Volunteer Opportunities
New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors
2019 Project Season

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)

Saturday, February 9
Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Plant Gooddings Black Willows and Cottonwoods to restore riparian habitat for Southwest Flycatcher and Yellow-billed Cuckoo.

Trail Workshop-Classroom

Thursday Evening, March 14
Leaders: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com
Join us at 6:00 PM at REI Albuquerque for a classroom introduction to trail construction and maintenance.

Trail Workshop-Field (ABQ Open Space)

Saturday, March 16
Leaders: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com
Hands-on training in trail construction, maintenance, and repair.

South St. Peter’s Dome (Jemez RD)

Saturday, March 30
Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Cancelled due to roads to work area being impassable.

Guadalupe Pueblo Ruins (BLM Rio Puerco)

Saturday, April 13
Leader: Michael Myers, michael_myers@q.com
Repair tread and improve drainage along the 1/4-mile trail to the ruins.

Morphy Lake State Park

Saturday, April 27 thru Sunday, April 28
Leader: Gena Robertson, 573-300-0853, genarobertson@hotmail.com
Help us finish up the 2 miles of sustainable trail around the lake and through the campgrounds and surrounding forest.

Middle Fork Gila River CDTC

Friday, May 3 thru Wednesday, May 8
NMVFO Coordinator: Ed DiBello, edbhiker@gmail.com
Join with the CDT Coalition on this backpack project to improve an existing trail in the Gila Wilderness.

North St. Peter’s Dome (Jemez RD)

Saturday, May 11 thru Sunday, May 12
Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, lawrbenson@aol.com
Cancelled due to inclement weather.

South Sandia Spring Backpack (Sandia RD)

Friday, May 17 thru Monday, May 20
Leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com
Come help us clear corridor and remove deadfall along the South Crest Trail in the Sandia Mountain Wilderness.

Mora National Fish Hatchery (FWS)

Saturday, June 1 thru Sunday, June 2
Leader: Gena Robertson, 573-300-0853, genarobertson@hotmail.com
Come out and help blaze a half mile of new trail to complete the loop around the hatchery.

New Canyon CG (Mountainair RD)

Saturday, June 8
Leader: Ed DiBello, edbhiker@gmail.com
Co-Leader: Don Lemke, diemke1@hotmail.com
Re-establish tread, clear dead fall and install signs along the Manzano Crest Trail just south of the New Canyon/Crest Trail junction.

Sugarite Canyon State Park

Saturday, June 15 thru Sunday, June 16
Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com
Co-leader: Todd Clark, 413-824-8278, toddbclark@gmail.com
Trail tread repair and erosion control along trails leading from the historic Coal Camp ruins to mines #2 and #3.

Puerto Nambe (Santa Fe NF)

Thursday, June 20 thru Sunday, June 23
Leader: Mike Timmer, 281-622-6858, mjtimmer52@gmail.com
Back Country Horsemen will support our backpack project to repair trail tread, improve drainage, and close off user trails along the Winsor Trail near the Santa Fe Ski Basin.

Taos Ski Valley Trails (Questa RD)

Friday, June 28 thru Tuesday, July 2
Leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, jblackm99@yahoo.com
Build rolling dips, re-bench trail, repair steps, remove brush on trails in the Carson NF along the Taos Ski Valley Road.

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**2019 Project Season (Continued)**

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<th>Hyde Memorial State Park</th>
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<td><strong>Saturday, September 21 thru Sunday, September 22</strong></td>
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| Leader: Jon Blakey, 734-255-5251, [jblakey102@gmail.com](mailto:jblakey102@gmail.com) | Leaders: Nick Tenorio, [nick@zder.net](mailto:nick@zder.net)
| West Circle Trail will receive a needed reroute of a badly eroded section | Jim Nelson, [jcnelson@gilanet.com](mailto:jcnelson@gilanet.com) |
| | **Improve trail tread, clear brush and deadfall in a part of the Cibola National Forest that is new to the NMVFO** |

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<th>Embudito Backpack (Sandia RD)</th>
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<td><strong>Friday, July 26 thru Monday, 29 July</strong></td>
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<td>Join us for some general trail maintenance, erosion control and corridor clearing along the upper sections of the Embudito Trail</td>
<td><strong>Second year for the BYRD! Come out to continue construction and development of the refuge and its trail system</strong></td>
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<th>Datil Well Campground (BLM)</th>
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<td><strong>Saturday, 17 August thru Sunday, 18 August</strong></td>
<td><strong>Friday, 11 October thru Monday, 14 October (tentative)</strong></td>
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<td>Leader: Chris Fritzsche, 505-504-3768, <a href="mailto:fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com">fritzsche.christopher@gmail.com</a> Co-Leader: Ed DiBello, <a href="mailto:edbhiker@gmail.com">edbhiker@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>Leader: Nick Tenorio, <a href="mailto:nick@zder.net">nick@zder.net</a></td>
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<td>Continuing new trail loop construction begun during the 2018 season at this historic landmark near the Very Large Array.</td>
<td><strong>Help clear trail corridor and remove blown down trees on trails through Aldo Leopold Wilderness near the ghost town of Hermosa, NM</strong></td>
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<th>Juan Tomas ABQ Open Space</th>
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<td><strong>Saturday, 24 August</strong></td>
<td><strong>Saturday, October 5</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Build new trail from Juan Tomas Open Space to adjacent USFS trails</strong></td>
<td><strong>Install signs, clear brush and deadfall along Ox Canyon Trail… or maybe some place different but in the same general area.</strong></td>
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<th>Lagunitas Area, Carson NF CDTC</th>
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<td>Monday, August 26 thru Wednesday, September 4</td>
<td><strong>Friday, November 29</strong></td>
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<td>NMVFO Coordinator: Ed DiBello, <a href="mailto:edbhiker@gmail.com">edbhiker@gmail.com</a></td>
<td><strong>Skip the Black Friday frenzy and go outside instead.</strong></td>
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<td>Join with the CDT Coalition to restore and maintain a section of the Continental Divide Trail.</td>
<td><strong>Visit your local REI Store or check <a href="https://www.rei.com/learn.html">https://www.rei.com/learn.html</a> for events in your area for the day after Thanksgiving.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>PROJECT FULL 5/12/19</strong></td>
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<th>Coyote Creek State Park</th>
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<td><strong>Saturday, 7 September thru Sunday, 8 September</strong></td>
<td><strong>Saturday, December 7, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM</strong></td>
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<td>Leader: Gena Robertson, 573-300-0853, <a href="mailto:genarobertson@hotmail.com">genarobertson@hotmail.com</a></td>
<td>Leader: VAN Committee</td>
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<td>Help us build new trail from the CG up to scenic overlooks and the creek</td>
<td>Location: First Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd, ABQ</td>
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**Pulaski ratings:** These ratings are general guidelines. Project work requirements may vary widely and; a project with a 3 Pulaski rating may include lesser rated activities; check with project leaders for specifics.

- \[\] Project is suitable for a wide range of abilities, with a moderate work level, may include a short hike.
- \[\[\]\] Project has more physically challenging work activities, may require hiking with some elevation change.
- \[\[\[\]\] Project will require a strenuous hike with significant elevation change and more physically challenging activities.

* A Pulaski is a wildland firefighting tool often used in trail maintenance and construction.

Since 1982 the New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors (NMVFO) have been recruiting people like you to volunteer for service projects that benefit trails and other recreational sites in national and state parks, forests, monuments, wilderness areas, city open space areas, and other public lands. The projects scheduled this year help maintain these valuable resources. NMVFO is a 501(c)3 all volunteer nonprofit organization.