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Badger Tracks

From "The Northwoods" by CEO John Lewins

2015 brought about some challenges within WOHVA with changes in leadership. 2016 is about moving the organization forward.

First, WOHVA Board of Directors have had several discussions and agreed to host our Annual OHV Enthusiast's Workshop and Membership meeting in conjunction with another Wisconsin OHV organization, W4WDA. This is an effort to mend the fences, of past differences.

As OHV enthusiasts we have a better chance of meeting the challenges we are faced with in regards to trail development, sustainability and land preservation as a collective voice.

WOHVA would like to thank Joel Kasper for helping drive this initiative. We look forward to working with W4WDA in the future.

Additionally, WOHVA had several BOD members resign their positions in 2015. WOHVA would like to thank all those members for their years of dedication to the organization, trail development and WOHVA trail guiding skills. We wish them all well in their future endeavors.

WOHVA would also like to acknowledge those members who have stepped up to assume leadership roles within the BOD. It was crucial that these positions be filled to continue to function with the day to day activities of the organization.

Jay Ruplinger – Chief Operations Officer

Cotty Barrett – Chief Communications Officer

Bob Heroux – Individual Membership Chair

WOHVA is also seeking an experienced Sponsorship Chair to fill this role. This position is responsible for attaining sponsorship funding and raffle prizes. Whomever takes on this task will definitely have big shoes to fill! This is a key position for the fiduciary funding of the organization.

In closing, changes are inevitable, but as things change so must we. Changes are not necessarily a bad thing, just a new and exciting challenge for the future. I believe in the volunteers we have within WOHVA and trust we can move forward to support Off-Highway Recreational opportunities in Wisconsin.

Thanks to all of our membership for all you do for our future in this organization!

Editors note: This article is a combined effort of CEO and Editor

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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Time to renew

It's time to renew your WOHVA annual membership dues. Membership runs from Jan 1 through Dec31.

Historically members receive a notice of renewal in the mail in December. However this year with some changes in leadership, WOHVA is behind schedule in getting this notice out to the membership.

To renew your membership, you can simply go to WOHVA.com and click on the "Join" tab or to the "Store" tab to pay via paypal or CC. If your old school you can print a membership form and mail it in.

There are different levels of Individual Membership. Individual Membership is \$25. Members of a WOHVA supporting club get a \$5 discount when the entire membership joins as a whole. WOHVA also has a Crimson Club level for \$250. Crimson Club members will receive a special personalized gift(s) from WOHVA.

WOHVA also has a Supporting Club Membership for \$250. The WOHVA Supporting Group level is designed for an association or club to support WOHVA and OHV recreation. It carries no voting rights and individual members of the association or club are not WOHVA Individual Members.

WOHVA thanks you for your past support and we look forward to your continued support.



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WOHVA's 12th Annual OHV Enthusiasts Workshops and Membership Meeting

Date: April 16, 2016

This year WOHVA has a change in venue. Traditionally WOHVA has hosted this event at the Mole Lake Lodge and Casino. This year's event will be held at the Ramada Grand Seasons Hotel and Water Park in Waupaca, WI. Additionally this year it will be a one day event!

The WOHVA Board of Directors has had several discussions in regards to holding this year's event in conjunction with W4WDA's Spring convention. Our hope is, by having this event in a more central location we can draw more attendees.

This year due to the condensed format, we will have one workshop "Trail Sustainability", presented by Alex Bub of the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC).

WOHVA will also have it's Annual Membership meeting and Board of Directors meeting during this event. Wrapping up the day will be the Annual Volunteer Banquet, recognizing all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to promoting our mission of expanding off-highway recreational opportunities in WI.

Watch the WOHVA website for more information on workshop and meeting times.



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Board of Directors Election Results

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POCATELLO, ID (November 3, 2015) -- Sharetrails.Org/BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) is proud to announce the results of the recent BRC Board of Directors Election, which saw the re-election or election of three candidates to the BRC Board of Directors.

WILLIAM KAEPPNER of Ohio was re-elected to his seat. Additionally, please help us give a warm welcome to BRC's two newly elected members of the board, REBECCA ANTLE and MARK KINCART.

BRC would like to thank all those who participated in the election and submitted their vote. The final tally of election results was tabulated at the BRC General Membership Meeting on November 1, 2015, in Las Vegas, Nevada. All votes were gathered from members in good standing and were tabulated on location, online, via absentee ballot, or via proxy vote.

Additionally, at the BRC Board Meeting, new officers for the 2016 BRC Board of Directors were elected or re-elected. These officers are as follows:

OFFICERS, 2016

President - Todd Ockert

Vice President - Jack Welch

Treasurer - Joni Mogstad

Secretary - Rebecca Antle

These newly elected officers will assume their positions as of January 1, 2016.

The rules and standards used in the election and appointment of members of the BRC Board of Directors, as well as those used in the election of the BRC Board Officers, are outlined in the [Bylaws of BlueRibbon Coalition, Inc.](#)





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State News

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Monitoring Program Transition

Land management actions on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest are guided by the Land and Resource Management Plan commonly referred to as the Forest Plan. The current Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest Plan was approved in 2004. It was developed under the authority of the 1982 Planning Rule. In 2012, the U.S. Forest Service adopted a new planning rule that will direct future forest plan revisions. The new rule states that by May 9, 2016, every forest must have a monitoring program that meets the requirements of the new rule. The current CNNF monitoring program is outlined in Chapter 4 of the 2004 Forest Plan. Forest Service staff are currently reviewing the monitoring program to determine what is needed to comply with the new rule.

The 2012 Planning Rule identifies eight elements that must be monitored. The eight elements are:

- Status of select watershed conditions.
- Status of select aquatic and terrestrial ecological conditions.
- Status of focal species.
- Status of a select set of ecological conditions required to contribute to the recovery of federally listed threatened and endangered species, conserve proposed and candidate species, and maintain viable populations of each species of conservation concern.
- Status of visitor use, satisfaction, and progress toward meeting recreation objectives.
- Measurable changes on the plan area related to climate change.
- Progress toward meeting the desired conditions and objectives in the plan, including providing multiple use opportunities.
- The effects of each management system to determine they do not substantially and permanently impair the productivity of the land.

If a Forest does not currently meet all eight monitoring requirements, an additional monitoring question(s) and indicator(s) must be developed. Additions to the existing monitoring program can be made by an Interdisciplinary Team, created by the Forest Supervisor, with public notification of the changes. If a Forest decides to further modify their monitoring program, prior to full plan revision, there are additional requirements for public notice and involvement.

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest will add required monitoring question(s) and indicator(s) for any of the eight element(s) which are not addressed in the current monitoring program. In addition, we may identify and drop monitoring questions that are no longer relevant or possible due to current funding levels. The first biennial monitoring report developed under the new planning rule will be available in September of 2017.

If you are interested in knowing more or participating in the transition of our Forest monitoring program, please contact William Johnson, Forest Planner at 715-362-1300 x1335, or wjohnson@fs.fed.us. We anticipate having our proposed changes posted to our website





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The National Front

It's That Time of Year Again – Nominate Outstanding RTP Projects for a CRT Award!

Once again ARRA is participating in the Coalition for Recreational Trails annual awards for stellar projects that utilized Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funding. Below is the letter from CRT with details.

Dear Trail Enthusiast:

The Coalition for Recreational Trails, a federation of national and regional trail-related organizations, is pleased to announce its 2016 achievement awards to recognize outstanding trail projects funded by the national Recreational Trails Program (RTP). The awards will be presented in Washington, D.C. during Great Outdoors Month™ in June 2016 as part of the Coalition's ongoing effort to build awareness and appreciation of this highly successful program, which has greatly enhanced the quantity and quality of trail experiences available to the public. We will be holding the awards ceremony on Capitol Hill and will encourage Members of Congress to join us in honoring the outstanding achievements of their constituents.

Award winners will be selected from projects nominated by public agencies, trail administrators or other project sponsors. Projects must be completed in order to receive an award. In addition, projects completed before 2008 are ineligible. Project award categories will include: construction and design; maintenance and rehabilitation; public-private partnerships and access to public lands; community linkage; education and communication; accessibility enhancement; multiple-use management and "corridor sharing"; and use of youth conservation/service corps and community outreach as well as a new category titled engaging public-sector partners.

We invite you to nominate an outstanding project and to encourage the sponsor(s) of an excellent project in your state to submit a nomination as well. We are also again encouraging those making nominations to solicit support from their Members of Congress – both U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators – to build awareness of excellent RTP-funded projects and the RTP itself. Additional information can be found on the nomination form.

The nomination form and any supporting materials, including pictures, should be returned via e-mail by April 4, 2016 to the Chair of the Coalition's Awards Committee: Duane Taylor, Director of Federal Affairs, Motorcycle Industry Council, at coalitionforrecretrails@gmail.com. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call him at [\(703\) 416-0444](tel:7034160444) or send him an e-mail. Winners should be notified no later than May 6, 2016.

We hope you will join us in this important effort to recognize the significant contributions to trail-related recreation that the Recreational Trails Program is supporting all across the country.

Sincerely,

The Coalition for Recreational Trails



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2016 WOHVA Calendar of events

February

2/20/2016 BOD Mtg.
Holidays Pub & Grill Neenah, WI

April

4/16/2016 Annual OHV Enthusiasts Workshop &
Membership mtg.
Ramada Grand Seasons Hotel & Waterpark Waupaca, WI

4/23/2016 Spring Trails Mtg.
Location TBD

June

6/4/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

6/11/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

6/15/2016 BOD Mtg.
Location TBD

6/25/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

July

7/2/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

7/9/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

7/14/2016 21st Northwood's Mole Lake JJUSA
Mole Lake, WI

7/30/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

August

8/6/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

8/13/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

8/17/2016 BOD Mtg.
Location TBD

8/18/2016 8th Annual GNTR
Mole Lake, WI

September

9/3/2016 Trail build & maintenance
Mole Lake, WI

9/4/2016 Volunteer opportunity – Brush Run Races
Crandon, WI

9/17/2016 Fall trails mtg.
Location TBD

9/18/2016 Grand Larsony Annual car show
Kewaskum, WI

October

10/15/2016 BOD Mtg.
Fredonia, WI

December

12/10/2016 BOD Mtg.
Location TBD





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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 _____

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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 _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

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