

# Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association's

# Badger Tracks

From the desk of the CEO

## GREAT NORTHERN TRAIL RIDE 2014 SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

Mole Lake, WI August 14-16, 2014

Wisconsin Off Highway Vehicle Association welcomed 61 riders in 35 vehicles to join a hearty group of trail guides and hosts for a great family weekend in the northwoods of Wisconsin. Four wheel drive enthusiasts came from Minnesota, Illinois and all over Wisconsin to accept the Spirit Mountain Challenge. Many of the participants have attended Jeep Jamboree USA events and other hosted trail rides all over the United States. They keep coming back to GNTR in Mole Lake year after year because of the diverse terrain, great family experience and the best trail guides on the planet.

On Thursday night the 14<sup>th</sup>, GNTR Hosts Dan and Laura Bergin along with kids Kathryn and Caleb checked in riders as they arrived and got settled in. T-shirts were handed out to participants as well as goody bags full of information from our sponsors and information about Forest County thanks to the Forest County Chamber of Commerce. Newcomers to WOHVA events picked up their WOHVA Spill Kits from Trail Coordinator John Lewins. Participants met the Trail Guides and discussed options for the upcoming two days of guided trails. Each trail on the Mole Lake Reservation has a rating from Green for first time or unmodified vehicles, blue and orange for slightly modified rides and red and black for more experienced and modified vehicles.

The system is nationally recognized so riders can make intelligent decisions to make sure they are comfortable on their day in the woods. GNTR had an influx of children in attendance this year as well as many multi-generational families. Fathers and sons or daughters wheeling together, kids wheeling with mom and dad, experiencing all the great outdoors and this great sport has to offer solidify the future of our chosen form of recreation.

Friday morning brought great excitement as final check-ins were completed for late arrivals. Participants lined up behind their Trail Guides, picked a CB channel and discussed the itinerary for the day. Citizens band radios aren't required for the GNTR but communication between leaders and tail gunners and all the riders in the middle certainly adds to the trail ride experience. After a brief drivers meeting the Jeeps, Land Cruiser and Suzuki Samurai were off for a day of learning, sightseeing, challenging obstacles and confidence and most of all FUN!

Trail Guides brought participants to a rally area in the woods for a Trail Lunch. Participants were encouraged to bring a chair, relax for a bit and talk about the day while enjoying sub sandwiches, fruit, chips and dessert from a local Forest County business. After lunch groups saddled up for a few more hours of trail riding.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Wisconsin Off-Highway Vehicle Association exists for the sole purpose of proactively assuring that public and private off-highway vehicular recreational opportunities are expanded in Wisconsin for safe use by this and future generations.



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Saturday morning we were joined by a couple who missed out on Friday due to a silly obligation called work that keeps us off the trail most days. Participants lined up with their new Trail Guides for the day. Host Dan Bergin held a quick drivers meeting with Trail Coordinators Cotty Barrett and John Lewins chiming in for more tips to have a good time and be safe on the trail. Rides were delayed by a short monsoon like rain that soaked more than a few riders and topless vehicles. Not a single spirit was dashed even for a moment. It is easy to identify a group dedicated to the Off Highway Lifestyle by the huge smile on their face as they jump in to their top less vehicle with two inches of water on the seats and floor- heading to the trail and not thinking twice about it. WOHVA Trail Guides are trained, experienced builders of sustainable trails. Combine this fact with the thick canopy of needles and leaves on the Mole Lake Property, the trails were not affected by the rain and the Saturday rides went off without a hitch.

Saturday lunch on the trail came from Schaefer's Food Mart in nearby Crandon. Participants were treated to the areas best broasted chicken, potato wedges, fruit and a huge variety of cookies. Hosts then lined up the entire group for a group photo.

Saturday night GNTR attendees feasted on another excellent meal in the Mole Lake Lodge Conference Center. Following dinner WOHVA volunteers raffled off thousands of dollars in product and gift certificates donated by our generous sponsors.

Tradition also dictates that the annual WOHVA yearlong raffle winners are selected at the GNTR closing banquet.

Our big winners this year were Brittney Roffers of Streator, IL who won a WARN Pro Vantage Powersports winch donated by WARN Inc. Tim Prieve of Schofield won 18 holes of golf for a foresome with a cart and a sandwich each at Crosswinds Sports Pub and Grille donated by Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links in Wrightstown, WI. Our grand prize went to Kat Stephens of Greendale, WI. Kat won a \$500 gift certificate for her choice of products from BDS Suspension, Zone Offroad or JKS Suspension. This prize was donated by parent company Sport Truck USA in Coldwater, MI.

This year's t-shirt design was done by Kat Stephens of Greendale, daughter of WOHVA Chief Communications Officer Jerry Stephens. Her time and talent was 100% donated for these awesome shirts. GNTR veteran Jay Paulsen of Tee Time LLC took care of the printing for WOHVA and did a stellar job keeping the outcome true to the design. These shirts are a limited edition and the best looking GNTR shirt yet. Thanks to great volunteers.

Volunteers and Sponsors make the Great Northern Trail Ride possible. They dedicate their entire summer to making and maintaining trails, learning the lay of the land and keeping these events and trails sustainable. They hone their trail guiding skills, train new guides and trail builders and keep up with the never ending vehicle maintenance and fuel bills. All this and they still manage time to work a job in the real world. Special Thanks go out to our Trail Coordinators John and Toni Lewins and Cotty Barrett and their band of TRAIL GUIDES! Mike and Carol Diermeier, Jeff Lohry, Joel & Janice Kasper, Dave and Debbie Groshek, Tom DeSombre, Rick Felbab, Jerry and Paula Stephens, all gave their time during this event to assist participants. Many more WOHVA volunteers worked this summer on the trails and other events. All are valued and appreciated greatly.



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Thank you to all our participants, tell your friends and bring them next year. August 2015 GNTR VI II - Put it on your calendars and watch [www.wohva.com](http://www.wohva.com) and [www.facebook.com/WOHVAGNTR](http://www.facebook.com/WOHVAGNTR)

Wisconsin Off Highway Vehicle Association is proud to list our sponsors as partners in our quest to proactively assure that public and private off-highway motorized vehicular recreational opportunities are expanded in Wisconsin for safe use by this and future generations. WOHVA could not do this without Lenz Truck Center in Fond du Lac, WI, BDS Suspension, JKS Suspension, ZONE Offroad, Steinjager, Tee Time LLC, Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links, Extreme Offroaders 4x4 Club Ltd, Damage Inc. 4x4 Club, Warrior Products, Warn Winch, Team Winnebagoland of Oshkosh, WI, Mole Lake Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Tom Woods Custom Driveshaft, Borgeson, Teraflex, K&N, and more.



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## BlueRibbon Coalition Seeks Executive Director

POCATELLO, ID (September 4, 2014)

-- The BlueRibbon Coalition is seeking an Executive Director to lead the organization which champions responsible use of public lands and land access for outdoor recreation.

The Executive Director is hired by the BlueRibbon Coalition Board of Directors and serves as a full time, salaried BlueRibbon Coalition employee to execute the business of the BRC, excepting for those functions reserved for the Board in its by-laws.

The Executive Director will be responsible to manage BRC staff, to develop and execute a plan to achieve BRC's goals, and to properly present the "public face" of BRC through various communication formats, including social and print media, oral and written presentations and other forms of outreach.

The Executive Director also will be responsible for providing leadership for membership development and fund raising while maintaining financial stability and insuring compliance with applicable laws.

The Executive Director position requires excellent communication skills. The Executive Director shall provide the board of directors with on-going information regarding the health and direction of the BRC, the status of operational and financial plans, the synergy of the BlueRibbon Team and is the primary representative of the coalition.

The person applying for this position must demonstrate a successful record of fundraising and organizational leadership. It will be considered a plus if the applicant has a history of effective advocacy in the field of public recreation.



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## State News

### DNR Goes Mobile

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources continues to pair old traditions with new technology with the launch of The Official Guide for Wisconsin State Parks and Forests mobile application and several updates to our website.

Mobile DNR.WI.GOV

Be sure to check out our new mobile [homepage](#) along with the [news](#), [features](#), [events calendar](#), and [Warden Wire](#) sections! To keep up with the latest in Wisconsin natural resources, subscribe to any or all of our news products while you are there.

Along with these recent updates, we also now offer many mobile-friendly tools to help our customers [find a lake](#), [check current burning restrictions](#), [search fish regulations](#) and [consumption advisories](#), and more to be announced and released soon.

A large portion of our site is now mobile friendly and there are more great mobile enhancements planned for our website in the near future.

We hope these changes will provide a more convenient way for our growing number of mobile users to stay connected with the Wisconsin DNR.

### DNR mobile apps

The DNR launched its second app, the Wisconsin State Parks and Forests Pocket Ranger®, on July 30. This interactive outdoor app is the ultimate guide to exploring Wisconsin's state parks and forests.

This new addition is a great companion to the very successful Wisconsin Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife app released by the DNR last November.

Download both of these great apps by going to [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), keyword "[mobile apps](#)."

If you have ideas on how we can do things better, please let us know through the help menu feedback link found on our mobile homepage or the [feedback](#) link on our main website.

Thank you for your interest in our natural resources!



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## Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park Individual Annual Membership Application Form

Please complete application, attach payment for \$10 (payable to WORVPI) and mail to: WORVPI, 116 South Lake Avenue, Crandon, WI 54520

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**WISCONSIN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE PARK**  
www.WORVPI.org

## Wisconsin Off-Road Vehicle Park Association/Club Annual Membership Application Form

Please complete application, attach payment for \$100 (payable to WORVPI) and mail to: WORVPI, 116 South Lake Avenue, Crandon, WI 54520

Club/Association Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Contact Person (also voting representative) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## The National Front

# Opportunities to Participate in BLM's Planning Revision Process

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently announced that it is holding listening sessions to discuss revisions to how it develops and updates [Resource Management Plans](#) (RMPs). As planning sets the stage for how all multiple uses will be handled at individual units it is important that the recreation community have our voice heard on how important responsible access is to us. If you can't attend in person the Denver meeting will have a livestream option for people to participate remotely.

Below is the text of the announcement from BLM:

Dear Interested Public,

You are receiving this message because of your past interest in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) land use planning process or management activities.

As part of its ongoing effort to refine its land use planning process, the BLM will hold two public listening sessions in Denver and Sacramento. Both meetings will provide an overview of the [Planning 2.0 initiative](#) as well as a group discussion on methods to improve the BLM's planning process.

The Denver meeting will convene October 1, 2014, 1pm to 5pm, MDT, at the Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401. The Denver meeting will have a livestream option for people to participate remotely. The meeting can be accessed at [www.blm.gov/live/](http://www.blm.gov/live/).

The Sacramento meeting will take place October 7, 2014, 1pm to 5pm, at the Double Tree by Hilton Sacramento, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Individuals interested in preregistration for the listening sessions or subscription to the Planning 2.0 email contact list can contact the agency through the project's website at [www.blm.gov/plan2](http://www.blm.gov/plan2). Pre-registration is optional and is intended to help us plan for meeting setup.

Interested public that cannot attend either meeting can still provide written input for consideration. More information is available on the [project's website](#).

Thank you for your time and input into the Planning 2.0 effort.

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Mole Lake Northwoods Jeep Jamboree USA

July 2015



Great Northern Trail Ride

Aug 2015

