
  - Total Number of Outings – 16



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder (3 outings)
  - July 11 – Lower Switchback, Gravel Pit and Rocky Point Trails
  - July 18 – Crest Trail 130 North and Survey Trails
  - July 25 – 10K South and Tree Spring Trails.



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (4 outings) - Benched in new trail tread on steep side slope between Tree Spring Trail and Bill Spring Trail.
  - July 7 – Challenge Trail Extension (led by Jeff Huser).
  - July 14 – Challenge Trail Extension
  - July 21 – Challenge Trail Extension
  - July 28 – Challenge Trail Extension



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Paint projects led by Anne Hickman (2 outings)
  - 12 July – Striped parking lots at La Luz Trailhead and Juan Tabo PA.
  - 26 July – Striped 10K North and Ellis Trailhead parking lots.





## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (1 to 4 of 7 outings)
  - July 7 – Bucked and split wood at Nine Mile PA and hauled donation wood to woodlot.
  - July 13 – At Nine Mile PA, felled and bucked a couple of trees and hauled wood to woodlot.
  - July 15 – Joelle, Mike, and Sam assembled cage in Hazmat Building and filled it with chain saw fuel and other related FOSM property. Hung 4 ladders on south side of FOSM Guard Station.
  - July 17 – Cleared corridor for reroute of segment of Sandia Nordic Ski Club Klaus Trail.



## Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (5 to 7 of 7 outings)
  - July 20 – Cleared corridor for South Crest Trail Reroute near north Gravel Pit Trailhead.
  - July 25 – Joelle and Sam rearranged Guard Station interior and cleared work bench tops.
  - July 27 – Cleared corridor for Switchback Trail Reroute to Ellis Trailhead.



## Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- “Albuquerque Interagency Dispatch Center”

Albuquerque Interagency Dispatch Center is the primary dispatch center for all wildland fire within the Albuquerque Zone. The dispatch center covers roughly 14.5 million acres which stretches from the Cibola National Grasslands in Oklahoma to the Arizona border. Some of the responsibilities of the center aside from wildfire are: mobilization of resources both locally and nationally for wildfire efforts, monitor weather and daily observations, mobilize and track all fire aviation.

- Speaker: Elliott Herrera

- Forest Service employee
- Worked wildfires since 2013
  - Hotshot crews
  - Dispatch
- Interagency Dispatch Center manager for two seasons
- 8 years in Navy
- Hobbies: fly fishing, painting, drawing and tying flies





## Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- September 6 – Jessica Sapunar–Jursich, City of Albuquerque Open Space (Zoom)
- October 4 – Mike Madden, State of FOSM and annual election results (Zoom)
- Searching for in-person meeting facility for next year. Considerations:
  - Rental fees
  - Insurance requirements
  - Membership residence distribution

Live East of Sandias	No.	Live West of Sandias	No.
Sandia Park	11	Albuquerque	94
Cedar Crest	9	Rio Rancho	2
Tijeras	9	Corrales	1
Edgewood	2		
Totals	31		97
	24%		75%
Ref: 5/22 list		(2 outside of NM)	