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Presidents Notes

Hello Everyone,

Next meeting will be at Mystery Rock, west of Los Lunas. It's an interesting place to visit. It sounds way cool and I personally am looking forward to this.

We'll rendezvous at the pull off on Rt 6 just past the Wal-Mart at 6 PM and caravan out. If you want to meet us there, take Highway 6 West of Los Lunas about 15 miles. Cross the Rio Puerco river bed and take the first road left, cross RR tracks and go about 200 yards to the Entrance of the Land Fill and park your car.

Bring a sack dinner and plenty of water, long pants and hiking boots recommended...bug spray too!! It's about a mile hike and is narrow and difficult with steep drop-off in places according to the blog.

Any question call Rodney 859-250-2190, he's been there a few times. After we hike, we will rendezvous back at the cars and have a tailgate party dinner...woohoo!

Joanne, Christine, Rodney and I had an awesome time on Trail 137 East Fork in the Jemez, and I gotta tell you it is one of the most beautiful places in New Mexico. It smelled like pine and the trail was dirt for the most part, up and down hills and several water crossings once we descended to the river. It really makes you appreciate what we have in our own backyard. Don't miss out on this one. You'll have another chance on the Valle Caldera ride on the July 17-19 weekend outing. It's only about 2 miles north of the Tr 137 trailhead entrance for that ride. If you've been to Cochiti, it's twice as nice and you don't have to ride up any rock road for an hour to get to the Pines. It was just incredible. It was also nice with only a few of us; we all stayed together and could carry on some wonderful conversations.

Reminder...Riley to Magdalena ride is this Friday....plan on spending the night Thursday...Friday night is a street dance in Magdalena for the Old Timer's Days....it's a really good time! Hope to see you there. Call me 861-1025 if you want some more details.

Becky

June Training Ride

About 15 members and guests showed up for the ride around the Cerrillos Hills area. The weather was a little iffy (showers in the area), and a few drops fell, but the crew persevered and enjoyed the ride and the scenery.

CALENDAR

Thu-Fri, 9-10 Jul	Riley/Magdalena Ride – Call Becky 861-1025
Wed, 15 Jul	June Monthly Business Meeting - 6:00 PM Potluck at Mystery Rock – Rendezvous at pull off on Rt 6 past WalMart
Fri-Sun, 17-19 Jul	Training ride and Camping at Valle Caldera Call John Young of the Socorro Chapter – 363-4943
Fri-Sun, 31Jul – 2 Aug	Work Project – Call Rick – 869-2388 NOTE CHANGE IN DATES! Weekend Project on the Continental Divide Trail
11-13 September	BCHNM Rendezvous Gila National Forest – Make your plans NOW!

Valle Caldera Horse Camping and Training Ride

The Socorro Chapter is organizing a horse camping and training ride in the Valle Caldera the weekend of 17-19 June. John Young is organizing the event. They'll be camping Saturday and Sunday at \$10 per day. You need to reserve a spot for the ride on the Valle Caldera web site http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/horse/horse_howtoapply.aspx Call John for details – 363-4943.

Continental Divide Trail Work Project

For the ninth year, we'll be working on the Continental Divide Trail around Pelona Mountain supporting the BLM Office in Socorro. **WE'VE MOVED THE DATE TO THE WEEKEND OF 31 JUL-2AUG TO DECONFLICT WITH THE STATE BOARD MEETING.** The current plan is to put out trail markers and sign posts in an area East of Pelona Mountain. This part of the trail used to be BLM land, but was swapped and is now part of the Adobe Ranch. The part of the trail we'll be working is flat, open grasslands – not very exciting area. We'll be camping on BLM land in the Chavez Draw, which is a couple miles from the trail –the camping area is in some nice country, so we'll also get some good riding in. More details at the July meeting. The area is about a 2½ hour haul from Los Lunas, so this will be an overnighter for most of us.

Dome Wilderness Work Project

No new information yet. JoAnn has been playing phone tag with Phyllis Martinez of the Jemez Ranger District on finishing clearing the last section of a trail in the Dome Wilderness. It was originally organized for Wednesday, 6 May, but Phyllis had to cancel. Call JoAnn (864-1254) if you want to be on the list of participants. This will be a walking project that will probably be scheduled for mid-week. Watch the newsletter and e-mails for updates.

Country Supply Connection

Don't forget our partnership with Country Supply and the rebate that goes to the Chapter. Go to <http://www.countrysupply.com> and order as usual. When you go to check out, there is a box to enter our "Country Care" code - "mrgbchnm." Just enter the code and the Chapter gets a contribution.



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