

Friends of the Sandia Mountains General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

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Agenda

April 7th Membership Meeting



Friends of the
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- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Scott Deitrich
- Future Programs – Kerry Jones
- SRD Updates – Ken Born
- Q&As
- Adjourn



President's Remarks

Mike Madden



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Highlights Since October 2025 Meeting

- Board Meeting 12/2/25(welcomed Kerry and Scott)
- Tool storage container delivered 1/16/26
- 1/24/26 Sandia Snowshoe Classic was canceled
- Board Meeting 2/3/26 (2/23 vote passed to transition FOTP into FOSM)
- SRD/FOSM Annual All Projects Meeting 2/17/26
- Little Free Library rounds harvested 4/1/26
- Big Block Climbing Area Graffiti Cleanup 4/25/26
- Crest Road Mile 4-5 Spring Cleanup 5/1/26
- Need a Paint Crew Leader

President's Remarks

Mike Madden



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Memberships by Level

Individual – 52

Family – 15

Sustaining – 7

Sponsor – 3

Benefactor – 6

Life Sponsor – 67

Total Memberships – 150

Welcome, New Members!

Mark Werkmeister – April 2

David D'Antonio – March 28

Alex Brittenham – February 19

Stephen Forrest – January 30

Kay Mayoora – January 30

Cindy Roper – January 17

Ken Sexe – January 3

Kent Towler – December 20

Rogulja Wolf – December 14

Dennis Kellogg – December 13

William Childs – December 12

Laurie Lacey* – December 5

Aaron Brooks – October 17

William Gruner – October 13

Dana Price – October 11

Don Fisher* – October 8

Thanks, New Life Members!

Laurie Lacey

Don Fisher

Projects Report

Sam Beard, Projects Chair



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Number of Project Days Since October 7, 2025, Meeting

- Trail Maintenance: 16 Days
- Trail Construction: 17 Days
- Painting and Graffiti Removal: 14 Days
- General Projects: 21 Days
- **Total Days – 68**

General Projects Report

Sam Beard, Team Leader



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Projects Completed Since October 2025 Meeting:

- 10/8/25 Cut brush at Snow Play Area
- 10/15 Cut elm brush and replaced fence rail at Doc Long PA
- 10/15 Cut brush at Cienega Rd and Crest Highway
- 10/22, 29 Bucked trees felled earlier below Crest Electronic Site
- 11/5 Hauled bucked wood at Crest Highway and Electronic Site
- 11/10 – 11/16 Filled cracks in large columns in Doc Long PA shelters
- 11/12 Hauled 2 loads of wood from near Electronic Site



General Projects Report

Sam Beard, Team Leader



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Projects Completed Since October 2025 Meeting, Cont'd:

- 12/1 Visited 4 dispersed camping site to plan cutting project
- 12/3 Felled trees at dispersed camping sites on FR-462
- 12/10 Bucked wood from FR-462 at HAZMAT building
- 12/11 Organized storage in FOSM Guard Station and container
- 12/12 Led Menaul School on hikes from Copper and Embudo THs
- 12/16 Annual meeting of FOSM with SRD to plan projects
- 12/17 Built frame for gravel at container site

- 1/21/26 Constructed tool racks in storage container
- 3/4 Bucked, split, and hauled wood from Oak Flat PA
- 3/25 Chipped slash at Oak Flat PA
- 3/30 Installed 6 bollard sleeves at 2 Juan Tabo PA gates
- 4/1 Removed Crest Area signs and flagged posts in preparation for thinning project
- 4/3 Painted two signs in Sulphur Canyon PA



Painting and Graffiti Removal Report

Sam Beard, Team Leader



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Projects Completed Since October 2025 Meeting:

- 11/4/25 Removed graffiti tags on Kiwanis Cabin walls
- 11/24 Removed graffiti tags on Juan Tabo shelter and at La Luz TH
- 11/30 Painted Embudo Horse Bypass Trail sign on west side
- 12/9 Removed graffiti from 5 Juan Tabo PA sites
- 12/20 Removed graffiti from two restrooms at Balsam Glade PA
- 1/6/26 Removed graffiti from boulders NE of Juan Tabo restroom
- 1/7 Removed graffiti from Crest Plaza area
- 3/3,7 Painted large Scenic Byway Sign at roundabout on NM-14
- 3/15,17,18 Restored and painted 4 signs at Oak Flat Rd and NM-337
- 3/24 Painted 5 signs near Cedro Group CG and at Oak Flat Road
- 4/2 Removed part of large tag on Crest Nature Trail boulder



Trail Maintenance Report

Bob Lowder, Team Leader



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Since October 2025 Meeting (Large Trees Cleared/Brushing)

- Pine Drop & Valles Trails
- North Faulty
- Challenge Trail Extension
- Installed Blue Diamonds on I0K South
- Oso Corredor
- Tree Spring and I0K South
- Domingo Baca
- Embudo & Embudo Horse Bypass
- Three Gun Kiosk Repair
- Canoncito and Acequia
- Capulin Peak
- Kiwanis Meadow
- North Crest, I0K and Survey



Trail Construction Report

Laura Leon, Team Leader



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Since October 2025 Meeting

- **Old Faulty Trail** (*Every Thursday in October & November except Thanksgiving!*)
 - 8 weeks total including 6 reroutes
- **La Luz Trail Repairs** (*December 11th*)
- **Armijo Trail** (*December 18, February 26, March 5, 12, and 19*)
 - 5 weeks total including 3 reroutes
- **Poker Chip Trail** (March 26)
- **Cienega Trail** (April 2)



Projects Reports on the Web

Sam Beard & Cliff Giles



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

Projects – general

The crew usually works on Wednesdays and does a wide variety of things to support the Forest Service to make our resources more accessible and enjoyable for the public.

Sam Beard leads the crew, which uses chainsaws and maintenance hand tools owned by USDA to clear trees and brush from trails, but he's been known to plant trees, rebuild fences to protect areas, build and sign kiosk and benches for visitors to clarity, and clear thousands of invasive species of trees to name a few.

Reports and photos submitted by your team 2018 can be viewed below.

Guest observations provide a review of an entire year's activities in just a few minutes.

Photos can be displayed as a list of the views or as a gallery of thumbnails. (Click on images to see large.)

Files can be downloaded using the icons at the top left. Selecting multiple files downloads a zip file.

Photo credits can be found in project leader reports.

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Although not usually involving the long hikes or quite the level of physical exertion demanded of the Monday and Thursday crews, the activities of the Wednesday crew still can be demanding. Working uphill and working within your limits are musts.

Safety is paramount. Everyone wears appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE), which includes gloves, long sleeves, long pants, sturdy boots, helmets, eye protection, and hearing protection when their crew is used. Chainsaw operators are trained and certified by the Forest Service. Teams group of work to clear one maximum using various hand tools and using an "insurance" involving belts and debris in support of the mission.

Sam prepares a comprehensive report including photographs after each activity. These reports and their hundreds of pictures provide a great means of learning about the incredible work of this crew.

Trail maintenance – reports and photos

Mill of another one hundred projects a month including photographs after each activity. These reports don't just document the work but also provide a general overview of things that the crew has done for visitors to enjoy.

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Projects – painting and graffiti removal

These volunteers usually work on Tuesdays painting structures and cleaning graffiti off rocks, walls, and other structures. Anne Hickman had been leader of the paint crew and Sam Beard the graffiti-removal crew however, Anne resigned in March 2022 due to other commitments, and we have an opening for a volunteer to assume her leadership role. Please use the form below if you wish to volunteer.

Russell Parker, Elise Parker, Julie Korman, and Anne Hickman paint gable end of shedhouse at Westgate in Cliff Trail on the Pecos Divide. Sam Beard.

Pauline Ho peeling adhesive residue off a sign on the Cheek Nature Trail. Photo credit: Sam Beard.

This photo taken at the Juan Pablo Picnic Area shows an example of the challenges this crew tackles. Photo credit: Sam Beard.

Nancy Peterson is using water to wash graffiti removal from post after three applications of remover. Photo credit: Sam Beard.

Safety is paramount. Crew members wear personal protective equipment appropriate to the task at hand (gloves, eye protection, etc.).

Trail construction – reports and photos

The crew builds new or restores existing trails. Laura Lee leads the crew, which usually works on Thursdays.

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Treasurer's Report – Free CPR/AED/First Aid/BBP Training

Scott Dietrich



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- **Free CPR/AED/First Aid & BBP Training via National CPR Foundation**

- CPR/AED/First Aid:
<https://ncprf.com/gr1t24>
- Bloodborne Pathogens:
<https://ncprf.com/whqsyu>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL ncprf.com/groups/signup/?keycode=41040&gid=20023&vc=Vtqf5Etq&start=1. The page header includes the National CPR Foundation logo, navigation links for 'GROUP ADMINS' and 'LOGOUT', and three service icons: 'CERT VALID FOR 2 YEARS', 'EMAIL SUPPORT', and 'ACCEPTED WORLDWIDE'. The main content area is titled 'Group Certificate Registration' and contains three input fields for 'First Name', 'Last Name', and 'Email', each with a red asterisk indicating a required field. A red 'CONTINUE' button is positioned below the fields. The footer features the slogan 'Our training is like no other. We are here for you!' and a detailed disclaimer regarding accreditation and certification validity.

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Future Programs

Kerry Jones



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- **May 6, 2026 – Steve Glass, Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District and Tijeras Creek Watershed Collaborative**
- **June 2, 2026 – TBD, Wildlife Focus**
- **July 7, 2026 – TBD, Geology Focus**
- **August 4, 2026 – TBD, NM Wilderness Alliance**
- **September 1, 2026 – Archaeology Focus**
- **October 6, 2026 – FOSM year-end update and election:
Guest speaker - TBD**

Geology & Evolution of the Sandias
The Complete Geological Story
NM Wilderness Alliance
NMGFD
ABQ Wildlife Federation
USFS Archaeology Programs
EMWPA
Tijeras Creek Watershed
FOTP
Central NM Audubon Chapter
BLM
TNC
Backcountry Horsemen of NM
EM Regional Trails Council
NMMC
Think Trees NM
NMHPD Sitewatch

Tonight's Program Introduction

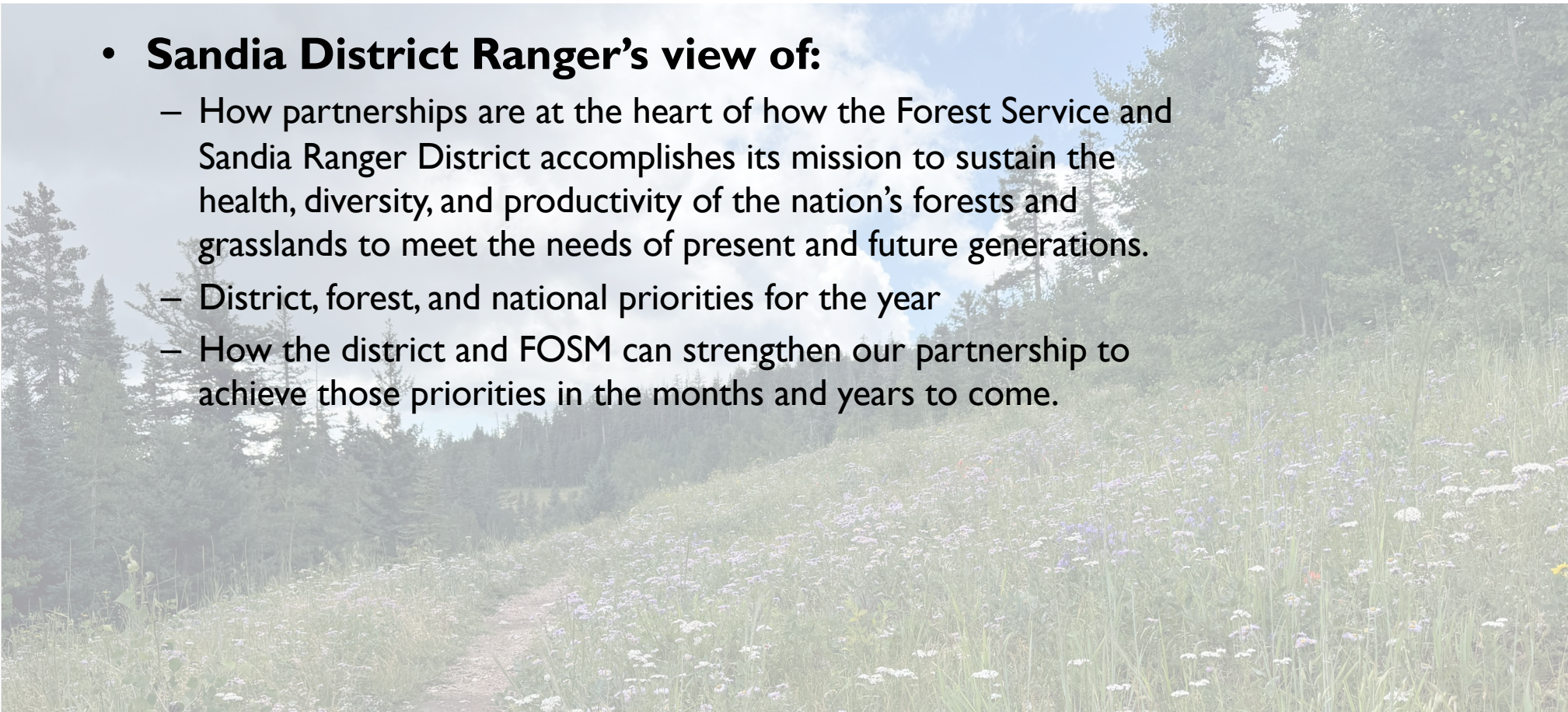
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- **Sandia District Ranger's view of:**

- 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.



Tonight's Speaker

Mike Madden



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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 2025
- 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