Volunteer Opportunities  
New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors  
2020 Project Season

Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)  
Saturday, February 8  
Leader: Ed DiBello, e.dibello@nmvfo.org  
Saltgrass planting in the southeast playa wetland

Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge (FWS)  
Saturday, February 15  
Leader: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, l.benson@nmvfo.org  
Plant Gooddings Black Willows and Cottonwoods to restore riparian habitat for Southwest Flycatcher and Yellow-billed Cuckoos.

Trail Workshop-Classroom  
Thursday Evening, March 12  
Leaders: Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, l.benson@nmvfo.org  
Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org  
Join us 6:00 PM at REI Albuquerque for a classroom introduction to trail construction and maintenance

Perea Nature Area (BLM Rio Puerco)  
Saturday, March 28  
Leaders: Phyllis Martinez, nmmtngo@icloud.com  
Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, l.benson@nmvfo.org  
Repair tread, noxious weed removal and improve drainage.

Guadalupe Pueblo Ruins (BLM Rio Puerco)  
Saturday, April 11  
Leader: Michael Myers, michael.myers@q.com  
Repair tread and improve drainage along the 1/4-mile trail to the ruins.

Three Rivers Petroglyph Site (Las Cruces BLM)  
Saturday, April 18 through Sunday April 19  
Leader: Don Lemke, d.lemke@nmvfo.org  
Trail work in a sensitive archeological area.

Trigo Canyon (Mountainair RD)  
Saturday, April 25 through Sunday April 26  
Leaders: Don Lemke, d.lemke@nmvfo.org  
Ed DiBello, e.dibello@nmvfo.org

Ted Mace Trail (BLM Rio Puerco)  
Saturday, May 2  
Leaders: Phyllis Martinez, nmmtngo@icloud.com  
Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, l.benson@nmvfo.org  
General trail work along a CDT connector trail near Cuba, NM

Middle Fork Trail (Gila NF)  
Saturday, May 2 thru Friday, May 8  
NMVFO Coordinator: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org  
Work alongside volunteers from Heart of the Gila.

Cole Spring (Sandia RD)  
Friday, May 15 thru Sunday, May 17  
Leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org  
Repair tread, realign a spur trail along the Faulty Trail in the Sandias

Hillsboro Bypass Trail Backpack (Gila NF)  
Thursday, May 28 thru Tuesday, June 2  
NMVFO Coordinator: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org  
Repair tread, improve drainage and brushing alongside volunteers from Heart of the Gila.

South Crest Trail Backpack (Sandia RD)  
Friday, June 12 thru Monday, June 15  
Leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org  
Brushing, deadfall removal, and tread work along South Crest Trail

Columbine Trail Backpack (Carson NF)  
Thursday June 18 thru Sunday June 22  
Leader: Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org  
Repair tread, improve drainage and brushing

Skyline Trail Backpack (Santa Fe NF)  
Thursday, June 25 thru Sunday, June 28  
Leader: Mike Timmer, 281-622-6858, m.timmer@nmvfo.org  
Co-Leader: Jim Sells, gsaqebush@gmail.com  
Back Country Horsemen providing support

Aldo Leopold Wilderness Backpack  
Thursday, July 9 thru Sunday, July 12  
Leader: Nick Tenorio, n.tenorio@nmvfo.org  
Maintain trail access for UNM Wilderness and Wild Semester programs, and Furman Cougar Project research.

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<td>Thursday, July 23 thru Sunday, July 26</td>
<td>Mike Timmer, 281-622-6858, <a href="mailto:m.timmer@nmvfo.org">m.timmer@nmvfo.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Valle de Oro Build Your Refuge Day (FWS)</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, September 26</td>
<td>Ed DiBello, <a href="mailto:e.dibello@nmvfo.org">e.dibello@nmvfo.org</a></td>
<td>Third year for the BYRD! Come out to continue construction and development of refuge riparian areas and trail system</td>
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<td><strong>Nambe Lake Trail (Santa Fe NF)</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday, August 5</td>
<td>Jenny Blackmore, 720-470-4631, <a href="mailto:j.blackmore@nmvfo.org">j.blackmore@nmvfo.org</a></td>
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<td>Saturday, September 26 thru Sunday, September 27</td>
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<td>Don Lemke, <a href="mailto:d.lemke@nmvfo.org">d.lemke@nmvfo.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Doc Wiler Trail (Santa Fe NF)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Veteran’s Day Project (TBD)</strong></td>
<td>Wednesday, November 11</td>
<td>Chris Fritzche, <a href="mailto:c.fritzche@nmvfo.org">c.fritzche@nmvfo.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>Juan Tomas (ABQ Open Space)</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, August 22</td>
<td>Larry Benson, 505-821-7999, <a href="mailto:l.benson@nmvfo.org">l.benson@nmvfo.org</a></td>
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<td><strong>REI Opt Outside Events</strong></td>
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<td>Skip the Black Friday frenzy and go outside instead. 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</td>
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<td><strong>Beaver Creek Trail (Santa Fe NF)</strong></td>
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<td>Dan Potter, <a href="mailto:danpotterphoto@gmail.com">danpotterphoto@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Volunteer Appreciation Night</strong></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.