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Note from the Editor:

Hello everyone!

The Holidays are fast approaching again, where does the time go? This year has passed so quickly! Here in Oshkosh we are awaiting our first snowfall of the year, word has it this will come on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving! Here's wishing you all the best this Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year! See you all in the Spring!



Sincerely,
Dawn Krueger
MW4WDA Newsletter Editor

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Presidents Corner &

Hello friends,

Many of you may not know this family but those of us in the Fox Valley area have known Chris Walburn for a number of years. Chris is a past member of the Trailgators. Chris has a little girl named Emily, she is 5 years old. Here is their story:

“The Monday after Halloween, Emily had symptoms like the flu a headache and throwing up a few times. Tuesday still seemed like flu, but she also was kind of dizzy and had a little trouble walking. Then Wednesday she wanted to go to school because she was supposed to be star of the week. Well two hours later they called and said she still had trouble walking but then Wed. night she seemed better, then Thurs she still did not feel good so we took her in. We were sure they would tell us she had an ear infection or just the flu so imagine our shock when they did a CT scan and found she had a brain tumor. Ever since then our lives have been turned upside down. Since Thursday, November 4th we have been in Milwaukee, Emily has had 2 surgeries, and is being braver than ever. Starting Wednesday, November 10th, she will begin radiation for 6 weeks which unfortunately will take us to Dec. 30 but Chris, I, and Sarah, mom, are working hard together to make things as good and fun as possible for Emily while we have the chance. So great to see the support from all of our families and friends we are hoping for the best but were told the prognosis is 9 to 12 months we are preparing for the worst but praying for the best because miracles do happen.”

Well, members of the Trailgators, Twin City Bushwackers, 4 x 4 Forever, and Extreme Off Roaders are coming together to do a benefit for Emily and her family!

There is a Benefit Account set up for Emily:

Emily Walburn Account
Heritage State Bank
201 West Clark Street
Spencer, WI 54479

Also in Spencer at the library and Land O Lakes, and various bars by Michelle, and in Oshkosh there will be donation canisters in place thanks again for all the prayers and support they are greatly appreciated:)

We are looking at doing a benefit dance with raffles etc... Family event shooting for January 29th in the Fox Valley area. More info to come as it becomes available.

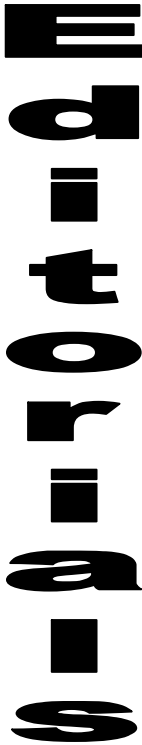
If you have anything you would like to donate for a silent auction or raffle etc.

Please send to:
Emily Walburn Benefit
Attn: Dawn Krueger
2329 Minerva Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Please keep Chris and Emily and their family in your prayers this Holiday Season. This all came as such a shock and Emily is being so brave with all of her treatments!!!

Thank you,
Dawn Krueger
MW4WDA Secretary

Tidbits from the Board



Apple Valley Farms Off-Road Park Event Notification

Open to the public only on these weekends:
February 19-20, 2011
June 18-19, 2011
July 30-31, 2011

More details about our 2011 events to come later.
Please visit our website <http://www.rpm4x4.com> to sign up and receive our \$10 off coupon.

Amanda Holder
Real Performance Machines
<http://www.rpm4x4.com>

JPFreek Adventure Magazine
<http://online.jpfreek.com>

Chris Walburn has asked to organize a ride for Emily in the Spring. Since W4WDA has had a difficult time doing a Spring Fling in recent years, is there someone who would be willing to set up a May ride for Emily at Northwoods Overland?
Please contact:
Dawn Krueger (920)420-2348

A big thanks to Brian Swearingin AKA "Woody" for having our website and forum on his server space!!!! Thanks Woody!!!!

Upcoming Events

Emily Rose May Walburn Benefit Place, date and time to be determined!

Emily Rose May Walburn Trail Ride in May more info to come—need a volunteer to help organize this.

We need someone from Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska to write a quarterly report for their state for the quarterly news letter. It does not need to be formal, just an update of things happening in your state. Please contact Dawn Krueger at Midwesterner@new.rr.com if you would be willing to help with this.



MidWest Fall Delegates Meeting

Sunday, October 17, 2010

President Mark White called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Mark read the MW4WDA Statement.

Roll Call:

Present: 15 clubs and 1 guest. The guest was a member of Mississippi Valley Jeep Inc.

Secretary's Report: Butch handed out the secretary's report. Cory Wagner made the motion to accept the secretary's report seconded by Mark Oelke. Mark White called for a vote on this motion and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kert handed out the 2nd and 3rd quarter 2010 treasurer's report. Mark Oelke made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Brian Mulfihill. A vote taken and motion passed.

Randy Hays told everyone that he had two clubs which have applied for membership. Mark White asked if the paper work was completed correctly in which Randy replied he thought it was completed. Then Mark the asked the representative from Mississippi Valley Jeep Inc. (MVJI) to state where they were from and to introduce himself. Chris Willey stated they were incorporated through Iowa close to the Dubuque area, although they have members from different areas. Butch Chaplin made the motion to accept MVJI as a new member. The motion was seconded by Arnie Miller and a vote was taken. The motion passed.

Randy said that the Mad City Jeep Abusers Group, Inc. (MCJAGI) did not have a member present but called their representative by phone. After the representative talked to the group Randy made the motion to accept MCJAGI as a member. Butch Chaplin seconded and the motion passed. Mark White welcomed both clubs to MW4WDA.

Iowa: There has not been anything done on the Fort Dodge land due to the weather –flooding. They do have a person that will help them present the numbers to the city council sometime next year. They did a SWAP meet this fall in a town just northeast of DesMoines, along with a simple obstacle course done on that Sunday.

Minnesota: The tunnel connecting Gilbert and Virginia is completed. This tunnel should be open sometime next year.

Nebraska: not present

Wisconsin: see the WI notes and Luana's notes.

Membership: 508 members and 23 clubs down slightly from last year.

Safety: nothing

Insurance: Butch stated we have no claims this year but

that another organization

has one claim that may or may not affect us. Waivers should be printed on legal size paper with two (2) people as witnesses. The waivers cannot be folded and if they get mud, food or other substance on them, a new waiver should be used for the rest of the event. A tech sheet cannot be on the back side of a waiver. Be sure to contact Butch or Merlin – his information is on the Mid-West website- two weeks before an event. If you have any questions contact Butch.

Website: Tim has done a great job and other websites are using it has a model for their websites. Thanks Tim!
Tread Lightly: Randy has received a Banner and other information from Tread Lightly.

UFWDA: Has a full roster of officers and much enthusiasm to get things going. Dues structure will remain the same. Randy will put the option to join UFWDA on the MW4DA application. The rest can be found on Luana's notes.

Elections:

President - Mark White

2nd Vice President – Brian Mulfihill

Secretary – Dawn Kruger

New Business:

Luana suggested we put safety and users responsibility on our website as a reminder to everyone.

Spill Kits are a required item for certain trails and Luana stated that there is a club that sells them for \$15 plus shipping. She suggested that MW4DA purchased some and have on hand for clubs and events. Luana will check in to this more and put this on the next meeting agenda.

It was also suggested that a post it note be put on the website for clubs to request the MW4DA Banner.

A suggestion was made to every club to go to the website IRS.gov to be sure that they are still incorporated through the federal government. Some organizations have not done their 990 –N forms for 2009 and if not done soon they must reapply for organization thru the federal government.

Make It or Break It will hold their Toys for Tots on Oct 30 – 31 weekend.

Mark Wagner made a motion to close the meeting and Butch seconded. Mark White adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.



For Immediate Release

Contact:

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UFWDA

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Currently, the House and Senate are idle due to the November elections. On November 15th, the “Lame Duck” sessions will begin.

A “Lame Duck” session of Congress occurs whenever Congress meets after its successor is elected, but before the successor’s term begins. In current practice, any meetings of Congress after Election Day, but before the following January 3rd, is a “Lame Duck” session.

UFWDA is concerned the Wilderness Society will push legislators for pleas to pass wilderness legislation during the Lame Duck sessions. This is considered to be one of the most immediate threats to our recreation on public lands.

UFWDA is asking you to help by contacting your Congressman and asking for their commitment to oppose any public land omnibus bill that is submitted during the Lame Duck sessions.

With these sessions beginning on November 15th, your immediate response is required. We suggest that you contact your local Congressman by phone or email. You can also choose to send a written letter to your Congressman, which can be just as effective.

For Congressional Contact Information, you can visit: <http://www.ufwda.org/write-your-congressman/congressional-contact-information/>

If you choose to send a written letter, tips and sample letters are available here: <http://www.ufwda.org/write-your-congressman/>

Please take the time to make your voice heard and considered in Washington.

Wisconsin

One of the reasons that extensive trail systems exist for ATV's & snowmobiles here in the Badger State is because these two groups have a source of funding via their respective registration programs.

Over the past several years, WOHVA has been completing the ground work to having a sticker program(s) for 4-Wheel Drives & OHM's introduced here in the Badger State.

Through a series of meetings, with Wisconsin governmental agencies, land managers, other motorized recreation groups, as well as organizations and governmental groups from outside of Wisconsin, WOHVA began to formulate a draft proposal of legislation (available for view in the WOHVA Members Only Forums in our website), which would establish the aforementioned funding source. This has been a long & complicated process. WOHVA believes that this time has been well spent, as it is vital to the success of this project to have a legislative bill that all these groups can support.

In November, WOHVA will be meeting with the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau to have the proposed legislation officially drafted into Legislative Legal-Ease. This is the final step prior to having the legislation introduced for consideration by the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Throughout the aforementioned process, WOHVA has also been actively seeking support from within the Wisconsin State Senate & Assembly. This support is vital to passage of our legislation.

Most important of all is the support of motorized recreation enthusiasts such as you!

WOHVA began soliciting support from enthusiasts (via a short survey card) supplied to OHV enthusiasts and the general public. You may have seen and filled out this survey. They are printed on a white postcard and asked a few simple questions. WOHVA will present these cards of support to the State Legislature when our legislation is formally introduced. If you haven't seen and filled out this survey, contact WOHVA and we'll mail one out to you today!

Recently, WOHVA has created an on-line petition. If you haven't yet done so, we encourage you to sign the petition at http://www.ipeitions.com/petition/wohva_stickers/. The petition, along with letters of endorsement submitted by 4WD & OHM clubs from across the state, will be included with WOHVA reference materials supplied to Wisconsin State Legislators.

It is crucial that motorized recreationists become and remain informed on this project. To assist you in gathering this information, WOHVA has scheduled our WOHVA Spring '11 Trails Information Meeting for January 12th in Fredonia, Wisconsin. **This meeting is open to all OHV enthusiasts.** The meeting is **FREE** to attend and will include an update on this legislation. You can find out more on this meeting and other issues important to OHV recreation on our website at <http://www.WOHVA.com>.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list and receive regular updates on WOHVA events and contemporary issues important to motorized recreation enthusiasts forward your name, address, city, state, zip and email address to WOHVA at: WOHVA, P.O. Box 1865, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-1865; or info@WOHVA.com; or (715) 490-5463.

WISCONSIN FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION (W4WDA) STATE TRAILS COORDINATOR AND MIDWEST FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION (MW4WDA) WISCONSIN STATE DIRECTOR REPORT

October 16 & 17, 2010 Revised and Updated

Submitted by Luana Schneider

Hello Everyone,
Hope you got lots of wheelin' in in Two Thousand and Ten!

NATIONAL FOREST TOPICS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE (ROUTE DESIGNATIONS) ON NATIONAL FORESTS

You can view the rule and the maps at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/cnnf/rec/tmr/index.html>. If you find trails/roads that are not listed on the plan that you want to use, you need to submit a request to have a specific trail/road added to the annual update of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) for consideration by **November 30, 2011**. I have a couple of copies of the forms and letter if someone wishes them.—you can also access through the website. This information should be as specific as possible. You can contact Joan Marburger, CNNF Supervisor's Office, 1170 4th Ave. South, Park Falls, WI 54552, 715-762-5178.

PIPELINE CLEAN-UP There were two W4WDA clean-ups scheduled for 2010. One was in June and the other one was supposed to be in September but was cancelled due to wet conditions. I don't know if any dates are set yet for next year. Tim Krueger is the contact.

**STATE OF WISCONSIN DNR TOPICS
INVASIVE SPECIES GROUP** Tim Krueger continues to be part of the Invasive Species Committee and I am his back up. There is a brochure out.

STATE TRAILS COUNCIL (STC)

www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/council

I did not attend either the April or August meetings, however, W4WDA was represented at the August meeting by Sam Vandenberg and Jesse Thompson—a thank you goes out to them!! In reading the April minutes I found of interest that there was a definite movement to at least increase the council to eleven which would include Four Wheel Drive and they would be doing more in regard to this at the August meeting. In the information from Sam & Jesse gave me, I found out that WOHVA has received a grant from the Recreational Trail Program (RTP) for trail maintenance of the Pipeline. Also, revision of the STC to include additional non-voting members on the STC and an application to be on the STC for non-voting members was worked on. I attended the STC meeting on October 29 in Fitchburg. At that meeting there was heavy discussion of the economic impact trails have on the areas they are in. They also finalized recommendations for changes in the STC by-laws and the non-voting member application. There was additional discussion on the RTP grant cap of \$30,000 per grant and how to address funds that may be left over in such a case—this was tabled for further review and will be brought back with a proposal at the next meeting. During the Public Comment Period I told them of the cancellation of the rally and emphasized the disappointment of the community due to the economic impact the event has on the community. I also stated my disappointment that there was nothing on the agenda as an update on the Motorized Recreation Area. NOTE: RTP funding is available to us for trail projects—if you have a trail development project, you may want to check into the possibility of it being available for these funds. Contact the DNR for more info on this—May 1 is the usual deadline for submitting requests.

You are very welcome to sit in on any of the STC meetings. To learn more about the Council, details of future meetings, read the minutes, etc. you can go to the STC website noted above.

DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM Remember our various events that are trail type events where the public is welcome we should submit to the Dept. of Tourism and ask the Chamber of Commerce in the area of the event to also submit to Tourism and advertise in the area for you. Keep that in mind when planning your event and looking at advertising angles. I would be interested in what success or problems you have when doing this.

MOTORIZED RECREATION AREA (MRA) was formerly called Motorized State Recreation Area (MSRA)

The DNR has developed a Committee of four people within the DNR to come up with a Development Plan

and Business Plan for MRA's. They are looking for ideas. If you have any info from Off road parks that you have been to, they would like to have copies of flyers, fees, info on infrastructure etc. and select photos. They don't want hundreds of photos, but key photos (preferably electronic) of trails, infrastructure etc. and your opinions (pros and cons) of the park/s. THEY WANT YOUR EXPERIENCES!! THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN AN MSRA (OHV PARK). You can send via e-mail to the Dan Schuller at Daniel.Schuller@wisconsin.gov. or Peter Biermeier is still on the project but just isn't the main contact anymore. Whatever you can't send by e-mail can be sent to Wisconsin DNR, c/o Dan Schuller, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. Remember to emphasize this is NOT to be a replacement for our use of public lands but an addition to or as some call it an enhancement to our recreation!

REGISTRATION/STICKER PROGRAM Legislation to implement a sticker program for Off-Highway Four Wheel Driving and Off-Highway Motorcycles is currently being written. WOHVA has sent out a letter to all clubs asking that the clubs and its members send letters supporting the concept of a sticker program and send it to WOHVA to be included in a packet to be sent to the legislators who will actually write up the legislation. The last I heard a fee structure similar to what Minnesota has is being considered.

Note: The legislation for an Off-Highway Four Wheel Drive sticker program is currently in the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) to be written into legalese and should have an LRB number shortly. It will not have a bill number until it is presented to either the Senate or Representative. Keep an eye open as to notices that might be sent out asking for your assistance, input and public hearing attendance.

MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

NORTHWOODS OVERLAND OHV PARK

www.northwoodsoverland.com The area is currently closed for the winter season. Check this spring for opening and trail building dates. With all the damage due the very wet year and the logging that has occurred you will need to keep an eye on the website. The park may be open for the spring/early summer before work can be started to fix up the park.

SPRING FLING Will there be a spring fling this year? Ideas may be to see if people could go up and help at Northwoods Overland that weekend to help fix the park. OR if not ready to fix, go there for a weekend of riding.

MARCH OF DIMES RALLY As you all know the rally was cancelled one week before it was to occur. The immensely wet conditions made it iffy when we were up there working on the route Labor Day week but after significant rainfall in September including a major

drenching the week before the rally was to occur it had to be cancelled. The area folks were extremely disappointed and Jeremy made a major effort to make it work but in reviewing the logistics—it was not a realistic thing to do. Some sent in pledges and prizes for high individual pledges will be presented. In order for pledges to be counted for prizes, they must have been received by November 5th. The pledges with your pledge sheet can be sent to the March of Dimes at 5315 Wall St., Suite 110, Madison, WI 53718-7938

We need your input as to what folks want for a date and place for next year. We have done some initial review of an area near Minocqua and it would be really good rally route, but not much challenge has been found as of yet. Even if fixed by then Northwoods Overland is not an option for next year, since it would need some time to heal.

We also are in dire need of folks who may be interested in helping out on planning, taking on a project or working the rally, please contact me! There are all sorts of projects that can be done!

NEED LOSS OF LAND I keep asking for this info and no one seems to have had land lost to them since we do not seem to be getting any info on this. Yes, I would like to have a list of ALL lands/trails that you know of that have been lost—whether it is on public or private land. Would like any info you may have on why also.

UNITED FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATIONS (U4WDA) www.ufwd.org

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in June in Traverse City, Michigan. The President did not make the meeting so the Treasurer initially presided at the meeting and asked the delegates to approve that Jim Mazzola conduct the meeting—which occurred. Reports were given by the various directors. Carla reported on various land issues such as Cape Hatteras and Tellico that she has been hired by United to work on—at this point she is not on a full retainer. There was much discussion on communication through e-news, The Voice, Forum and Facebook and the need to have a person who will just answer the calls that come into United. Sandy McCullen volunteered to take and act on incoming calls. Carla was working on revising the website and since that meeting it has been activated. The RSS feed that is on both W4WDA's and MW4WDA's websites was highly praised! The financials are not a pretty picture, but are improving. The membership recording was another concern that is being worked on to simplify how it is done—major strides have been made in this, but they do not have it fully ironed out as of yet. The membership and finances go hand in hand and there was some pressure to change the dues with much opposition from many of the delegates to do this at this time.

Therefore, the dues structure for 2010 is the same as last year's. An organization will pay \$100 dues and then

each individual who wishes to be a member of United pays \$15 dues if they join through a member organization. If a person joins as an individual not through a member organization, their dues will be \$25 or higher depending on the class of membership that is chosen. There is hope of some significant support on the horizon. There was discussion on various programs United has put together. Upon NFS's request to United, Dave Logan did some training sessions in various NFS areas including one in Rhinelander. There is also an expansion of the Safety and Awareness program that Dave Logan is willing to head up. By the end of the meeting we had a full slate of officers in United for the first time in many years. Their enthusiasm in getting United back on its feet is amazing!

There was a quarterly Board/delegate meeting on September 21 that as a delegate I was invited to be part of. This meeting was via a power point program on the internet and using a phone for verbal communications. It worked out quite well. During the meeting the 4WD Awareness program was discussed and how they are going forward with this. Also how the Voice is up for a renewal on the contract and it sounds positive. Statistics on how many times the e-news is read was reported on and it was not real good. However, after tearing apart the statistics, flaws were found resulting in changes on the way these statistics are being kept. Membership guidelines for renewals and how to submit rosters was presented. The tax status issue has been addressed with the IRS and it looks real positive. Also the financials are improving, but needs to improve more before United can afford to bring Carla back on a full retainer. The new Land Use Director is starting a Land Use Committee (see more about this below). Another program that he is working on is America's Great Outdoors and is encouraging everyone to get involved in the Great Outdoors initiative signed by President Obama to promote partnerships between Americans and federal agencies responsible for conserving "outdoor spaces". To learn more about this, go to the United's website and go to the September e-news. Carla gave updates on Tellico, Cape Hatteras, America's Great Outdoors and her Website Project which should be out very soon now—is now up. The Business Manager/Operations Manager reported on the Wheel-in, The Voice, her upcoming trip to SEMA and other projects—all look real favorable. At the end of the meeting, a representative from California stated that what she is seeing in United right now is the very best she ever has seen and is excited about their future with United.

There will be another quarterly Board/delegate meeting sometime in December. At the last Annual Meeting these quarterly Board/Delegate meetings was one of the action items that is being followed through with as a means of more interaction between the Board and Dele-

gates and subsequently the Delegates with the membership.

I routinely forward to W4WDA & MW4WDA through their webmaster & W4WDA Yahoo group info on various things United is doing and also notices of when the new monthly United e-news is out that you can access on United's site. The e-news is a great way to keep up-to-date on what is happening in United. If you haven't as of yet, sign up through United's internet site so you can be notified directly when the new e-news comes out. Also, for those of you that are members of United, you should be receiving a notice as to when the electronic quarterly United's Voice comes out.. You can also go to United's Forum for more info and to also state your opinions, ideas, etc. Please read these in order to be informed!!

United is a very important organization to the four wheel drive community!! It is the ONLY viable organization that represents ONLY four wheel drive on a national level and it accomplishes so much with so little. The problem still is the dollars and how to get to the pockets that have the big dollars to get involved with such an organization and use those dollars as economically feasible as possible. I know the volunteers and the employees of United are working very hard!!

UNITED LAND USE COMMITTEE—United would like to have a representative from each member organization on this committee—that includes one from both W4WDA and MW4WDA. I don't think this in itself would be a difficult committee to be on. It is a means of discussing land use issues in our area with others and by sharing issues and experiences hopefully there can be some help for us and we in turn can help others. The Four Lakes Four Wheelers has an individual, Dave Dick, who has volunteered to represent the club on this committee and since then there has been one conference call where discussion was held in regard to land use issues in various areas, what they are doing about them and discussion of experiences others have had addressing some of these issues.

UNITED CONVENTION IN 2011 The date and place has not been officially set as of yet.

UNITED TRAIL RIDE WHEEL-IN These Wheel-Ins have become quite fun and are being held at different sites twice a year—keep an eye open for these and consider going.

LAKE STATES RESOURCE ALLIANCE (LSRA) I receive their newsletter and I know Gil and/or Helen Wagner have been attending meetings.

25 YEAR PLAN REVIEW OF STATE FORESTS/ MASTER PLANS Both of these are occurring. We need to know which areas are being looked at right now and let people know in those areas to keep an eye on these for us to respond to what is being done. This is another opportunity for us that is being lost. This is

another one of those projects that isn't so large in itself that someone could be doing. Let me know of interest out there and let's see what we can put together. I do know the master plan for the Black River State Forest was to be completed in early 2009. Apparently it creates much more closure of the property and is of much concern to current users. To my knowledge no one from W4WDA has been involved. If someone is involved, please let me know!!

BLACK RIVER FALLS (BRF) I have received an e-mail from an individual that has been running up by BRF for some time and had put some of his activities on U-Tube. Apparently someone in the DNR saw the U-Tube and from that figured out who the owners of the vehicles were and sent both of them a ticket. I have been trying to get more info on this in order to address what was done, where, etc. in order to even make an inquiry with those at BRF. However, I do think it was in the shale pit area. The individual pulled it off of U-Tube per DNR's request so I cannot review it. So, please be cautious if you are going to BRF and I will let you know if I might learn anything.

COUNTY TEN YEAR PLANS AGAIN I am informing you that the County ten year plans are continuously being worked on—either for the current 10 years or the next. Counties need to report to the DNR on these plans. Contact your county and find out the status of your county's plan. You can also check your county website at [www.co.\(name of your county\).wi.us](http://www.co.(name of your county).wi.us) for what is coming up or send them an e-mail through their website. We need YOU to communicate with YOUR county officials IMMEDIATELY to see what type of input they have received from four wheel drive (OHV's) such as Jeeps, Trucks, etc. recreationists and let them know that we are definitely out there and want to be included in their recreational plans for the County Forest!

FOREST CERTIFICATION <http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/program/forestry/smartwood/public-comments.html> . United Four Wheel Drive Associations has major concern especially in Wisconsin and other midwest states in regard to this. Apparently Wisconsin is a leader in this action and all state forests are certified while the National Forest is not. There is also an attempt to get all county and private forests also certified in the state. This is another topic that needs to be addressed by us and would be majorly helpful if someone could take this on as their project. NOTE: You can get more info on this and have more internet sites to go to for more info, it is http://www.fscus.org/standards_criteria/standards_revision_process.php and http://www.pinchot.org/what_we_do/forest_certification .

OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE COALITION OF WISCONSIN (OHVCOW) This is an informal group that

will not have any officers etc. but formed to communicate various items that would be of interest to users overall and also be able to support various users on their specific issues. I do not know of anything that has been occurring in regard to this.

WISCONSIN OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE ASSOCIATION (WOHVA) <http://wohva.com>

WOHVA again hosted the Wisconsin Jeep Jamboree and the Annual Great Northern Trailride. Both events were held on the Mole Lake land in Forest County. Go to the WOHVA site for more info.

WISCONSIN OFF HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION (WOHMA)

They have written up a white paper for legislation on a fee (sticker) program for offroad motorcycles and are proceeding on getting legislation submitted.

FOREST COUNTY OHV PARK PROPOSAL A coalition is being formed in regard to this and you can reference further in WOHVA's November update..

MEMBERSHIP--Helen Wagner holds this position and is ready and willing to follow up on any leads you may have for her!

LAND USE CHAIR FOR YOUR REGION AND YOUR CLUB

We need to have every region appoint a land use chair and also every club. These folks then can follow through with many things found in this report. Also I for one and I am sure there are others in W4WDA who would like to have the name, address and phone number of that person so we have a contact.

TREAD LIGHTLY How are we doing on getting a training session set up for us?

SPILL KITS This is becoming more and more a need in order to go to some offroad parks, etc. These are quite expensive to buy through a company (at least \$50). I have received information on the spill kits that the Great Lakes Association put together for their members at about 1/3 the cost. Any club that would like to do this as a project for their club and/or for W4WDA, let me know and I'll give you the info.

COMMUNICATIONS!

Communication is so key in an organization going forward!! Let's use the forms of electronic communications more to keep everyone up on what is happening!

GET INVOLVED Everyone, seriously think of taking on one project and then follow it through. We need more people to get involved in order to even keep what we have. There are many of us ready and able to help you out, we just can't be also working on all these projects. However, there are many other projects that need to be done. Taking just a small piece can make such a big difference!!

GET TO KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES, FORESTERS, RANGERS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT HEADS IN YOUR AREA!!!

Let them know your interest in OHV trails and OHV state parks. Explain to them what we do. Invite them out on a trail or even a work weekend! TREAD LIGHTLY SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US---GET INVOLVED!!

Trail News - 10/18/2010

1. Next State Trails Council Meeting - October 29, 2010

The next meeting of the Governor's State Trails Council will be held Friday, October 29, 2010 in the Lussier Heritage Center at Capital Springs State Recreation Area, 3101 Lake Farm Rd., Madison, WI. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Center and is expected to conclude by 2:30 p.m.

The State Trails Council (STC) is appointed by the Governor under the authority of statute 15.347(16) to provide state trail user groups and individuals a voice in the statewide trails program. The STC also provides a forum for dealing with solutions to conflicts between and within trail user groups and trail providers. Additionally, the STC provides advice and consultation to the Department of Natural Resources regarding the planning, acquisition, development, and management of trails in Wisconsin. Additional information about the Governor's State Trails Council, is available on the internet:
<<http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=bWFpbGluZ2lkPTEwNDIxMjIkd/parks/trails/council/index.html>>
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/trails/council/index.html>.

Lunch will be provided for State Trails Council members, DNR staff and presenters. A draft agenda for the upcoming meeting will be available on the Internet address above. Please send correspondence regarding this October 2010 State Trails Council meeting to Joseph Warren (josephc.warren@wisconsin.gov). Please let Joe know by October 25, 2010 if you are planning to attend the October 29 meeting.

2. New Administrative Rules Proposed for the Ice Age and North Country Trails

The Department of Natural Resources is proposing new rules to help manage lands for the Ice Age and North Country Trails in Wisconsin. A public hearing on these rules will take place on November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Glacier Room of the DNR South Central Region Hdqrs., 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI. Written public comments are also being accepted through November 5. The proposed rules address: construction of the Ice Age and North Country trails, dispersed camping, vegetative management, recreational facilities such as gravel parking lots. Complete language of the proposed rules are available on the state's administrative code changes website: <https://health.wisconsin.gov/admrules/public/Rmo?nRmoId=9323#>

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