



United Four Wheel Drive Associations

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UFWDA eNews May 2014

UFWDA congratulate Del Albright on his recognition by the Off Road Hall of Fame in 2014. Del is currently the BRC Director of Operations.

As an international organization, UFWDA are pleased to again welcome the renewal of membership from the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association Inc. and invite other similar organizations to join with us to 'promote, protect and provide 4x4 opportunities worldwide'. There are four wheelers everywhere and if we unite, with our individual strengths combined, 4x4 recreation may be able to eventually balance the debate about vehicle use off road.

With very similar recreational access goals and many dual memberships, both Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) and UFWDA will confer on occasions about land use issues and there's been suggestions of looking at ways to improve the existing relationships. If there's interest in openly discussing this idea, UFWDA will set up a topic on our forum to look at the 'pros and cons'.

UFWDA has vacancies on the Board for several roles... if you've the time and enthusiasm, please consider putting yourself forward for election now.

Remember also to send us nominations for the annual awards that are announced at the time of our annual meeting. There are [four to be awarded this year](#):

THE JACK EDWARDS MEMORIAL,
FOUR WHEELER OF THE YEAR,
ENVIRONMENTAL FOUR WHEELER OF THE YEAR and
VOLUNTEER CONSERVATION AWARD

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United Four Wheel Drive Associations 2014 AGM Webinar

When: Tuesday, June 24, 2014

Time: 8:30 PM – 10:00 PM - EDST

Whether you refer to us as United Four Wheel Drive Associations; UFWDA; United; or some other affectionate term: Please join us for this year's AGM. This year's AGM promises to be the most cost efficient method we could think of to update our Membership on our activities.

We also have the business of the Association that requires your input as we will host elections, determine the deserving winners of the various awards and ask what actions you would have us direct your monies and our attention to improving your land access rights.

Registration:

■ Delegate Credential Form is due no later than June 15, 2014 –you may request the form by sending an email to treasurer@ufwda.org .

■ Ambassador, Lifetime or Individual Members may register by sending an email to treasurer@ufwda.org .

Award Submission(s) are due no later than June 15, 2014- – You may access the Award Criteria/Forms from the SOP at: <http://www.ufwda.org/who-we-are/ufwda-standard-operating-procedures/> ; you may also request the specific criteria by sending an email to treasurer@ufwda.org.

Organizational Reports are due no later than June 15, 2014 for inclusion in the UFWDA Annual Report (There is no standard format and we simply ask you to tell us a little about your organization and what you have been up to over the last year).

Please email Delegate Credential Form, Award Submissions and Organizational Reports to treasurer@ufwda.org .

You may also "Snail Mail" to Arrive No Later Than June 18, 2014 to:

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We are still seeking Nominations for the following positions:

- **President**
- **International Vice-President**
- **Director of Membership**

The Nominating Committee Questions for any position may be obtained by sending an email request to nominations@ufwda.org

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We also need to be thinking about our vacant positions. Let us not forget we have the following **vacancies** in need of being filled:

■ **Director of Environmental Affairs**

■ **Treasurer**

The Individual appointed to this position would serve the remainder of said term and be eligible for re-election at our 2015 AGM

The current bod appeals to all delegates and organizations to seek out individuals to fill the positions needed to aid each and every one that has a passion for our sport. UFWDA is comprised of volunteers and needs your involvement to sustain the fight of Land Access.

An explanation for any position may be obtained from the SOP at: <http://www.ufwda.org/who-we-are/ufwda-standard-operating-procedures/> ; or you may also request the specific criteria by sending an email request to nominations@ufwda.org

Help UFWDA Help You, Our Sport and Your Organization!

You are an integral piece of the puzzle in determining the future of land access rights for our sport.

We look forward to sharing with you at this year's AGM, while you relax in the comfort of your easy chair at home, sitting in your vehicle, or resting in your hammock in the backyard.

Federal judge rules against fees at national forests

Published May 07, 2014

LOS ANGELES – A federal judge has ruled that the U.S. Forest Service can no longer charge fees for visitors who simply park and explore in undeveloped areas of the Cleveland, Los Padres, Angeles and San Bernardino national forests.

The Orange County Register says the decision is a victory for four hikers who contended that Southern California forests were improperly requiring them to buy an Adventure Pass even when they didn't use any developed facilities.

The Forest Service is reviewing last week's ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Terry Hatter Jr. In the meantime, visitors can park for free unless they use amenities like toilets or picnic tables.

The regional pass costs \$5 a day or \$30 annually.

The Forest Service has been overhauling fees nationwide, spurred in part by similar lawsuits.

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2014/05/07/federal-judge-rules-against-fees-at-national-forests/>

Rock Junction and Off Road Show - 2014

By Jerry Smith

For the last several years, the Grand Mesa Jeep Club of Grand Junction, Colorado, has conducted their Rock Junction and Off Road Show. The "Show" is on the first Saturday of June out at the Mesa County Fairgrounds in Grand Junction.

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The three days prior to the “Show” are devoted to “Rock Junction”. Rock Junction is three days of non-competitive trail riding on some of western Colorado and eastern Utah’s premier 4-wheel drive trails. Trails from mild to very wild are available for those of all levels of enjoyment and skill.

Each day starts out from Grand Junction with Grand Mesa Jeep Club members leading the way to Jeeping heaven. Many of the entrants have made their annual pilgrimage in search of challenging trails on some of the most beautiful public lands in the whole U.S.

Trails like: 21 Road, Billings Canyon, Die Trying, Calamity Mesa Loop, Pace Lake, Rangely Off Road Park, Boulder Canyon, and others will give plenty of thrills and excitement. If you enjoy obstacles, we **can** provide!

After the long day on the trail each of the three days, entrants are invited to a sponsored BBQ to reminisce their experiences with others who have just had their own.

One word of caution for those intending to experience these trails ---- practice your smile for several days in advance. Otherwise your face will hurt by the end of each trip.



You’ll want to stay for the Off Road Show on Saturday. Vendors from a very wide area display some of their wares and will aid you in the modifications to your 4X4. The 2013 Off Road Show had an estimated 3000+ visitors.

You may sign-up for Rock Junction at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-mesa-jeep-clubs-rock-junction-tickets-11012870793?ref=enivtefor001&invite=NTYxMTgyMS9vbmVqc21pdGhAeWFob28uY29tLzA%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=attend

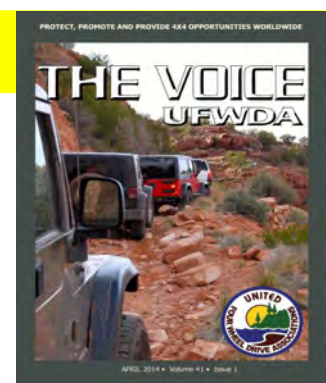
We look forward to leading you to Jeeping nirvana.

UFWDA online magazine 'Voice'

The pending edition of the UFWDA Voice is still running late, but here's a teaser of what it will look like shortly.

UFWDA are happy to consider publishing members views on the issues that impact our recreation.

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The Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame

The Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame (ORMHOF) announced today the 2014 Class of Inductees.

Del Albright, David Ashley, Marty Fiolka, the late Nye Frank, and Bill Sanders will have their names added to the venerable list of those who have committed their lives to the off-road community.

The five Inductees' widespread accomplishments cover a number of arenas in the sport including off-road racing, and acting as pioneers of the industry, journalism and advocacy. Their legacies will be celebrated and displayed for the public, in Gallery Four within the famed National Automobile Museum - *the Harrah Collection*- located in Reno, Nevada. They join names synonymous with the sport including Parnelli Jones, Malcolm Smith, Rob MacCachren, Larry Roeseler, Walker Evans, and Rod Hall, as well as many others who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the sport prosper and grow.

The Induction Class was chosen by an eighteen-member voting panel on the basis of significant contribution to off-road motorsports- beyond wins and sport affiliation.

All nominees must have at least fifteen years of experience and involvement, as well as have built, designed, driven, maintained, owned, prepared, piloted, promoted, or ridden an off-road vehicle or supported the off-road industry. They are characterized by their desire to win, the mastery of their field, and their courage to innovate. Each Inductee has made a significant contribution to off-road motorsports in at least one of the following aspects: Business, History, Design, Engineering, Prestige of the Sport, and/or Growth of the Sport.

This year's Induction Ceremonies will introduce a new venue, as the Inductees will be honored Sunday, November 2, 2014 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the South Point Hotel and Casino. For further information, visit the ORMHOF website: www.ormhof.org or email at info@ormhof.org.

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Southern Four Wheel Drive Association Gaining Momentum



On the heels of an exciting first quarter of 2014, SFWDA is building on the momentum of renewed enthusiasm! Following the launch of a new website and logo; and an expansion of its use of Social Media, the second quarter has been very successful.

We've had three outstanding events. The Rattlerock Club 4 Wheeling for the Cure April event at Windrock Park in Oliver Springs, Tennessee raised over \$17,000 for St. Jude's Children's hospital. The East Tennessee Four Wheel Drive Club and KnoxOffRoad.com supported this very successful charity fund raising event.

Also in April was the 11th Annual Mud 4 Blood held by the Georgia Bounty Runners near Atlanta, Georgia at which 86 pints of blood were collected for Life South's Community Blood Centers in May was kicked off with the 11th Annual TrailFest, held at Adventure Off Road Park just outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee. This event has grown from 43 attendees in 2013 to over 140 in 2014!

Next we look forward to the 28th SFWDA Dixie Run to be held September 25-28, 2014 at Golden Mountain Park in Sparta, Tennessee. Come join our journey and fun weekend in the Tennessee Mountains.

Additionally, SFWDA has worked toward broader business engagement and building a member-driven grant process on both public and private lands. The SFWDA Grant program is aimed at advancing the core missions of our association... **Conservation, Education, and Recreation**...for all OHV enthusiasts. The SFWDA Grant program awarded the first grant to the Friends of Uwharrie and Carolina Trail Blazers 4WD Club for access road improvements to and within the Uwharrie National Forest. The project is nearing completion and a complete report will be forthcoming to all our SFWDA members and supporters.



Up next is the Memorial Day Bash hosted by the Damn Locals 4x4 Club, Tracy City, TN on May 23-26, 2014; and a SFWDA Meet and Ride hosted by the Georgia Bounty Runners on June 14, 2014 at Beasley Knob OHV, Blairsville, GA. Come join our journey and support the Southern Four Wheel Drive Association. If you would like to become a part of Southern Four Wheel Drive Association or to learn more, please check us out at www.SFWDA.org and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SFWDA/>.

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EPA Releases Interactive Mapping Tool, EnviroAtlas, for Improved Ecosystem Planning

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [released EnviroAtlas](#), a web-based interactive tool that integrates over 300 separate data layers, helping decision makers understand the implications of planning and policy decisions on ecosystems and the communities who depend on them. EnviroAtlas is designed to help decision makers understand the benefits or impacts of a decision, such as siting a new road or city park.

Cal4Wheel... Clear Creek Bill

[Subcommittee to hold hearings on Clear Creek bill](#)

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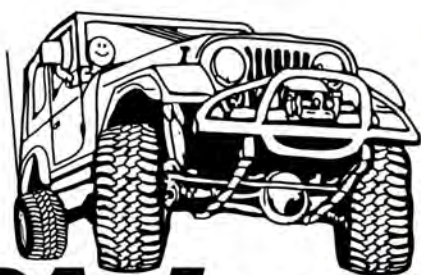
On **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. (ET) in room 1324 Longworth House Office Building**, the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation will hold a legislative hearing on the following bills:

- **H.R. 1776** (Farr), To establish the Clear Creek National Recreation Area in San Benito and Fresno Counties, to designate the Joaquin Rocks Wilderness in such counties, to designate additional components of the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes. *"Clear Creek National Recreation Area and Conservation Act"*
- **H.R. 2175** (Johnson, OH), To direct the Secretary of the Interior to install in the area of the World War II Memorial in the District of Columbia a suitable plaque or an inscription with the words that President Franklin D. Roosevelt prayed with the United States on June 6, 1944, the morning of D-Day. *"World War II Memorial Prayer Act of 2013"*
- **H.R. 2489** (DeFazio), To modify the boundary of the Oregon Caves National Monument, and for other purposes. *"Oregon Caves Revitalization Act of 2013"*
- **H.R. 3806** (Meadows), To authorize payment of funds in accordance with the agreement entered into by the Tennessee Valley Authority, the State of North Carolina, Swain County, North Carolina, and the United States Department of the Interior. *"Great Smoky Mountains National Park Agreement Act of 2013"*
- **H.R. 4049** (Duffy), To amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes. *"Ashland Breakwater Light Transfer Act"*
- **H.R. 4272** (Walden), To stop implementation and enforcement of the Forest Service travel management rule and to require the Forest Service to incorporate the needs, uses, and input of affected communities before taking any travel management action affecting access to units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, and for other purposes. *"Forest Access in Rural Communities Act"*

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Check out the new look Cal4Wheel website <http://www.cal4wheel.com/>

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UFWDA forum

Are you aware of the information listed on the UFWDA 'forum' attached to our website? You can find postings of legislative decisions, land use matters on a regional basis and updates.

To join the UFWDA forum requires an application to the admin team (to avoid spammers and the work to manage them) Simply email forums@ufwda.org to request registration.

Pace Lake Pre-run 2014

By Jerry Smith

To make some of the trips on Rock Junction a pleasure trip rather than a work trip, we must pre-run some trails to assure they will be passable, safe, and very enjoyable for our guests.

Rock Junction is three days of non-competitive trail riding on some of western Colorado and eastern Utah's premier 4-wheel drive trails from June 4th - June 6th. Trails from mild to very wild are available for those of all levels of enjoyment and skill.

Each day starts out from Grand Junction with Grand Mesa Jeep Club members leading the way to Jeeping heaven. Many of the entrants have made their annual pilgrimage in search of challenging trails on some of the most beautiful public lands in the whole U.S.

The Pace Lake road is one such trail.

Colorado winters can ravage many roads and trails in our American BackCountry. Some of the "ravaging" can provide obstacles we all look forward to. Then there is the "show-stopping" variety that require removal or "enhancing" to make them passable.

Having experienced some of the "show-stopping" variety a few years ago on two of our more difficult intermediate trails, we have taken to pre-running them to assure they are passable without the work to make them that way.

It also provides a good excuse to get out early in the spring for some post-winter exercise and Jeeping. Who needs an excuse to go Jeeping??

Historically speaking, Pace Lake requires removal of downed trees and rock falls from the road surface and some erosion mitigation.



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Every two years it also requires a substantial effort to trim back paint removing scrub oak and mountain ash that have grown into the trail. This was the second year.

From the trailhead, Pace Lake is mostly 12-miles of bad road (or very good Jeep trail – depending on your view point). As you gain altitude, many layers of varying rock formations are passed through with abrupt edges and rocks from sand-size to huge to gyrate over. If you don't care for very rough trails, avoid this one. The headshake can be overwhelming.

On this pre-run, most of the work required was of the brush trimming variety. Miles of the paint scratching bushes were trimmed back to allow a safe passage for those to come.

Pace Lake will be ready to welcome our valued Rock Junction guests. There are still plenty of obstacles and severe off-camber experiences to be had, but your paint will be intact if you can stay on the trail.

You may now signup for ROCK JUNCTION online at:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-mesa-jeep-clubs-rock-junction-tickets-11012870793?ref=enivtefor001&invite=NTYxMTgyMS9vbmVqc21pdGhAeWFob28uY29tLzA%3D&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv2&utm_term=attend

Come have the Jeeping experience of your life.

Collector Car Appreciation Day

A wide range of automotive events are held on the second Friday in July to honor [Collector Car Appreciation Day \(CCAD\)](#). At the request of the [SEMA Action Network \(SAN\)](#), this “holiday” has been marked each year since 2010 by a U.S. Senate Resolution recognizing that the “collection and restoration of historic and classic cars is an important part of preserving the technological achievements and cultural heritage of the United States.” As this annual event continues to grow worldwide, states, provinces, counties and cities are following suit with their own recognition. The SAN encourages participation throughout the month of July to honor the classics of the past and the future.

Celebrate the hobby your way:

- Attend an official vehicle-inspired event.
- Host your own gathering or club meeting.
- Promote a “holiday sale” at your business.
- Drive your special ride, new or old, whatever the destination.

Plan and submit your July event at no cost, locate a listing near you and more on the [SAN website](#) (participating organizers will be awarded a copy of the congressional resolution for display at each registered event).

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UFWDA on Facebook and Twitter too

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Find UFWDA on [Twitter](#) as @ufwdaorg

You may even find other information on Twitter

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