

Email #1 from Rick Hammel to OHV Monitoring Workgroup Email Listserv, dated April 30, 2005, re: April 30, 2005 Field Trip

Hello All,

Today, Saturday, 4/30, Laurie, Luke and Rick went to Sandwash and inventoried all of the trails along County Rd 67 to CR 126 and CR 48 to CR 46. Sunday May 1 is cancelled

The next task is to get all of the trails in the computer and print them out. Take the printouts and slice each trail and sort by class; heavy, medium and light use. Put each class into a hat and draw four trails. Those will be the trails that we will monitor. We will draw the trails when we get out to Sandwash for our next work party.

Saturday, May 7 is when we will lay out the plots on the selected trails, weather permitting. We will also be installing the two trail counters. Also, we will be the initial photo plots. We would like to have as many folks as possible to get a feel for what we are doing. We will be meeting at the BLM at 6:30 am on Saturday.

At the meeting 4/27, Dana presented a modified plot protocol. The plots are still 100 meters long. They now have 20m legs, two on one side of the 100m tape and three on the other side. Maria said that we need to wait until the first of June, so that we can identify all of the vegetation. Also we discussed the trail selection process.

We have two new folks come to the meeting. They are Sharyl Chapman and Brian Smith. They heard about us at the OHV organizing meeting Tuesday evening. Welcome to NWCOS Sheryl and Brian.

Rick Hammel

Email #2 from Rick Hammel to OHV Monitoring Workgroup Email Listserv, dated May 4, 2005, re: April 30, 2005 Field Trip

Hello All,

I would like to welcome two new people to the group, Sharyl Chapman and Brian Smith. Brian and Sharyl, if you are getting this note from the OHV server, please let me know.

As I said in the last note, a few of us went to Sandwash to identify all of the trails that provide access off of County Roads 67 and 48. We went from SR318 to CR126 on CR67. We went from CR67 to CR46 on CR48. There are 25 trails that intersect these roads. I put the trail numbers and what we thought was the use level into a database. At the Socio-economic meeting, 5/3, I put the numbers in Jeremy's hat, by use level, and passed the hat and we drew 4 trails of each use level.

We now have a map marked up with each trail that we will monitor on it. So, now we can go out and establish the plots on the ground. We also can establish the photo plots and put in the two trail counters that we have, at the same time. As we have 12 plots to establish, I think it can be done in one day. If not, a couple of us can finish them off the next day.

As we have this trip on the schedule, this is a reminder. Unless there is a significant amount of snow on the ground, we will meet at the BLM at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, May 7. Remember to bring a lunch, water and rain gear. It is still springtime in the Rockies!!

Best regards.... Rick