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General Membership Meeting
June 3, 2025

Featured speaker:
Jamey Browning, FOSM Member and SRD Volunteer





Agenda

- Vice-President's Remarks – Cliff Giles
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Jeff Young
- Future Programs – Cliff Giles
- Trail mapping – Jamey Browning
- Q&As
- Adjourn





Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our meeting on May 6, 2025:
 - Mike out of country until late June
 - Sam Beard Award policy approved by Board
 - Bylaws and Policy revisions ready for Board review and approval after Mike's return then membership vote
 - SRD's May 13 Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - FOSM received Southwest Region Volunteer and Service Award
 - Bob Lowder, Byron Garner, Sam Beard, Laura Leon, Joelle Hertel, Lou Romero, Jamey Browning, and Luis Cuadros received individual awards
 - Eleven FOSM members participated in May 13 AAH Crest Road Cleanup



Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our meeting on May 6, 2025:
 - Time to record May volunteer hours
 - SRD looking for 4 Volunteer Recreation Stewards
 - SRD and Mountainair District Implement Stage 2 Fire Restrictions
 - June 2-18 –Replacing Kiwanis Meadow fence with Talking Talons YCC
 - June 7 – SRD's National Trails Day project canceled

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Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

- Notables since our meeting on May 6, 2025:
 - Seeking a Paint Crew Leader
 - Sam Beard, Byron Garner, Sim Cook, and Susan Gregory are nominating committee for FY2026 Board members and officers
 - Looking for a VP - Cliff Giles stepping down in Oct
 - Looking for a Treasurer - Jeff Young stepping down in Oct



Vice-President's Remarks, Cliff Giles

Welcome, New Members!

Jon Cooper – June 2
Bart Vanden Plas – May 29
Jay Wulf – May 23
Scott Forman – May 5

Memberships by Level

Individual – 54
Family – 19
Sustaining – 7
Sponsor – 5
Benefactor – 2
Life Sponsor – 63
Total Memberships – 150



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

Project	Since 5/6/25	FY2025 YTD
Trail Maintenance	1	18
Trail Construction	3	28
Painting and Graffiti Removal	2	13
Adopt-a-Highway	1	2
General Projects	9	28
Totals	16	91



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Trail Maintenance Led by Bob Lowder and Byron Garner (1 outing)
 - May 12 – 10K North Trail

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 (3 outings)
 - May 15 – North Faulty Trail reroute
 - May 22 – North Faulty Trail reroute
 - May 29 – North Faulty Trail reroute



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- Painting and Graffiti Removal Projects Led by Sam Beard (2 outings)
 - May 27 – Touch up structures at the Crest with brown paint and paint over tags on the large ventilation pipes at a restroom
 - June 2 – Removed graffiti at Juan Tabo Picnic Area



Projects Report, Sam Beard, Projects Chair

- General Projects Led by Sam Beard (9 outings)
 - May 11 – Made short post for Doc Long Picnic shelter A
 - May 14 – Replaced decayed fence posts in Cienega Picnic Area
 - May 21 – Processed donation wood in Capulin Snow Play Area
 - May 25 – Replaced 3 fence rails in Cienega PA
 - May 28 – Loaded and hauled donation wood from Capulin Snow Play Area; Loaded and hauled (Manny) old Kiwanis Meadow fence materials
 - May 30 – Pressure-treated posts and poles for new KM fence delivered
 - May 31 – Made forty-seven bucks for KM fence at FOSM Guard Station
 - June 2 – Made several bucks while training TTYL/YCC youth crew
 - June 3 – Moved bucks to Kiwanis Meadow



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice–President

- July 1, 2025 – Steve Glass, Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District and Tijeras Creek Watershed Collaborative
- August 5, 2025 – Quinn Mendelson, Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- September 2, 2025 – Forest Health, Forest Service expert
- October 7, 2025 – FOSM year-end update and election results, Mike Madden; Guest speaker – Stan Davis, “Earthcaching”



Future Programs, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

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

Potential FOSM Program Speakers

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, Bernalillo 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	8/5/25	Quinn Mendelson, Conservation Program Director
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		
SOS 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 Wilderness Alliance		
NM Historic Preservation Division - Sitewatch		
*Presentation preceded ranked-choice poll.		



Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- A deep dive into smartphone trail apps and their data
 - Trail App Data Sources
 - OpenStreetMap Trail Updates
 - Trail App Data Types
 - Authoritative vs. Unauthoritative Data
 - Trail App Issues Observed while hiking the Sandias
 - Improving Trail App Map Data
 - OpenStreetMap Trails Stewardship Initiative
 - A look at improving kiosk maps and trail signage in the Sandia Ranger District
 - Maps made for various Sandia area organizations & agencies



Program Introduction, Cliff Giles, Vice-President

- Speaker: Jamey Browning, FOSM Maps and Signage Chair
 - Originally from Carlsbad, moved to Albuquerque in 1980
 - Retired from a 42-year engineering career working for several firms in Albuquerque
 - Hiked over 2800 miles in the Sandias since 2014
 - A regular member of the FOSM Monday Trail Maintenance Crew
 - Volunteer Cartographer for the Sandia Ranger District
 - Took up Cartography as a hobby over the past few years.