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General Membership Meeting
September 3, 2024

Featured speaker:
Sam Beard, Co-founder
New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club





Agenda

- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Tim Brown
- Programs and Speaker Introduction – Cliff Giles
- NM Cross Country Ski Club – Sam Beard
- Q&As
- Adjourn





President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our August 6 meeting:
 - Tim Brown is stepping down after 18 years in office! (3 on the Board, then 15 as Treasurer)
 - Eric Russell is stepping down after 5 years on the Board
 - Nominating Committee selected Jeff Young for Treasurer and Susan Gregory for the Board
 - Ballots will be emailed around September 10, with results at our October 1 Annual Meeting



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our August 6 meeting:
 - Rav Nicholson is collecting FY2024 Individual Hours (2,000 YTD plus 6,000 by weekly crews)
 - Canyon approached us to help do some brushing, kick-off meeting scheduled for September 10
 - Crosscut Saw recert is scheduled for September 13
 - 2024 East Mountain Celebration, Sunday September 22, noon-5pm, Vista Grande CC



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our August 6 meeting:
 - Sally Lowder will take over the Sawyer Certs Chart at the end of September
 - Steve Roholt is planning a Fall Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup October 15, save the date!
 - Any Snowshoe Classic Committee volunteers? (to be held January 18, 2025)
 - Still looking for a Paint Crew Leader!



Welcome New Members!

Courtney and Svetlana Conte – August 12, 2024

Chuck Logan – August 12, 2024

Eric Messerschmidt – August 16, 2024

Janet Simon and Mark Weber – September 2, 2024



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

Project	Since 8/6	FY2024 YTD
Trail Maintenance	2	28
Trail Construction	4	31
Painting and Graffiti Removal	3	26
Adopt-a-Highway	0	1
General Projects	5	61
Totals	16	147



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (2 outings since 8/6)
 - August 12 – Removed trees and brush on Buried Cable and Switchback Trails
 - August 19 – Removed trees and brush on Bill Spring, Faulty, Oso Corredor, and Survey Trails

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 (4 outings since 8/6)
 - August 8 – Ellis Trail reroute
 - August 15 – Ellis Trail reroute
 - August 22 – Ellis Trail reroute
 - August 29 – Ellis Trail reroute



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard and Anne Hickman (3 outings since 8/6)
 - August 6 – Removal of graffiti in Kiwanis Cabin
 - August 27 – Removed a large graffiti tag high on a stone wall on the Crest Nature Trail and painting two steel gates at the large Crest parking lot
 - September 3 – Painting and removing graffiti at Nine Mile PA

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Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (5 outings since 8/6)
 - August 7 – Felled hazard trees on 10KN Trail and in burn area
 - August 14 – Felled hazard trees on 10KN Trail and in burn area
 - August 15 – Chainsaw repair
 - August 25 – Cut brush on Capulin Snow Play Area North sledding slope
 - August 28 – Split and hauled wood from previously bucked large Douglas Fir near 10K North TH



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- 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: Sam Beard, FOSM co-founder
 - Retired in 2003 from Sandia National Laboratories after 37 years in the Aerothermodynamics Group.
 - Lived in Albuquerque with wife Edwina since 1965.
 - Developed cross-country ski trails as volunteer for SRD since 1970.
 - Published a cross-country skiing trail guide in 1979 with update in 1988.
 - Founding member of the N. M. Cross Country Ski Club, N. M. Volunteers for the Outdoors, and Friends of the Sandia Mountains.



Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Sam will present information about the NM Cross Country Ski Club: history, activities, trail development, comparison of NMCCSC with the Sandia Nordic Ski Club, and photographs of skiing in several areas in N. M. and southern Colorado.