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General Membership Meeting
April 2, 2024

Featured speakers:

Crystal Powell, Sandia District Ranger

Amanda Rael, Deputy Sandia District Ranger





Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Sandia Ranger District Updates – Crystal Powell and/or Amanda Rael
- Q&As
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Adjourn



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President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our Meeting on October 3, 2023:
 - Mid-Dec - Jenny Blackmore took a full-time position with City OS, so she had to step down as the Thursday Trail Boss
 - Jan 20 - Twentieth Snowshoe Classic
 - March 11 - SRD/FOSM Annual Projects Meeting
 - March 22 - Sandia Crest Historic Sign Site Meeting
 - June 1 - National Trails Day



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our Meeting on October 3, 2023:
 - Talking Talons YCC program (our May speaker)
 - La Luz Trail Safety Signage- Jamey Browning
 - Top-of-the-Tram Four Seasons Visitor Center- Jamey Browning
 - Crest Road Spring Cleanup- Steve Roholt
 - Paint Crew Leader needed
 - Trails Construction Crew Leader needed (Laura Leon picked it up in transition)



Welcome New Members!

Lawrence Shapnek – October 19, 2023
Laura Leon – October 20, 2023
Shawn Dietrich – December 9, 2023
Aaron Browning – December 18, 2023
Linda Shedd – January 2, 2024
Kerry Jones – January 5, 2024
Laurie Lacey – January 8, 2024
Mary Gallagher – January 11, 2024

Allan Miltenberger – January 17, 2024
Christopher Mcgrew – January 25, 2024
Emily Moore – January 25, 2024
Judith Scarbrough – March 2, 2024
Christine Neher – March 9, 2024
Sharon Esquibel – March 29, 2024
Colleen Leseberg – March 29, 2024
Judy Ruiz – March 29, 2024

Thanks, New Life Sponsors!

Silke Bletzer, Lisa Tannenbaum, Jamey Browning, Carl and Karen Carlson, Mike Coltrin, and
Phil Cromer



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Summary of Outings Since October 2023 Meeting
 - Trail Maintenance – 14
 - Trail Construction – 9
 - Paint and Graffiti – 5
 - General Projects – 17
 - Total Outings – 45



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (14 outings)
 - October 2023 – 4 outings: Cleared all or portions of Challenge, 10K South, 10K North reroute, Rocky Point, Gravel Pit, Cienega, and Pino Trails.
 - November 2023 – 3 outings: Cleared all or portions of Rocky Point, Nature, Switchback, Buried Cable, Faulty Loop, Tree Spring, and Crest Trails.
 - December 2023 – 2 outings: Cleared all or portions of Lower Pine reroute, Wagon, Horse Bypass, and Acequia Trails.
 - January 2024 – 2 outings: Cleared all or portions of Snowshoe Classic course and Capulin Peak Trail.
 - February 2024 – 1 outing: Cleared portions of South Crest Trail.
 - March 2024 – 2 outings: Cleared all or portions of Bill Spring, Faulty, Oso Corredor, Sulphur, and South Crest Trails.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Jenny Blackmore and Laura Leon (9 outings)
 - November 2023 – 4 outings: Challenge Trail extension remediation and Osha Loop reroute.
 - December 2023 – 2 outings: Lower Pine Trail reroute.
 - January 2024 – 1 outing: Lower Pine Trail reroute.
 - March 2024 – 2 outings: Faulty Trail remediation; Lower Pine Trail reroute.



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard (5 outings)
 - October 2023 – 1 outing: La Cueva and Juan Tabo Picnic Areas.
 - November 2023 – 2 outings: Crest Nature Trail and Juan Tabo Picnic Area.
 - February 2024 – 1 outing: Juan Tabo Picnic Area.
 - March 2024 – 1 outing: La Luz Trailhead



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (17 outings)
 - October 2023 – 5 outings: Tree removal on North Crest Trail, donation-wood processing in Cienega and Doc Long Picnic Areas and Kiwanis Meadow Road, evaluated Kiwanis Meadow fence.
 - November 2023 – 3 outings: Brush cutting at Old Barro wildlife drinker, along Crest Highway and Cienega Road, and along Forest Road 333 below La Luz Trailhead.
 - December 2023 – 3 outings: Post installation at Doc Long shelter, tree removal on Klaus Trail, fabrication of prototype bucks for Kiwanis Meadow fence repair.
 - February 2024 – 2 outings: Bucking logs in Cienega Picnic Area.
 - March 2024 – 4 outings: Bucking, splitting and hauling logs in Cienega Picnic Area.



Program Introduction, Mike Madden, President

- Sandia Ranger District Priorities, Programs, and Projects
- Speaker: Crystal Powell, District Ranger
 - Originally from Pittsburgh, PA area
 - Graduate of Slippery Rock University
 - 24 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

- Speaker: Amanda Rael, Deputy District Ranger
 - Graduate of New Mexico State University, Wildlife Science.
 - Began Forest Service career in 2007 as a STEP Wildlife and Fisheries technician on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and then a converted SCEP Wildlife Biologist on the Cibola.
 - Served as the Education Coordinator for the Respect the Rio Program on the Santa Fe National Forest.
 - Aids the fire community by functioning as a Public Information Officer and assists various IMTs during the fire season.
 - Born and raised in Clint, TX
 - Has two wonderful sons.
 - Enjoys volleyball, home improvement projects, music concerts, food, and exploring new places.



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- May 7, 2024 – Talking Talons, John Ross
- June 4, 2024 – Albatross Counting on Midway Island, Pauline Ho
- July 2, 2024 – Climate and Weather, Kerry Jones
- August 6, 2024 – NM Forestry Division, Lawrence Crane
- September 3, 2024 – NM Cross Country Ski Club, Sam Beard
- October 1, 2024 – FOSM year-end update and election results, Mike Madden;
Sandia Ranger District History, Jeff Young

No hybrid meetings this year.