



New Mexico OHV Program

Annual Legislative Update

OHV SAFETY TRAINING 2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- NM OHV Program now has four online options for OHV Safety Training that cover all types of vehicles.
 - Online courses averaging more than 100 students a month since spring.
 - This year more than 500 students have completed courses and received safety permits.
- ATV Safety Institute continues to offer a hands-on basic rider course for new riders statewide.



OHV SAFETY TRAINING 2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- OHV Curriculum included in the Hunter Education Manual.
 - Four pages of NM OHV requirements in manual.
 - 8-minute OHV hunting safety and ethics video is being produced for presentation in all hunter's safety classes.
 - OHV safety now included in State Youth Hunter Education Challenge competition.



OHV SAFETY TRAINING 2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Contract with Santa Fe Community College to produce a series of videos on OHV Impacts on natural resources and traditional living culture. This series of educational short stories are packaged as Webisodes, to be played on
 - The Department website,
 - on YouTube and other social media channels.
 - At outreach events



OHV SAFETY TRAINING 2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

OHV GRANTS PROGRAM:

- \$38,180 awarded to 4 different entities.
- Money to fund restoration and signage in National Forest, maintenance and information kiosks at Gallup OHV Park, and development of curriculum to initiate a volunteer Trail Ambassador Program.
- Law Enforcement grant funding to be announced later this fiscal year.
 - \$80,000 to fund other law enforcement agencies' OHV enforcement efforts on public lands. (Tied to LE coordinator position).



OHV ENFORCEMENT 2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Law Enforcement Training in 2011:

- 22 OHV Law enforcement trainings to City, County, State and Federal agencies.
- Over 2,000 Law Enforcement Field Manuals distributed to agencies statewide.
- Additional 20 trainings scheduled through the end of the year.



OHV ENFORCEMENT 2010-11 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

OHV Enforcement by Game and Fish

- 164 hours of OHV Enforcement Patrols statewide
- Conducted special enforcement operations in “hot spots”
- 320 OHV-related field contacts
- 41 Citations written
- 87% compliance rate



MOVING FORWARD:

Two expansion positions for FY 2012:

- Law Enforcement Coordinator – Coordinate law enforcement training and enforcement efforts on public lands statewide, manage databases on OHV complaints, citations, accidents, and resource damage.
- Education Coordinator – Expand OHV safety training both online and hands-on statewide, will coordinate volunteer efforts of our trail ambassador program, develop additional methods to educate public on OHV laws.



MOVING FORWARD:

OUTREACH (RADIO ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN)

- We are in negotiation with Citadel Communications (770 KKOB and 610 Sports) for statewide radio advertising campaign to be aired during hunting season (Sept-Nov), winter riding season (Dec-Jan), and spring general OHV requirements (Apr-May).
- 15 second public service announcements on safety, OHV registration and safety training requirements, ethics, resource protection, and drive to program website.



MOVING FORWARD:

Trail Ambassador Program

- The Department is developing a Trail Ambassador Program consisting of volunteers who will assist with on the trail education of laws, ethics, and OHV safety (eyes and ears on the trail). Volunteers will be trained in OHV laws and ethics, and some will receive training from USFS on assisting with trail restoration and maintenance efforts.
- Trail Ambassador Program anticipated to be functioning by January 2012.

