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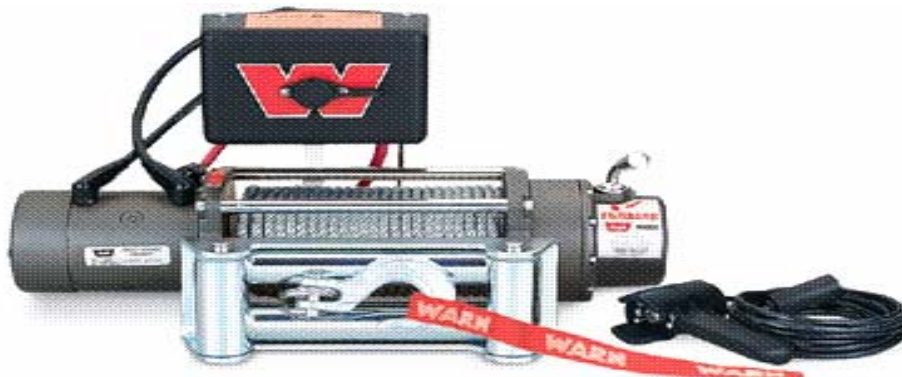
THANKS TO ALL

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude for the overwhelming amount of cards, phone calls, thoughts, prayers and E-mails received during the last two months. It's times like these when one can fully appreciate how much good friends really mean.

My sincerest thanks--Four Wheelers are simply the best!

Phil Strittmatter

ASA4WDC WINCH RAFFLE



The 2007 ASA4WDC winch raffle is coming to an end.

This years raffle has more prizes than in the past.

The grand prize is a Warn winch, from Four Wheeler Supply, thanks for your continued support!

Second prize is \$250 from Classic Broncos; \$200 from Paul Shupp Precision Automotive, Kingman (last raffles winner); third prize \$100 Bullhead Four Wheelers and \$100 from Walapai Four Wheelers.

So buy your tickets now and support the ASA4WDC.

The monies will help support organized four wheeling and keep our trails open! You can purchase tickets from your delegate, contacting a board member or on our website using PayPal.

The drawing will be held at the November Quarterly

in Wickenburg at the Community Center. The Quarterly meeting is November 17.

Please make sure you bring the ticket stubs that you have sold to the meeting, so we can draw the winners.

ASA4WDC AUGUST QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

Due to being very late with this edition of the Wheeldust newsletter, the minutes for the August Quarterly Delegates meeting will be available at the November quarterly in Wickenburg

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ASA4WDC ALENDAR**OCTOBER**

26-28 Spook Rally - Arizona Rough Riders

NOVEMBER

9-11 Parker Splash - Parker Four Wheelers
17 - November Quarterly and winch give away and elections will be in the Wickenburg at the Community Center. The Quarterly Delegates meeting will be held in the Wickenburg Community Center Rec Building on November 17.

The delegates meeting will begin at 1:00 pm with a board meeting prior, starting at 10:00 am. Both will be held at the Rec Hall.

Remember Nominations and elections will be at this meeting.

Also, we will be drawing for the Winch at the November Quarterly.

JEEP TRACKS

ASA4WDC President
Rheal Tetreault

Well, I am coming to the end of my second term as president. It has been a challenging two terms.

I want to thank my board for helping me get through the last two years and for the things that we have accomplished.

I also want to thank the delegates for sticking by me and for taking all of the information from each quarterly back to your club members.

Now I will go back to being the delegate for the Tucson Rough Riders and also the Regional director for Region 4.

ASA4WDC SUPPORTS

At a recent event the question was asked what the BlueRibbon does for us. So I thought I would put together some information on what a couple of these organizations that the ASA4WDC for us.

The following information was taken from the organizations websites.

BLUERIBBON COALITION**Mission**

The BlueRibbon Coalition champions responsible use of public lands for the benefit of all recreationists by educating and empowering its members to:

- Secure, protect, and expand shared outdoor recreation access and use
- Work collaboratively with land managers and other recreationists
- Educate the general public media, elected officials, and other decision makers on recreation and access issues
- Promote equitable and responsible land management
- Affect the political and administrative

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process

- Support recreation on, and promote, respect for private property
- Encourage appropriate enforcement of the law

Achievements to date

- The BlueRibbon Coalition took a national leadership role in fighting closures in the Clinton Forest Land Legacies. We stopped radical environmental groups from getting a nationwide "closed unless posted open" mandate inserted in the Clinton-Gore Roadless Initiative. We joined in a lawsuit against the Forest Service over the Roadless Initiative.
- When Heartwood, a radical environmental group, and the Forest Service reached a closed door lawsuit settlement to change forest service regulations without public involvement, BlueRibbon intervened. Subsequently, the court vacated the settlement.
- Presented our views on the Roadless Initiative and recreation management to national environmental and outdoor media at the 2000 Outdoor Writers of America association's annual convention in North Carolina.
- Testified before Congress that land managing agencies are legally required to consider the impact of their proposals on small recreation related businesses. Congress subsequently notified the Forest Service that they would take 60 session days to evaluate the impact of the Roadless Initiative on small businesses.
- Worked with a broad spectrum of interests in the northwest to stop the top down one-size-fits-all mandates in the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project (ICBEMP). Congress subsequently limited funding and required better documentation. Filed a protest against the final Environmental Impact Statement.

- The Intermountain Regional Forester granted our appeal of the Targhee National Forest Travel Plan and required environmental documentation for any road obliteration. Roads already obliterated must be reviewed before more obliterations can proceed on the forest.
- Together with the snowmobile manufacturers and other snowmobiling interests, filed suit against the National Park Service over their decision to ban snowmobiles in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in 2002-2003.
- Our pro-recreation access public service ads for radio and television were widely distributed and viewed nationally. The general public was exposed to our perspective.

ARIZONA OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE COALITION (AZOHVC)

The Arizona Off Highway



Vehicle Coalition (AZOHVC) is a Non Profit Statewide,

Incorporated Association of Arizona Recreation Enthusiasts and Others Involved in Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Recreation. Our Coalition Consists of Motorcycle, ATV, 4x4, Rock Crawler Clubs, Local Dealerships, Manufacturers and Individuals that are Working Together on Recreation Issues in Cooperation with Public and Private Land Managers, Legislators and the General Public to Ensure a Positive Future for Responsible OHV Recreation in Arizona.

- Founded in 2004, the AZOHVC Believes that by Combining the Strengths of the Many OHV Groups in Arizona, We Will be Able to Affect Land Use Issues in a More

Positive Way.

- Protect and Secure Shared Trail Access for Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) and other Recreationists.
- Work in Concert with Public and Private Land Managers to Develop Equitable Sound Land Use Management Policies.
- Promote Responsible Use of the Public and Private Lands by All Recreationists.
- Educate Users, the General Public, Land Managers, Law Enforcement, Media and Other Decision Makers Concerning OHV Usage and Partnerships.
- Supporting Existing OHV Laws, Rules and Regulations, Help in Development of All New Regulations and Assist in Enforcement in a Fair and Equitable Manner.
- Affect the Administrative and Political Process in a Positive Way Regarding OHV Activities and Access.
- Coordinate and Partner with Other Statewide Groups and Associations that Use the Same Trails (Horsemanship Clubs, Hiking Clubs, Mountain Biking, Hunting Organizations) to:
 - Develop New Trails
 - Identify Existing Trails for Specific Usage
 - Assist Land Managers in Creating Statewide
 - Inventory of All Open Trails

The Wilderness Train

Size Does Matter & Beware of Turtles
By Del & Stacie Albright, BlueRibbon Coalition

Imagine a huge diesel powered locomotive lumbering steadily down the railroad tracks with that big headlight beam pointed right in your eyes as you watch it coming closer and closer. You can feel the ground

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shaking from the sheer weight of this behemoth. This monster is the Wilderness train and it's coming to a town near you.

The designation of unnecessary and inappropriate Wilderness (by Congress) is one of our biggest issues facing motorized and mechanized recreation in the next several years. This "train" is coming if we don't take some steps to stop it and it's a big one!

The Wilderness Train is rolling and we have to ask, are we getting on board? Are we jumping off? Are we stuck on the tracks waiting to get run over? Are we getting out of the way? Did we even buy a ticket for this ride? And hey, how do we divert this train to some other tracks?

Stacie and I attended a BlueRibbon staff meeting and this concept came up. Our attorney and proud BRC member, Paul Turcke coined the term in the meeting – Wilderness Train. After Paul described this train, Stacie said she felt like the damsel in distress, tied to the tracks, watching the monster bear down on her. But then again, she knew that BlueRibbon and several other great recreational organizations were fighting to stop this locomotive and that she would be saved!

Metaphors aside, we DO need to do some saving – and stopping of this train. If you don't want to get run over or "railroaded," then you'd best be doing some specific things to help stop this train.

Realize that the anti-access radical preservationists are trying to conjure up Wilderness designations where ever they can get them, from the oceans to the highest mountains. They could care less about the original 1964 Wilderness Act that made some sense.

Congress worded the 1964 Act to include some common sense and a real sense of wilderness. It talked about huge expanses of land (5000 acres or more), untrammled by man, where the imprint of man's work is unnoticeable. That is not the case now.

Today's eco-wackos are talking about Wilderness in your town, in your backyard, and in your recreation area for sure. If you look at such things as The Wildlands Project (explained here at

www.delalbright.com/Articles/wildlands.htm), you will read how they want to set aside half our country as Wilderness. They even go so far as to call this Turtle Island based on ancient Native American folklore and the great turtle or serpent-of-eternity (Snyder, 1969, *Turtle Island*).

Many Wilderness advocates and supporters of the Wildlands Project are using the turtle as their symbol of choice. So beware of bumper stickers showing turtles with our entire continent emblazoned on their shell. This represents a return to the concept of Turtle Island. These people are funded with millions of dollars from anti-access Foundations and all they want to do is to lay claim to earth for its animals and not its people. And now the turtles are riding on trains. J

This train is huge and moving fast – and with this big train and its inertia, size does matter because this one isn't easy to stop. So what do we do?

First, get in the right organizations that are doing something for land use and access like the BlueRibbon Coalition and your favorite sport-specific group, like United 4Wheel Drive Association. Don't waste your money on groups or politicians that aren't helping us stop this train. Remember that "quacking like a duck ain't the same thing as flying like one" (says Del). So join up and get in the game. Start with BRC. Join everything you can afford to join after that (as long as they are helping us in the access struggles). Use the Internet or your trusted friends for advice on which clubs/groups to join.

Second, buy from businesses that are helping us. Skip the guys that are just out to make a buck off our recreation while not supporting the access battles. Ask them before you buy if they are members or supporters of land use/access organizations and trails. Check the web sites of your favorite club/group to see what businesses are helping out. Then buy.

Third, learn more about the access fight so you can be better prepared to help stop the train. Take a training course from Tread Lightly or NOHVCC or Del's RLTC course (www.delalbright.com/RLTC/rltc.htm). Read web sites that offer information to

help you better understand just how serious are the turtles and trains (such as www.muirnet.net and www.sharetrails.org/public_Lands/).

Finally, if you are not in a position to attend meetings and get involved with clubs and organizations, then realize you can do your part by donating to the cause – donate to someone who has the time. Give to an organization that can fight for you. Large trains do not stop on a dime, so we need to start doing everything we can, **now**, to eventually stop this Wilderness Train!

Del

The BlueRibbon Coalition is a national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. It represents over 10,000 individual members and 1,100 organization and business members, for a combined total of over 600,000 recreationists nationwide. Call 1-800-258-3742 and visit BRC online at www.sharetrails.org.

The Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests EIS Public Meetings

On October 10, the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to designate Forest trails and routes open to off-highway vehicles. This NOI initiates the scoping process that guides development of the EIS for the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests' Public Wheeled Motorized Travel Management Plan.

Written comments on the NOI will be accepted until January 11, 2008. The Federal Register notice can be found [here](#). In addition, the Forests will conduct meetings to solicit comments from the public and interested parties on the NOI. The meetings are scheduled from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the following locations:

Lakeside, AZ—November 6, 2007
Blue Ridge Junior High School Cafeteria
1200 West White Mountain Blvd.

LATEST PLANNING EFFORTS

Eagar, AZ—November 7, 2007
Eagar Town Hall, 22 West 2nd St.

Clifton, AZ—November 8, 2007
Clifton Community Center, Clifton Train Depot 100 North Coronado Blvd. (U.S. Highway 191)

Overgaard, AZ—November 13, 2007
Rim Country Senior Center
2171 B Street

Alpine, AZ—November 14, 2007
Alpine Community Center
42661 U.S. Highway 180

Please take the time to review the NOI and submit comments. The Forests provide some direction for submitting comments in the NOI: "To assist the Forests in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible.

It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement.

Written comments may be emailed to comments-southwestern-apache-sitgreaves@fs.fed.us with "Travel Management" in the subject line or mailed to Travel Management, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, P.O. Box 640, Springerville, AZ 85938. For further information contact Jim Copeland, Team Leader at (928) 333-4301/(928) 339-4384.

Moab BLM'S Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft EIS AT A GLANCE:

The following information was received from the Blue Ribbon Coalition. Moab BLM's website is pretty easy to navigate. Check <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/planning.html> for the complete Draft RMP and Draft EIS as well as all the background documents.

Comments may be submitted electronically at:

UT_Moab_Comments@blm.gov.

Comments may also be submitted by mail to: Moab Field Office RMP Comments, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532. To facilitate analysis of comments and information submitted, we strongly encourage you to submit comments in an electronic format.

Brief Description of an EIS (Environmental Impact Statement)

Chapter 1 is the Purpose and Need, where BLM is supposed to define specific areas where management needs to be changed.

Chapter 1 also describes the Planning Issues and Planning Criteria. Chapter 2 is a detailed description of the Alternatives.

Chapter 3 is the Affected Environment section where the agency described the current condition and existing management.

Chapter 4 is the environmental analysis.

Chapter 5 describes the public involvement, consultation and coordination.

Key Sections of the Document:

It will be helpful to review the [Dear Reader](#) letter and the [Executive Summary](#). The Executive Summary is worth review and gives a brief description of the "theme" of the Alternatives, but it won't give you much detail.

[Chapter 2](#) describes the Alternatives and includes the "matrix" (pages 2-7 through 2-56). The matrix is a comparison of how each Alternative addresses the key issues. Important sections include "Recreation" (pages 2-17 through 2-20) and "Travel Management" (pages 2-48 through 2-50). This will be a lot easier to understand if you print and reference maps 2-8 A through D as well as 2-9 B through D. (Don't miss the description of how BLM addressed SUWA's "Red Rock Heritage Travel Plan Alternative" on page 2-107.)

Also important are the Recreation Rules in [Appendix E](#), where you will find the Moab BLM's policy on Dispersed Camping and other activities.

[Appendix G](#) is the explanation of how the Moab BLM developed the Travel Plan. It will help if you can print and reference the following maps:

Maps 2-10 A through D
Maps 2-11 B through E
Maps 2-11-F B through D

The very brave will want to view [Appendix F](#), the Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMA). But making sense of all of the various "overlays" isn't for the faint of heart!

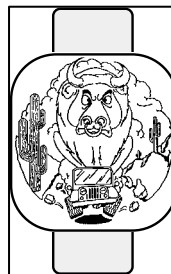
Appendix F is a critical section. But the way the BLM is managing the SRMAs is unnecessarily confusing. Pay close attention! You'll need to fully understand the difference between Physical and Administrative management zones (Primitive, Back Country, Middle Country, Front Country and Rural), Goals, Settings and Outcomes. The final step is to overlay all of that with the travel management program and see if it makes any sense at all. Again, you'll need maps 2-8 A through D.

Advanced level Access Advocates may want to review the "lands with wilderness character" and Areas of Critical Environmental Concern sections. (Chapter 2, pages 2-16 through 2-17, Appendix P and Maps 2-24 B and C for lands with wilderness character. ACECs are on pages 2-33 through 2-39. Reference maps 2-14 A through C.)

IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT MAKING COMMENTS:

Comments will be most helpful if you can state specifically what you like and what you don't like about each of the Alternatives. Suggest changes and be specific. Include information, sources, or methodologies if possible. Also, it is good if you can reference a section or page number.

BLM is also encouraging feedback concerning the adequacy and accuracy of



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the four proposed alternatives, the analysis of their respective management decisions, and any new information that would help the BLM produce a Proposed Plan.

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