



# COA4WDCI

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## About COA4WDCI eNews

As many of you have seen or heard, the Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs is trying to implement new ideas to better help serve our members. One of those ideas is to start the publication of COA4WDCI eNews Monthly, in hopes of bringing each of you important information in a timely manner. This will be in addition to the Quarterly High Trails, so no need to worry we will still be publishing that for you. The intent of the COA4WDCI eNews is to have the ability to communicate issues that we feel deserve immediate attention, which is not possible with a quarterly newsletter. If any of you find information that you feel will suit the eNews and our members, please feel free to email it to [enews@hightrails.org](mailto:enews@hightrails.org) and we will be sure to get it in the next publication.



## Tax Season

It is that time of year again; don't forget to submit your tax forms with the IRS. As well as renew your name with the Colorado Secretary of State, the links provided will take you to each of the sites needed to do so:

IRS- <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs>

Colorado Secretary of State-  
<http://www.sos.state.co.us>

## HR 621

As some of you may have seen already, HR 621 was a House Bill submitted by Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah), that if passed would be sold off over 3 million acres of what

they consider excess public land currently owned by the U.S. National Forest and BLM. However on Thursday February 2, 2017 he withdrew the Bill meaning that the land will remain in possession of the Forest Service and BLM. You can read about the Bill and the article explaining the withdrawal of the Bill at the provided links.

H.R. 621- <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/621>

The Hill Article- <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/317514-gop-rep-pulls-bill-to-sell-federal-land>



## OHV Permit

The need for an OHV Permit is always a hot topic during the beginning of the year, and rightfully so. While if you operate a registered and plated vehicle on the trails around Colorado, you would think you do not need an OHV Permit. While in most cases this is true, however thanks to our friends at

Stay the Trail we now have a list of trails in Colorado that they have found we are required to have an OHV Permit even if you are in a street registered and plated vehicle. While many of us will almost never be on these trails as they are mostly extreme rock crawling trails we like to encourage everyone to purchase the permit regardless. The cost of the permit is \$25.25, all of it with exception of 25 cents goes directly into the OHV Grant Fund and the 25 cents goes towards funding Search and Rescue. You can read more about this along with the list of trails that require the OHV Permit at the provided link:

Stay the Trail- [http://www.staythetrail.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=266593&module\\_id=247561](http://www.staythetrail.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=266593&module_id=247561)



## **Colorado Outdoor Expo**

The COA4WDCI will be attending the Colorado Outdoor Expo on March 31st and April 1st this year. We are looking for volunteers to help us staff

the booth to talk with people about what the COA4WDCI does and the importance of getting more people not only involved with us but your local clubs as well. If you are interested in volunteering to help us out you can do so at the provided link. We have the volunteer slots broke up into 3 hour increments throughout the days to allow for more opportunities to help, as well as give our volunteers time to look around the expo.

Volunteer to help- [http://www.coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=2664&club\\_id=873637](http://www.coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2664&club_id=873637)

Colorado Outdoor Expo- <http://www.coloradooutdoor-expo.com>

## **Getting Ready for the Spring Season**

With the beginning of the year comes the time to start planning not only trips for the year, but volunteer projects for your Adopt-a-Trails. This can be a hectic time trying to figure out if you will need any materials and how much man power you will need to complete a project. There are numerous places you can file for a Grant to help cover the cost of material including one from us at COA4WDCI. We are working on putting togeth-

er a guide for filling out Grant Applications as well as a list of available grants that you can access. So pay attention to our website as well as future COA4WDCI eNews Monthly publications for these resources.

## **Report Volunteer Hours**

Reporting Volunteer Hours is something that most of us need to work on submitting more than we do. We hope that with a monthly reminder in the COA4WDCI eNews this will help us improve. Each year we have gradually been increasing on the total number of hours reported, and we know the numbers should be much higher than they are each year. You can report your hours on our website at the provided link or it can be found on the menu of the home page under the Adopt-a-Road tab.

Report hours- [http://www.coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=873637&module\\_id=226933](http://www.coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=873637&module_id=226933)



## Thank You from the Forney Museum

Our last Quarterly Delegates meeting was held at the Forney Transportation Museum as many of you remember. We received a Thank You letter from them that we thought we would share with all of you;



## Upcoming Events

Wednesday February 15th  
Mountaineers Monthly Meeting

Saturday March 4th  
Cars & Coffee- Haggerty

Wednesday March 15th  
Montaineers Monthly Meeting

PLEASE visit our Full  
Calendar at:

[http://www.coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page\\_id=2&club\\_id=873637](http://www.coa4wdci.clubexpress.com/content.aspx?page_id=2&club_id=873637)

## Associate Member Spotlight

By Brian O'Connors

February's Associate Member Spotlight is on Predator 4-Wheel Drive located at 4260 N Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80907, Phone: (719) 528-5790 Website: <http://www.predator4wd.com/> which celebrates 32 years in business this year and has become one of the premier four-wheel drive shops in Colorado and a longtime supporter of the Colorado Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc (COA4WDCI). I recently sat down with Jerry Panek the owner of Predator 4WD to ask him some questions for the COA4WDCI E-News.

Q. Do you have a personal business philosophy that has

guided you over the past 32 years?

A. There have been two 1) The bitterness of poor quality lingers long after the cheap price is forgotten. 2) Always give people more than they expect to get.

Q. How have you seen the 4WD industry change since you started Predator 4WD?

A. Since starting in 1985 the changes may be too numerous to say. Everything from technology in vehicles, leaf springs to coil springs to coil over shocks as an example. Lower gearing in transfer cases allowing for highway speeds that went back to 75 mph from 55 mph. This made it possible for differential gears

that matched tire size and kept engine RPM's down while driving on roads and giving very low crawl ratios when off road. Fuel injection is now standard and can be retrofitted to older vehicles. The largest might be the Internet, allowing almost anybody to become highly informed on any topic they choose to research. Giving a very small business person with a good idea a world format to advertise their product.

**Look for the Full Q & A  
in the next issue of  
High Trails**