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NMOHVA Member Newsletter

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NMOHVA AWARDED GRANT FOR \$450,000 PROJECT AT CEDRO PEAK

When we get asked "What does NMOHVA do?", we say, "Work with the Forest Service and BLM to ensure we have trails to ride on, educating our members and coordinating efforts to protect trails, and being the organized voice for OHV use in the state." Now we can also say what everyone wants to hear, "NMOHVA is putting trails on the ground for you!"

NMOHVA proudly announces we has been awarded a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant for the motorized trail system at Cedro Peak in the Sandia Ranger District (Cibola National Forest). The RTP grant is for \$322,392.00. An additional \$126,120.00 in matching funding and the value of volunteer labor from NMOHVA and its grant partners brings the total estimated project to \$448,512.00. The project ensures a full implementation of the Travel Management Rule (TMR) decision and the accompanying route designation for motorized recreation at Cedro Peak. This successful grant application is just the most recent step in NMOHVA's work to save the Cedro Peak trails. We have already invested two years of hard work during the Travel Management planning process. This included participating in a formal collaboration process with non-motorized recreationists, field trips, attending many public meetings, submitting Scoping comments and comments on the draft Environmental Assessment.

Project work includes new trail segments, trail rehabilitation work, vehicle width limiters which control entry to trails, erosion control work, signing, and public information. The project partners will install signs, barriers, trailhead improvements, and all infrastructure elements required to fully implement the TMR decision in the Cedro Peak area.

NMOHVA's partners on the project include the Sandia Ranger District, the New Mexico 4

Wheeler, the Blackfeather Trail Preservation Alliance, and R&S Powersports. NMOHVA is further ensuring the success of this ambitious undertaking by utilizing the recreation planning professionals of Pan Pacific Services to manage the project.

The 19,240 acre Cedro Peak area has designated trails for motorcycle, ATV, and full-size 4WD. These are the only National Forest motorized trails within an hour of Albuquerque. Go to http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/cibola/travel-management/tm_sandia/index.shtml to download the official trail map for Cedro Peak.

The project will implement the first Travel Management decision in a national forest in New Mexico. This means that for the first time, the trails at Cedro Peak will be officially acknowledged, managed and signed as OHV trails. For the first time, the non-motorized users will be informed by maps, the forest's website, brochures, signs and kiosks that OHVs are legal on the Cedro Peak trails. The Cedro Peak trails are also used by mountain bikers, horse riders and hikers. We all have the right to use the trails, and we all have to share them. Information kiosks in the parking areas and accurate signage will educate the public about trail etiquette and sharing these high value multiple-use trails.



NMOHVA President Mark Werkmeister (at far right) and Sandia Ranger District staff check trail locations at Cedro Peak for the RTP grant project.

Upcoming Events for October

Nov 12 - New Mexico 4
Wheelers Club Meeting

Nov 21 - NM4W Holiday Food
Drive

See the [NMOHVA
Calendar](#) for event
details and contacts.

Do you have an event to
share? Contact NMOHVA at
prez@nmohva.org for a listing
in the newsletter.

STILL WAITING FOR THE GOVERNOR'S DECISION

At this moment, we're waiting to see if the Governor saves the Trail Safety Fund. The Legislature raided the Fund for \$800,000 to help plug the State's huge deficit. The budget bill passed the House and the Senate, and now it is on the Governor's desk. He can still save our Fund by exercising his power to make a line item veto. Nov. 9th is the deadline for signing the bill. NMOHVA will put out an alert as soon as we know the decision.

We ask that our members keep reminding the Governor that the Trail Safety Fund consists solely of OHV user fees and does not include any general fund money. You can call the Governor's office at (505) 476-2200. You can also email your reminder to special.session@state.nm.us.

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