

Friends of the Sandia Mountains General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

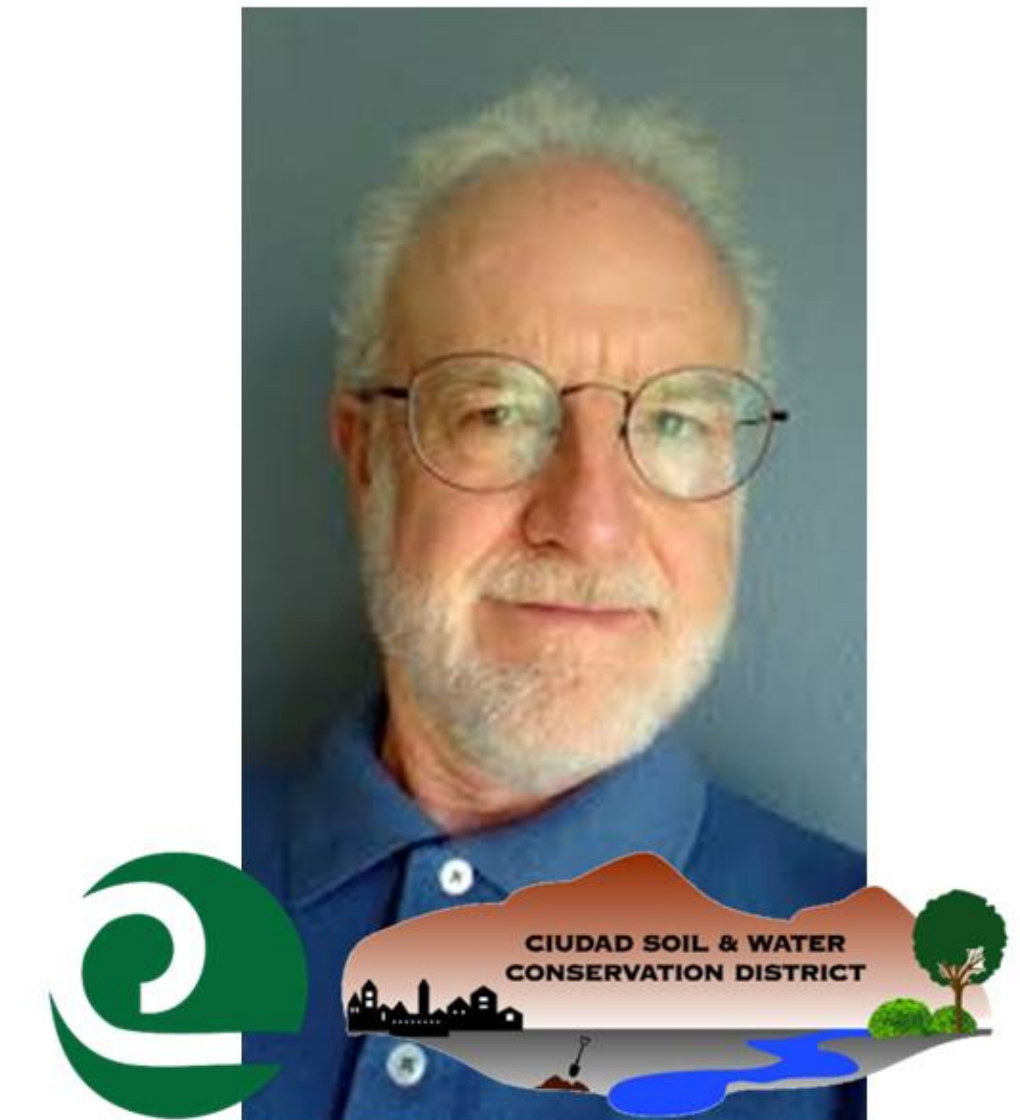
Agenda

May 5th 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
- Guest Speaker – Steve Glass
- Q&As
- Adjourn



President's Remarks

Mike Madden



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Highlights Since Last Meeting

- Tijeras Pueblo basic training April 17, second offering TBD
- Crest Road closed at 10K parking lot April 30, alternate hikes map
- SRD Nature Connections Day May 3
- Crosscut Saw classroom May 8, field cert May 9 and May 23
- Tunnel Springs Restroom Reroof Project May 13
- AAH Cleanup Mile 4-5 rescheduled from May 1 to May 15 due to rain
- TTYLYCC three week session, June 2-18
- National Trails Day June 6, North Faulty/Sandia Cave Reroute
- 'We Help Maintain These Trails' signs
- Tram Base needs volunteers
- Little Free Library rounds need woodworker volunteers
- Need a Paint Crew Leader

President's Remarks

Mike Madden



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Memberships by Level

Life Sponsor – 68

Individual – 55

Family – 16

Sustaining – 7

Benefactor – 6

Sponsor – 3

Total Memberships – 155

Welcome, New Members in 2026!

Paul Neville – April 19

Teri Neville – April 19

Robert Moore – April 9

Mark Werkmeister – April 2

David D'Antonio – March 28

Alex Brittenham – February 19

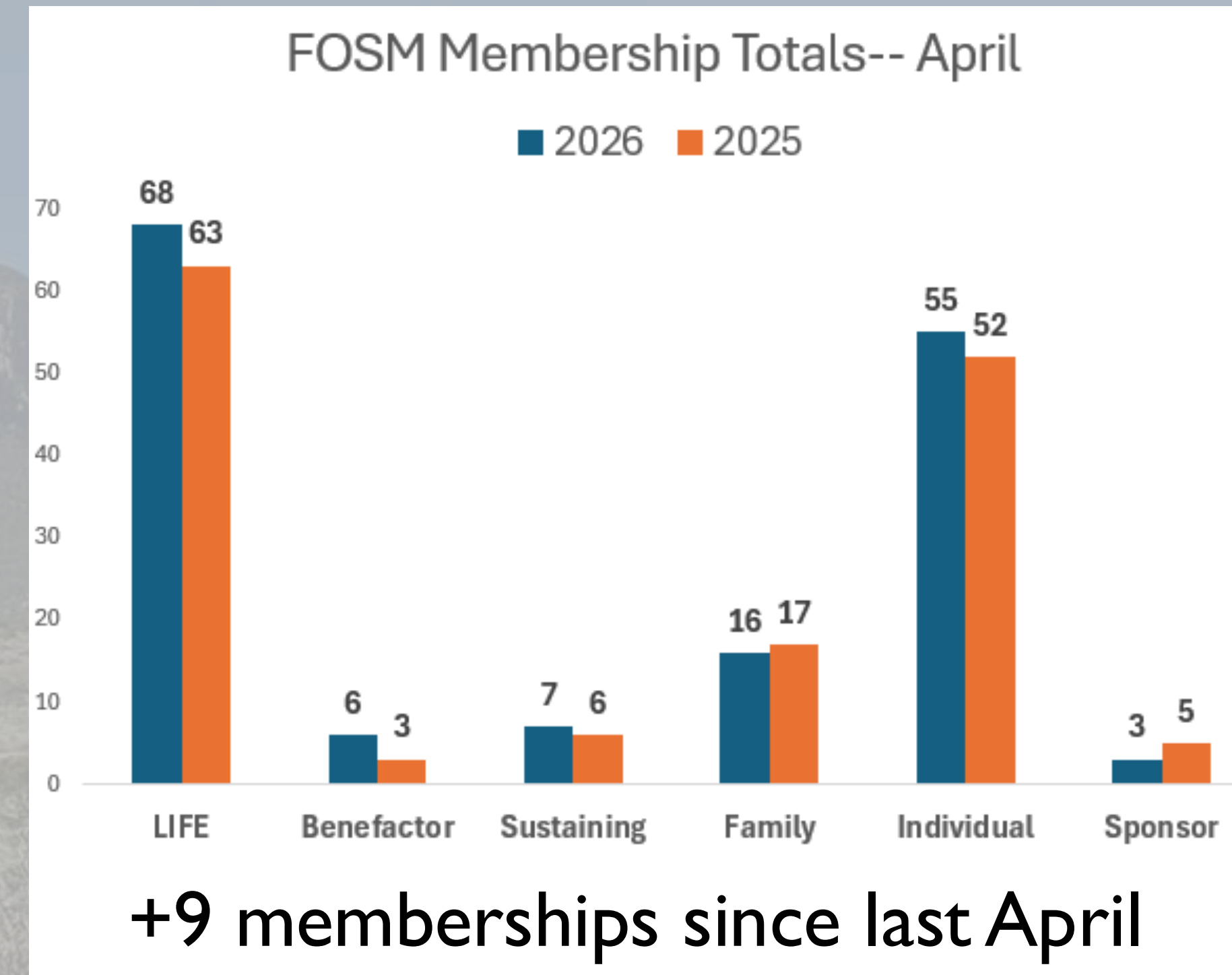
Stephen Forrest – January 30

Kay Mayoora – January 30

Kent Towler – January 19

Cindy Roper – January 17

Ken Sexe – January 3





Number of Project Days in April

- Trail Maintenance: 5 Days (Mondays)
- Trail Construction: 6 Days (Thursdays & Select Tuesdays)
- Painting and Graffiti Removal: 5 Days (Tuesdays)
- General Projects: 5 Days (Wednesdays)
- **Total Days → 21**
- **FOSM Volunteers → 43**

General Projects Report

Sam Beard, Team Leader



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Projects Completed in April:

- **4/1 Removed Signs on Crest Area Trails**
- **4/8 Bucked & Hauled Wood** at Electronic Site/Hwy
- **4/15 Split & Hauled Wood** at Electronic Site/Hwy
- **4/22 Replaced Fence Post in Cienega PA & Pruned Tijeras Pueblo Trail**



Volunteers: Sam Beard, Dan Benton, Jamey Browning, Rick Buss, Don Carnicom, Jerry Carroll, Sim Cook, James Epps, Cliff Giles, Susan Gregory, Pauline Ho, Tim Kirkpatrick, Chuck Logan, Mike Madden, Steve Roholt, Lou Romero, Eric Russell, Kent Towler. Plus, Jen and Dorothy from FS.



Painting and Graffiti Removal Report

Sam Beard, Team Leader

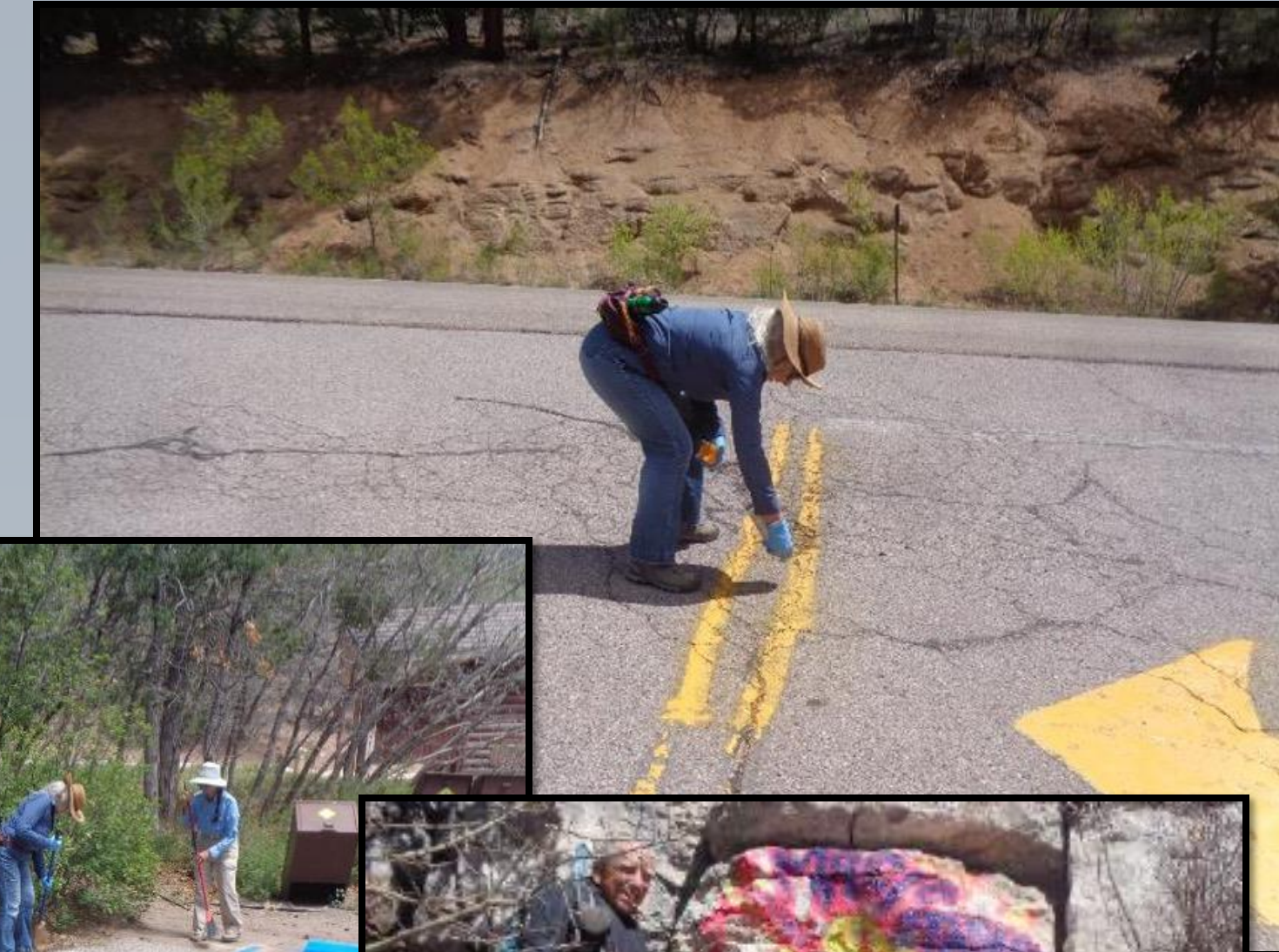


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Projects Completed in April:

- 4/2 **Removed Tags on Crest Nature Trail and 10K TH**
- 4/7 Painted three sides of **Fire Shed**
- 4/14 Painted **Fire Shed** east side and fascia
- 4/21 Painted **Parking Stripes** in Doc Long and Sulphur Canyon Picnic Areas
- 4/25 Removed tags at **Big Block Rock Climbing Area**

*Volunteers: Sam Beard, Rick Buss, Sim Cook
Karen Greif, Pauline Ho plus Andrew Ellis with FS.*



Trail Maintenance Report

Bob Lowder, Team Leader



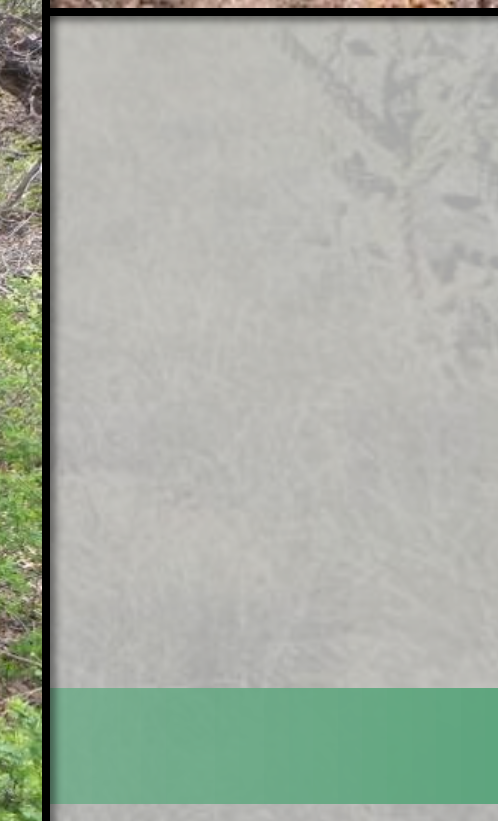
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Projects Completed in April:

- **4/6 Survey Trail**
→ 6 trees total; up to 19" diameter
- **4/13 Cienega Trail (middle 1/3)**
- **4/20 Faulty-Armijo**
- **4/27 South Crest & Tree Spring**
→ 8 trees total; up to 28" diameter

Thanks to Sally Lowder for maintaining the
“Tree Report”

Volunteers: Rene Archer, Silke Bletzer, Jamey Browning, John Cooper, Phil Cromer, Byron Garner, Sue Harrelson (NMVFO), Paul Karas, Bob & Sally Lowder, David McCreery, Rav Nicholson, Dana Price, Steve Roholt, and Ken Wilson plus Jen with FS



Trail Construction Report

Laura Leon, Team Leader



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Projects in April

- **Cienega Brushing** (April 2)
- **Pokerchip Reroutes** (April 9, 16, 23 and 30)
- **North Faulty Caveside Reroute**
 - (Inaugural Day → April 29 with NMVFO)

Volunteers: Claudia Bergsohn, John Braly, Luis Cuadros, Don Fisher, Steve Forrest, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Kerry Jones, Laura Leon, John McNett, Tony Pachelli, Bill Perkins, Eric Russell, Cleve Sharp, Mark Werkmeister plus Jen and Chris with FS and Sue Harrelson and Mike Timmer with NMVFO



Projects Reports on the Web

Sam Beard & Cliff Giles



Friends of the Sandia Mountains

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

Projects – general

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

Sam Beard leads this crew, which uses chainsaws and numerous hand tools owned by FOSM to clear trees and brush from trails, fell hazard trees in picnic areas, rebuild fences in picnic areas, back and split lumber into firewood for donations to charity, and clear meadows of invasive species of trees to restore a fire.

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. Pacing oneself and working within one's 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 chain saws are used. Chainsaw operators are trained and certified by the Forest Service. There's plenty of work for other crew members using various hand tools and acting as "overseers" removing debris and debris in support of the overseers.

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

Trail maintenance – reports and photos

Bob or another crew member prepares a detailed report including photographs after each activity. These reports don't just document the work but also provide a great means of hearing about the crew's activities for anyone interested in joining.

Reports and photos organized by year from 2018 can be accessed below.

Slide displays provide a review of an entire year's activities in just a few minutes.

Photos can be displayed as a list of file names or as a gallery of thumbnails (Title) as shown to the right.

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

Photo credits can be found in project leader reports.

2026

2025

Click to access 2026 reports.

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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, Ellie Parker, Janie Harrison, and Anne Hickman paint gable end of restroom at Yucca site in Oak Flat PA. Photo credit: Sam Beard

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

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

Nancy Peterson is using water to wash graffiti and remover 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

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

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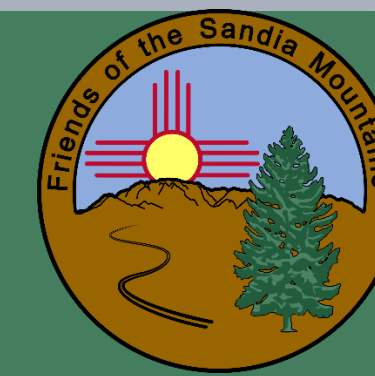
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Treasurer's Report - Training

Scott Dietrich



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

- CPR/AED/First Aid:
<https://ncprf.com/gr/t24>

- 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=Vttqf5EtqB&start=1. The page header includes the National CPR Foundation logo, navigation links (GROUP ADMINS, LOGOUT), and three service icons: CERT VALID FOR 2 YEARS, EMAIL SUPPORT, and ACCEPTED WORLDWIDE. The main heading is "Group Certificate Registration". The form contains three input fields: "First Name *", "Last Name *", and "Email *". A red "CONTINUE" button is positioned below the fields. At the bottom, there is a footer with the text "Our training is like no other. We are here for you!" and a disclaimer: "*The accredited certification coursework provided by the National CPR Foundation™ (NCPFRF) comply to the cognitive training guidelines established by the American Heart Association® (AHA®) / Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC), International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Course completion and certification is based on the cognitive training and skills evaluation in the specified course in terms of NCPFRF™ and accordance with the corresponding ILCOR, OSHA, and the current five-year cycle of the AHA® and ECC guidelines. Course endorsements are solely based on instructor training, not affiliation. NCPFRF™ is not affiliated, associated, authorized, endorsed by, or in any way officially connected with the AHA®, Red Cross®, or other training provider competitors or any of their subsidiaries or affiliates. The names of the AHA®, Red Cross®, or any other training provider, as well as related names, marks, emblems, and images are registered trademarks of their respective owners. Online training is a legal and acceptable form of training, however, NCPFRF™ does not offer in-person training. Your employer or licensing board may require in-person training for "special industries". You should consult with your employer if you have questions about whether our certification will be accepted. Therefore, we cannot guarantee that our certification will be accepted in every situation. Certifications are valid for a one or a two-

Future Programs

Kerry Jones



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- June 2, 2026 – **Geologic Evolution of the Sandias & Rio Grande Rift**
Dr. Les McFadden, Professor Emeritus, UNM
- July 7, 2026 – **Stories in the Sky: Recipes for Clouds**
Dr. Deidre Kann, Oasis Albuquerque & retired NOAA/NWS
- August 4, 2026 – TBD (wildlife?)
- September 1, 2026 – TBD (archaeology?)
- 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



Speaker: Steve Glass, Chair Board of Supervisors, Ciudad SWCD

- Steve earned an MS in Environmental Biology from NM State University in 1976. After graduation, Steve enjoyed a 35-year career in virological research, environmental laboratory management, biosolids composting, constructed wetlands research and stormwater compliance.
- Steve retired from local government in December 2011 and now teaches biology and environmental science at Central New Mexico Community College.
- Steve previously represented local governments on the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission for 10 years and has served as Chair of the Ciudad Soil and Water Conservation District Board for 23 years.
- In addition, he serves on the Mid-Region Council of Governments Water Resources Board and the New Mexico Soil and Water Conservation Commission.