

Friends of the Sandia Mountains General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

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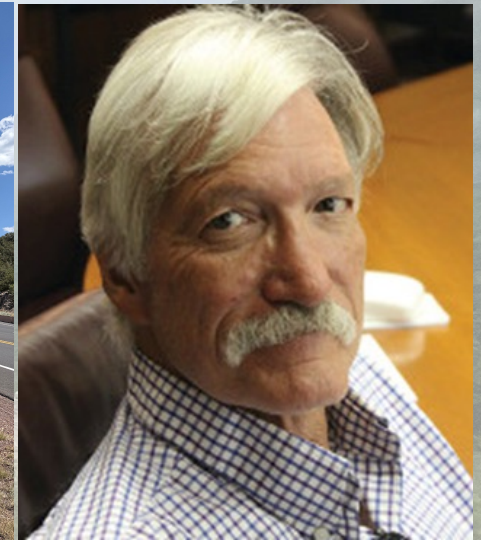
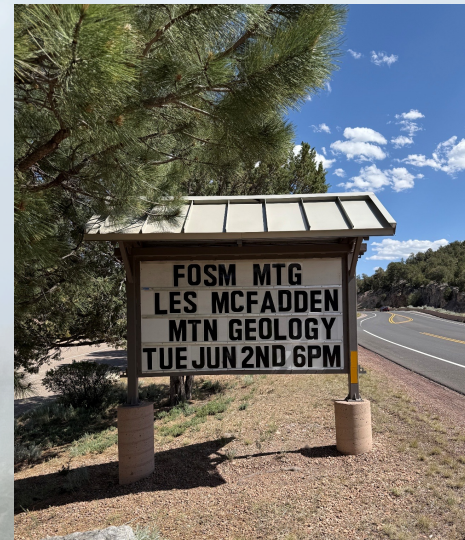
Agenda

June 2nd Membership Meeting



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- President's Remarks – Mike Madden
- Projects Report – Sam Beard
- Treasurer's Report – Scott Dietrich
- Future Programs – Kerry Jones
- Guest Speaker – Dr. Les McFadden
- Q&As
- Adjourn



President's Remarks

Mike Madden



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Highlights Since Last Meeting

- Rescheduled Crest Road Spring Cleanup Mile 4-5 was May 15
- Guard Station closed one week for rodent treatment, reopened May 22
- NMVFO Crosscut Saw classroom was May 8, field cert May 9 & May 23
- Sawyers: National CPR Foundation offers free online medical cert classes
- Tunnel Springs Restroom Reroof Project was May 13, need to finish it
- TTYLYCC three week session, June 2-18
- National Trails Day Tuesday June 9, North Faulty/Sandia Cave Reroute
- Tijeras Pueblo basic docent training, second offering June 24
- Tecolote Adopt-A-Trail sign needs replacing, Jamey is fabricating
- We have 10 'We Help Maintain These Trails' signs to go up on kiosk posts
- Tram Base needs volunteers
- Little Free Library rounds need woodworker volunteers
- Need a Paint Crew Leader



Adopt-a-Highway May 15th

President's Remarks

Mike Madden



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Memberships by Level

Life Sponsor – 68

Individual – 57

Family – 16

Sustaining – 7

Sponsor – 3

Benefactor – 6

Total Memberships – 157

Welcome, New Members!

Chris Caro – May 13

Paul Neville – April 19

Teri Neville – April 19

Mark Werkmeister – April 2

David D'Antonio – March 28

Alex Brittenham – February 19

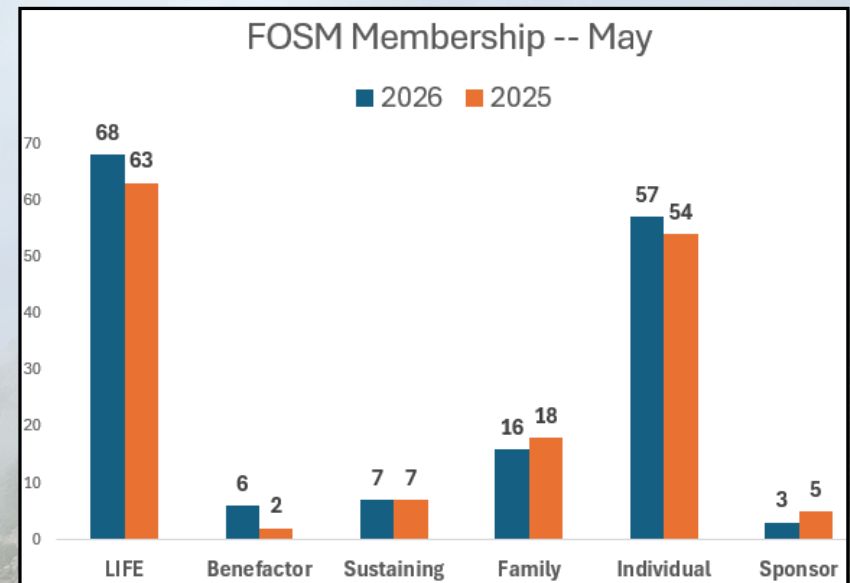
Stephen Forrest – January 30

Kay Mayoora – January 30

Kent Towler – January 19

Cindy Roper – January 17

Ken Sexe – January 3



Projects Report

Sam Beard, Projects Chair



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Number of Project Days in May

- Trail Maintenance: 3 Days
- Trail Construction: 8 Days (incl. Tuesdays)
- Painting and Graffiti Removal: 5 Days
- General Projects: 5 Days
- **Total Days → 21**

General Projects Report

Sam Beard, Team Leader



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Projects Completed in May:

- 5/6 Felled Three Hazard Trees Cienega PA
- 5/13 Installed New Metal Roof on Tunnel Spring restroom
- 5/15 Cleanup/brushing along Crest Hwy mile adopted by FOSM
- 5/27 Felled, Limbed and Bucked Hazard Trees Coyote TH, Pine Flat PA, and Cedro CG
- 5/28 Repaired Locus picnic shelter fascia and deck in preparation for new roof

Volunteers: **Michael Arndt, Sam Beard, Dan Benton, Jerry Carroll, Sim Cook, Cliff Giles, Chuck Logan, Tim Kirkpatrick, Mike Madden, Lorna Morrow, Steve Roholt, Eric Russell, Kent Towler.**
Plus, Manny from FS.



Painting and Graffiti Removal Report

Sam Beard, Team Leader



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Work Days in May:

- 5/7 **Removed Total of 30 Graffiti Tags from La Luz TH**
- 5/13 **Removed Graffiti Tags from La Luz TH**
- 5/19 **Applied Cabot Australia Timber Oil on 6 Oak Flat PA restroom doors**

**Volunteers: Michael Arndt, Sam Beard,
Sim Cook, Karen Greif, Fred Hagstrom,
Todd Hollister, Katie Ziegweid.**



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Trail Maintenance Report

Bob Lowder, Team Leader



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Work Days in May:

- 5/4 **Challenge Trail** from just above Capulin PA to Bill Spring Jct
- 5/11 **Cienega Nature Trail and Tecolote Trail**
- 5/18 **10K South Trail**

Thanks to Sally Lowder for maintaining the “Tree Report”

Volunteers: **Rene Archer, Sim Cook, John Cooper, Phil Cromer, Don Fisher, Byron Garner, Bob & Sally Lowder, Rav Nicholson, Dana Price, Cleve Sharp, and Ken Wilson**



Trail Construction Report

Laura Leon, Team Leader



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Projects in May

- **Pokerchip Reroutes** (May 7, 14, 21 and 28)
Total length 3,400 feet, one dozen sections
~75% completed, remainder this fall
- **North Faulty Caveside Reroute** (May 5, 12, 19, 26)
Total length 3,221 feet, single section
~45% completed

Volunteers: Claudia Bergsohn, John Braly, Luis Cuadros, Don Fisher, Byron Garner, Bruce Hansche, Jim Houle, Kerry Jones, Laura Leon, John McNett, Eric Messerschmidt, Tony Pachelli, Bill Perkins, Eric Russell, Cleve Sharp, Jay Wulf, plus Jen and Chris with FS; Sue Harrelson and Mike Timmer with NMVFO; and Chris Casey and Rich Capener with PATA



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 cannot use to plant trees, install benches to picnic areas, build and sign kiosk for Borealis for donations to charity, and clear thousands of invasive species of trees to name a few.

Reports and photos submitted by your team 2018 can be accessed 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 entire or as a gallery of thumbnails (Photo credit to the left).

This can be downloaded using the icons at the top left. Collecting multiple files simultaneously is up to you.

Photo credits can be found in project leader reports.

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

Safety is paramount. Everyone wears appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), which includes gloves, long sleeves, long pants, sturdy boots, helmets, eye protection, and hearing protection when their crew is used. Chainsaws require use training and certified by the Forest Service. Teams group of work but other crew members using various hand tools and acting as "backups" assisting fallen and debris in support of the worker.

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 report including photographs after each activity. These reports don't just document the work but also provide a general overview of everything about the crew's activities for anyone interested in hiking.

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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 deckhouse at Hedgesville Old Trail. Photo credit: Sam Beard.

Pauline Ho peeling adhesives 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 off 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 - 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 displaying the National CPR Foundation's Group Certificate Registration page. The page has a blue header with the National CPR Foundation logo and navigation links for 'GROUP ADMINS' and 'LOGOUT'. Below the header, there are three 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 *'. A red 'CONTINUE' button is positioned below the fields. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text 'Our training is like no other. We are here for you!' and a small disclaimer.

Group Certificate Registration

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

CONTINUE

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Making transparency our mission. Making the fine print clear.

*The accredited certification coursework provided by the National CPR Foundation™ (NCPRF) 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 NCPRF™ 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. NCPRF™ is not affiliated, associated, authorized, endorsed by or in any way officially connected with the AHA®, Red Cross®, or other training provider, consultants 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, NCPRF™ 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-

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Future Programs

Kerry Jones



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- **July 7, 2026 – Stories in the Sky: Recipes for Clouds**
Dr. Deidre Kann, Oasis Albuquerque & retired NOAA/NWS
- **August 4, 2026 – Joe Acord, District Officer, NM Dept. of Game & Fish**
- **September 1, 2026 – Bjorn Fredrickson, Conservation Director NM Wild**
- **October 6, 2026 – FOSM year-end update and election: Friends of Tijeras Pueblo/USFS Archaeology**

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 Speaker

Mike Madden



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Speaker: Dr. Les McFadden, Professor Emeritus, UNM

- Les McFadden is a professor emeritus in the UNM Earth & Planetary Sciences (E&PS) Department.
- He received an MS & PhD in Geosciences from the University of Arizona and a BA in anthropology from Stanford.
- He served as chair of the E&PS Department, and has received the Kirk Bryan Award from the Geological Society of America and the 2024 Earth Science Achievement Award from the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources.