

SPEAR At Work

Trail maintenance has been a priority this spring. SPEAR members and friends have been busy repairing and signing ATV trails throughout San Juan County.

Hatch Point Area

Three new trails have been established and marked in the Hatch Point area. These are exciting rides with some spectacular views, especially the views into Hatch Canyon, Kane Creek, and Lockhart Basin. These new trails have been numbered 36, 37, and 38, and appear on a brand new map entitled Hatch Point Trails.

A notable feature from trail 36 is Box Car Bridge. It is difficult to see from the trail, so consider taking a hike up to it. Coincidentally, Trail 36 is called Box Car Bridge Trail.

Falls Missile Trail

Volunteers have signed and repaired this 'Must Ride' trail system. These trails should be much easier to find and follow.

Grand Gulch / Old Mormon Trail

A hard-working crew of volunteers spent a day marking the trail west of Grand Gulch that follows the old Mormon Trail.

There is much work yet to be done

Work projects continue to be a SPEAR priority. If you would like to help out on any upcoming SPEAR project, contact Bruce Black (Project Coordinator) at 435-587-9978 or 801-310-3281 (cell). Alternate contacts are: Max Black (587-2642), Harold Frost (587-2654), Brent Johansen (678-2810).

If you don't have time to volunteer, that's understandable. Maybe the next time you take a ride make it a point to improve the trail you are riding. Maybe you and your riding party could fix a washout, move a rock or two, or pick up some trash along the way. Anything that you can do to improve a trail affects us all. Thank you.



Volunteers, young and (umm, young at heart) enjoy a day of hard work on one of San Juan County's premier ATV trails. Pictured (l to r) Greg Rich, Harold Frost, Talon Black, Brent Johansen, and Von Black.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

Got Map?

Not only have we been working hard on trails, but in our spare time, and with the cooperation of Utah State University and the San Juan County Inmate Education Program led by Jed Lyman, we have been working hard on our maps. The new format is tri-fold in a convenient size (5 3/8"x12" folded, 16" x 12" open) and a new look with color photos.

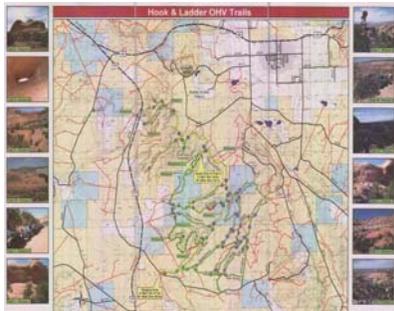
Thanks to Utah State Parks, we are now offering our Hook and Ladder map FREE!

Maps are available in Monticello at Hondaland, and the Monticello Visitor Center. In Blanding you can get maps at Peace Tree and the Blanding Visitor Center. For our out-of-town friends, maps will soon be available on-line. Or call Bob Turri at 435-587-2873.

So you've got your maps, a nice summer day, and a 4-Wheeler. What are you waiting for, a written invitation? Okay, here it is - now go have fun.

Enjoy what San Juan County has to offer - some of the finest scenery in our nation and a trail system that just keeps getting better!

Oh, and one other thing - please ride safe and responsibly.



SPEAR Meetings Open to All Members

All paid-up members of SPEAR are welcome and encouraged to attend our regular monthly Board meetings. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, and alternate between the Blanding Library, and the Monticello Library.

The July meeting will be held Tuesday, July 14 at the Blanding Library. The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11 at the Monticello Library. The schedule for the meetings and other events can be found at www.SPEAR4All.com. If you would like to join Trail Mail, our instant email notification list, send a blank email to: subscribe@SPEAR4All.com.

Not sure of your membership status? Everyone receiving this newsletter by mail should have also recently received a letter indicating your membership status. If you're still not sure, or have membership questions drop an email to: memberships@SPEAR4All.com.

... And don't miss out on the fun!

You can clearly see in this newsletter what you're missing out on if you're not a member of SPEAR. Work projects, fun rides, and much more. And don't forget the monthly meetings!

Your annual dues of \$20 and active participation mean a lot to SPEAR. Working together, we can maintain access to our public lands ... and we will have a good time while we're at it!



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Frustrations, Successes Working With Federal Agencies

Progress with our federal agencies, or lack thereof, is a growing concern for SPEAR.

Where's our rights-of-way?

Over three years ago we applied to the BLM for rights-of-way to complete our Number One Trail system. For over three years we have heard every possible excuse the BLM can come up with. Every time they promise us a completion date, that date comes and goes and we get more excuses. We are not about to give up. Maybe with some new managers and pressure from San Juan County Commissioners we may see some change. At least they show some promise of helping us.

What about Recapture Trail?

One very dark issue is the Recapture Trail closure. When BLM issued the 'Emergency' Trail Closure, San Juan County residents were promised it would be open again in the spring - OF 2008! Well, it's summer 2009 (over one year) and no signs of Recapture Trail re-opening. In fact, BLM informed us that Recapture is no longer a prior-

ity for them. It is now being considered for a special 'World Class' archeology area. What does that mean for us? 'ROAD CLOSED'.

It's not all gloom and doom!

After lengthy discussions with San Juan County, BLM has committed to give regular updates to the commissioners.

A little brighter picture comes from the Forest Service. The USFS has added several new areas to their agreement with San Juan County to do trail maintenance. Starvation Point, the west end of the White Rim Trail, Gooseberry Trail, and La Sal Pass Trail will be added to our system, signed and put on our maps.

USFS is also working with the county to develop a new trail on the La Sal Mountain and will be known as the Two Mile Creek Trail

We thank our new ranger, Mike Diem, and hope he continues to show interest in our concerns.

SPEAR also thanks San Juan County Commissioners for their show of support for our cause.

Grabbing Power ... And now a word from the US Constitution

The United States Constitution is an exceptional document. It is the basis for the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy. One of SPEAR's newest members, Larry Sorrell, has taken the time to write this short article explaining problems with the 10th amendment and what it means to us who enjoy using our public lands.

The federal government has been grabbing power for the last 100 years at a rate that is mind boggling at best. The 10th amendment of the US Constitution reads "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

I am not the only one to discover that the Feds are not supposed to have the power they are assuming. There are 35 States now in the process of or have already passed resolutions to restrict Federal power and declare State authority.

I went to the Utah Legislature this last session (spring 2009) to urge Utah to get on board, but was informed by numerous lawmakers I was too late for this session. I would have to work on it for next year. Upon further investigation, I find that Utah had already passed such a resolution in the 1995 General Session (H.J.R.003*). I promptly sent copies of the resolution to all the representatives and senators. I did receive an e-mail from Representative Mike Noel from Kanab stating that he would put together another bill this next General Session.

Recently, Utah legislators who have been pushing for states rights, led by Representative Carl Wimmer, Chris Herrod, Stephen Sandstrom, Ken Sumsion, and Mike Noel held a "Patrick Henry" caucus in Salt Lake City. "This has been boiling for years, and it's finally come to a head," said Utah State Rep-

resentative Carl Wimmer. "With TARP and No Child Left Behind, these things that continue to give the federal government more authority, our rights as states and individuals are being turned on their head."

The power struggle between the states and Washington has cropped up periodically ever since the country was founded. But now some states are sending a simple, forceful message. The government has gone too far.

Enough is enough!!

The people will regulate the land. Who better to regulate our public lands than people who live close to it and understand what it takes to be a good steward of the land. Each state should have the right to see to it that there is equal access to all on our public lands.

*Larry has copies of H.J.R. 003 available. He can be contacted at 435-587-2444.

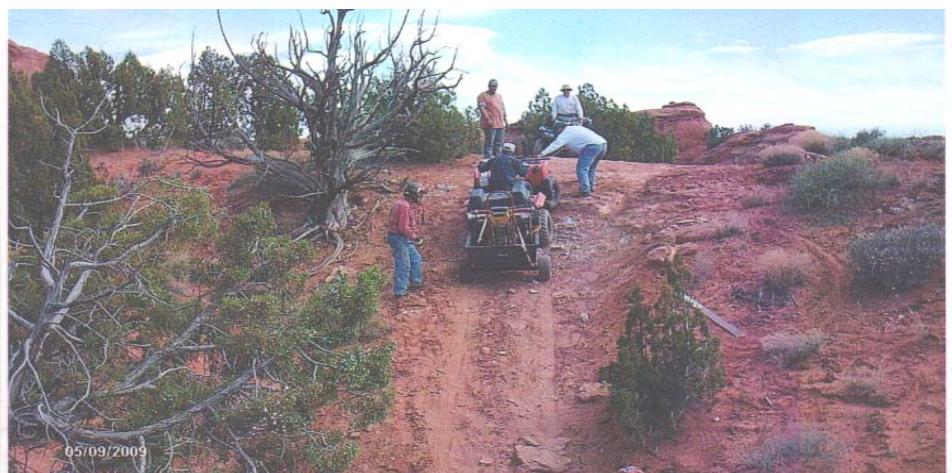
Take Back Utah!

Multiple Use Rally & Vehicle Parade

Come and unite your voice with 10,000 other Utahans on Saturday, August 8. We will send a message to elected officials how much we care about Utah's public land and quality of life in our precious state.

If you are concerned about big government controlling access to public land in Utah, radical environmentalists influence, and you love the great outdoors and want to protect access to it, then plan attending this rally sponsored by Utah Shared Access Alliance (USA-ALL).

For more information visit www.usaall.org or www.takebackutah.org. You can also call Mike Sewnson at 801-830-9112.



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