

Friends of the Sandia Mountains

General Membership Meeting April 1, 2025

Featured speaker: Ken Born, Sandia District Ranger





Agenda

- President's Remarks Mike Madden
- Projects Report Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report Jeff Young
- Future Programs Cliff Giles
- Sandia Ranger District Updates Ken Born
- •Q&As
- Adjourn







President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our meeting on October 1, 2024:
 - Jan 15 Ken Born appointed Sandia District Ranger
 - Jan 18 21st Sandia Snowshoe Classic
 - Jan 30 Briefed Forest Service Volunteer Program Coordinators
 - Mar 14 SRD/FOSM Annual Projects Meeting
 - April 22 Earth Day brushing, 3 dozen Sandia Prep 8th graders
 - May 13 AAH Crest Road Clean-up
 - June 7 National Trails Day
 - TBD Talking Talons YCC for 3 weeks



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

- Notables since our meeting on October 1, 2024:
 - Jan 9 Dave Weaver passed away
 - Mar 12 Don Smiset passed away
 - Seeking a Paint Crew Leader
 - Looking for a VP Cliff Giles stepping down in Oct
 - Looking for a Treasurer Jeff Young stepping down in Oct



President's Remarks, Mike Madden

Memberships by Level

Individual – 52

Family – 17

Sustaining – 6

Sponsor – 5

Benefactor - 3

Life Sponsor – 63

Total Memberships – 146

Welcome, New Members!

Bill Perkins – March 31

Ira (Bud) Bickford – March 19

Noel Wagner - March 15

Craig Tucker – March 11

Roger Squires – March 11

Richard Fagioli - March 3

Jim Houle - March 3

John McNett - March 2

Carolyn Grady – March 2

Brandon Sanchez – February 26

John Samuli – January 26

Caleb Kirby-Meyer – January 23

Mimi Junick – January 5

Scott Nicolaysen – December 26

Karen Thorn - October 15

Glen Clement - October 15

Peter Rhyins - October 4

Thanks, New Life Members!

Mimi Junick

Karen Thorn

Jon Driskell



- Outings Since October 2024 Meeting
 - Trail Maintenance 15
 - Trail Construction 19
 - Painting and Graffiti Removal 9
 - General Projects 11
 - Total Outings 54



- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (15 outings)
 - October 2024 4 outings: Ellis, Survey, 10K North, 10K South, Switchback, Rocky Point, South Crest, Tree Spring, Sulphur, Faulty, Armijo, Acequia, and Wagon Trails.
 - November 2024 1 outing: Cienega-Armijo area trails.
 - <u>December 2024</u> 3 outings: North Mystery/Faulty Trail.
 - January 2025 1 outing: Three Bottles Advanced Trail.
 - February 2025 2 outings: Survey, 10K North, Tecolote, and Bill Spring Trails.
 - March 2025 4 outings: North Faulty, Embudito, and Bill Spring 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!



- Trail Construction Led by Laura Leon (19 outings)
 - October 2024 6 outings: Ellis, Double Eagle, Tablezon, and Challenge Trails
 - November 2024 2 outings: Strip Mine and Tablezon Trails.
 - <u>December 2024</u> 3 outings: Tablezon and Piedra Lisa Trails.
 - <u>January 2025</u> no outings
 - <u>February 2025</u> 4 outings: Chalk Dust, Piedra Lisa, and North Mystery/Faulty Trails.
 - March 2025 4 outings: North Faulty Trail.



- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard (10 outings)
 - October 2024 2 outings: Paint Crest and Ellis restrooms; remove graffiti at Otero TH.
 - November 2024 1 outing: Remove graffiti at Juan Tabo Picnic Area shelter.
 - <u>December 2024</u> 3 outings: Paint over tags at large culvert, paint Embudito Trail sign, paint sign in front of Ranger Station.
 - January 2025 1 outing: Remove tags at Otero TH.
 - February 2025 1 outing: Remove tags at CCC shelter.
 - March 2025 2 outings: Remove tags in City Open Space, repair and paint Cibola National Forest sign.

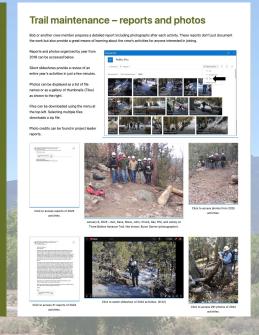


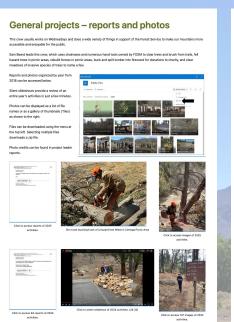
- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (11 outings)
 - October 2024 4 outings: Brush removal at intersection of Cienega and Crest Highway, remove trees on Sandia Nordic Ski Club trails, process logs near Ellis TH, fell hazard trees in Capulin Snow Play Area.
 - November 2024 1 outing: Fell and buck dead trees near boneyard.
 - <u>December 2024</u> 2 outings: Install work lights in workshop, fell hazard trees at Sandia Mountain Natural History Center.
 - March 2025 4 outings: Fell hazard trees in Doc Long and Cienega PAs,
 process broken treetop on Acequia Trail, process wood in Doc Long and
 Cienega PAs, remove restroom door in Juan Tabo PA for repair.

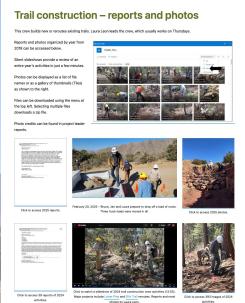


• Hundreds of reports and thousands of photos from projects since 2018 available on website (https://friendsofthesandias.org/).











Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- May 6, 2025 Jen Medina-Gray, Canyon Young, and Julie Padilla, Trail construction
- June 3, 2025 Jamey Browning, Trail mapping
- July 1, 2025 Steve Glass, Cuidad Soil and Water Conservation District and Tijeras Creek Watershed Collaborative
- August 5, 2025 TBD
- September 2, 2025 TBD
- October 7, 2025 FOSM year-end update and election results, Mike Madden;
 Guest speaker TBD



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Chart shows progress relative to 2022 poll of board of directors regarding organizations of interest.
- A new VP with fresh program ideas needed after this year.
 - You don't have to become webmaster!



Organization	Date	Speaker/Comments
La Madera Volunteer Fire Department	7/5/22	Jerry Carroll
NM Volunteers for the Outdoors	5/3/22	Ed DiBello
Southwest Coordination Center Dispatch	8/2/22	Elliott Herrera, Albuquerque Interagency Dispatch Center
Bernalillo County Open Space	7/11/23	Adam Splitek
City of Albuquerque Open Space	9/6/22	Jessica Sapunar-Jursich
Albuquerque Mountain Rescue Council	6/6/23	International Mountain Medicine Center, Jason Williams
	8/1/23	Cibola SAR, Shannon Braune
NM Forestry Division	8/6/24	Lawrence Crane, Bernallilo District
Sandia Mountain Natural History Center	9/5/23	Paul Mauermann
Albuquerque Mountain Bike Association	5/2/23	Hannah Russert
FS Kids in the Woods Program		Still active?
NM Cross Country Ski Club	9/3/24	Sam Beard
Sandia Collaborative*	6/1/21	Mike Madden
Talking Talons Youth Leadership	5/7/24	John Ross
Tijeras Creek Watershed Collaborative	7/1/25	Steven Glass, CNM, Sandia Collaborative
Central New Mexico Audubon Chapter		
Cuidad Soil and Water Conservation District	7/1/25	Steven Glass, CNM, Sandia Collaborative
Rocky Mountain Youth Corps		
Sandia Nordic Ski Club*	4/6/21	Scott Dietrich
Albuquerque Wildlife Federation		
The Nature Conservancy in New Mexico		
Think Trees New Mexico		
East Mountain Wildfire Preparedness Association		
East Mountain Regional Trails Council		
New Mexico Mountain Club		
Friends of the Tijeras Pueblo		
505 Cycling		
Albuquerque Road Runners Club		
Backcountry Horsemen of NM		
Boy Scouts of America, Great Southwest Council		
Bureau of Land Management		Jackie Leyba, BLM; participates in Sandia Collaborative
NM Widerness Alliance		
NM Historic Preservation Division - Sitewatch		
*Presentation preceded ranked-choice poll.		
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Program Introduction, Mike Madden, President

- New Sandia District Ranger's view of:
 - How partnerships are at the heart of how the Forest Service and Sandia Ranger District accomplishes its mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.
 - District, forest, and national priorities for the year
 - How the district and FOSM can strengthen our partnership to achieve those priorities in the months and years to come.



Program Introduction, Mike Madden, President

- Speaker: Ken Born, Sandia District Ranger
 - More than 15 years of federal service
 - Appointed acting District Ranger in October 2024 and District Ranger in January 2015
 - Previously at US Forest Service's Southwestern Regional Office from 2018
 - Primarily served as Recreation Special Uses Program Manager supporting administration of commercial permits which authorize ski areas, resorts, marinas, outfitters and guides, and recreation events on National Forest System lands.
 - District Ranger on the Coronado National Forest near Tucson from 2015-2018
 - Began Forest Service career as Forest Planner for the Tonto National Forest in Phoenix,
 AZ
 - · Also served in local government, spending his early career working as land use planner
 - Bachelor of Science degree in environmental planning from Northern Arizona University and Master of Arts degree in public policy from Stony Brook University