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7 Trails of Gold Will Be Back!

As you probably know by now, NMOHVA cancel the upcoming 7 Trails of Gold event due to ridiculously dry conditions and the resulting historically extreme fire danger in the Grants area. We look forward to bringing you a great event Grants, NM **next year**. Until then, do your best to do whatever you can do to help bring rain: water the car and leave it outside, leave the windows



open, camp in a tent (Ed: It has always worked for me!), or do your best rendition of a rain dance. And while we are waiting for the rain, check your credit card statements and PayPal accounts. You should receive credit for a full refund (unless you told us otherwise). Like the summer monsoon rains, it may take a while for the credit to show in your account as credit card companies like to hold on to the refunds until the next billing cycle. If you haven't received a refund by next month, I know and we will "re-check" the refund from our end.

Thanks for everyone's understanding and patience in what has been a very frustrating and trying situation - and we hope to see you all soon at another NMOHVA event.

New Mexico Hosts National Observed Trials Event

Roswell, NM - The New Mexico Trials Association hosted the North America Council (NATC) Moto Trials series at Haystack Mountain OHV Park in Roswell, NM on April 21-22. NMOHVA was a proud sponsor of the event and NMOHVA President Dean Tulk attended, along with many other NMOHVA members. I had two days of watching some of the best riders in the country as well as many local NM riders (young and not so young) defy gravity with skill and precision that was beyond belief. The event was well attended and well received by the local community. "I learned a lot about a sport I didn't know much about and I look forward to attending future Trials events. I might even have to try this sport myself," said Dean.

A few photos of incredible riders defying gravity:





Photos courtesy of Curtis Kohl

NMOHVA would like to thank the New Mexico Trials Association and its men for allowing us to be a part of the event and for all the hard work they do to keep this family-friendly motor sport alive and thriving.

Forest Plan Revision Update

There have NO updates from any of the five New Mexico Forests on their ongoing plan revisions since last month so, instead, we bring you the latest restrictions from all the Forests:

Santa Fe National Forest - **The biggest change is that the Santa Fe National Forest implemented a forest-wide closure order on June 1, 2018, prohibiting public access to the 1.6 million-acre forest.** Fire danger on the SFNF remains very high to extreme due to acute drought conditions. The closure order will remain in effect until the forest receives significant moisture and conditions have improved. The closure order prohibits all recreational activities on the SFNF. Campgrounds, trails and trailheads, National Forest System roads will be closed to the general public.

The SFNF implemented Stage 2 fire restrictions back on May 7 which prohibits campfires and other activities. In spite of the Stage 2 restrictions, forest law enforcement and fire prevention personnel have counted more than 120 abandoned campfires across the forest, including at least 84 over the Memorial Day weekend.

Carson National Forest - Forest-wide Stage II restrictions are still in place (including campfires among the restrictions). In addition, the east side of the Valle Vidal is closed until further notice due to the Ute Park Fire, which is south of the Valle Vidal.

Cibola National Forest - The Magdalena District has joined the Sandia, Mt. Taylor, and Mountainair Districts by going to Stage II restrictions on the San Mateo, Datil and Magdalena Mountain ranges (Gallinas and Bear Mountains in Stage I Fire Restrictions).

Gila National Forest - The entire Gila National Forest is under Stage 1 restrictions (campfires only in developed campgrounds).

Lincoln National Forest - The Smokey Bear and Sacramento Districts are under Stage II restrictions and the Guadalupe Ranger District is under Stage I restrictions.

NMOHVA encourages all of you to check with your local Forest Service office

prior to any activities as fire conditions and restrictions can change rapidly.

Sierra County Joins Growing List Allowing UTV's on Designated Roads

Sierra County recently voted to allow limited OHV on county roads in compliance with New Mexico OHV law. Please remember that this does NOT include state highways so make sure you are aware of who has jurisdiction over the road which you are riding.

Truth or Consequences has put a similar proposed ordinance on hold for more "study". If you are a local T or C resident or visit the area, please get in touch with the city commissioners and tell them to support legalized OHV use on streets. The email addresses for the commissioners are: steve.green@torcnm.org, sandra.whitehead@torcnm.org, kathy.clark@torcnm.org, rolf.hechler@torcnm.org, paul.baca@torcnm.org, jafuentes@torcnm.org.

The NM Department of Game and Fish has compiled and updates the list of New Mexico counties and municipalities that have adopted ordinances that allow OHV use. The list can be found [HERE](#).

Be a "Fire Wise" User of Public Lands



If we do get an opportunity to recreate in the Forest again, remember your "fire-wise" responsibilities as a good steward of our land:

1. **Follow all public-use restrictions and access closures - It is important to check with local agencies about any closures or fire restrictions before venturing onto public land.**
2. Be prepared - Carry a shovel and a fire extinguisher in your vehicle and
3. Call 911 immediately if you see a roadside fire and give an accurate description of the size and location of the fire including mile marker information, the side of the road (are you traveling east, west etc.), the last exit you passed or nearest landmark.
4. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER leave a camp fire unattended. The best advice is even start one if there is any significant fire danger. If you must have a fire make sure the fire is completely out and cold to the touch before leaving.
5. Report, or better yet, extinguish any unattended fires you encounter.
6. Make sure you have an approved (and functioning!) spark arrestor on your motorcycle, ATV or UTV. Here are a couple of quick and useful guides on spark arresters:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm-ukCDRHSI>

<https://www.fs.fed.us/eng/pubs/html/03511307/03511307.htm>

7. Make sure your other small internal combustion engines (think portable generator, generator in your RV, chain saw, etc.) have a spark arrestor in good condition.
8. Make sure your vehicle's exhaust system is fully in place and free of holes and leaks. Don't stop or park a vehicle with tall grass or other easily combustible material underneath it.
9. If pulling a trailer, make sure the safety chains are securely attached and do not drag on the ground. Dragging chains or other metallic objects creates sparks and can start roadside fires.

Upcoming Events

June 8-10 - 7 Trails of Gold (Moto/ATV/UTV/4WD) Event at Grants, NM
been **CANCELLED**.

Aug 9-12 - Enchanted Circle Adventure Ride - KTM / AMA National Adventure Riding Series, Taos Ski Valley, NM

Sep 7-9 - 34th Annual Bavarian Mountain Weekend Rally, Sipapu, NM

Oct 19-21 - 7th Annual Rubber Chicken Ride, Truth or Consequences, NM

See the [NMOHVA Calendar](#) for all the upcoming event details and contact information.

Do you have an upcoming 2018 event to share? Contact NMOHVA at newsletter@nmohva.org for a listing in the newsletter and on the NMOHVA website calendar.

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