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General Membership Meeting
August 6, 2024

Featured speaker:
Lawrence Crane, District Forester
Forestry Division

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department





Agenda

- President's Remarks – Cliff Giles
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Programs and Speaker Introduction – Cliff Giles
- NM Forestry Division– Lawrence Crane
- Q&As
- Adjourn



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President's Remarks, Cliff Giles for Mike Madden

- Notables since our July 2 meeting:
 - Election process has started!
 - Tim Brown stepping down after 18 years in office! (3 on the Board, then 15 as Treasurer)
 - Eric Russell stepping down after 5 years on the Board
 - Steve Roholt, Nominating Chair, is taking nominations for these two positions
 - Rav Nicholson is collecting Individual Volunteer Hours, due August 14



President's Remarks, Cliff Giles for Mike Madden

- Notables since our July 2 meeting:
 - Sally Lowder will take over the Sawyer Certs Chart at the end of August
 - Sunbear Vierra is interested in maintaining our fleet of chainsaws!
 - Any Snowshoe Race Committee volunteers?
 - Still looking for a Paint Crew Leader!



Welcome New Members!

Tom Spross – July 20, 2024

James Epps – July 18, 2024 (life sponsor)

Lisa Blackford – July 14, 2024

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

Project	Since 7/2	FY2024 YTD
Trail Maintenance	4	26
Trail Construction	5	27
Painting and Graffiti Removal	4	23
Adopt-a-Highway	0	1
General Projects	9	56
Totals	18	133



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (4 outings since 7/2)
 - July 8 – Removed obstructions on 130S and Tree Spring Trails
 - July 15 – Removed obstructions on 130N and 10K North Trails
 - July 29 – Removed trees and brush on Oso Corredor and Bill Spring Trails
 - August 5 –

Note: This does not include trail maintenance performed by individuals and reported via Cibola Trail Rangers (CTR). We recognize and greatly appreciate these efforts



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Construction Led by Laura Leon (5 outings since 7/2)
 - July 11 – Finished Acequia Trail extension
 - July 18 – Ellis Trail reroute
 - July 23 – Drainage remediation on Un Poquito Trail
 - July 25 – Ellis Trail reroute
 - August 1 – Ellis Trail reroute



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard and Anne Hickman (4 outings since 7/2)
 - July 9 – Graffiti removal at stone pillars and Juan Tabo Cabin
 - July 9 – Parking lot striping in Juan Tabo and La Cueva Pas
 - July 11 – Removed tags on CCC Juan Tabo cabin
 - July 18 – Painted cross walk in Cienega PA for Acequia Trail extension



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (9 outings since 7/2)
 - July 3 – Limbing and bucking trees in Sulphur Canyon PA
 - July 5 – Constructed tool racks in FOSM Guard Station
 - July 10 – Limb and buck log in lower Balsam Glade PA
 - July 12 – Install Bar Stud in Husqvarna 372XP chainsaw
 - July 17 – Modify roofs on Bernalillo County Ojito rain collectors
 - July 19 – Repair of FOSM Chainsaws (with Sunbear Vierra)
 - July 21 – Located Riedmont Fur Farm stone house to be stabilized
 - July 24 – Felling hazard trees along 10K North Trail and burn area
 - July 31 – Felling trees along Nordic ski trail



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- 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



Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Speaker: Lawrence Crane, District Forester for Bernalillo District
- With Forestry Division since 2003 including working as the district's Special Projects Forester for many years
- Oversees multiple programs including fire, timber, stewardship, wildland-urban interface, and special projects
- Conducts environmental outreach efforts and leads mapping projects
- Acts as the primary Line Officer and agency administrator for large fire incidents on all non-municipal non-federal lands within the Bernalillo District boundaries



Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Previous employment
 - Forest Service on the Bridger Teton National Forest
 - Duke City Lumber Company
 - Rio Grande Forest Products
- 1984 graduate of Northern Arizona University with a degree in Forestry
- Loves to build with Lego, woodworking, and anything he can do with his family



Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Bernalillo District of NM Forestry Division
 - Cibola, McKinley, Valencia, Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance, Los Alamos and Santa Fe counties
 - 6.6 million acres
 - 160,000 acres of commercial forest
 - 1.54 million acres of piñon-juniper and bosque woodland
 - 4.9 million acres of non-forest watershed
 - Office located off Highway 550 on Santa Fe Hills Blvd.
- Assist landowners and fire departments by providing field visits, written management plans, and partnership of forest conservation practices
 - Thinning and tree planting projects
 - Workshops on forest and watershed health
 - Fire training (>200 wildland fires occur annually on state and private lands within the district)
 - Review commercial harvesting on private lands to assure compliance with state harvesting regulations