The NOHVCC Annual Conference

The National Association of OHV Program Managers Conference

All-Terrain Quad Council of Canada Annual General Meeting

Motorcyclist Confederation of Canada Annual Meeting

Great Falls, Montana
August 26-29, 2010

Please read the entire registration packet for complete information about the conference prior to on-line registration.
The NOHVCC would like to extend its most sincere

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to our sponsors who have made this conference possible
Mission Statements and Conference Goals

The 2010 National Association of Off-Highway Vehicle Program Managers and the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council conferences in Great Falls, Montana is part of the ongoing mission of the NOHVCC to develop and provide a wide spectrum of programs, materials, and information or “tools” to individuals, clubs, associations, and agencies.

This year, NOHVCC is proud to welcome the All-Terrain Quad Council of Canada and the Motorcyclist Confederation of Canada.

The conferences create a communications forum through which land managers, OHV enthusiasts and organizations, and industry can share information and experiences, participate in educational opportunities, and become partners in “furthering a positive future for responsible OHV recreation.”

The informative sessions and knowledgeable guests and presenters will provide you with new contacts and renewed energy for your efforts on behalf of OHV recreation.

The National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council is one of the founding members of the National Trails Training Partnership. The purpose of NTTP, a voluntary association of national organizations and federal agencies including the Federal Highway Administration Recreational Trails Program, Bureau of Land Management, and United States Forest Service, is to encourage trail training and the sharing of resource information. The annual NOHVCC conference, held in conjunction with the National Association of Off-Highway Vehicle Program Managers conference, supports this purpose.
A Message from Russ Ehnes, Executive Director, NOHVCC

Dear NOHVCC Friends,

We’re excited about this year’s conference in Great Falls, Montana and can’t wait to see you here! No other conference brings as many leaders from the OHV recreation community and land management community together at one time, in one place.

This will be the eighth consecutive year that we’ve held our annual conference in conjunction with the National Association of Off-Highway Vehicle Program Managers. In addition we are proud to welcome our friends from Canada who will be holding their Annual General Meetings for both the All-Terrain Quad Council of Canada and the Motorcyclist Confederation of Canada. We’re also happy to welcome back the US Forest Service OHV managers and BLM OHV managers, who will be holding meetings in conjunction with the conference.

Switching from a spring conference to a late summer conference has allowed us an opportunity to bring the conference to Great Falls for the first time ever. Great Falls and the surrounding area offers many opportunities for high quality OHV riding on both public and private lands. One of those locations is Bull Run Guest Ranch near Cascade, Montana, where we will conduct the pre-conference rides and in-field sessions including demonstrations of the latest trail building and maintenance equipment.

Bull Run not only offers an opportunity for great riding, it also offers an opportunity to see a planned, designed, managed, and maintained trail system for motorcycles, ATVs, and side-by-sides. The pre-conference rides and field sessions are much more than an opportunity to have fun. They’re an opportunity to see how you can adapt the ideas you see in Montana to the areas where you live.

You will notice that we do have a fee to participate in the pre-conference ride this year. That’s a direct result of the challenging financial times we’re in but we believe it’s an important part of the NOHVCC Conference experience. We hope you understand the realities we face and choose to participate in the rides for the value they offer.

This year’s agenda includes a Thursday night reception and dinner for all of the participants of both the National Association of OHV Program Managers Conference and the NOHVCC Annual Conference. All conference participants will share the Friday sessions. This format allows abundant networking and communication opportunities for both the program managers and the NOHVCC participants.

In addition to the NOHVCC and NAOPM conferences, we’re offering several optional one-day training opportunities on Wednesday, August 25th. Tread Lightly!® will once again conduct its Tread Trainer Course. Chris Real will be conducting sound testing courses that will help you understand the physics of OHV sound and the correct techniques for administering sound testing procedures for OHVs. This is a great course for OHV advocates, law enforcement personnel, and land managers.

Please feel free to call any of the NOHVCC staff or me if you have any questions or suggestions.

We’ll see you soon!!

Russ Ehnes
Hello Everyone,

We are really looking forward to seeing you all in Great Falls, MT. for the 2010 NOHVCC and National OHV Program Managers Conferences.

Each year our NOHVCC Partner's list continues to grow. This year we are pleased to welcome back our good friends from Canada who be holding their AQCC and MCC Annual General Meetings during the NOHVCC Conference.

For those of you who are considering attending the pre-conference rides at the Bull Run Guest Ranch, I guarantee you will not be disappointed. The Bull Run Guest Ranch is one of my favorite places to visit. Not only is the riding some of the best you'll ever experience but the scenery and wildlife viewing is something you'll never forget.

These pre-conference rides are a great way to kick off the conference, visit with old friends and make new ones. They are also the best time for networking while doing what we all are working so hard for "RIDING".

As usual, the NOHVCC staff and our partners have planned a very informative and interesting conference. The agenda is packed full of seminars by OHV experts from across the country.

On behalf of our NOHVCC Board of Directors; Nancy Minard, Steve Gunderson, Tom Umphress, Mark Mitchell, Jim Barrett, Lewis Shuler, Bruce Butler, Tom Niemela, Mike Pinkerton, Bob Hammond, Ex Officio Canadian Partners Oksana Buhel, Wayne Daub, Benoit-Gilles Dupont, we would like to welcome you to the 2010 NOHVCC Conference and thank you for being a valued NOHVCC Partner.

Ride Safe!

Dan Kleen
A message from Ron Potter and Tom Metsa, Co-Chairs, National Association of OHV Program Managers

Dear OHV Program Managers:

I’m sure by now most of you have noticed we did not have our spring OHV conference this year, but rest assured it has not been forgotten. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the nation’s ninth National OHV Managers Conference taking place August 26-29, 2010. This year the host community will be Great Falls, Montana and Bull Run Ranch. Once again this year’s format incorporates meetings of federal agencies, program managers, and the National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC).

NOHVCC, the primary sponsor of the conference, is a national non-profit educational foundation organized for the sole purpose of promoting safe, responsible off-highway vehicle recreational experiences. The National Association of OHV Program Managers (NAOPM) purpose is to provide a mechanism for OHV program managers to share information, ideas, merging issues and develop national strategies for managing safe, ethical, sustainable and high quality OHV recreational opportunities.

The following registration packet includes a registration form and information about lodging as well as information about pre-conference rides and tours. Because of the travel restrictions many of us are under we have structured the agenda slightly different, providing for some equipment demonstration and hands-on trail layout work as part of the conference. The conference agenda will continue to evolve up until the conference starts so if you have additional topics you feel are important, please provide that information to Ron as soon as possible. We are once again planning a Wednesday afternoon, pre-conference round-table discussion of OHV issues from all states and federal agencies represented. This is always a lively and informative discussion and well worth your time if you can make it.

Thursday, August 26 is the first day of the National OHV Program Managers Conference, with sessions targeted at OHV program and land managers. Friday, August 27 is the last day of the NAOPM Conference and first day of the NOHVCC Conference so topics are targeted at the entire OHV community. The NOHVCC Conference continues through Sunday, August 29 and is open to everyone. You are encouraged to attend as much of the NOHVCC Conference as you can. Our goal is to bring everyone together sharing ideas, address issues, enhance opportunities, make some new friends, renew old acquaintances, and discover ways of providing safe and responsible recreation.

The National OHV Program Managers Conference Planning Team and the Staff and Board of Directors of NOHVCC look forward to seeing you in Great Falls.

Thanks,

Tom Metsa
Ron Potter
A joint message from Benoit-Gilles Depont, MCC Off-Road Council Chair; Wayne Daub, Secretary/Treasurer of AQCC; and Oksana Buhel Rider Federations Manager of COHV–

Dear Fellow OHV Enthusiast:

We would personally like to welcome you to the 2010 NOHVCC Conference. This year's conference promises to be groundbreaking with its commitment to international collaboration in OHV management and recreation. Concurrent meetings will be held by the All Terrain Quad Council of Canada (AQCC) and Motorcyclists Confederation of Canada (MCC) to explore shared OHV issues. AQCC and MCC members will also be actively involved in the NOHVCC workshops, as will the NOHVCC Canadian Partners. Presentations and workshops during the NOHVCC conference will highlight OHV developments on both sides of the border.

We applaud NOHVCC’s commitment and drive to further a positive future for responsible OHV recreation, and look forward to sharing this mission with NOHVCC and with you.

Aux fervents des VHR,

Nous désirons personnellement vous souhaiter la bienvenue à la Conférence de 2010 du NOHVCC. L'événement de cette année amorcera un important virage par son engagement à la collaboration internationale sur le plan de la récréation et de la gestion des VHR. Des réunions concertées seront tenues par le Conseil canadien du quad (CCQ) et la Confédération motocycliste du Canada (CMC) pour explorer les questions d'intérêt commun. Les membres du CCQ et de la CMC participeront activement aux ateliers du NOHVCC, tout comme les partenaires canadiens du NOHVCC. Les présentations et les ateliers accompagnant la conférence feront ressortir les développements survenus de part et d'autre de la frontière en matière de VHR.

Nous applaudissons l'engagement du NOHVCC et ses efforts pour promouvoir un avenir positif pour la récréation responsable, et nous comptons partager cette mission avec le NOHVCC et avec vous.

Regards / Cordialement

Wayne Daub               Oksana Buhel               Benoit-Gilles Depont
CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES & TRAINING AT A GLANCE

Wednesday – August 25

- Pre-Conference Ride  
  See page 20
- ASI ATV Safety training Course  
  TBA
- Motorcycle and ATV Sound Measurement – Training  
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- Tread Lightly!® Tread Trainer – Training  
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- National OHV Program Managers Round Table  
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- AQCC Annual General Meeting  
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Thursday – August 26

- Pre-Conference Ride  
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- NAOPM – Morning Indoor Sessions  
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- NAOPM /NOHVCC – Afternoon Field Sessions  
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- NOHVCC Representatives Orientation Session  
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- Welcome Reception and Dinner  
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- MCC Strategy Meeting  
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- AQCC Annual Meeting  
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Friday – August 27

- NAOPM – Day Two  
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- NOHVCC Annual Conference – Day One  
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- Forest Service OHV Meeting – Evening Meeting  
  TBA
- BLM OHV Meeting – Evening Meeting  
  TBA

Saturday – August 28

- NOHVCC Annual Conference – Day Two  
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- NOHVCC Celebration Dinner and Awards  
  See pages 17

Sunday – August 29

- NOHVCC Annual Conference - Day Three  
  See page 18
- MCC/AQCC Joint Meetings  
  TBA
Conference Pricing:

- **Main Conference**
  (Either the NAOPM or the NOHVCC conference will be your main conference) $375.00

- **Additional Sessions**
  (The other conference will be the additional sessions) $75.00

- **Wednesday full day of trail riding** $50.00
- **Thursday full day of trail riding** $50.00
- **Thursday 1/2 day of trail riding** (paired with ½ day equipment demo) $25.00
- **Thursday 1/2 day equipment demo** (NOHVC conference only) $25.00
- **Discount for providing your own machine** $-25.00
- **Guests attending the Thursday night dinner** $55.00
- **Guests attending the Saturday Celebration dinner** $55.00

Note: The NAOPM conference is Wednesday evening through Friday evening and includes Thursday evening dinner. The NOHVCC conference is Thursday evening through Sunday morning and includes Thursday and Saturday evening dinners. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are for registered attendees for their specific conference only.

Note2: The discount for providing your own riding machine is not automatically calculated during registration.

Note3: For your guests, the hotel does not offer a complimentary breakfast or lunch. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased in the hotel dining room or at numerous nearby restaurants. If you would like your guest to join you during the breakfast or lunch buffets, you will need to let us know ahead of time (for the correct meal counts) and you will be charge the hotel rates of: breakfast = $10/meal or lunch = $15/meal.
Wednesday, August 25

8:00 AM-5:00 PM Optional: **ATV and OHM Rides**
Specifics and registration information is coming soon.
Location: Bull Run Guest Ranch

12:00 PM-5:00 PM Optional: **ASI ATV Safety Training Course**
Registration and location information will be announced soon. Please check our website for current information.
Location: Bull Run Guest Ranch

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Optional: **Sound Measurement & Technical Inspection Class**
Specifics and registration information is coming soon
Location: Bull Run Guest Ranch

8:00 AM-5:00 PM Optional: **Tread Lightly!® Tread Trainer - Training**
Specifics and registration information is coming soon
Location: Holiday Inn

1:00 PM-5:00PM **National OHV Program Manager Round Table Discussion**
Any Government Agency Land Manager may attend
Location: Holiday Inn
Topics include:
- State or Agency program update over last year
- Top couple of issues individuals are dealing with
- Legislative updates – OHV related changes proposed or enacted
- Fiscal issues including program funding
- Leveraging NAOPM for everyday issues and best practices

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **State Program Managers Organization Discussion**
State Government Agency Land Manager may attend
Location: Holiday Inn
Topics include: Open discussion regarding the future of the National OHV Program Managers organization

Thursday, August 26

8:00 AM-4:00 PM Optional: **ATV and OHM Rides and Equipment Demonstrations**
Specifics and registration information is coming soon
Location: Bull Run Guest Ranch

10:00 AM-5:00PM by Invitation: **All-Terrain Quad Council of Canada Annual Meeting and Motorcyclist Confederation of Canada Strategy Meeting**
Location: Holiday Inn
7:00AM-12:00PM: National Association of OHV Program Managers Sessions

Co-Chair: Ron Potter, State Recreation Systems Manager, Minnesota
Co-Chair: Tom Metsa, State OHV Program Manager, Colorado

7:00 AM  
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM  
Welcome, Introductions, Purpose & Objectives
Ron Potter, Co-Chair, NAOPM

8:30 Concurrent Sessions

1) Stream Rehab and Erosion Control

Tennessee and Alaska have a couple of great projects that have been completed. In Tennessee, they have rehabilitated 2 stream beds as well as controlled flows into those streams. In Alaska they have a trail hardening project on the Alaskan tundra. Find out how they completed these projects.

Rich Barrows – FHWA FLH Geotechnical Discipline Champion
Robert (Bob) Richards – TN Greenways and Trails Program Coordinator

2) Mini-Excavators: Form, Fit, and Function

Mini excavators can be a useful tool in many areas such as assisting with both trail creation and maintenance. In this session we will look at new machines, new innovations in these projects, and how they can improve our trail systems.

Cam Lockwood, Trails Unlimited
Clayton Larkin, Isuzu Heavy Industries

9:30 Break

10:00 Concurrent Sessions

1) Economic Impact Data

This will be a facilitated discussion regarding the nuts and bolts of some recently completed economic impact studies in Michigan, Minnesota, and Colorado and possibly receive a sneak preview of a study in West Virginia

Cory Corbett – COHVCO Manager of Operations and OHV Workshop Coordinator
Dr Charles Nelson – Michigan State University
Ron Potter, Recreation Systems Manager, MN DNR
TBD - Facilitator

2) Soil Trafficability and Wet Weather Management of OHV Trails

Wet weather and extremely dry conditions create specific trail needs. Roger Poff, working with the Trails Unlimited crew will present his work and findings for these conditions’ specific needs.

Roger Poff, Principle Soil Scientist, RJ Poff and Associate
11:00  **San Dimas Studies**

The San Dimas scientists have the results from two studies to share. The first study looked at stopping distances for Snowmobiles and OHVs. The second study examines carrying capacities of ATV trails.

Dexter Meadows and Alan Clingerpeel, San Dimas Research Center

12:00  Lunch and Transfer to the Bull Run Guest Ranch

**1:00PM-4:00PM:**  **NAOPM Field Sessions**

1:00  Concurrent Sessions

1) **Equipment Demonstration**
   a. Sutter dozer
   b. Single-Tracker
   c. Trail Rake
   d. Mini Excavators
   e. Material movers
   f. Boulder Busters

2) **OHV Recreation**
   a. **Management of Bull Run Guest Ranch** – Take a tour of the Bull Run Guest Ranch and learn how it manages OHVs and the trail system while providing opportunities for hunters and equestrians.

**4:30PM-6:00PM:**  **New NOHVCC State and Associate Partners Orientation Session**

Everyone is welcome. The orientation is designed to give new (and veteran) NOHVCC Partners and Associate Partners, and anyone else who would like to attend, the opportunity to get a better understanding of the NOHVCC, how we work, and what products and services we offer to enthusiasts and land managers.

Location: Holiday Inn

**6:00 PM:**  **NOHVCC & NAOPM Welcome Dinner**

Everyone is welcome to attend!
Friday, August 27

7:00AM-6:00PM: National OHV Program Managers Conference and NOHVCC Annual Conference

7:00 AM  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00  Welcome and Introductions

Dan Kleen, President, NOHVCC
Russ Ehnes, Executive Director, NOHVCC

8:30  Recreational Trails Program Update

The Recreational Trails Program is one of the most, if not the most important funding sources for OHV trail system. This session will give you the latest information about the program and an opportunity to ask specific questions about the RTP Program.

Christopher Douwes, Trails and Enhancements Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration

9:00  Electric OHVs

As sound complaints continue to threaten conventional OHV riding areas, these manufacturers are at the head of the curve, creating innovative ways to enjoy our sport while decreasing the sound and emissions. Also, while electric OHVs may address many issues, the session will also address new issues that might arise with the growth of electric OHVs. The manufacturers will talk about their machines and the future of our sport.

Gary Willard, Quantya
Steve Schiebel, Polaris
Paul Vitrano, Motorcycle Industry Council

10:00  Break

10:30  Concurrent Sessions

1) Economic Impact Studies and the Future of OHV

Colorado, Michigan, and Minnesota have recently completed economic impact studies and their numbers are impressive. The industry also has a perspective regarding the future of OHV recreation. This session will give highlights of the two economic viewpoints

Cory Corbett – COHVCO Manager of Operations and OHV Workshop Coordinator
Steve Kubisiak, Recreation and Trails Program Coordinator, MI DNR&E
Ron Potter, Recreation Systems Manager, MN DNR
Kathy VanKleek, Motorcycle Industry Council
2) On-Line OHV Safety Training

More and more of our communication and information is now done on a computer. This is especially important when reaching the younger generation. See the latest in on-line ATV and ROV safety and training courses and how you can use them or even get them customized for you.

Tom Yager, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association

11:30

GPS and Mapping Tools

GPS/GIS mapping and trail inventory has long been a staple in OHV planning and management. New software for GPS units can assist with directing the recreationalist on the ground by helping people understand if they are on an open trail, the season, and class of use. Many states are also looking at using GPS technology to assist with 911 responses. This new technology will complement existing maps, reduce trespass, and increase compliance.

Steve Hatchner, GeoNav Group
Troy Elmore, OHV program Manager, ID Dept. Parks and Rec.
TBD

12:30 PM

Lunch

1:30

Telling Your Story On-Line

The internet is a large factor in how we communicate now. But how can we fully utilize it? This session brings in a marketing professional who has created major marketing campaigns with a specialty in on-line communications. As an avid dirt bike rider, he will give information regarding how to best reach the riding public and use on-line tools to your best advantage.

Alan Wallner, W Creative

2:30

Concurrent sessions

1) Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Updates

Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles, or Side by Sides, or UTVs are continuing to evolve and grow in popularity. This session will update you on the efforts by the industry to establish vehicle standards and review their recommendations for management of ROVs. The session will also allow time for discussion about issues and solutions related to ROV use.

Paul Vitrano, Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association

2) Ingredients to Successful OHV Parks and Tot Lots

Providing safe opportunities for the youngest OHV riders that allow them to develop their skills under adult supervision can be challenging. There are some pieces that are absolutely essential for success and some pieces that are good to have. Find out which pieces are which and look at successful designs in this informative session.

Dan Kleen, Iowa OHV Association
Tom Crimmins
3:30 Break

4:00 Concurrent sessions

1) **Adding the Human Dimension**

We tend to put people into silos. Motorized versus not-motorized recreationists is a great example. But people don’t really fit neatly into categories. This session will look at putting the human dimension back into recreation.

Duane Taylor, Motorcycle Industry Council
Karen Umphress, NOHVCC Project Coordinator

2) **Idaho Hunting Project and Digital Media**

Idaho State Parks and Recreation, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the NOHVCC recently created a variety of videos about the safe and ethical use of OHVs during the hunt. The group produced a 30 minute video, a 10 minute video for hunter's safety classes, and 13 thirty second public service announcements. This session will introduce you to the videos and give you information regarding how they will be used in your state.

Jack Terrell, NOHVCC Project Coordinator
Russ Ehnes, NOHVCC Executive Director

5:00 Concurrent sessions (2 – 30min regular NOHVCC sessions, 1 – 90min AQCC/MCC session)

1) **Railway Safety (30 min)**

It is dangerous for OHVs to ride along railway lines, both to the riders and to the damage that may be caused by displacement of material near railway ties. The Federal Railroad Administration will give us an update of what we can do to spread those messages.

Michail Grizkewitsch, Federal Railroad Administration

2) **NOHVCC Webinars and DVDs (30 min)**

The Land Advocacy DVDs are being distributed nationwide and NOHVCC has conducted over 25 Land Management webinars. We will give you an update on the projects and tell you about how you can get webinars for your club or agency.

Jack Terrell, NOHVCC Senior Project Coordinator
Karen Umphress, NOHVCC Project Coordinator

3) **How to Speak to the Government (90 min)**

This is an AQCC and MCC session.

Luc Fournier
5:30 Wrap-up NAOPM Conference
6:00 Adjourn NOHVCC regular sessions for the day
6:30 Long Term Sustainability for AQCC and MCC
   This is an AQCC and MCC session.
   Oksana Buhel
7:00 Adjourn AQCC and MCC sessions for the day

6:00 PM-8:00 PM by Invitation: USFS Evening discussion
   Times are tentative
   Location: Holiday Inn

6:00 PM-8:00 PM by Invitation: BLM Evening Facilitated Discussion
   Times are tentative
   Location: Holiday Inn

Friday Night - Dinner on your own

Saturday, August 28

7:00 AM-5:00 PM: NOHVCC Annual Conference

7:00 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:00 Welcome and NOHVCC Election Process
   Russ Ehnes, NOHVCC Executive Director
   Jim Barrett, NOHVCC Network Development Team Lead

8:30 Concurrent Sessions

1) Quebec Trail System

   The trails system in Quebec is truly spectacular. What’s more impressive is that the entire trail system is managed by the Fédération Québécoise des Clubs Quads (FQCQ). This presentation will show you the trail system and explain how the clubs manage this massive trail system.

   Danny Gagnon, Executive Director – FQCQ
2) Youth OHV Projects

Youth Corps are involved in trail projects across the nation and many of those projects are funded by the Recreational Trails Program. In this session, Youth Corps members who have had the opportunity to work on OHV trails will share their experiences.

Katie Prussia
Hollis Emery
Jessica Johnson

9:30 Concurrent Sessions

1) Trail Cooperation

In 2008 an OHV trespass incident at Loomis Basin Equestrian Trail resulted in the injury of a rider and the death of a horse. This session will talk about how the local recreation community addressed the incident through education and on the ground projects and how it spurred discussions by national recreation organizations to create a trail sharing guide for recreational trail users.

In the Moab area a group called Ride with Respect has a focus on the trails and the people, not whether the bikes are motorized or not. See how they bring trail cooperation to a new level

Jack Terrell, NOHVCC Senior Project Coordinator
Cliff Koontz, Ride with Respect

2) Marketing Your OHV Club

In order to be successful, OHV clubs need members, who become volunteers and bring money for the club to operate. Find out how you can market your OHV club using a large marketing firm’s techniques, but on a budget we can afford.

Alan Wallner, W Creative

10:30 Break

11:00 Concurrent Sessions

1) Mine-Made Paradise Adventure Park

Kentucky has taken steps towards creating a complimentary trail system to the Hatfield-McCoy Trail system. Located within an hour of the Hatfield-McCoy, the Mine-Made Paradise adventure is sure to please.

Bill Reed, NOHVCC Kentucky State Partner, SAM Events
Mark Mitchell, NOHVCC Public Lands Team Lean
2) Technology Update

As a result of a poll conducted earlier in the year by NOHVCC, we will give you an update of some uses of technology and short-cuts that can help you, your club, or state association become more efficient and productive.

Tom Umphress, NOHVCC MN State Partner, IS Manager

3) Continuation of Long Term Sustainability for AQCC and MCC

Oksana Buhel

12:00 Lunch
1:00 Concurrent Sessions

1) Moss Lake Trail System

After 7 years of hard work, the Moss Lake Trail System was opened on US Forest Service ground in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. In a time when most areas are fighting to keep existing trails open, how were the riders in Michigan able to create a new 25 mile motorcycle trail system? This session will walk you through the process, the challenges, and the results.

Jeff Magowen, NOHVCC MI State Associate Partner

3) Soil Trafficability and Wet Weather Management of OHV Trails

Wet weather and extremely dry conditions create specific trail needs. Roger Poff, working with the Trails Unlimited crew will present his work and findings for these conditions’ specific needs. In this presentation, he will talk about how you as a volunteer can help the agency maintain trails in these conditions.

Roger Poff, Principle Soil Scientist, RJ Poff and Associates

2:00 Team Meetings: With facilitated discussion, establishment of priorities and assigned staff tasks

5:30 Sessions Completed

6:00-11:00 PM Saturday Night Celebration Dinner at the Holiday Inn
Sunday, August 29

8:00AM-10:00AM: NOHVCC Annual Conference

7:00 AM    Continental Breakfast Buffet
8:00        Team Reports
9:00        Wrap-Up of Conference
10:00       Adjourn Conference//Board Meeting
Travel Arrangements

Grants to cover conference travel (flying or driving) and lodging are available to NOHVCC State Partners. If the State Partner is unable to attend, the grant will be passed to the Associate State Partner designated by the primary State Partner. (NOTE: Only one travel grant per state is available.) Associate State Partners not receiving a grant and all other attendees are required to pay for their meals, travel and hotel expenses. Other sources of funding (local clubs, state associations, etc.) should also be explored.

NOHVCC State Partners or Associates who qualify for a NOHVCC Travel Grant must make their own travel arrangements. Please submit a receipt for your airline ticket to the Great Falls Office at 427 Central Ave W, Great Falls, MT 59404 for reimbursement. If you are unable to prepay for your flight, please contact Heidi at 800-348-6487 and she will book your ticket for you. Please make your airline reservations as soon as possible. You will be responsible for any additional cost if flight arrangements have not been made prior to August 2nd or you do not have a Saturday night stay. NOHVCC Partners are responsible for the payment arrangements for any accompanying guests.

The NOHVCC grants only covers the period of the conference. If you elect to participate in the optional pre-conference courses or riding or come early for any other purpose, you are responsible for the additional costs of the hotel, food, etc. You are also expected to share a room. If you choose to take a single room or are sharing a room with a guest, you are responsible for the additional costs of the room.

If this is your first conference as a new NOHVCC State Partner or Associate Partner, please arrive by mid-afternoon on Thursday, August 26th so you can attend the orientation meeting at 4:00 p.m. All State Partners are required to attend all the NOHVCC sessions including the wrap-up session on Sunday morning. Please make your airline reservations accordingly. If this is a problem, please contact the Great Falls Office.

Those traveling by car will be paid per gas receipts only up to the cost of a three-week advance airfare. Please mail your receipts to the Great Falls Office at 427 Central Ave W, Great Falls, MT 59404, after the conference for reimbursement.

Hotel Accommodations
The Holiday Inn Great Falls, at 400 10th Ave S, Great Falls, MT 59405 is offering the government rate of $70.00 per night, plus tax single occupancy or $80.00 per night plus tax double occupancy. Regular rates will be reserved until your government issued ID is shown to the hotel. All rates are subject to change.

The Holiday Inn provides complimentary high-speed wireless internet access and is a smoke-free hotel. The rooms have been newly renovated and they offer daily happy hour specials from 5 – 7pm. The NOHVCC will make hotel reservations for all State Partners, Associate Partners and guests attending. You will be responsible for room charges prior to Thursday night. Your credit card will be charged for those nights stay. The hotel is a smoke-free hotel. Holiday Inn provides a complimentary shuttle from the Great Falls International Airport.

If you are making your lodging reservations, you may reserve your room on-line or by calling the hotel directly at 406-727-7200 or using their reservations center at 800-315-2605.

IF and only IF you are traveling to the conference ahead of time:
The Holiday Inn is the conference hotel. Our costs for the rooms and our meeting rooms and catering are dependent upon meeting our hotel room number obligations. If you are coming in early and would like another hotel option, you may stay at another hotel for those nights before the conference. Once the conference begins, you will need to transfer to the Holiday Inn. Contact us at trailhead@nohvcc.org for information regarding other hotel options.
Please register by July 23, 2010. If you have questions contact us at trailhead@nohvcc.org.

Click here if you are Government Agency Personnel.

Click here if you are an enthusiast or a related organization or business and not using a NOHVCC grant.

Click here if you are a NOHVCC Partner and not using a NOHVCC grant.

Click here if you are using a NOHVCC grant.

Trail Ride Information

Please note: If you will be borrowing an ATV you must have completed an ASI ATV Safety Course. You will be required to sign a release form if you ride one of the loaned ATVs or motorcycles. You will be responsible for any significant damage to the ATV or motorcycle. You will not be responsible for normal wear and tear and scratches.

Thanks to the efforts of the Great Falls Trail Bike Riders. Pre-Conference trail rides will be offered on Wednesday, August 25th, and Thursday, August 26th.

The trail rides will be held on the Bull Run Guest Ranch which is located about 35 miles southwest of the conference hotel. Approximately 100 miles of multiple-use trails are open to off-highway motorcycles, ATVs, and ROVs not exceeding 50” in width. Wider ROVs can be accommodated on some trails. Late August is generally dry and warm with temperatures in the mid seventies to lower nineties. Afternoon thunderstorms are possible.

All motorcycles and ATVs must have a USFS-approved spark arrestor and a muffler that does not exceed 96 dbA when tested in accordance with SAE J1287. If you bring your own machine you will be responsible for transporting it to the ride area. Since the rides are taking place on private property, an OHV decal is not required. However, if you are coming early to ride any Montana OHV opportunities on your own prior to the pre-conference rides at Bull Run, you will be responsible for complying with all applicable federal and state requirements. All participants (including those bringing their own machine) must register for the ride when you register for the conference.

The registration fee for the ride is $50 per day if you ride a loaner machine or $25 per day if you provide your own machine. The $50 fee includes bus transportation between the hotel and the riding area, loaner motorcycle or ATV, gas for loaner machine, lunch, snacks, water and soft drinks. Each rider must supply safety gear (helmet, eye protection, gloves, long pants and long-sleeve jersey, over-ankle boots, etc.). Please let us know if you need assistance with the safety gear. If you plan to ride a loaner ATV you must provide proof that you have completed the ASI ATV Safety course.

A limited number of loaner machines will be available and you may have to share a machine but other activities will be available.

Riders must be in the hotel lobby ready to board the bus at 7:00 AM each morning. The bus will depart at 7:15 sharp.

Additional information about the pre-conference rides will be available on the conference page of the NOHVCC website.
Announcing a Tread Lightly! Tread Trainer Course

**When:** Wednesday, August 25, 2010
This conference is offered prior to the NOHVCC 2010 Conference

**Time:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Cost:** $50.00

**Location:** The Holiday Inn Great Falls
400 10th Ave S.
Great Falls, MT 59405
406-727-7200

**Registration deadline:** Monday, August 9, 2010. [Click Here](#) to directly link to registration page.

**DESCRIPTION:**
The Tread Trainer program is designed to train participants in innovative, practical methods of spreading outdoor ethics to the public with a curriculum specifically focused on motorized and mechanized recreation. Why it works? The course is packed with opportunities to practice different communication techniques, to discuss issues facing outdoor recreation and to network with like minded individuals who want to promote responsible recreation.

Completing the one-day Tread Trainer course will qualify the participant to become a Tread Lightly! representative—a Tread Trainer. Once a participant becomes a Tread Trainer, he or she is equipped to present the Tread Lightly! message to other educators, clubs, employees, visitors, enthusiasts or community members. The program was created as a mechanism to disseminate the Tread Lightly! message of responsible recreation through volunteerism.

**COMPONENTS:**
*Trainers* complete a one-day training course on the Tread Lightly! ethic and are qualified to present the Tread Lightly! message.

**REQUIREMENTS TO REMAIN ACTIVE:**
*Trainers* are required to complete a minimum of one Tread Lightly! presentation or promotion within two years to maintain program benefits.

**BENEFITS:**
*Trainers* receive 100-page manual, 2 Tread Lightly! PowerPoint presentations on CD, certificate of completion, a set of durable plastic Tread Lightly! hangtags, set of guides for responsible recreation, set of PSAs, "On the Right Trail" video, $25 annually in free educational materials, and an extra discount on all Tread Lightly! materials.

*Trainers* also receive improvements in presentation skills, networking opportunities with other agencies/organizations at the course, expertise in Tread Lightly! ethics and ways to minimize outdoor impacts when recreating, use of the display upon request, updates through a semi-annual newsletter, emails and website.

The key to a successful workshop is to have participants that are familiar with Tread Lightly!, involved in community outreach or recreational training programs, or are interested in developing a higher awareness and competency on responsible recreation ethics.

**WHAT THEY ARE SAYING:**
“This (training) is awesome and incredibly relevant” – participant Ocotillo Wells, CA course April 2010

“Wonderful course and instructors. Good pace and control of class.” – participant San Jose, CA course March 2010

“Very pertinent info and well presented” – participant Lake Barkley, KY course March 2010.

“Well worth the trip!” – participant Ponca, NE course September 2009.

To register for the Tread Trainer Course visit Tread Lightly!’s website at [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org) or call 800-966-9900. For more information email [treadtrainer@treadlightly.org](mailto:treadtrainer@treadlightly.org).

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Motorcycle Sound Education

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&
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Education

Motorcycle Sound Measurement and Noise Control
4-Hour Civilian / Technical Inspector & Land Manager Training

Presented By
DPS Technical, Inc. – Chemhelp
Chris Real, CLS
**SOUND MEASUREMENT & TECHNICAL INSPECTOR CLASS**

The 4-Hour class will instruct attendees upon taking sound level readings on Street Motorcycles (SAE J2825) and Off Highway Vehicles (SAE J1287). This class will provide the basic understanding of sound as it relates to motorized vehicles. The class will teach the proper procedure for using sound level measurement instruments and the testing procedures for vehicle noise control. Students will know how to perform vehicle sound checks and spark arrester inspections roadside and at motorized recreation events.

The Technical Inspector class will have several segments specifically related to OHV’s.

- Technical Lecture
- Equipment Use
- Tabletop Workshop
- Resource Guide
- Written Examination
- Field Proficiency Signoff
- Training Documentation
- Transportation Chemicals & The Environment.
- Muffler Maintenance & “Spark Arrester 101”
- Theory & Measurement of Motorcycle & ATV Sound
- Basics of Environmental Acoustics
- Equipment Selection & Use

**Class Space is limited.**
**Pre registration is REQUIRED**

**Class Fee $125**

Co Sponsorship has been provided by NOHVCC

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A video demonstration of OHV sound measurement will take place in conjunction with the training class. Past students' either land managers, law enforcement or technical inspectors may attend for refresher training, providing space is available. Pre registration is required.

Please Note: An advanced class for land managers & law enforcement is available (P.O.S.T recognized) Contact DPS for more complete information.

* All Certified students will receive proof of training and qualify for our sound measurement equipment assistance and loan program.
Registration Information
Pre Registration is REQUIRED; Space is Limited

Class Location: NOHVCC Conference
Class Date: Time: 10 AM – 2 PM

Class Type: [ ] Land Manager Civilian / Technical Inspector Class 4-Hour Class

Organization / Affiliation: _______________________________________________________

Student / Attendee Name: _____________________________________________________

Mailing Address Street: _______________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: _____________ Zip Code: _______________________

Phone Number Daytime: _______________ E-Mail: ________________________________

Payment Information

Pre Pay / Check ___________________ Payment at Class: ___________________________

Payment by Credit Card  Visa / Master card ________________________________
Credit card or registration information may be given by telephone. Call (909) 982-3747
M-F 9AM – 5PM

Payment by organization [ ] Name of Organization: ______________________________

Contact person & phone number: ______________________________________________

Please register in advance!
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Chris Real is an acknowledged expert in the specialty lubricants and chemical industry, with more than 25 years of continuous activity in the specialty and high performance segment of the industry.

Chris CO-founded a chemical & lubricants manufacturing and marketing business and served as the Technical Services and OEM liaison manager of that organization for 20 years. He also worked for a major international lubricant producer for several years.

He has been directly involved in several forms of motorsports, and has long participated as a competitor, team member and sponsor.

His accomplishments include a large number of chemical & lubricant formulations & specialized testing procedures for fuels, lubricants and chemicals, including an extended duration testing procedure for 2-cycle engines, as well as chemicals and a procedure for cleaning combustible hydrocarbon residues from fuel system components and vehicle & equipment fuel tanks.

Some of the projects that Chris has been directly involved with include:

- Implemented lubricant technology that minimized carbon particulate buildup in 2-stoke exhaust systems, thus limiting spark arrestor buildup. This technology combined with field education assisted the motorcycle consumers with using USFS approved spark arrestors. (1980 – 1985)

- Provided technical assistance for lubricant technology to lower snowmobile exhaust emissions in Yellowstone National Park. Instructed the vehicle dealer network in the region on the issues related to new generation fuels & lubricants and necessary vehicle service procedures. (1996)

- Implemented the Chemhelp environmental protection service center to minimize the environmental impact related to motorized recreational events. (1984) Expanded the educational aspect of this service to a national schedule. (2001)

- Initiated the OHV sound awareness program at educational & field activities that includes noise measurement enforcement training for land use authorities & implemented the “Quiet Bike Challenge”© award to bring user awareness to the OHV noise issue. (2001)

He is an active member of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE), The Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers (STLE), The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), The Association of Professional Consultants (APC), the Acoustical Society of America and the Motorcycle Industry Council. He is also active in numerous industry associations.

Chris is certified by the Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers as a Certified Lubrication Specialist, additionally, Chris has certifications for Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Responses. (HAZMAT)

Chris is a respected member of the motorcycle community, and is recognized as an expert in motorcycle and ATV product evaluation and testing.

He is a technical consultant to manufacturers and industry, working with the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA), Motorcycle Industry Council (MIC), and the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC).

His firm DPS Technical Inc. provides vehicle testing services education and reports for EPA, NHTSA, DOT, ISO / EC for international vehicle regulatory certification purposes. An active motorcycle enthusiast, he participates in numerous events each year as a rider, as well as providing technical or environmental protection services.

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