



Recreation Insider

Up Coming

We will be holding a meeting to discuss recreation planning on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at the BLM Price Field Office (125 South 600 West, Price). We would like to invite everyone interested in recreation to attend.

Also this month I would like to set up a volunteer project to do some signing. I would like to install a couple of kiosks off Highway 6. Dates and details will be set for this project during the recreation meeting.

Anyone interested in participating in volunteer projects or has questions about OHV trails; please contact Jaydon Mead through the BLM at 435-636-3646.

Hope you enjoy—Jaydon Mead

Behind the Reef Volunteer Project

On January 20, 2012, the scheduled volunteer maintenance project took place. We worked on the Behind the Reef trail. The main focus of the project was to improve the “ramp” in Cistern Canyon. Due to the high water that we received last spring and summer, the rocks in the ramp had washed down stream making it unsafe. Our goal was to restore the already existing ramp to its original condition. Thanks to the help of nine great volunteers along with Dale Bartholomew from the State (Division of Natural Resources), our goal was met.

We met our goal by using an ATV trailer provided by Castle Country OHV Association; we filled it with the needed rocks, sand and gravel from the stream bed and hauled them to the ramp.

We used large flat rocks to fill in the washed out areas,

then used smaller rocks, dirt, mud, and gravel to fill in the holes. We did this several times to create layers in hopes that it will stay safer for longer. We know that it won't last forever, but it is safe again to use.

When the ramp was complete, we continued the project by blocking off the existing social trails in Cistern Canyon. A rock barrier was created, followed by dead branches being placed in the tracks and the old OHV tracks were raked to make less them noticeable and to avoid future use.

I feel that the project was a success. It was a great opportunity to make this popular trail safer and more enjoyable.

We in cooperation with the State (Division of Natural Resources) are working towards getting a trail cat to improve

the trail by cleaning up an area were a slide occurred as well as other sections as needed.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a success. Volunteers included in this project were Patrick Charles, Don Medford, Terry Sanslow, Ryan Hansen, Arnold Cooper, Joan Powell, Scott Wheeler, Del McFarlane and Juanita McFarlane.



Volunteers carefully make their way down the ramp before improvements were made.



Ramp Before



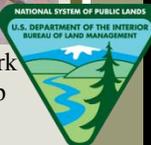
Ramp After
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Below: Volunteers take a well-deserved lunch break.

Picture provided by Joan Powell



Above: Volunteers work hard to restore the ramp back to safe condition.



Other PFO

Happenings!

The Range department in the Price Field Office has several projects we would like to let the public know about. First off is the Price River Enhancement Project. The project is to remove Tamarisk and Russian Olive trees along the drainages upstream of the town of Price, Utah. These trees are considered noxious species and are very detrimental to the natural flora and overall health of our waterways and riparian areas. Work was started this past fall near the Gordon Creek Trestle and will continue this spring starting in March.

The Price Field Office is also planning a Wild Horse and Burro adoption in Moab, Utah on April, 20-21, 2012. If you are interested in the Wild Horse and Burro adoption program, please contact Mike Tweddell at 435-636-3600, or go to www.blm.gov for more information.

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Russian Olive invasion that will be removed through the project.

Picture by: Karl Ivory
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Ask a User...What's your favorite trail?

The area we live in is full of beautiful places to see and great trails that can take you there. However, many people don't know about some of these trails. I thought this newsletter would be a great opportunity to share some of these trails with you, and what better way to do that than ask people from our community.

Joan Powell has been involved with motorized riding since around age nine. She is a member of the Castle Country OHV Association and has been since the very first meeting. She also belongs to the South East Utah OHV Association based in Emery County, along with the San Juan Public Entry and Access Rights. Due to this I thought she would be the perfect person to be a part of our first "Ask a User" article.

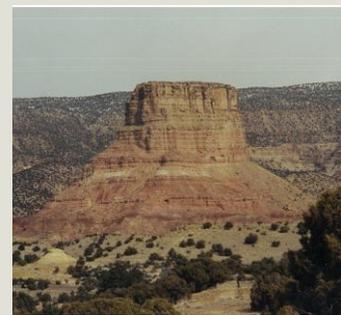
Joan stated that they started riding when they purchased three-wheelers, they later ventured into buying four-wheelers and then upgraded to four-wheelers with low range. "We discovered more and more areas we'd never dreamed of beyond the foothills around home. Riding four-wheelers opened the door to the San Rafael Desert, Manti Mountains and took us on other great journeys," Joan said about riding.

When asked what her favorite trail was Joan said, "I have to give some thought to that. I'm not sure I can say I have a "favorite" trail, any day riding is bound to turn up something new and interesting."

However she decided that the Chimney Rock Area was among her favorite. She explains, "it is because of the diversity in the scenery and the historical attractions that are there. Viewing Chimney Rock from 3 sides is cool and there is vegetation growing on the very top. The trail is the perfect OHV trail, and offers medium challenges along the way. We stay close to the mountains, and ride along trails to Never Swear, and the Hum-Bug area. The country side is beautiful, and the changes in the colors of soils and rocks are incredible." She also likes that it's not far from home but they still usually make it an all-day ride.

I asked Joan what one of her favorite memories of the Chimney Rock area was, "We got caught in a snowstorm out there one time, which covered the trail very quickly. It was a little tricky to find our way back out. When the group got back to the trucks after that day, they all looked like snowmen."

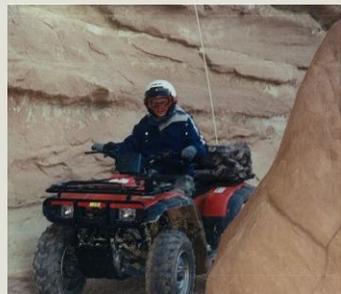
Joan also shared a lot of great pictures with me of her many memories riding four-wheelers in the Chimney Rock area. I would like to thank Joan for taking time to share her experiences with me and with the rest of the community.



Above: Chimney Rock



Above: "Snowmen" after a snowy ride at Chimney Rock.



Above: Joan Powell enjoying a day of riding.

Pictures provided by:
Joan Powell.

OHV PROGRAM

The state Off-Highway Vehicle Trails Program was created to assist public land managing agencies in meeting the needs of off-highway vehicle (OHV) users. This program provides 50/50 matching grants to federal, state and local governments, and to organized user groups to fund OHV related projects throughout the state. These grants can be used for OHV projects including trail construction, trail

maintenance, installation of signs, production of maps and brochures as well as a vast number of other things. The funding for this program comes from registration fees paid by OHV owners, and also a small percentage of the state motor fuel tax. I am very thankful for this program not only because of all the great opportunities that it presents for OHV use but it also helps fund my job as

the OHV Volunteer Coordinator in the Price Field Office. Chris Haller is the Off Highway Vehicle Program Manager. Any questions can be directed to Chris at (801)349-0487. Also anyone who is interest in this program is urged to contact him. Additional information can be found at <http://www.stateparks.utah.gov/grants/ohv>

