

# ACCESS ARMY TIMES



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## 50 Years of Off-Roading

Reflecting on lessons learned and our outdoor future

By Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador

The bikini clad Rock Zombie girls were all over my Jeep giving it the wash job of its life as I sat perched on my roof rack marveling at 50 years of off-roading. They were raising money for landuse, so I'm always in for a good cause. What really hurt, though was realizing the combined age of any two of the girls did not equal my number of years of trails and dirt roads!

I guess you could say I've seen it all. I've lived in 16 states and been shot at in 3 countries. I've logged 140,000 miles on my Jeep over the last 13 years of concentrated landuse wheeling; and it ain't over yet!

With the sun shining and the suds a'flying, I reflected on what I learned in those many years of backcountry adventures. From that, I'd like to offer you some tips that may help you prevent a stumble or misstep in your off-roading, and help us keep our outdoor sports healthy and alive. Those five decades have included everything from dune buggies to dirt bikes to four-by-fours. I've used motors to do things like hunting, fishing, backpacking, exploring, geocaching, rock hounding, four-wheeling, and just plain relaxing. From those adventures over time, I have condensed those lessons into the 5 "M's."

**1. Manners:** My mamma taught me to be nice; do unto others, etc. And I must say it's about the best lesson I can impart to you. Whether you're dealing with bureaucrats, family, or other club members, there is nothing more powerful than being courteous and nice. Learn to stow the ego and control the strong urges of personalities. Give others credit when you can; share the trophy; and adopt outdoor ethics that put you on the high ground of being nice. Be inclusive of your fellow recreationist when you can. Share the trails.

**2. Maintenance:** Don't be the

"drip." Don't be the break.

Remember that our image comes from not only your behavior, but also your rig. Keep your gear in top shape. Be an example for others to follow.

**3. Mission:** Figure out your purpose in life and in outdoor sports, and set about making it happen. Be part of the solution even when you might be part of the problem. Make time to include others and especially kids. If you're a parent, be there for your kids in the great outdoors. Get them off the Nintendo and Xbox and into the wilds. My dad took me out when I was 12 in our "Lobster" dune buggy (read more about the "Wheels of Time" here <http://www.delalbright.com/articles/wheels.htm>). I still treasure those days. His mission was to make sure his family respected and enjoyed the great outdoors – even without much money.

**4. Management:** Whether you're in a leadership role, an event role, or a club position, learn to respect the time of other volunteers. Never waste their time; never take them for granted. Get some training if you need it? Heck, if you're just out leading some other folks on a trail ride, learn to make it productive and worthwhile. If you have to run meetings, learn to run good ones that get stuff done. Time is precious and we should not waste it. The best advice I can offer here is to learn to set "expectations" on whatever you are doing. If it makes you smile, write an expectation to achieve it. If it makes you frown, write an expectation to avoid it.

**5. Membership:** To affect change we must be part of the organized groups. Join those groups that make sense to what you believe in. If you want to keep your guns, join the NRA or other pro-gun groups. If you want to stay on the trails, join the BlueRibbon Coalition, your local club, and your regional and state associations. It's a mistake to

think that someone else will do it for you (and your children). It's up to us; now.

Well, there you have it; the 5 "M's" of 50 years of being "out there." Sure, a guy could write a book about these simple "M's," but I think you get the message, albeit condensed. While we all might like to be the independent "cowboy" riding off into the sunset, "we" are really a collective community. We must be a team as well – working together to keep our trails open and our outdoor sports alive and well. I'll bet you a cold one around the campfire that if you apply my M's, you'll find more rewards in your outdoor pursuits, less hassles in your clubs and groups, and more fun on the trail. What have you got to lose? For more on leadership training, visit: <http://www.rtc.biz>. For more on BlueRibbon Coalition, visit: <http://www.sharetrails.org>. For more on Del Albright, visit: <http://www.delalbright.com>

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### Special points of interest:

Happy New Year everyone.

If you have events to add to the events list on page 6, please send them to me.

I will also take articles to post in AAT also.

Send them to [todd@accessarmy.com](mailto:todd@accessarmy.com)

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## 4405 Land Use Team awarded Merit Entry into the 2011 Griffin King of the Hammers

Sadly, three months after the 2010 King of the Hammers, the 4405 burned to the ground in a structure fire. There has been an overwhelming positive response to hearing this news. Many companies along with members of Pirate4x4.com have begun donating parts and cash in order to rebuild the vehicle so it can continue its mission. Master fabricator and co-driver Dan Trout of Fishmouth Fabworks has been bending tube and feverishly building the new 4405.

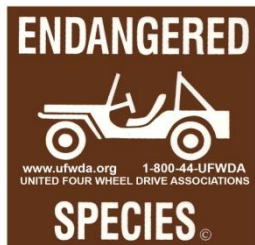
According to Manager/Promoter Kurt Schneider, "Our original plan was to run the 4405 in the entire Ultra4 Grand Slam series in 2010. We wanted to earn our spot outright for the 2011 King of the Hammers. Points-wise, all we would have to do is attend each race and we would have qualified, but with the 4405 burning down, that could not be accomplished."

For the 2011 Griffin King of the

Hammers, the team will once again hold a Race-A-Thon for land use. Driver Travis Carpenter states, "We learned a lot from last year, and with the help of Del Albright, Pirate4x4.com and CRAWL Magazine, the 4405 team is planning on making this Race-A-Thon massive. It is our goal to make this the largest single-day fundraiser for land use ever. We are hoping that companies and OHV enthusiasts help donate to keep our public lands open to the public."

According to Jeff Knoll, co-founder of KOH, "the Griffin King of the Hammers is the toughest one day off road race on the planet, and we want to set new records for landuse awareness and fund-raising in 2011 with the 4405 buggy. Del Albright, BlueRibbon Ambassador added,

"King of the Hammers ([www.kingofthehammers.com](http://www.kingofthehammers.com)) has quickly become one of the biggest events in off-roading and a major outlet for helping to save our trails and support organizations like BlueRibbon Coalition." With a mix of go-fast desert racing and hard-core rock crawling, the endurance race has attracted 100 of the most accomplished drivers in Rock-sports competitions, and literally tens of thousands of spectators.



## OHV Legal Effort Takes Forward Step

Good news from HQ. Over the past several years, riders have asked why BRC does not file complaints instead of just intervening? Well, that is a complicated issue but to make it simple, it is harder than most realize to win against the federal government. Even green groups lose a lot of the time. And it is far more challenging for access interests to win OHV/access complaints against the federal government.

One reason is that current environmental law (ESA, CWA, etc) and the courts give a huge edge to suits filed by green groups. OHV does not have its version of ESA upon which to base a lawsuit. However, this case presented a rare opportunity to allege arbitrary road closures without a public process and that the MVUM was adopted without following proper procedure.

See BRC News Release on Legal Stipulation Approved by Court <http://www.sharetrails.org/releases/?story=715&filter=media>

As some riders know, The General (on behalf of BRC) has been working on federal access issues on the CA North Coast since the late 1990s. One of those issues was the rumored Smith River NRA's habit of closing or permanently decommissioning roads without public notification. Also, HQ heard concerns

about a number of historic jeep trails that were closed in the recent MVUM. To the agency's credit they convened a stakeholder group that was professionally facilitated by the Center

for Collaborative Policy. The Center held the group's feet to the fire to participate in a substantive manner to resolve access issues on a number of roads including 305.125 (see video) Youtube of Jeep on 305.125 - "Let's keep it open."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nU194f-ksU>

HQ believes the collaborative process also helped the agency in its decision to inform the parties before it performs "ground-disturbing activities" to permanently remove a road from public use.

In OHV Wars this is one small step forward that we all should enjoy. Even my enviro friends should feel some pride that we collectively were able to sit down and hash out some very contentious issues in a civil manner.

Donate online (and in the contribution instructions space – type in "Six Rivers Lawsuit" [https://www.sharetrails.org/secure/join\\_or\\_contribute/?c=1](https://www.sharetrails.org/secure/join_or_contribute/?c=1)

If you want to support the work of Don Amador as BRC Western Representative on projects like the Six Rivers to do the foot work in preparation of the administrative record (i.e. prep. for suit/appeals) etc., please go online below and type in "western rep. expenses" (that helps support my work at BRC)

[https://www.sharetrails.org/secure/join\\_or\\_contribute/?c=1](https://www.sharetrails.org/secure/join_or_contribute/?c=1)

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Thanks for your service!

We are glad to be associated with the Off Road Expo and look forward to working with Family Events," said Bob Bower, Off-Road Motorsports Hall of Fame Executive Director.



## BRC Auction a success again. Thanks to those that bid and the following companies ☺

BRC auction called a success by Del Albright, coordinator of the Blue Ribbon Coalition Auction and BRC Amabassador.

4x4Wire.com  
American Expedition Vehicles (AEV)  
ARB 4x4 Accessories  
Axia  
Axial Racing  
Barlow Jeep Rentals  
BFGoodrich Tires  
Big Dogs Offroad  
BudBuilt  
Bushwacker  
Camel4x4.com  
Cruiser Corps  
Del Albright's RLTC Course  
Dirt Tricks  
Elite Motorcycle Tours, Moab  
Falken Tire  
Fisher's ATV World  
FunTreds (Chuck Wells)  
GenRight Off Road  
Hatfield/McCoy Trails  
Just Add Dirt

Lovell Rock Racing (Brad and Roger)  
Master Pull  
Maureen Engle-Turner  
Maximum Off Road, Las Vegas  
Meadowcliff Lodge and RV Park  
MetalCloak  
N. Mono County CA, Chamber of Commerce  
Nemesis Industries  
Numskull Racing  
Off Road Trail Tools  
OK Auto of Stewartville, NJ  
Olympic4x4 Products  
Parts Mike  
Pirate4x4.com  
Planet SideXSide.com  
Poison Spyder  
Pull-Pal  
Raceline Wheels  
Racer Tech  
RANGE Magazine  
Rocky Mountain ATV and MC  
Rocky Mountain Truck Center  
Roundeyes.com  
Rubicon Express  
Sedona Jeep School  
SpiderTrax

The Tugger  
Todd & Larisa Ockert  
Toyota Trail Teams  
Toytec Lifts  
Trail Gear  
Trail Master Suspension  
Trasharoo  
WARN Industries  
WI Dual Sport Riders

This is the full list of companies that donated to the auction. Thanks for your continued support of BlueRibbon Coalition and Land Use and Access.



The BlueRibbon Coalition believes the bipartisan land exchange bill that was recently signed into law to improve both motorized and non-motorized opportunities in Northern California is a great success.

## Recreational Advocacy Group Asks BLM to Reinforce and Strengthen Congressional Mandates

POCATELLO, ID (December 23)—The BlueRibbon Coalition, a national Off-Highway Vehicle advocacy group, sent a letter to Department of Interior Ken Salazar and Bureau of Land Management Director Robert Abbey expressing the importance of key provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) as it moves forward in the development and implementation of Land Use Plans. BlueRibbon is concerned for the over 50 million Americans who choose or are required to use vehicles for access and recreation on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management. We felt the need to emphasize the importance of

several key provisions of FLPMA as the agency moves forward with their land use planning efforts in 2011." said Greg Mumm, Executive Director of the Coalition.

"Millions of Americans as well as thousands of state and local governments are impacted by the Bureau's management plans. Recognizing key Congressional mandates in the land use planning process is important in reducing the conflict over how America's public lands are managed." said Brian Hawthorne, the Coalitions Public Lands Policy Director.

The Coalition's letter specifically noted provisions in Section 603 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act regarding

agency's lack of authority to conduct never ending, ongoing inventory and management for Wilderness. The letter also emphasized Congressional mandates regarding consistency between Federal Land Use Plans and the plans of state and local governments, the multiple use mandate in FLPMA Section 102 and the direction to acknowledge and protect various valid existing rights.

A copy of BlueRibbon's letter is available [here](#) and a copy of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) [here](#).



## The Beginning of the End for Hunting in Michigan? -- COMMENT PERIOD NOW OPEN!

The U.S. Forest Service is hosting meetings regarding possible changes to rules governing the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness in several counties early next year, but not in the county where the wilderness actually is. Mason County residents who wish to comment on the Forest Plan, also called the "Land and Resource Management Plan of the Huron-Manistee National Forests" must travel to neighboring Manistee County or Lake County or submit comments in writing. As a result of a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, the Forest Service will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to evaluate the environmental impacts of a proposed ban on firearm hunting and snowmobile use, subject to existing rights, in semiprimitive non-motorized management areas and a ban on firearm hunting, subject to existing rights, in the Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area. Public comment will enable the agency to make a decision in accordance with federal regulations. The USFS will host a meeting from 4-8 p.m. Feb. 2 at

the Days Inn of Manistee and from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 3 at the Plainfield Township Hall in Baldwin. The Forest Service is now accepting public comments on proposed changes to the Land and Resource Management Plan of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Comments must be received by Feb. 11, 2011. Written comments may be submitted to the Forest Planner, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601 or faxed to (231) 775-5551. Comments may be submitted electronically to: comments-eastern-huronmanistee@fs.fed.us, and should contain the subject line "Forest Plan SEIS." The complete list of meetings that the USFS will host in 2011 are:

- Jan. 31 — Hilton Inn Express of Birch Run, 12150 Dixie Hwy., Birch Run, MI, from 4-8 p.m.
- Jan. 31 — Huron Shores Ranger Station, 5761

North Skeel Rd., Oscoda, MI, from 4-7 p.m.

- Feb. 1 — Hilton Garden Inn, 26000 American Drive, Southfield, MI, from 4-8 p.m.
  - Feb. 1 — Mio Ranger Station, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, MI, from 4-7 p.m.
  - Feb. 2 — Causeway Bay Hotel (Will be changing to a Best Western), 6820 South Cedar, Lansing, MI, from 4-8 p.m.
  - Feb. 2 — Days Inn of Manistee, 1462 US 31 South, Manistee, MI, from 4-7 p.m.
  - Feb. 3 — Crowne Plaza, 57000 East 28th St., Grand Rapids, MI, from 4-8 p.m.
  - Feb. 3 — Plainfield Township Hall, 885 Eighth Street, Baldwin, MI, from 4-7 p.m.
- For more information, contact Kenneth Arbogast, public affairs officer for the Huron-Manistee National Forests, at (231) 775-5023, Ext. 8726 or visit the forest website at [www.fs.usda.gov/hmfn](http://www.fs.usda.gov/hmfn).

## Recreation Groups Argue for New Law before Ninth Circuit

PASADENA, CA (December 14) — The extent to which nonfederal parties can participate in environmental litigation is now under review by an en banc panel of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals following a case argued on December 13, 2010. The appellants are motorized recreation interests who have been excluded from participation and are asking the Circuit to change the law. Arguing for them was Paul Turcke, the Boise, Idaho, attorney who has been lead counsel for the BlueRibbon Coalition Legal Program since its inception in 1996. Also arguing was Paul Gale, who represented the Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC) and Specialty Vehicle Institute of America (SVIA), who obtained "friend of the court" status in support of the recreation groups. The case was originally brought in the U.S. District of Idaho by preservationist organizations who sued the Forest Service seeking greater restrictions on motorized vehicle access to the Minidoka Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. The Magic Valley Trail Machine Association, the Idaho Recreation Council and BlueRibbon were denied intervention in the case. The district court ruled, in large part, that intervention was prevented by the

"Federal Defendant Rule," unique to the Ninth Circuit, which maintains that since only "the federal defendant" must comply with statutes like the National Environmental Policy Act, only the federal defendant can be a party to a suit alleging noncompliance with such "environmental" laws. The appeal was initially argued on March 9, 2010, to a three-judge Ninth Circuit panel by Turcke, opposed not by "the federal defendant" but by lawyers with the Western Environmental Law Center. Rather than issuing a decision, the panel asked for further briefing on the question of whether the Court should convene en banc to consider abandoning the Federal Defendant Rule. On September 30, 2010, the Court issued an order indicating that a majority of nonrecused active judges on the court voted to hear the appeal en banc. An en banc proceeding is unusual and is ordered only when necessary to establish or maintain uniformity of prior court decisions or when the proceeding involves a question of great importance. Under Ninth Circuit rule, an en banc court consists of the Chief Judge of the circuit and ten additional judges drawn by lot from the active judges of the circuit.

After the Court announced it would rehear the case en banc, numerous parties in addition to MIC-SVIA submitted "friend of the court" briefs in support of the recreation groups' position. They include the Kootenai, Coquille, Kalispel, Shoshone-Bannock and other Indian tribes; Coos, Grant, Harney and Willowa Counties, Oregon; the State of Alaska; Idaho Governor Otter and Office of Species Conservation; Western Urban Water Coalition; Southern Nevada Water Authority; American Petroleum Institute, Chamber of Commerce of the U.S.A. and National Manufacturers Association; American Forest Resource Council; Public Lands Council and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and Safari Club International. A video recording of this argument is available for public viewing at [http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/media/view\\_subpage.php?pk\\_vid=000006124](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/media/view_subpage.php?pk_vid=000006124). The status of this and other cases being considered en banc, including the names of individual panel members, can be viewed on the Court's website at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/enbanc/>.

## Help Us Stop the Secretary that Would Steal Christmas!

Just one day before Christmas Eve 2010, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar announced that he had signed an Order that seeks to embed a Wilderness review in every component of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planning, creating a unique status for Wilderness different from other multiple uses in BLM management. [Secretarial Order No. 3310](#) and [Draft Wilderness Inventory Manual](#). The order appears to be one of the best Christmas gifts any Wilderness activist could hope for. The timing was no accident. Secretary Salazar's new order came just after the Lame Duck Congress adjourned, having failed to pass the massive Public Lands Omnibus Bill--a package that would have created millions of acres of new Wilderness, openly supported by the Secretary. It was no accident the Order was announced after legislators had gone home for the holiday. It was no accident that none but Wilderness insiders and their media outlets knew about it until the last minute. And, it was certainly no accident that at the ceremony, the Secretary was standing right next to people like Peter Metcalf, CEO of Black Diamond Equipment, and that the ceremony itself took place at the REI Building in Denver - a virtual altar scene for Wilderness worshippers. You have every reason to fear under-handed tactics even more suspicious than those attempted by some of their lame duck legislative

allies. Wilderness activists will likely try to use Secretary Salazar's Order to further paralyze meaningful BLM travel management and to create millions of acres of new Wilderness. For decades, Wilderness activist groups have applied constrictor-like pressure on the BLM regarding Wilderness issues. Some of BRC Legal's finest moments have come in rejecting those efforts, most notably the dismissal of the infamous SUWA case in Utah District Court on BRC-USA All's motion, eventually upheld by a 9-0 thumping in the U.S. Supreme Court. Sadly, this looks like another inside job in the offing, through which anti-access interests seek to seize a window of political opportunity to again squeeze BLM into a never-ending, ongoing Wilderness inventory and management scheme. The Order is as complex and convoluted as any validly promulgated law or regulation. Its meaning is not readily apparent and will likely be determined by the courts. Our staff has conducted an initial review, which is summarized at [http://www.sharetrails.org/public-lands/?section=salazar\\_order](http://www.sharetrails.org/public-lands/?section=salazar_order). We are not naive enough to proclaim what Secretary Salazar's Order will ultimately mean. However, we can fairly predict what Wilderness activists outside and within BLM will say it means. They will try to use it as a landmark tool to close long-traveled routes on BLM land, not unlike they did with the Clinton-Gore Roadless Rule. History also teaches that, while all other users of

BLM lands and the economies supported by them will be affected, the trail users and advocacy groups like BRC are likely to be at the point of attack (if not standing alone) in meaningful opposition. This opposition will require a lot of time, effort, coordination and skill. It will require BRC, partners and stakeholders to be at their best. And it will cost money. I would love to wax eloquent about skinny David slaying wealthy Goliath, but I hope over the years you've learned better. You know Secretary Salazar's friends did. We hope you will consider an end of year donation to help us fund this important fight. If you've completed your giving for tax year 2010, please put this issue on your list of campaigns to consider supporting in 2011 - and beyond. Greg Mumm, Executive Director, BlueRibbon Coalition, 208-237-1008 ext 101 PS: Currying political favor through public lands policy is not what Congress intended when it established the agencies that manage our public lands. CLICK ON "STOP SALAZAR'S WILDERNESS" HERE TO HELP

## Access Army Links

[www.pirate4x4.com/landuse](http://www.pirate4x4.com/landuse)  
[www.savemytrails.com](http://www.savemytrails.com)  
[www.delalbright.com](http://www.delalbright.com)  
[www.rltc.biz](http://www.rltc.biz)  
[www.nohvcc.org](http://www.nohvcc.org)  
[www.ufwda.org](http://www.ufwda.org)  
[www.ama-cycle.org](http://www.ama-cycle.org)  
[www.atvaonline.com](http://www.atvaonline.com)  
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[www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)  
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[www.americansandassociation.org](http://www.americansandassociation.org)  
[www.arra-access.com](http://www.arra-access.com)  
[www.goldprospectors.org](http://www.goldprospectors.org)

[www.nora-usa.com](http://www.nora-usa.com)  
[www.orba.biz](http://www.orba.biz)  
[www.poisonspyder.com](http://www.poisonspyder.com)  
[www.btlrovers.com](http://www.btlrovers.com)  
[www.muirnet.net](http://www.muirnet.net)  
[www.cal4wheel.com](http://www.cal4wheel.com)  
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[www.camel4x4.com](http://www.camel4x4.com)

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## Utah Department of Transportation needs our help



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December 21st, 2010

BLUERIBBON COALITION PARTNER BULLETIN!

Utah Department of Transportation needs our help

Dear BRC Action Alert Subscriber,  
The guys and gals at NOHVCC (National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council - bookmark their excellent website [now!](#)) sent us a request for help from the Utah Department of Transportation. They have a question they need answered and are hoping that the OHV community can help.

I have pasted in a copy of their email below; please take a couple of minutes to read over the information.

Thanks in advance for your involvement,  
Ric Foster  
Public Lands Department Manager

BlueRibbon Coalition

208-237-1008 ext 107

December 17, 2010

Utah Department of Transportation needs our help

Dear NOHVCC Friends,

The Utah Department of

Transportation has a question they need help with. They are planning a new state highway which will interfere with the current parking and access of an OHV area and are working on an engineering solution that will still allow the riders to use and access the area as they have in the past.

The question they need help with is this:

When placing a box culvert under a new highway to access an OHV staging area, how large does it need to

be to accommodate the various vehicles, campers, toy haulers that typically visit an OHV area and equestrian use?

Please let us know if you have any standards or recommendations you can share.

Please reply to

[trailhead@nohvcc.org](mailto:trailhead@nohvcc.org).

Your help is greatly appreciated,  
Russ Ehnes

## Omnibus Lands Bill dead for 2010

The Trail Party wants to thank riders, off-road voters, tea party members, and pro-access legislators for planting the Reid Omnibus Land Bill of 2010 under 6 feet of forest loam



The Omnibus Lands Bill is DEAD! The U.S. Senate has just adjourned sine die (i.e. going home) without passing the Omnibus Lands Bill or any Mini-Omnibus Land Bills. The House is expected to adjourn shortly as well.

The Trail Party wants to thank riders, off-road voters, tea party members, and pro-access

legislators for planting the Reid Omnibus Land Bill of 2010 under 6 feet of forest loam.

The last 4 years of having anti-OHV, anti-business, and anti-access legislators sitting piously on their regal thrones issuing edicts about how public land must be closed to recreation use has thankfully come to an end today.

The Trail Party plans to be actively engaged in the political process between now and November 2012 and it looks forward to helping empower the off-road voter to promote and protect responsible OHV recreation on public lands.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Don Amador, Founder

The Trail Party

PS. The folks at ALRA are celebrating too -

<http://www.landrights.org/>

## UFWDA material needed for UFWDA Voice

The UFWDA Voice is this organization's prime means of reaching our immediate members and the wider 4x4 community. As a test of general interest, a copy of the first online Voice was loaded onto [www.myebook.com](http://www.myebook.com) and their statistics show over 30,000 reads since then.

We need your help to source the material that makes up the bulk of the content... stories of four wheeling and work done to allow a future for our recreation.

We can't guarantee to run everything that is offered but we'll

try to get it published.

The 'online' format of Voice allows wider use of photography and the use of 'photo essays' is an option. We can highlight over a page or two, images of why we go four wheeling and the delights of particular places.

We are about to start compiling an edition for publishing in Feb 2011 and need 'stuff' for that now.

Please send material, or simply an outline of a proposed article etc, to [editor@ufwda.org](mailto:editor@ufwda.org) so that it is received before 10 Jan 2011



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## Who we are, what we do.

### More on our Purpose and Battle Plan of Action:

- To stop the closures, restrictions and theft of our freedoms.
- To engage the troops in the fight for access and freedom.
- To motivate folks to do more, more often, and better.
- To outmaneuver the opposition and be proactive in helping to engage the troops in battle.
- To help the troops educate and engage our elected officials.
- To outfit the troops (provide the tools and links) to help folks get engaged effectively.
- To make the fight fun.
- To ambush the opposition at every opportunity.
- To encourage membership in access organizations.
- To shed light on issues by directing folks to the right place with confidence and trust.
- To facilitate outreach, organization and better coordination in access efforts.
- To train more leaders and soldiers.
- To breakdown the organizational and turf walls that prevent any one organization from doing it all.
- To find saviors in our own ranks.
- To inspire leadership and provide examples for others.

Signed,

*The Joint Chiefs of Staff, The Access Army*

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Send info to Todd at the above email address. Subject line should be Access Army newsletter info.

Keep your friends close and your enemies even closer!



## Upcoming events & Staff

- Cal4Wheel Convention – Feb 25 - 27
- KOH – Feb 8 – 12
- Southwest Crawlfest – Jan 14 – 16
- Winter fun – Jan 14 – 16
- FOTR Annual Meeting - Mar
- Superstition event – Jan 15



| NAME                         | SCREENNAME    | MAIN ORGANIZATION                 | TAA TITLE       | NOTES                                                |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Kurt Schneider               | kurtuleas     | OV Rocksports; Pirate4x4          | Warrior         | Pirate Board                                         |
| Don Amador                   | cutenkid      | BlueRibbon Coalition; ThumperTalk | Warrior King    | Western States                                       |
| <a href="#">Todd Ockert</a>  | Navy-Jeepster | Access Army, FOTR, Cal4           | Air Warrior     | Access Army                                          |
| Brian Richardson             | sincity       | Sin City; JustGoodTrails.com      | Pending         | CO                                                   |
| <a href="#">Del Albright</a> | jeepndel      | BlueRibbon Coalition; Cal4        | Grand Poobah    | Founder                                              |
| Dale Robins                  | fermentor     | Rubicon Rockheads                 | Surgeon General | Dispenser of Elixirs                                 |
| Jacquelyne Theisen           | Bebe          | Friends of the Rubicon            | Grand Poobette  | Hummer                                               |
| Stacie Albright              | LadyRed       | Various; Social Networks          | Warrior Queen   | MWIC                                                 |
| Kevin Carey                  | Uget-it       | Land Use Pirate4x4; FOTR          | Warrior King    | VLLS Graduate                                        |
| John Stewart                 | kf6zpl        | Muirnet.net; CA4WDC; TDS          | Warrior King    | <a href="http://www.4x4wire.com">www.4x4wire.com</a> |

