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Trails at LANL

Public Forum and Meeting

July 26, 2016

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Agenda

- 6:00 Welcome, Introductions and Meeting Purpose Michael Brandt, Lorrie Bonds Lopez, Jen Payne, Dan Pava
- 6:15 LANL Trails Closures Explained - Please Bear With Us! LANL ES Staff
- 6:30 Cultural Resource Protection and LANL Trails LANL CR Staff
- 6:45 Emergencies Explained - Fire and Flooding closures Manny L'Esperance
- 7:00 Unexploded Ordnance - Recent Events and Safety Tips Joe Lloyd
- 7:15 Open Forum - What's On Your Mind? LANL and Other Agency Staff
- 7:45 Meeting Conclusion

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General Ground Rules

- Wait until the scheduled time(s) to provide your comments and ask questions
- Identify yourself before speaking
- Keep your questions focused on trails topics
- Be civil and use appropriate language
- Yield the floor if requested by the facilitator

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Meeting Goals

- To inform and educate citizens about LANL trails management issues that include resource protection, safety, security and trails etiquette
- To explain how and why LANL trails can be closed and reopened
- To understand your concerns and ideas about LANL trails use

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LANL Trails Require Active Management



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Trail Closures Explained

- DOE/LANL has no recreational mission, but trails are part of our lifestyle and heritage.
- It is imperative to balance trail use with LANL's mission and operational considerations.
- LANL complies with all federal environmental regulations including resource protections laws.
- Recent trail closures have been prompted by wildlife concerns - particularly bear encounters. LANL trails can and have been closed for other reasons, including fire danger, flooding, resource protection, unexploded ordnance, and security.

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LANL Trails – the highlights

- There are 32 named trails at LANL with a combined length of about 50 miles. Twenty-five of these trails (approximately 36 miles) are commonly open for public use.



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Trails Working Group

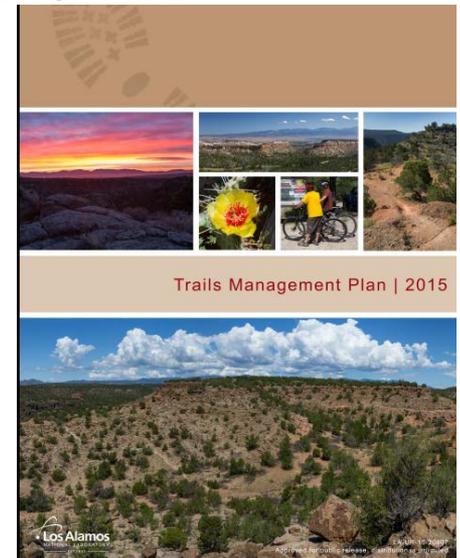
- A Trails Working Group made up of representatives from the Laboratory, neighboring agencies, and stakeholders, convenes monthly to provide an ongoing forum for discussing and resolving trails issues.



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Trails Management Plan

- LANL completed a Trails Management Plan in 2015. The Trails Management Plan includes policy guidance for all trails at LANL, sets requirements for trails management, and includes trail-specific management plans with recommendations for more than 30 trails.



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LANL Trails Management Program

- The Trails Management Program addresses both public use of trails and trails use by Laboratory workers. It supports our Laboratory mission by assuring that trail use by employees, residents, and visitors remains compatible with operations and our stewardship of the unique cultural and biological resources found on DOE lands on the Pajarito Plateau.
- The LANL Trails Management Program was recognized this year by the National Association of Environmental Professionals for excellence in environmental stewardship.

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Trails Issues and Challenges

- Ongoing LANL trails management issues include: cultural and biological resources protection; safety; security; vandalism and inappropriate uses; dumping; erosion; fallen trees; repair and maintenance.



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Thank You for being here this evening!

Here's How to Contact Us

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- **Call 667-6211 to report a bear sighting on Lab property**

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