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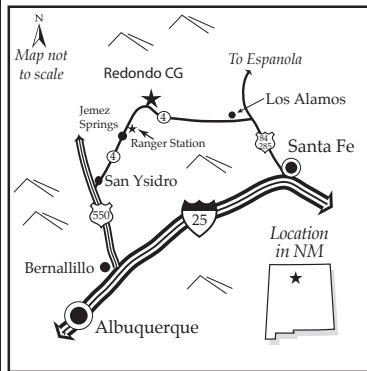
NMVFO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

East Fork Spurs



Saturday, June 14 through Sunday,
June 15, 2008

Project Leader: Bill Metz 505-286-1029 after 6 PM



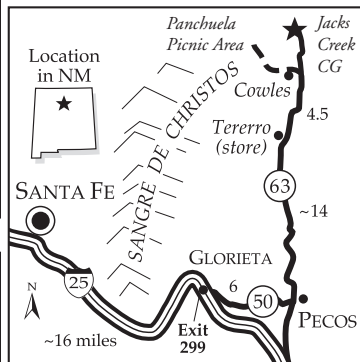
Come and join the NMVFO and the Jemez Ranger District as they work on trails in the Jemez Mountains. This project welcomes ALL volunteers, children, adults, and pets! However, dogs MUST be people and pet friendly. Pet owners must control their dogs and clean up after them, both at the campground and on the trail. We will camp at Redondo Camp Ground which is on the left side of the road and 0.4 of a mile past mile marker 28 on State Road 4 when traveling from Jemez Springs. When entering the camp ground, take the first road to the right, Loop sites 6-17 will be reserved for us. Bring camp chairs and tables if you have them. Chef Micky will serve hot breakfasts both Saturday and Sunday mornings, and dinner Saturday night. Assemble-it-yourself lunch fixings will be available Sat. morning. Please dress in comfortable layers. Long pants, long-sleeved shirts, sturdy boots, hats, good gloves, rain gear and sunscreen are recommended. Drivers, please record your one way mileage to the project. The VFO will be reimbursed based on mileage. To sign up, please call Bill Metz: 505 286-1029 after 6:00 PM, or email Phyllis Martinez at pmartinez02@fs.fed.us

Pecos Backpack XV



Saturday, June 21 through
Sunday, June 29, 2008

Project Leader: Kevin
Balciar 505-293-1477
kevin@soleilwest.com



This year's project will focus on the Trail 251 between Pecos Baldy and Horse Thief Meadow. A portion of Trail 256 will also be re-conditioned. The trail has numerous blow downs and a severe erosion problem at a major switch back. The trail tread has not been maintained in a number of years. Trail work will include water bars, clearing the trail of trees, pruning, check dams and other drainage structures. Most of the work will be above 10,000 feet. There will be occasional views of the Pecos Valley and Puerto Nambe. Most of the trail work will be well sheltered with engleman spruce and ponderosa pine. At the time of this writing, the project has not been previewed by the project leader, and some minor changes to the work may occur. Please sign up early to receive updates about the project. A base camp has not been established. The hike from the Jacks Creek campground via Trail 259 to Trail 256 is approximately 5.0 miles with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. All food will be provided for the entire nine days. Wednesday, June 25 is a non-working day, to allow volunteers to enjoy the splendor of the Wilderness. Volunteers may come for the entire nine days, a weekend or just a few days. Interested volunteers should contact Kevin Balciar for project updates. The sign-up deadline is June 16.

June General Membership Meeting

Don't forget! All are welcome to our general monthly membership meeting the first Wednesday of every month through our season. This month's meeting is June 4th at 7pm. For all you new volunteers, Bill Velasquez will give a short presentation on proper trail maintenance. If you weren't able to attend his popular class at REI, this is your chance! In addition, photos of the May projects will be shown and June projects will be discussed. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting will be open to questions, comments, and concerns. One lucky attendee will win a door prize! And, as always, nonmembers are welcome to all of our meetings. Meetings are held at The Courtyard @ Cutler. For directions, visit the new web page: www.nmvfo.org and click on the Join the NMVFO link.

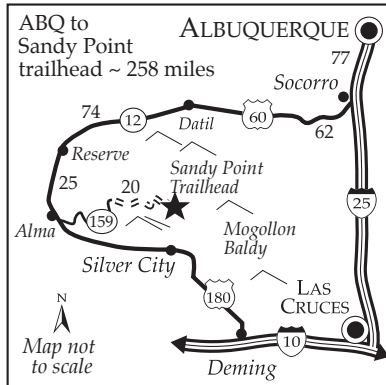


Sandy Point



Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 6, 2008

Project Leaders: Jim Scanlon
& Susan Beck 575-524-6723
scanlon.jim@gmail.com



It's your patriotic duty to join us this 4th of July weekend as we tackle the Crest Trail (#182) high up in the northern Gila. We'll be doing mostly moderate to strenuous tread work with some opportunity to work with crosscut saws. We also hope to improve a spur trail to Bead Spring. Our base camp is at Silver Creek Divide, at the Sandy Point trailhead, along the historic Bursum Road which connects highway 180 to the cool alpine forests in the Gila's Mogollon range. As you ascend the Bursum Road (turnoff between Alma and Glenwood) you gain 4,000 feet in 12 miles and pass through the old mining town of Mogollon. Originally intended to connect the Mogollon mines with Socorro, the the Bursum Road was constructed by convict labor in the early 1900s. This might have been the first NMVFO project! We'll be supplying dinners Friday and Saturday nights; breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and our Forest Service hosts will provide a cook tent, water, ice and a portable toilet. Please bring chairs, rain gear, your own lunches and snacks, a sense of humor, a willingness to work hard all day and relax in the evenings. A special treat will be information on the Giant Lizard People of the Gila. Since this is a 3-day project we want to encourage people to come for all or part of the project. For more information and to sign up (please do!) contact Jim Scanlon (scanlon.jim@gmail.com) or Susan Beck (susabeck@gmail.com). Phone number is 575-524-6723. Leave a message if calling before 6/24.

NMVFO Meals - A Reminder

Just a reminder to volunteers and agency representatives that while NMVFO provides some meals on our projects, we don't always pack extra plates and cups as well as knives, forks and spoons. Project participants should come prepared with their own eating utensils. Also, please remember that after meals, volunteers should help with clean-up. NMVFO cooks spend extra time gathering, planning and preparing our meals. Add to this the extra time to pull equipment and clean it before storage again and you can begin to understand the extra work that they do. If you are not the type who wants to wash plates and other items, please bring your own disposable items. Also remember, just like you, our cooks are all volunteers and a thank-you for a meal well done helps keep them cooking for us.



Two New Projects

Two projects have been added to our 2008 schedule, the Falls Trail and Meadows Trail projects. The Falls Trail is in Bandelier National Monument and The Meadows Trail is on the road from Beaverhead Work Center to Snow Lake in the Gila National Forest. Both are car camps. Go to our web page for more information and a printable version of the new schedule.

Our New, Redesigned Web Page

If you have not visited our new, redesigned web page, check it out at www.nmvfo.org. It has a lot of new features such as many pictures and forms that can be filled out on line, all of which can be printed after being filled out and many can be emailed and saved as well. The latest issue of NMVFO News is easily viewed and a slide show introduction to NMVFO projects is available. More information about our organization is being added as it becomes available.

Behind The Scenes Volunteers

The major volunteer activity of New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors is to work on outdoor projects, but there are other, behind the scenes, activities that are just as important. We have committees that develop next year's project schedule, conduct office work, seek new volunteers, maintain cooking supplies, and promote, raise funds for and publicize the NMVFO. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact one of the board members and he/she will put you in contact with the appropriate person. A list of board members can be found on our web page www.nmvfo.org.

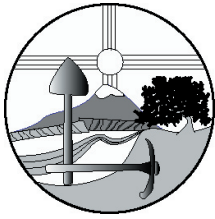
Need Camping Equipment?

If you have been hesitating about going out on a weekend (or longer) NMVFO project because you don't have any camping equipment, you no longer have to worry. Jan Underwood and Cindy Hess have donated a nice dome tent, and the NMVFO has purchased a 0° sleeping bag and foam pad to go with it. The equipment is available on a first-come first-served basis. Just check with the Project Leader if you need to borrow it. If the NMVFO's equipment is already spoken for, there is another good source for camping equipment. The REI outdoor store near I-40 and Montgomery has a rental department. See you on the trails!

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