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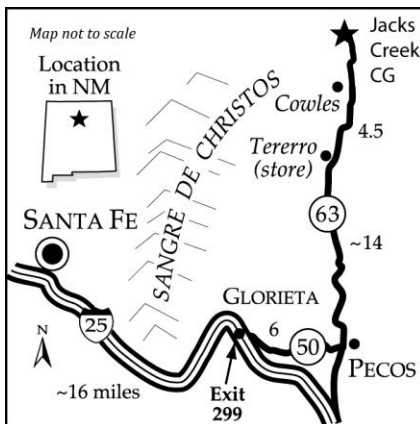
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Volunteer Opportunities

Beatty's Trail ()

Saturday, September 4 through Monday, September 6

Leader: Jennifer Sublett, (505) 753-7331, jasublett@fs.fed.us



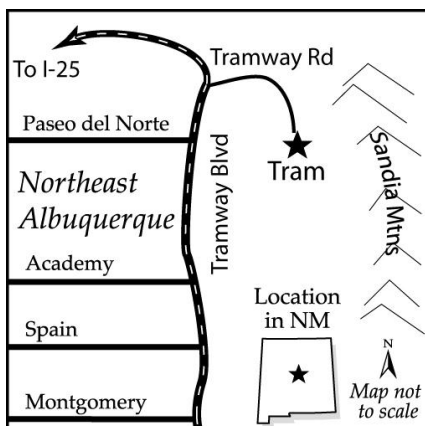
This project has been changed from a backpacking trip to a car camp. We will be camping at Jack's Creek Campground north of Pecos and work to repair the horse trail that leads up to the intersection with the hiker trail at the wilderness gate (Trail 25). During the weekend, we will close user-made trails through a beautiful meadow with check dams and scarifying, plus work to divert water off the trail along problematic stretches of the trail where rutting and trenching have caused major erosion issues. Meals provided for this project will be Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday's breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Monday morning breakfast. If you are interested in this project and would like to spend your Labor Day weekend in beautiful Jack's Creek Campground (free of charge for volunteering), please contact Jennifer

Sublett, Trails & Volunteer Coordinator, at 505-753-7331 or jasublett@fs.fed.us for more information.

Pino Trail (-)

Saturday, September 25

Leader: Charlie Robino, (505) 844-6557, cvrobin@sandia.gov



Please join us for our annual maintenance of the Pino Trail, the VFO's Adopt-A-Trail in the Sandia Mountains. This year, we'll concentrate on the upper 2 miles of the trail, and the good folks at the Sandia Peak Tramway have graciously agreed to transport twenty volunteers to the top of the mountain. From there, we'll hike about 2-1/2 miles to the trail before beginning work. Work will include clearing several stretches of encroaching scrub oak and brush, maintaining the trail outslope, cleaning out existing water bars and installing new ones where appropriate, and potentially removing fallen trees. The total length of the hike will be about 6-1/2 miles, and at the end of the day

we'll shuttle everyone from the Elena Gallegos Picnic area back to their cars.

This project is strictly limited to twenty volunteers, and you must sign up by September 14th so that we can provide the Tramway with an accurate count. We'll assemble at the Tramway base at 8:00 AM. From I-40, take Exit 167, Tramway Blvd (NM 556), and travel north 8.4 miles to Tramway Rd, turn right on Tramway Rd and travel 1 mile to the Tramway parking lot. From I-25, take Exit 234 and travel east on Tramway Rd for 4.9 miles before turning left on Tramway Rd and traveling 1 mile to the Tramway parking lot.

Volunteers will need to bring water, snacks, and their own lunch. Long pants, long sleeves, and gloves are required. Rain gear is recommended. Charlie will be coordinating the shuttle service, so please let him know if you can help with that.

Future Volunteer Opportunities

The Rancho del Chaparral Girl Scout Camp project originally scheduled for September 18 and 19 has been cancelled. The remaining projects for the year are:

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, October 9 through Sunday, October 10

Chaco Culture National Historical Park, Saturday, October 16 through Sunday, October 17

Cerrillos Hills State Park, Saturday, October 23

Mark your calendars and watch for more details in the October newsletter and on the list serve.

Build Trails, Win Prizes!

By Bill Velasquez

We are ecstatic to announce that REI is again sponsoring a Build Trails Win Prizes promotion for the second half of our project season! Here's how it works:



Starting with your second project of the season, each volunteer will receive one entry in the drawing for every project they work! So, if you went on an early season project and haven't been back out there, you have lots of opportunities to do so before our season ends! Examples:

Volunteer went on Burro Mountains Project and then goes on Pino Trail Project = one entry!

Volunteer went on St Peter's Dome Trail Project and Sitting Bull Falls Trail Project = one entry!

Volunteer goes on Rio Chama Raft Project, Goose Lake Project, and Pino Trail Project = two entries!

Prizes will be 20 - \$25 REI Gift Cards to be drawn by random raffle of names entered at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner! You need not be present to win, but you are limited to one card only, so whether

you have 8 entries or 1, you can still only win once. We are also grateful to REI for donating over \$3,000 of additional funds for food for all remaining projects and for a kitchen and tool upgrade!

THANKS REI!!

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Share your Photos

Photographs taken of your project can be shared via a slide show in the Projects Page of our website. Select a dozen of your most interesting shots, write captions for each, and send them to Lowell Hioki (Lhioki@msn.com). To see the slide shows, go to the Projects Page, and click on “Click Here for the NMVFO 2010 Projects and Slide Shows”. Many thanks to the project leaders and/or photographers who have submitted photos to share!

There is also a new slide show on our webpage called “An Introduction to NMVFO Projects”. Click on “See a slide show” on the home page to view.

Reminders for Project Volunteers

Volunteers should bring their own eating gear: plate, cup and utensils. After meals, volunteers should help with cleanup, both your own as well as the cooking gear. *Remember, just like you, our cooks are all volunteers and a thank you for a meal well done helps keep them cooking for us.* Volunteers should also bring a camp chair.

Need Camping Equipment?

VFO has a dome tent, a 0° sleeping bag and foam mattress pad available on a first-come, first-served basis; check with the project leader if you want to borrow them. Another source is REI, in Albuquerque near I-25 and Montano and in Santa Fe at the Railyard; they have a wealth of camping (and other) equipment for rent, including tents, sleeping bags, and sleeping pads. The New Mexico Mountain Club also has equipment available for rent for its members: nmmtclub@gmail.com



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