

March 2020

Unifying the Trails Community

By recognizing the common goals that all trail user types share, and fighting for those goals together, it is possible to create a real and positive impact on the trails world.

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The National Forest System Trail Stewardship Partner Funding Program



These program funds are provided to trail and stewardship organizations to improve trail maintenance on the National Forest System Trail System. Apply for Trail Partner Program Funding by March 30!

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A Motorized Advocate Explores the Common Ground Between All Trail Users

Mathew Giltner, who has worked in the trails world for decades to enhance off-highway vehicle recreation, shares his insights on cooperation and more.

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National Recreation Trail (NRT) Highlight

The McTrail National Recreation Trail, Marion County, West Virginia runs 2.2 miles from Fairmont to Prickett's Fort State Park.

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Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Highlight

The Lafitte Greenway Corridor in New Orleans, Louisiana was once a utility corridor, and is now a shared-use recreational and transportation trail route.

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- (North Carolina) Transylvania County Tourism Announces \$100,000 Toward Ecusta Trail
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- (Indiana) Leaislative Trails Caucus Formed
- (Georgia) Project of the Decade: Atlanta Beltline's Popularity Continues to Transform the City
- (California) Public Feedback Important State Funding of Off-Road Vehicle Trails
- (Michigan) State Welcomes Six New Pure Michigan Trails and Trail Towns
- (Sweden) Can Sweden's Cherished 'Right to Roam' Survive in 2020?
- (National) Bill Proposes Continued Land and Water Conservation Fund Support
- (National) National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOHVCC)
 Announces Scholarship Opportunity for Future OHV Recreation Managers
- Join the USDA Forest Service in the 10-Year Trail Shared Stewardship Challenge!



Resources and Training

FREE March Webinar: Trails Move People: Articulating the Impact and Amplifying the Voice of the Trails Community

In partnership with NOHVCC, this webinar is FREE to the public, thanks to a generous sponsorship from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic

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Know What's Underground for Safe Trail Work

Trail building and installing sign posts can lead to accidental damage to buried pipelines and cables. *Read more...*

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Featured Volunteer Opportunity

Back Country Horsemen of California is seeking volunteers for the 2020 Trails and Wilderness Rendezvous. Join them March 27-29, 2020 in Red Bluff, California. This year's theme, "Working Together on Trails" follows the tradition of outdoor enthusiasts gathering together to keep trails open for all. *Learn more here...*

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Each month we will be featuring one of these talks in our eNews, and you can purchase the entire series on our website at this *link*.

This month we are sharing with you "Trail Connections" by presenter Liz Smith.

Africatown, located in Mobile, Alabama, represents what is left of the community settled by Tarkbar captives brought to the United States from Africa by slave ship (The Clotilda), known as the last Slave Ship to arrive in the USA. By establishing the Africatown Connections Blueway, descendants of the original founders of Africatown, seek to re-connect their neighbors to the surrounding waterways from which they have been separated. Of primary importance is to preserve and make available the international historical significance of Africatown to communities across Alabama, the United States, and the entire world in hopes of contributing to the healing process from the sadness that stems from long lost ties to Africa.

