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General Membership Meeting
April 4, 2023

Featured speakers:

Crystal Powell, Sandia District Ranger

Julie Padilla, Acting Deputy Sandia District Ranger





Welcome Back after 42 Months!



April 4, 2023



Agenda

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



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our October 4, 2022 Meeting:
 - January 21 19th Snowshoe Classic was a success, thanks to the 2 dozen FOSM volunteers! 175 signed-up, 135 ran, two snow plows were out clearing the hwy that morning, delayed start a half hour, 3 dozen Cibola S&R, BernCo EMS unit, BernCo sheriff's units, plowed down to the helipad at the lowest level, half dozen Cottonwood Classic HS students helped with registration & timing, appeared in Jan NM Marketplace beforehand, KOB4 TV was there on race day
 - FOSM Board Mtg was held Feb 7 to bridge the gap between Gen Mtgs
 - FOSM became a Sandia Collaborative Member on Feb 21
 - FOSM Board voted unanimously to donate \$400 to Sandia Collaborative for website renewal, \$500 to Sandia Nordic, and \$500 to Cibola S&R



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our October 4, 2022 Meeting:
 - Kerry Wood recertified 5 of our chainsaw folks Feb 24 (he is now working at the Regional Offices here in ABQ)
 - Lou Romero published the first edition (March 2023) of the 'FOSM Leaders Guide- Plan and Lead Youth Outings'
 - FOSM/SRD Annual Projects Planning Meeting was held this afternoon



Welcome New Members!

Daniel Janes – March 30, 2023*
Keith Deterling – March 18, 2023
James Houle – February 7, 2023
Walt Beyeler – February 6, 2023
Tim Covert – February 4, 2023
Bob Guarnieri – January 31, 2023
Stephanie Dakan-Trevino – January 27, 2023
Tracy Dallas – January 23, 2023
Ken Wilson – January 22, 2023
John Braly – January 16, 2023
Patricia Garcia – January 16, 2023
Karl & Wendy Gustafson – January 15, 2023*
Ray Iturralde – January 13, 2023

Shannon Braune – January 13, 2023
Alexandra Gover – January 13, 2023
Karen and Don Winget – January 11, 2023*
Jackie Hertel – January 10, 2023
Leslie Nipps – January 9, 2023
Bryan Struve – January 9, 2023
Nancy Gloman – January 8, 2023
Mary Hooper – January 6, 2023
Bill Perkins – December 31, 2022
Karen Greif – December 12, 2022
Melissa Hatch – October 27, 2022
Scott Sunde – October 11, 2022
Tayo Basquiat – October 2, 2022

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings Since October 2022 Meeting
 - Trail Maintenance – 14
 - Trail Construction – 12
 - Paint and Graffiti – 2
 - General Projects – 13
 - Total Outings – 41



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (14 outings)
 - October 2022 – 3 outings: Cleared all or portions of Tree Spring, 130 South, and Pino Trails and obliterated user trail connecting Tecolote and North Mystery Trails.
 - November 2022 – 3 outings: Cleared all or portions of North Crest, 10K North, Survey, 10K South, 130 South, and Tree Spring Trails
 - December 2022 – 2 outings: Cleared portions of Challenge Trail extension and Lower Faulty Trail.
 - January 2023 – 2 outings: Cleared Snowshoe event course, Gravel Pit Trail, and Capulin Peak Trail



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (14 outings)
 - February 2023 – 2 outings: Cleared all or portions of Switchback, Challenge, and Rocky Point Trails.
 - March 2023 – 2 outings: Cleared all or portions of Oso Corredor, Faulty, ... Trails.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore (12 outings)
 - October 2022 – 3 outings: 10K North reroute and Challenge Trail extension.
 - November 2022 – 2 outings: Challenge Trail extension.
 - December 2022 – 3 outings: Challenge Trail extension and Placitas Trail reroute.
 - January 2023 – 1 outing: Pino Trail reroute.
 - February 2023 – 1 outing: Placitas Sunrise Trail reroute.
 - March 2023 – 2 outings: Old Placitas Trail obliteration. South Crest Trail rework.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard (2 outings)
 - December 2022 – 2 outings: Juan Tabo Picnic Area.



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- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (13 outings)
 - October 2022 – 2 outings: clearing trees for Kiwanis Meadow Trail reroute and removal of trees in Crest area.
 - November 2022 – 7 outings: removing trees on several trails including groomed ski trail, processing firewood at Tree Spring Trailhead, mapping and clearing Challenge Trail extension above Bill Spring Trail, replacing roof on La Cueva PA restroom, replacing workbench at FOSM Guard Station.
 - December 2022 – 3 outings: clearing Challenge Trail extension corridor, mapping challenge trail extension from Tree Spring Trail to Bill Spring Trail, adding 2nd exterior workbench at FOSM Guard Station.
 - January 2023 – 1 outing: pruning La Cueva and Tramway Trails.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Youth Outreach Led by Lou Romero (1 outing)
 - October 2022 – 1 outing: forest education with 21 eight grade students and 6 teachers and parents from Digital Arts and Technology Institute (DATA).



Program Introduction, Mike Madden, President

- Sandia Ranger District Update
- Speaker: Crystal Powell, District Ranger
 - Originally from Pittsburgh, PA area
 - Graduate of Slippery Rock University
 - 23 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 Introduction, Mike Madden, President

- Sandia Ranger District Update
- Speaker: Julie Padilla, Acting Deputy District Ranger
 - Lifetime Albuquerque resident
 - With Forest Service since 2017
 - Southwestern Regional Office, Office of Communications and Engagement
 - Cibola Supervisors Office, Public Affairs and Recreation Management
 - Sandia Ranger District, Recreation Manager
 - Degree in conservation management, UNM
 - Passionate about connecting people to the land, developing partnerships and encouraging a new generation of land stewards
 - Enjoys spending time with her kids, traveling and spending time in nature



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- May 2, 2023 – Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association (AMBA), Hannah Russert.
- June 6, 2023 – International Mountain Medicine Center, Trevor Mayachak.
- July 11, 2023 – Bernalillo County Open Space, Adam Splitek. *(Note week delay because of holiday!)*
- August 1, 2023 – Cibola Search and Rescue, Shannon Braune.
- September 5, 2023 – Sandia Natural History Center, Paul Mauermann.
- October 3, 2023 – FOSM year-end update and election results, Mike Madden.

Pauline Ho graciously has volunteered to talk about the trip she and Rick Buss recently made to Midway Atoll, where they served as volunteer albatross counters, should one of the scheduled speakers have to drop out.