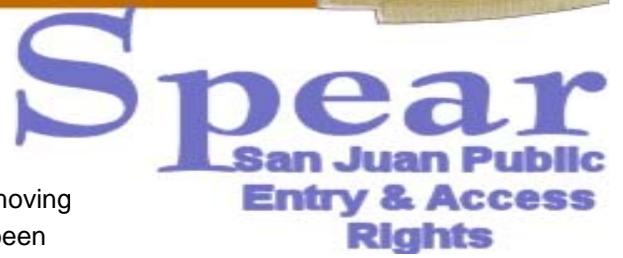


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### SPEAR Volunteers Are Marking Trails

SPEAR members have been busy this summer and fall marking our trail system on the forest. Most of the trails are now marked on the east side of the mountain, but there is still a lot of work left on the west side.

All of the marking, and other trail maintenance, has been done in coordination with the US Forest Service, State Parks, and San Juan County. Along with the signing project, much trail cleanup was done. A lot of trash was collected and disposed of properly.

Along with the signing projects, we will be installing cattle guards, and doing some trail maintenance along the way.

As quickly as we have been moving on trail signing, we have not been able to keep up with current maps, but we are working on it. A new map for the family ride area in Bulldog is nearly completed and will be published soon. A new map for Hook and Ladder is also nearly ready for publication. We think you will like our new map style.

SPEAR thanks the volunteers who found the time to come out and help with this project. We would like more volunteers to get involved with our upcoming projects

If you would like to help out on this or any SPEAR project, contact Brent Johansen at 678-2810 or Harold Frost at 587-2654.

### Monticello BLM DRMP Available for Comment

The Monticello Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced the publication of the Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The public comment period will run through February 8, 2008.

Public meetings will be held at various locations throughout San Juan County as well as Grand County and Salt Lake City.

It is the responsibility of each and every public land user to get involved. Our public lands are at stake! Now is the time to take action.

For more information about the DRMP, meeting times and locations, or how to make a comment, visit our SPEAR website at [www.SPEAR4All.com](http://www.SPEAR4All.com).

### BLM Working on Trail Rights of Way

The BLM tells us they are currently working on the rights of way that will allow us to improve our trail system. They are also looking at problems that resulted in the closure of the Recapture trails.

It looks like most of the problems in Recapture can be resolved to the satisfaction of the BLM. The major problem is that the trail crosses over several archaeology sites. This problem must be rectified before the trail can be reopened. BLM, San Juan County, SPEAR, and the Great Old Broads for Wilderness looked at the problem together.

We encourage you to honor the closure until the trail can be legally reopened. Your cooperation is important and will greatly help with the solution.



SPEAR members put the finishing touches on a newly installed sign on the mountain.



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## Feature Trail - Bulldog Family Ride Trail System

The Family Ride Trail System, located in the Bulldog area between Monticello and Blanding, is being developed in order to provide the family group of riders a place that is easy to get to and easy to ride. There is also ample camping at Devils Canyon Campground and unrestricted camping on the forest.

There are plenty of challenging, yet not too difficult trails that wind through this beautiful forested area. Keep an eye open for deer, elk, wild turkeys, and possibly a glimpse at the rare Abert Squirrel.

These trails have recently been marked by SPEAR. The marked trails, along with the aid of one of our recently published maps, will enable you to enjoy a variety of trail rides. The system also offers access to some other riding trails.

So what are you waiting for? Get your family and friends together and go for a ride. We'll see you there!



SPEAR members are busy signing the Bulldog Family Ride Trail.

## Use A Little Horse Sense - It Makes Good Sense

We were out on one of our favorite mountain trails a few weeks ago when we came upon a herd of cows heading towards us. No big deal, I thought as I inched my way through the herd. No big deal until I saw the cow dog, then a couple of cowboys on horseback. I immediately pulled over as far as I could & signaled to my partner to do the same. Too late. The cows detoured down the canyon, followed by one of the cowboys.

The other cowboy stopped and talked with us for a few minutes.

"Gee, that doesn't happen very often," said the cowboy.

"What's that?" I asked.

"Not very many ATV riders pull over like you just did," replied the cowboy. "They usually just plow through making all kinds of racket, scaring our cows and horses. I appreciate you pulling over and letting us go by. Have a nice day."

I thought back on other rides where we encountered horseback riders or hikers.

We always stopped for them. It just makes sense. Our machines are a bit loud, and can kick up a fairly good cloud of dust. So it's just the polite thing to do when you meet others on the trail.

Here's a few more tips from the pamphlet 'Highlights from Utah Off-Highway Vehicle Laws and Rules':

- Always ride in control.
- Wear the appropriate safety gear.
- Only carry passengers if your OHV is designed to do so.
- Riders under age 16 should be supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Ride a machine that's the right size for the rider.
- Tell someone where you're going.
- Be prepared for any emergency.
- Check the weather forecast.

- Alcohol and OHVs don't mix.
- Stay on the trail.
- Avoid trampling vegetation.
- Yield the right of way to non-motorized trail users.
- Honor seasonal, temporary, and permanent trail closures.
- Respect wildlife and domestic animals.
- Pack your trash out ... and pick up a little extra while you're at it.
- TREAD Lightly® and protect the fragile environments where you recreate.

More great information, as well as the entire pamphlet can be found at [www.utahohv.org](http://www.utahohv.org).

For more information on TREAD Lightly®, visit [www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org).

These, and links to other ATV sites can be found at [SPEAR4All.com](http://SPEAR4All.com).

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