

# Friends of the Sandia Mountains

## Fall Newsletter, September 2005



**Friends of the Sandia Mountains**  
 PO Box 1832,  
 Tijeras, New Mexico 87059

### Next Monthly Meeting:

**Tuesday, October 4 at  
 7:00 pm at Sandia Ranger Sta.**

**Program on Search and Rescue  
 in the Sandia Mountains by  
 Don and Adair Peterson**

### **New Name: Friends of the Sandia Mountains**

This annual newsletter is the first to be published under our "new name". Our volunteer organization, which is now called **Friends of the Sandia Mountains**, began originally in 1997 as "New Mexico Friends of the Forest". We retain that name in our official articles of incorporation and adopted Friends of the Sandia Mountains as our "trade name" in October 2004. The Board of Directors determined that the new name more accurately reflects our areas of interest in the Sandia and Manzanita Mountains. It was also suggested that the new name would further differentiate our group and its purpose from other more controversial, political activist groups with similar names. We appreciate the work of Tim Brown, retired lawyer and FOSM member, who was responsible for completing the trade name adoption process and registered the name with the state. Bob Lowder

### **From The President**

Fall is now upon us, and it is appropriate to look back over the past season at the contributions made by the dedicated and hard-working members of the Friends of the Sandia Mountains (FOSM) in support of the goals and objectives of our organization. As the old poem says, "Let me count the ways."

While in no way intending to list them ALL (we only have so much space here!) the list should most certainly start with the May publication of the **Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains**. It is a great resource and, at least in my opinion, an incredible accomplishment for a small group of volunteers such as FOSM. Thanks go to FOSM Treasurer Don Carnicom for the original idea, to all the contributors (both of content and funds), to all others who helped in ways small and large and especially to FOSM Vice President Gerry Sussman for his leadership in bringing the project to fruition.

Other significant accomplishments include the replacement of the long-ago vandalized Braille and other interpretive signs along the Cienega accessible nature trail; placement of trail markers along the highly used Crest Trail 130 between the Crest and Tram for the convenience of infrequent or first-time visitors; participation in National Trails Day activities; providing display boxes for the interpretive butterfly exhibits at the Crest, Tram, and Ranger Station for specimens collected by volunteer, Ernie Giese, and completion of the two-year project to repair the entire length of the Kiwanis Meadow buck and pole fence. Other activities such as trail clearing/maintenance, noxious weed removal, wild-life drinker maintenance, grounds cleanup at the Ranger Station and the like also drew participation of the membership. Thanks go to FOSM

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Projects Coordinator Sam Beard for taking the lead on many of these projects.

My sincere thanks and appreciation also go to all of you who have contributed your time and treasure to our efforts, to our friends and associates at the Sandia Ranger District whose support is essential to FOSM and its mission, and to our Board of Directors for their wise guidance in making the Friends of the Sandia Mountains such an outstanding volunteer organization.

See you on the mountain. (Bob Lowder)

### Junior Ranger Program

Art Arenholz passed the torch of the Junior Ranger Program to Bob and Sally Lowder for Fiscal Year 2005. We ordered 1000 new badges for this year. They are gold in color and will not be used until the existing supply has

been exhausted. Also, we ordered 750 patches. We were excited to start the new year as we had such a wonderful, wet and snowy winter. Little did we know that sections of the Nature Trails to be used for the Junior Ranger Program would still have 2-3 foot snowdrifts until mid-June making the trails unsafe for our youngsters.

We have given out a total of 183 badges and 227 patches (410 total) to our newest Jr. Rangers this year. This is a significant drop in the number of Jr. Rangers awarded during any time since the program began. It appears that this drop was partially due to our not promoting the program while so much snow was on the trails, and later in the summer, parents had little time to spend with their children on the trails. We saw a number of children asking to participate in the Jr. Ranger Program; but when parents found that it would take 45-60 minutes on the trail with the child, they were not willing to spend that much time. "We will have to do it at another time" was the frequent comment. Another observation has been that people wanted the patch for a collection and would buy it for a \$5.00 donation. This practice has been stopped. On a happier note, our wonderful sponsors, the SANDIA CREST HOUSE, have given the program another \$500 donation for this coming year. Hopefully, the FY 2006 summer will be better for our Junior Ranger Program. (Bob and Sally Lowder)

#### OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS, AND CHAIRPERSONS

President:	Bob Lowder
Vice President:	Gerry Sussman
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Secretary:	Margaret Furman

#### Board Members

Richard Becker	Don Peterson
Bob Moore	39 Anne Hickman
Tim Brown	32 Paul Stubbe
Sam Beard	Sally Lowder

Officers listed above are also Board Members.

#### Committees/Chairpersons

Finance:	Don Carnicom
Publicity:	Open
Projects	Sam Beard
Education:	Open
Membership:	Don Peterson
Fund Raising:	Open
Newsletter:	Sam Beard Don Peterson

#### T-Shirts with New Friends of the Sandia Mountains Logo

We have available handsome new t-shirts, in green and grey, with our logo and new name - Friends of the Sandia Mountains. They are cotton and polyester, will not shrink, and sell for \$10.00 each. We have them in sizes medium, large and x-large. E-mail Gerry Sussman - agsuss @ att.net - for your t-shirt. (Gerry Sussman)

### Programs at FOSM Monthly Meetings

The following programs presented at monthly Friends' meetings were considered volunteer training by the Sandia Ranger District. (Gerry Sussman)

\* October 2004. Slide show of beautiful photographs made in the Albuquerque Open Spaces. Presented by Jim Sattler, City Open Space Division. 2004.

\* November 2004. Large animals in the Sandia Mountains and the health of the various herds by Scott Brown, N. M. State Game and Fish Department.

\* January 2005. Bill Stone, author of **New Mexico Then and Now**, presented slides of photographs from his book.

\* February. Mary Steuver presented a Power Point presentation on two large fires in Arizona and discussed her program of reclamation on the White Mountain Indian Reservation. Mary was a section author and co-editor of the *Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains*.

\* March. A program on the history of the Sandia Mountains was presented by Bob Julyan, author of **Place Names of New Mexico** and co-editor of the **Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains**.

\* April. Bill Dunmire presented material from his book about Spanish foods in New Mexico.

\* May. No Meeting. Presentation on Sandia Mountains flora and fauna at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History.

\* June. Denise McCaig from the USFS Regional Office presented a program on partnerships in the Southwest Region of the Forest Service.

\* July. Mike Coltrin, author of a hiking guide to the Sandia Mountains, presented a program with slides on hiking trails in the Sandias.

\* August. Talking Talons representatives presented a program with live animals on raptors, reptiles, and bats in the Sandia Mountains.

\* September. Keith Bauer presented a program on nature photography including beautiful outdoor photographs and tips on wildlife photography.

### Sandia Ranger District Recreation Tabloid

As most of you know, we have been planning to do a tabloid-style paper that would be available at no charge to visitors to the Sandias. It will carry basic information about the Sandia Ranger District, and we will tuck in lists of forthcoming events and meetings scheduled by the Forest Service and the two Friends groups. The plan is to do a basic informational paper that we will be able to reprint many times with few changes.

We will include information about such things as picnic areas, camping, volunteer work, parking fees and passes, wilderness restrictions, tables of average monthly temperatures and precipitation, a map of the Sandia and Manzanita Mountains, a list of trail length and difficulty, Leave No Trace policy, etc. The Forest Service has approved the idea and we will meet with Dana Howlett, USFS, in the next few weeks to finalize the table of contents. (Gerry Sussman)

### Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains

The Guide was published in May to wonderful reviews. To date, we have sold over 5,000 copies and sales are still going strong. This project is a wonderful example of what we can do as a volunteer organization that would never have seen the light of day except for our Friends group. Thanks again to all of our wonderful contributors, both writers and all those who helped so much in other ways to make our dream become a reality. And a special word of thanks to so many of you who have gone out of your way to help us sell so many copies of the Guide. This has resulted in giving us a healthy surplus in our bank account that will, in turn, allow us to do other projects in support of the Sandia Ranger District. (Gerry Sussman)

## Emergency Trail Maintenance Crew Activities

This volunteer trails crew removes fallen trees from hiking and cross country ski trails during all seasons of the year. Don Carnicom and Bill Geck usually go out about once each week to cut trees, install signs, or do other work in the field. They are sometimes joined by Chris Michel and Louis Gonzales (USFS) and welcome others who would like a day in the outdoors. (Don Carnicom)

## Installation of Braille Signs on Cienega Nature Trail

In early July, Friends volunteers installed 36 Braille and English signs along the Cienega Nature Trail describing the flora and fauna in the immediate area. This completed a year-long effort of sprucing up the trail. A local hiking group, the Windwalkers, helped with this effort and was instrumental in bringing it about. (Don Carnicom)

## National Trails Day Projects

Several Friends worked on the National Trails Day projects on June 4. Following the welcome by NTD Coordinator and Friend Bill Velasquez and sign-up for projects at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area, volunteers went to several work sites. Chris Michel, Bill Geck, Mary Bean, and Bob and Sally Lowder installed a new pitched roof on the large portal information board at the Tres Pistoles Trailhead. Don Carnicom and members of the Albuquerque Roadrunners Club performed annual maintenance on the La Luz Trail, their adopted trail. Rick Atwell, Louis Gonzales, Bob Moore, and Sam Beard worked with the High Desert Residential Owners' Association Adopt-A-Trail volunteers to improve the Foothills Trail where it dips into an arroyo and passes through three switchbacks. Ray Berg, their AAT coordinator, and other homeowners built a stone retaining wall, buried honeycomb concrete blocks in the trail tread to stabilize the soil and reduce erosion, and reconstructed the trail tread by removing soil which had sloughed onto the trail. Gerry Sussman and Anne Hickman sat at the FOSM table and provided information about the Friends to the volunteers in the morning. (Sam Beard)

## Adopt-A-Trail Program

This year the Adopt-A-Trail Program added two new members bringing the total to 27 groups. The new groups were: (1) the Sandia Grotto of the National Speleological Society which adopted the Sandia Man Cave Trail and the cave and (2) the High Desert Residential Owners Association which adopted the Foothills Trail 365. During the year, all of the groups together contributed a total of 753 volunteer hours. In May, a number of the groups attended a Trails Maintenance Workshop presented by the Sandia Ranger District Staff. (Don Carnicom)

## News Items

\* NMFOF, Adopt-A-Trail, and Junior Ranger brochures were revised to include the new trade name of the organization, Friends of the Sandia Mountains.

\* Stan Upchurch, a FOSM member who moved to Colorado Springs in 2004, has moved to the very small town of Buena Vista where he plans to volunteer at the local San Isabel National Forest ranger station. Contact Sam Beard, samgbeard@msn.com, to obtain his email address.

\* In December 2004, Art Arenholz and Don Peterson audited the financial records of the Friends and inventoried the stock of T-shirts and caps. In a letter to the officers and board, they stated that the records were in good condition.

\* The Friends purchased three butterfly display boxes for the Sandia Ranger District at a total cost of about \$150. Ernie Giese, an author of the arthropods chapter in the **Field Guide to the Sandia Mountains**, prepared displays of butterflies he was permitted to collect in the Ranger District. The boxes will be on display at the ranger station, the Crest visitor center, and the Four-Seasons Visitor Center.

\* The Friends supported the Public Lands Day/ Mountain Discovery Day at the Sandia Peak Ski Area Lodge on September 24 by having an information table and selling the Field Guide. Dan Benton and Bill Geck also led a group of attendees on an outing on Tecolote Trail, our adopted trail, where they participated in brush cutting and water bar cleaning.

\* Mary Voldahl arranged for Kitsie Hilhaire, American Red Cross instructor, to teach Basic First Aid and CPR to a group of volunteers who are certified chain saw operators or who will take the certification training in the next few months. These were Bob Lowder, Dan Benton, Bill Geck, Carl Smith, Dennis Crowther, Sam Beard, Don Carnicom, and Bill Metz.

## **Spruce-Up Crew Activities**

The Friends spruced-up the front yard of the Sandia Ranger Station on July 20. The most noticeable improvement was the cutting of several 8-foot to 10-foot tall clumps of elm brush which had sprouted from year-old stumps. Shrubs and trees were pruned, and the planting area between the north parking lot and highway was mowed. Several loads of branches were piled near the new Tijeras Pueblo Educational Center for chipping later. The volunteer gardeners were Bill Metz, Bob and Sally Lowder, Sam Beard, Chris Von Huene, and Jane Harrison. (Sam Beard)

## **Kiwanis Meadow Fence Project**

The Kiwanis Meadow buck-and-pole fence was built about 10 years ago to discourage hiking in the meadow so vegetation could recover for improved wildlife habitat. The fence had been constructed with trees cut and peeled in the Sandia Mountains. By 2004, many poles were broken, bucks had collapsed or sagged, and decay had weakened many timbers. During the summer of 2004, about 60 sections were rebuilt. Parts of the fence near Kiwanis Cabin were rebuilt and work was begun at the south end of the meadow.

During the past summer, on eight consecutive Wednesdays from June 22 to August 17, dedicated crews of volunteers rebuilt about 100 9-foot sections of fence to complete work at the south end of the meadow and along Kiwanis Meadow Road and in the corner at the north end. Approximately 40 white fir poles were provided by Jon Boe and the SRD Fire Crew, and later Sam Beard and Bill Metz cut 15 poles in an aspen regeneration project area. All these sappy poles were trimmed and peeled by the FOSM members. Volunteers working many long hours were Don Carnicom, Bob Moore, Sally and Bob Lowder, Anne Hickman, Bill Geck, Sam Beard, Bill Metz, Chris Von Huene and Sue Mann. The field work of SRD employees Chris Michel, Louis Gonzales, and Cheryl Robison was greatly appreciated. Employees

Modesto Sanchez and Manny Chavez provided a pickup, electrical generator, drawknives, and other tools. (Sam Beard)

## **Small Log Ranger Station for Children's Safety Town**

At the request of Karen Takai, SRD public affairs and fire information officer, the Friends constructed an 8-ft by 12-ft log ranger station as part of a Bernalillo County Childhood Injury Prevention Program. The log ranger station will be part of a small-scale Children's Safety Town. The program will be managed by the Bernalillo Fire Department, and the town will be built on BCFD land in the South Valley.

The log ranger station was designed by Lynn Bender, has a wall height of 6 feet, includes a door and window, and will have a pitched roof. Two loads of 6-inch to 8-inch pine logs from a fuel break project in the Mountainair RD were hauled to Lynn's home. Volunteers Sam Beard and Chris Von Huene worked with Lynn to custom notch about 60 logs for the walls. The building will be disassembled, moved to the small town site, and reassembled. (Sam Beard)

## **Refreshments**

We owe a big THANK YOU to Anne Hickman, refreshments coordinator, and all the members who brought refreshments to the monthly meetings during FY2005. Anne will again be in charge of finding members to bring refreshments. The social/refreshments period is an enjoyable and important part of each meeting when attendees meet new people, discuss FOSM business, talk with Forest Service personnel, and relax with friends sharing common interests. If you would like to bring refreshments one month, please contact Anne at 292-7025 or LaSasha198@aol.com. Members are reimbursed for the cost of the refreshments.

### **Weed Warrior Activities**

The activities of the Weed Warriors were somewhat limited this year by restrictions on the use of herbicides.

\* Last fall the Friends worked three days with Fire Crew members Alberto Lara and Michael Williams on the Cedro Creek Restoration Project just south of the Ranger Station. Bill Metz, Bob Moore, Dan Benton, Sam Beard, Bill Geck, and Ron Hayenga cut elm trees and brush, and moved elm branches and large trunk pieces out of the creek bed up to the road level for chipping by the Fire Crew.

\* Hunt for the Elusive Bull Thistle – An infestation of bull thistle, an invasive weed, was reported in the high foothills north and NE of the east end of Indian School Road. Armed with hand clippers, plastic bags, and thistle pictures from Mary Voldahl and the Web, WWs Richard Besser, Frank Larson, Chris Von Huene, Art Arenholz, and Sam Beard began the search for bull thistles. The objective was to remove the thistle flowers before seeds had matured. As the Warriors approached the first thistle plant, Art declared, “This isn’t a bull thistle. It is a *Cirsium neomexianum*.” The New Mexico thistle is a native plant and is not considered a noxious weed. After searching for four hours, the WWs found no bull thistles, but enjoyed a morning hike and learned that the N. M. thistle is widespread in that area.

\* On June 8, Beverly DeGruyter, SRD wildlife biologist, worked with volunteers Dan Benton, Art Arenholz, Chris Von Huene, Bob Moore, and Sam Beard to collect Dalmation toadflax plants in La Cueva Arroyo. After digging and bagging a few dozen plants, the volunteers visited a roofless stone structure built in the 1930s by either the CCC or WPA. Beverly also led the group to the ruins of the Jaral Ranger Station and Jaral wildlife drinker in the Sandia foothills. (Sam Beard)

### **Wildlife Drinker Maintenance**

At the request of Beverly DeGruyter, SRD Wildlife Biologist, FOSM volunteers visited three wildlife drinkers in the Sandia Mountains. On May 23, Bob Moore and Sam Beard visited the Tres Pistoles Spring drinker. They cleaned the drinker basin and found that the water collector and pipe system were operating properly. On June 8, Beverly and the toadflax eradication volunteers found that the Jaral drinker system was also operating correctly. On May 31, Sam Beard and son Glenn, Bob Moore, and Dan Benton hiked a backwoods route from Capulin Picnic Area to Media Spring. The drinker system had failed and no water was flowing through the pipe to the drinker basin. A seasonal stream through the area was carrying water from the heavy snow melt and runoff. (Sam Beard)

### **Bat Surveys at Abandoned Mines**

During FY2005, Rick Atwell, SRD Wilderness and Maintenance Manager, installed “Danger” signs at several abandoned mines in the northern Sandia Mountains. Both open vertical shaft mines and horizontal mine adits are found there. Part of the process of closing an adit is determining if bats live there so that a grate instead of a solid door can be installed. On June 15, volunteers Dan and Pat Benton, Richard Besser, Cindy Engle, Dick Kuenzer, and Sam Beard joined Beverly DeGruyter in waiting outside a few mines in Agua Sarca Canyon from sunset to darkness watching for exiting bats. None were seen. During the evening of June 16, Cindy and Sam hiked with Beverly to a mine in the foothills east of the Bernalillo Watershed area and waited until after 9 p.m. but saw no bats. (Sam Beard)

### **Installation of Markers along Crest Trail**

Volunteers at the two visitor centers had observed that many visitors had difficulty following Crest Trail 130 between the Upper Tram Terminal and Sandia Crest. After consultations with Mary Bean and Rick Atwell, USFS, project leader Bob Lowder selected 3-inch diameter aluminum markers showing a hiker outlined with green paint. On June 17, Bob and Sally Lowder, Bob Moore, and Sam Beard installed several dozen markers on trees along the trail at a height of about 7 feet. Later Bob noticed that hikers were breaking the aluminum nails which were protruding about 2 inches to allow for tree growth. On subsequent outings Bob and Sally replaced stolen markers, hammered the nails farther in, and added green aluminum arrows at trail junctions and switchbacks. (Bob Lowder)

### **Volunteers and Phyllis Martinez Build Bridges in Jemez Ranger District**

Phyllis Martinez has transferred to the Jemez Ranger District where she manages trails, wilderness, and developed recreational sites such as picnic areas and campgrounds. Several SRD volunteers helped her assemble and install a 45-foot fiberglass pedestrian bridge across San Antonio River at Spence Hot Spring on NM-4. More recently they worked on a 45-foot bridge of the East Fork River. This bridge included three glue-laminate wooden beams which were pulled to the site using a team of horses and two-wheel log carriers. (Sam Beard)

### **Management of Two Volunteer Email Groups**

The two Yahoo email groups, Sandia-Volunteers-and-NMFOF and Cibola Trail Rangers, continue to be managed by the Friends. Margaret Furman manages the moderated SVANMFOF Egroup which primarily transmits official information to volunteers from Sandia Ranger District personnel and the Friends board. The CTR Egroup is managed by Don Carnicom and is a more informal unmoderated Egroup used to communicate trail conditions and maintenance information among the volun-

teers who frequently hike and remove fallen trees from the trails. The number of members in each group is: SVANMFOF, 243, and CTR, 97. Contact Margaret at [springazure@flash.net](mailto:springazure@flash.net) to join the SVANMFOF Egroup and Don at 281-3421 or [d-mcarnicom@att.net](mailto:d-mcarnicom@att.net) to join the CTR Egroup. (Don Carnicom and Margaret Furman)

### **Beverly DeGruyter Transfers to the Cibola National Forest Office**

Beverly DeGruyter was the wildlife biologist on the Sandia and Mountainair Ranger Districts zone for many years. In August she transferred to the Cibola National Forest Supervisor's Office located on Osuna Road NE in Albuquerque. The Friends enjoyed working with Beverly who gave us opportunities to participate in unusual projects such as invasive weed eradication, wildlife drinker maintenance, night-time bat surveys at abandoned mines and rebuilding the Kiwanis Meadow fence. The replacement zone wildlife biologist will have an office in the Mountainair Ranger Station. (Sam Beard)

### **Schedule of FOSM Activities during October and November 2005**

Tuesday, Oct. 4: Monthly Meeting Program – Don and Adair Peterson, long-time members of the Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council, will present a program on search and rescue in the Sandia Mountains. Meet at 7 pm in the Sandia Ranger Station. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, Nov. 1: Monthly Meeting Program – Ernie Giese will present a program on butterflies in the Sandia Mountains. He was the author of a chapter in the Field Guide and made the butterfly displays for the two visitor centers and the ranger station. Meet at 7 pm in the Sandia Ranger Station. Refreshments will be served.

Field Projects in October and November – Watch for field projects to be announced in the SVANFOF email group.

No monthly meeting in December.

## Membership Status

We ended the fiscal year with 83 members. During this year we added 15 new members including three Life Memberships: Rav and Ken Nicholson, Bill and Debbie Velasquez, and Pam and Larry Walker. The other new members were:

Dan Benton	Karen Baca
Rick Besser	Mike Coltrin
Helen Haskill	Richard Gido
Chowdee Tusire	Annie Snyder
Gary & Susan Clarke	
Walt and Linda Kearns	
Mikel and Rosalie McCreary	
Lucy and Andrew Meigs	

## Treasurer's Report

We began FY 2005 on October 1, 2004, with a balance of \$ 3833.43 and on August 31, 2005, the balance was \$ 8952.66. The largest expenses were \$ 7460.28 for Field Guides for resale and \$ 1438.97 for Junior Ranger supplies. The largest income sources were \$ 10,879.90 from Field Guide sales, \$ 1,114.35 from Junior Ranger donations, \$ 1073 from other donations, and \$ 2,171.82 from memberships. If you would like a detailed Treasurer's Report, call or email me. (Don Carnicom, 281-3421, d-mcarnicom@att.net)

Welcome aboard everybody. (Don Carnicom)

## BALLOT: OCTOBER 4, 2005, ANNUAL MEETING

We appreciate the contributions of those board members whose terms are expiring at the end of September: Don Carnicom, Gerry Sussman, Margaret Furman, Richard Becker, Don Peterson, Bob Lowder, and Sally Lowder. The continuing board members are Sam Beard, Paul Stubbe, Anne Hickman, Tim Brown, and Bob Moore. The members listed below have been nominated for officer and board member positions. (Officers are also members of the board.) Other nominations are encouraged. If you are interested in serving as an officer or board member, please contact Sam Beard, 828-0673, or Don Carnicom, 281-3421.

### President:

1. Bob Lowder \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Vice President:

1. Gerry Sussman \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Treasurer:

1. Don Carnicom \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Secretary:

1. Margaret Furman \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### Board members: (Vote for four)

1. Dan Benton \_\_\_\_\_
2. Richard Becker \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sally Lowder \_\_\_\_\_
4. Don Peterson \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice to members of FOSM:** If you are unable to attend the annual meeting, you may vote by mailing this ballot to:

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# FRIENDS OF THE SANDIA MOUNTAINS

If you hike, bike, ride a horse or use the Sandia Mountains in any way, we know you enjoy what nature has given us. As you know, all this traffic takes a toll on our forest lands. Working in conjunction with the **United States Forest Service** as a volunteer organization, we provide many services in support of the Sandia Ranger District.

## WHO WE ARE

Friends of the Sandia Mountains is a non-profit organization of local volunteers. We are dedicated to working in partnership with the USFS, other groups, and individuals to maintain, protect and restore the natural, cultural and scenic resources of New Mexico's forest lands for the enjoyment and use of present and future generations. Our focus is conservation and education within the Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and adjacent lands.

## WHAT IS THE NEED

This uniquely beautiful land can't wait another minute. It truly needs our help! As USFS funds are inadequate to handle the increasing demands on the forest land by the public, the Friends of the Sandia Mountains will work to help meet the forest needs. Learn more about how you can be a part of this vital effort.

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## WHAT WE DO

Conservation  
Education  
Restoration  
Site Stewardship  
Wildlife & Habitat Monitoring  
Trail Construction & Maintenance  
Junior Ranger Program  
Visitor Services  
Fundraising  
Adopt-A-Trail  
Co-publisher of **Field Guide to the Sandia Mtns.**

## YOU ARE INVITED TO **JOIN** OR **RENEW**:

You can be part of this effort; work with friends, visitors and USFS personnel.

Tell us briefly how you would like to Participate & we will get back to you.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone & Email

## Dues:

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- \$20 Family
- \$30 Organization
- \$50 Sponsor
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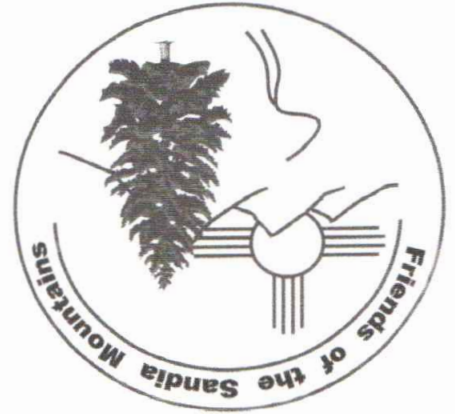
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