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YOUR MONTHLY CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2010

A FAMILY FOUR-WHEELING CLUB DEDICATED TO THE MOTTO "TREAD LIGHTLY!"



Upcoming Club Runs (1-5 rating)

Check the Havasu 4 Wheelers Website for updates on runs and events: www.havasu4wheelers.org

- High Line Trail (3.0)..... Oct. 2nd
8:00am, End of Bison, Willie Williams
- Goat Hill Passage (3.0) Oct. 6th
8:00am, End of Fantom Rd., Willie Williams
- Copperhead-CA (3.75) Oct. 9th
8:00am, Sara Park, Snake Williams
- Eagle Trail Pass (2.0) Oct. 9th
9:00am, Terribles @95/I-40, Bruce Speirs
- Boriana Mine Run (3.25) Oct. 14th
8:00am, Terribles @ 95/I-40, Kathylyne Speirs
- London Bridge Days Parade Oct. 16th
TBA, Mike MacLean
- Upper Jupiter (3.50) Oct. 26th
8:30am, Scenic Turnout, Sue Guibord
- Wobblin Gobbilin Oct. 31st
"Night Run" 6:30pm, End of Challenger, Willie Williams

Other Club Happen's

- Trail Comments Workshop Oct. 12th
10:30am - 6:00pm, Library, Darryld Kautzmann
- Pizza in the Park Oct. 16th
5:00pm, Jack Hardy Park, Willie Williams
- Trail Comments Workshop Oct. 18th
5:00pm - 9:00pm, Library, Darryld Kautzmann
- Next H4W Board Meeting Oct. 25th
2:00pm, Speir's Residence
- Cooks Night Out Oct. 26th
5:00pm, Schlotzsky's, 2144 McCulloch Blvd., Tom Fulmer
- Men's Breakfast Oct. 28th
8:00am, Bad Miguel's, Bruce Speirs
- Next H4W Membership Meeting Oct. 28th
7:00pm, Realtor's Center

Please Note: Please be at the departure location 20 minutes before the departure time.

Residents Message

September kicked off the beginning of another season of running the trails and fun activities. And we continue to welcome many members back home from "out in the cold" somewhere.



To get us moving again I am calling on you trail bosses to start looking at some maps and the club's activities calendar now and submit some runs. It's easy to do with our web site's automated submittal form. And if each trail boss would commit to just one run a month we're covered. To help in the effort and to keep everyone communicating we had a Trail Boss meeting in September - with more to follow regularly. For those of you wanting to start leading runs contact Willie Williams - we will get you all set up. Remember - NO DUST AT THE FRONT!

The annual London Bridge Days parade will be October 16th so mark your calendars now. And to make a statement to the public and BLM that we H4W'ers are a significant and coordinated group we are requesting a maximum turnout. Mike MacLean is coordinating and I encourage everyone to help make this a successful and fun day. And the fun will continue as Willie Williams will be coordinating a *Pizza Pie in the Park Party* later that day. "Hey Willie at's a nice....."

Our club activities continue with the Veterans' Day parade and our Turkey Fry & Jeep Games in November, and our annual Holiday Party in January. Knowing there is more to life than just partying and four wheeling (no way! really?) we will conduct two highway clean ups, a desert clean up, and a garage sale - this last item the major fund raiser for our club. If asked, help out, and if not volunteer! It's your club so get involved - it's all good stuff!

Now "back to business" - We are heavily engaged with responding to the BLM with comments on their travel management plan for our desert trails. I'll say it again - This is the most critical challenge we as a club have ever faced in our seventeen year history. Our response to the BLM, both as individuals and as an organization, is critical. We will be hosting two comment letter writing clinics with hourly sessions (Oct 12 & 18). Everyone please attend a session and send the BLM a comment letter.

See you on the trails, Bruce



Northwest Passage

7his run was scheduled during the summer with the hope that it would be cooler on Sept 18th. Wrong. Even with the heat we had a total of 10 jeeps on the run. They were either going through withdrawal from not jeeping all summer or they are just die hard jeepers. Either way I sincerely appreciated them coming on the run.

The first part of the run is a little rocky which helped keep the dust down. Everyone did a great job, even on the small waterfalls, so I don't have any scary tales to tell. It was amazing how the summer rains had washed away all the tracks in the washes. Almost felt like we were explorers, discovering a new trail. For lunch we really lucked out and found a tree providing just enough shade for the entire group.

We did take the spur to the Civet Mine, which may be the last since it is on the list of BLM closures. What a great view from that area.

I want to say thank you to the people on the run and a special Thank You to Todd Flesner for being tail gunner.

Willie Williams, Trail Boss



Todd & Diana Flesner

Photo By: Molly Schroeder

CHANGING ADDRESSES.



If you have a change of home address, (in Havasu for the winter) please let us know so we can correct our records and make sure your newsletter gets to you each month.

Remember, its your job to notify us!

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Havasu 4 Wheelers
honors the memory of our friend
and fellow jeeper
Bruce Creed
with a brick on the
Lake Havasu Memorial Walkway
Brick Laying Ceremony
November 13, 2010
8:30am (Tentative)

Check web site www.HavasuFreedomBridge.com

Driving 101 Class

On Tues, 9-21-10, despite the very warm weather, we had 5 participants and 1 spectator for the class. They all did a wonderful job....they are definitely qualified to hit the trails.

We covered some of the basics of traction, throttle control, up and down hill driving, and some pointers on dealing with rocks which of course are quite common when we are jeeping.

I want to say thank you, to those who attended the class and a special Thank You to our instructor, Snake Williams.

Willie Williams, Run Chairperson



Mark Your Calendars

January 21 - 23, 2011

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Information to Follow



Public Lands Access Committee
Monthly
Report



Your Help is Needed to Save Our Trails

To review, the BLM, as part of its Travel Management Program, has released a series of maps showing four alternatives to managing the existing trails and off road routes in the Lake Havasu area. These 4 maps are available on-line by logging onto the Lake Havasu BLM Field Office website www.blm.gov/az/st/en/fo/lake_havasu_field.htm. The BLM also states hard copy maps are available for public viewing at the Havasu Library, the Chamber, and at their local BLM office. The maps are divided as follows: Map A is no change from present, map B is weighted to preservation, Map C is in the middle and the preferred BLM option, and Map D is weighted towards high access. We have made the decision to support map D and to concentrate on documenting the need to return to open status suggested closed trails or portions thereof that we turned in five years ago as our existing and historically used H4W trails.

Phase One is complete - The LHC BLM has extended the written comment period to October 31, 2010.

Phase Two is in progress - Members of the H4W Public Lands Committee is comparing our H4W known trail database in the study area against the trails listed as open / closed in Map Alternative D. The goal will be document why we think they should remain in the trail inventory, and formulate the appropriate responses for the BLM to consider. Darryld Kautzmann's team is focused on this task and this has been no easy job as the BLM has taken all the trails and chopped them into small segments - "routes" in BLM jargon - with over 3,000 "routes" to sift through.

Your Public Lands Committee will provide information on the closed sections (routes) and trails we need the BLM to keep open and will give you suggested terminology you can consider adapting in your letters. Two comment letter writing clinics have scheduled at the Mohave County library as follows:

- > Tuesday October 12th 10:30 AM to 6 PM
- > Monday October 18th 5 to 9 PM

These workshops will focus on what efforts are needed if we want to keep many of our favorite trails open. The BLM is currently set to close many trails in the Havasu area unless overwhelming comments from the public are received. So you see comments are the only tools we have so it is critical that every Havasu 4 Wheeler actively participate in this process. This workshop will give you the knowledge and materials to write an effective comment that the BLM must consider prior any to proposed trails closure actions.

This is our last real opportunity to have input on the trails our club has worked on and devoted five years of effort to preserve. Time is limited as not only must hundreds of route segments be verified, some ground proofing 4X4 explorations into the desert may also be required.

Automatic External Defibrillator

If you want to carry one of the club's Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) on a run, please contact Norm Schlothauer and make arrangements to check one out before your run.

Thanks, Willie Williams



If you know of anyone in the club who might need some cheering up, please call Lisa Bunnell at 855-1780. She will be happy to send cards for any occasion on behalf of the entire Havasu 4 Wheelers membership. ❖

Safety Committee "Trail Talk"

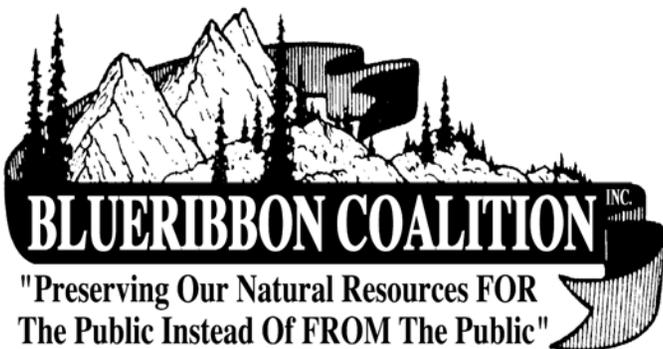


Safety Rant of the Month -

"We don't need no stinking badges" or why Humphrey Bogart was fleeing the Sierra Madre gold mine.

Was it gold fever, or could he have gone batty - or was it just 'cause of the bats? No telling but what you'll find in old abandoned mines - or what may find you - may give you second thoughts about going in. First off mines pose significant hazards such as cave in, vertical shafts to fall down, rotting support timbers, bad air, or unexploded blasting caps or dynamite. They are dark so take a light. Since mines offer a respite from the heat of the desert they serve as convenient homes for snakes, rats, and bats. These critters present hazards too - snakes and bats bite, and bats and rats urinate and defecate. A snake bite means you may have been poisoned. A bat flying out the mine may bite you but the bite is so slight it almost looks like a small scrape - no landing on your neck and sucking your blood - and bats are the #3 carriers of rabies. And walking in a heavily used "Bat Cave" may expose you to "Histoplasmosis" - a serious disease caused by kicking up and breathing in fungal mold spores that grow in dry bat guano. Then the lowly rat - he may expose you to "Hantavirus" by walking through and stirring up his dried urine and feces. This is a very nasty disease that can be fatal. So use caution if you must explore and don't "step in it."

Norm Schlothauer, Safety Officer



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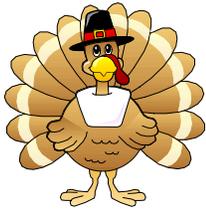
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Havasu 4 Wheelers

Annual Turkey Fry & Jeep Games
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reminder that you have put your
name down to attend, and if you can't
be there, please give the responsible
person a call. Many a run has been
delayed waiting for someone on the
list .



Cook's Night Out

On September 21, 28 H4W members attended
the first Cooks Night Out of the new Jeeping
season. Bar-B-Q Bills was our host restaurant,
as it has been for the last 3 years.

As always, the food was very good and it's
always fun to see returning members. The
"what I did on my summer vacation" stories
were in full swing.

A great time was had by all.

Next Months Cook's night out . . .
Schlotzskys!!! Medium Schlotzsky's sandwich
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We hope to see you there!!
Tom & Linda Fulmer



Chuck Guibord says "I'll JUST have a hamburger"



Treasured Landscapes

By Brian Hawthorne
BRC Public Lands Policy Director

After reading the secret memo detailing the Obama administration's new vision for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), it's easy to understand why Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar worked so hard to keep it quiet. The document, titled "*Our Vision - Our Values*" proposes a total abandonment of the Congressional mandate to manage public lands under the principals of multiple use and sustained yield. Beyond federally managed lands, Salazar's "Vision" expands the federal government's authority over adjacent state, tribal and private lands.

BLM's new "Vision" will sound familiar to BRC members because it is identical to the agenda of the radical environmental groups both in the US and abroad. Basically, it's a plan to expand protective designations such as Wilderness, National Monuments and National Conservation Areas, and manage the remaining BLM lands under a totally new preservation mandate.

The document sets the foundation for this environmental utopia by complaining about jurisdictional boundaries.

We now know that these large-scale ecosystems, watershed, airsheds, and migratory pathways exist and function only at their natural scales, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries.

Those pesky "jurisdictional boundaries" pose quite an issue for employees of the federal government. While you and I look at jurisdictional boundaries as clear distinctions between private property, state or county owned and managed lands, and even sovereign nations (Tribes), these bureaucrats see them as little more than impediments to imposing its will:

Therefore in order to facilitate the transition from current land management system, which is based on jurisdictional boundaries, to a modern landscape-level management system, the BLM proposes to "designate, rationalize, and manage-at-scale" its treasured landscapes holdings.

The document goes on to describe in detail what the three "designate, rationalize, and manage-at-scale" components of the new vision will mean to you and me. Designate, as you might imagine, is a plan to designate more Wilderness, National Parks, National Monuments or other suitable protectionist designations.

The BLM already manages some 130 million acres in protective designations. Salazar's new "Vision" (or nightmare if you are pro-access) will review these designations for sufficiently protective management plans. But 130 million acres isn't quite enough. Salazar's document identifies over 35 million acres of land that is "worthy of special protection, should be considered for a new and/or heightened conservation designation." The document states:

As a critical part of the BLM's conservation agenda, the BLM proposes working closely with the Administration and Congress to determine whether other public lands are suitable for management as National Conservation Areas.

Attachment 3 contains a list of BLM managed lands that may be appropriate for Wilderness or National Conservation Area designation.

The document goes on...

The BLM estimates that approximately 35 million acres of its current land holdings, all of which have been identified by the public as worthy of special protection, should be considered for a new and/or heightened conservation designation.

What do you suppose the document means when it says, "identified by the public as worthy of special protection?" You guessed it! It means identified by The Wilderness Society!

When tabulating the 130 million acres it manages in "protective designations," the document includes lands currently in the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS): National Monuments, National Conservation Areas, Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas, Outstanding Natural Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Scenic and Historic Trails, and Conservation Lands within the California Desert. Also included are critical habitat for listed and sensitive wildlife and plant species and even the new Wild Horse Preserves. NLCS also includes "Special Areas" identified and designated through the land use planning process. These are such things as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Bird Areas, Research Natural Areas, National Natural Landmarks, and other similar designations.

However, the Salazar document also throws Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA) in the list of areas managed under NLCS. SRMA's definitely do not qualify as lands managed under the NLCS, but if the intent is to do so, motorized recreation on BLM lands is in for a very tough ride.

The second key component of the administration's new "vision," is something they are calling "Rationalization." Here, the BLM employees push the bureaucratic mumble-jumbo to its zenith. This is how the document defines the term:

Second, to allow for, more effective landscape-scale management, the BLM should aim to rationalize its land holdings by eliminating existing "checkerboard" land-holdings patterns where,

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possible, and by acquiring parcels, adjacent to its current holdings, if important to preserve its current holdings, if important to preserve ecosystem integrity.

Hey, we don't call them the Bureau of Language Manipulation for nothing! Truly, these bureaucrats have a unique talent for this. They can't call it buying private land, expanding the federal estate and taking lands off the tax roll. No, that wouldn't fly with the general public. They apparently think if they use some totally unrelated work, like, uh, "rationalization" it will all sound so awesome. Dude!

So we'll designate all the really scenic land as National Monuments, we'll buy up, er, I mean "rationalize" all of the private property in and adjacent to public land. What's next?

The third leg in this new Vision is a mandate for new land use plans across the board:

Third, to ensure that BLM's specific land-use decisions are properly situated in their broader contexts, the BLM should commit to managing its consolidated and expanded landholdings at their natural scales, and to coordinating with other federal, state and tribal land owners for the purpose of maintaining healthy wildlife populations, ecosystems, airsheds, watersheds and riparian areas.

More bureaucratic mumble-jumbo. Situating land-use decisions in their "broader context" means the total abandonment of multiple-use sustained yield management. The document explains further:

The final aspect of the first component of BLM's Treasured Landscapes vision recognizes that new conservation designations should not be the only - nor, perhaps, even the primary - means of managing for conservation on BLM's public lands. To that end, BLM also recommends emphasizing conservation values in its land-use planning process, with particular attention focused on two considerations: (a) accounting for the, ecosystem-service values of BLM lands, and (b) the special legal context of conservation management in Wyoming and Alaska.

The rest of the document outlines how BLM will fund this new "Vision," including specific amounts for purchasing private in-holdings. But also for a huge increase in funding for the agency's new conservation mandate:

The BLM recommends that any major funding increases be phased in over a five year period to allow the BLM time to build capacity (e.g. hiring staff, developing partnerships, and processing requisitions) in order to accomplish the increased workload. This would include increased law enforcement and protection activities, expanded resource restoration and conservation activities, improved visitor services, information,

education and interpretation and other activities needed to meet the increasing public demand and expectation for conservation.

Sounds like BLM wants to be the National Park Service, doesn't it?

I mentioned above that it's obvious why Salazar didn't want this document released. The document is a refreshingly honest admission of what the current staff in the Department of Interior and BLM have in mind for our public lands.

In recent "listening sessions" for the America's Great Outdoor Initiative, Secretary Salazar has bent over backward to make the point: "don't worry, we don't have any imminent plans for new National Monuments." In fact, they do have plans for new National Monuments, and more. Much more. It's clear that multiple-use interests are going to have to work with state and local governments to fight against this new "Vision."

It's doubtful the document in total will be formally adopted into BLM policy. But in some Field Offices, it doesn't need to. More and more of BLM's management plans are extremely restrictive, mandating every activity, from hiking to camping to OHV use only occur where BLM approves. In some offices, it really is Their Vision and Their Values.

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--Questions or comments regarding this article should be directed to the BlueRibbon Coalition:

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On The Mend

Happy to report that Norm Schlothauer is recovering nicely from his eye surgery



Quote of the Month

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."

Dale Carnegie

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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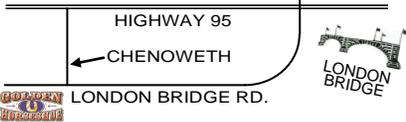
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3	EASIEST MODERATE: 4-wheel drive with aggressive tire treads. Expect a rough road with rocks and sand that requires lower tire pressure. Substantial sections of single lane.
3¼	MODERATE: Some 4 wheel driving experience needed. Same as above with some use of high and low range gearing. These trails have a rough, rutted surface, rocks and deep sand. Sections may be steep enough to cause traction problems, narrow shelf roads with steep drop-offs and tight clearance between rocks.
3½	HARDER MODERATE: For experienced drivers. 33" tires with aggressive tire tread, one locked differential, high and low range gearing. Potentially dangerous, large rocks, ruts, steep slopes, loose surface and narrow clearances that need to be negotiated.
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