

Ravalli County Off Road User Association

January 2025



RCORUA

This is the clubs new email address: rcoffroaduserassociation@gmail.com

Please use it for any correspondence!

Check out our Facebook page: Ravalli Off Road (RCORUA)

Calendar of 2025 Upcoming events:

Meetings are usually held at the BRR Groomer Shed, address is 663 Grantsdale Road Hamilton.

Please check your email or Facebook for updates on meeting dates & rides or call a board member!

March 10th will be the 1st General Meeting of the year time and place will be announced at a later date.

We will have a website available shortly and will provide a calendar with meetings and project work dates, links to maps, contact info and more. The link will be emailed to the membership list once it is up and running.

RAVALLI COUNTY OFF ROAD USER ASSOCIATION 2025 OFFICERS

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Paige Boyer 406-369-3645

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**Business Sponsorship runs from
January 1st to December 31st!**

Please support our Business Sponsors!

A BIG THANK YOU goes to all the sponsors, your continued support and involvement helps the association in its effort to keep the trails open.

Happy New Year – 2025!

RCORUA was successful in 2024 in maintaining existing trail networks and road access points through the efforts of 23 volunteers who reported 319 hours of volunteer time (3,274 travel miles to and from projects). The two wind events gave us the opportunity to clear a number of them twice!! We knew there was a lot of work done by members and the public that wasn't submitted as volunteer hours, so thanks for that and we encourage everyone to report those hours through RCORUA. We continued the Mud Creek Project on the West Fork Ranger District, primarily with sign design and construction (by Trapper Creek Job Corps) through a MT Fish and Wildlife Trail Stewardship Program grant. We will be able to place the sign boards with maps once gates are open in 2025. Fire activity interfered with trail clearing activities this year, but we anticipate some early workdays as soon as we have access in 2025.

Announcements will be made for workdays and group rides once RCORUA meetings resume. The first General Meeting will be held on March 10th, the time and place to be announced. This year, we will have a website in addition to the Facebook page. We'll roll that out as soon as possible; it is in the design stage. We anticipate monthly meetings as well as 6 group rides, each Board/Officer member is hosting one. They will be decided by the March meeting and posted on the web page and Facebook.

We have applied for a grant from Yamaha to reconstruct the Warm Springs Ridge Trail. If we aren't successful with Yamaha, we will try other grant avenues. We also continue to work on a comprehensive mapping product that can be used by visitors and locals alike. It will showcase our riding opportunities in Ravalli County as well as show connectors to adjacent forests and roads that link up. We started this last winter, but fires intervened in the mapping work with GIS specialists. We are pretty far along with the final product and will have maps at FS offices, local businesses, and areas where visitors can scan a QR link and access geolocated maps (likely through Avenza).

RCORUA assisted the Bitterroot National Forest in developing an OHV Master Plan which ties into a Forest Recreation Plan. This Plan guides the OHV program forward since completion of the Travel Management Plan in 2016. The OHV Master Plan is a living document that will be updated over time as projects are completed. It shows existing areas available for OHV riding, those in the implementation phase, and suggested new routes. This overall plan will assist in securing grant funding for future project opportunities, and was used for the FWP grant for Mud Creek. It will be updated over time (it is not a NEPA related decision, more a program of work).

The 2024 Volunteer Report is attached, and a big thank you goes to all who participated in maintaining existing trails and coordinating a Fun Run on the Darby Trails in August. Many thanks to our Business Sponsors who donated items for the raffle, provided space for the event, cooked/provided food, and contributed their time. It's all about the teamwork to accomplish these projects/rides, including hard work and a willing attitude. The Bitterroot National Forest supports the development of trail networks that can be utilized by <50" OHVs and incorporating newer >50" machines. We have discussed the desire to incorporate wider trails for newer machines, and this will be considered in future projects. The goal remains to provide access to trail systems off well-traveled higher speed roadways and forest roads. As we close out the 2024 Financial Report with the Bitterroot National Forest under the Challenge Cost Share Agreement, we have valued our contribution at \$14,014. The Forest Service budget is experiencing cuts and we hope to have a financial match for our work in 2025, but that is unknown at this time. We will nevertheless provide support as we have in the past and maintain the roads and trails that are on our National Forest System lands.

Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions as we move forward into 2025. Our email is rcoffroaduserassociation@gmail.com. If you would like a call, please leave your phone number, and I'll call back. I'll be in touch once we roll out the new website!
Paige Boyer, President RCORUA

2024 VOLUNTEER REPORT

January 1 - November 2, 2024	Activity	Activity Code	Hours	Labor Cost	Mileage POV & Trail	In Kind Cost
	In Kind Purchases	Materials				397.55
	Road & trail maintenance	TM		6,739.86		
	Educational Activities	EDU		1,934.05		
	Admin Tasks, meetings	ADMIN		1,105.17		
	Mud Cr FWP Grant	FWP Grant		904.23		
Total Value (hours, labor, equipment)			0	\$10,683.31	\$2,933.54	\$397.55
Volunteer Total		\$14,014.40				

Please if you are a member and clear trails on the Bitterroot National Forest, email Paige at rcoffroaduserassociation@gmail.com for a volunteer form. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

The 2024 MVUM's are out! You can pick them up at any of the District Ranger Offices or the Supervisors office. If you see any errors please let Paige or Marsha know what trail is missing (we know about the TeePee Connector from 13314 to 13313 and the Kerlee Ridge Trail).

A BIG THANK YOU TO BITTERROOT ADVENTURES FOR THE USE OF THEIR PLACE FOR THE FUN RUN AND TO AL'S CYCLE AND COOK RYAN FOR THE HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS AND ALL THE TRIMMINGS. PLUS ALL THE SPONSORS AND RETAILERS THAT CONTRIBUTED DONATIONS OR GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR OUR DOOR PRIZES!

On August 20,2024 we lost one of our members, Don Miller. Don loved to ride and was a huge part of the club for many years. He was out several times a week leading his church group of riders or others and always had his chainsaw ready to clear the trails.

Don you will be missed!



We will have a group ride this summer for family members and of friends Don.

Trying to find a trail or route to accommodate all sizes of machines and rider abilities for this ride!

Mail to Ravalli County Off-Road User Association, P.O. Box 72, Hamilton, MT 59840

Name (s) (please list all family names) or Business / Sponsor Name and Web site (optional):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

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Number of Off-Road Users in the family: _____ Referred by: _____

Date: _____ Check Number: _____ Cash: _____

Single (\$10.00) _____ Single Lifetime \$150.00 _____ Family (\$20.00) _____ Business Sponsor (\$100.00) _____

Donation \$ _____

All memberships/ sponsors run from January 1st to December 31st yearly.

If you to want to be contacted when someone from the club is going for a ride, let us know how you'd like to be contacted. We will not give out any of your contact information without your permission.

Please let us know: If you would like a list of other riders to contact when you go ride.

Just a friendly reminder that 2025 dues are now due, use the above form to mail in your dues, please make sure it is readable (if you don't get notifications or emails it may be due to misspelled addresses or email). We do send out emails on a as needed basis using a blind carbon copy so your email address is not visible to others, if you want on the list that we started for sharable information please note it on the above renewal application!

If you want PDF's of the following trails:

Overwhich and Coal Creek (West Fork Ranger District)

Meadow Vapor/ Lick Reynolds and TeePee (East Fork Ranger District) or Phase 2 of Darby Trails (Darby Ranger District)

Please contact Marsha mwaliser2292@gmail.com. They will be available from the Website once it is up and running!



Our mission is to bring together on and off highway enthusiasts to enjoy, promote and protect responsible Off Highway Vehicle Use and other recreational activities.

Many of our Kiosk Signs and Carsonite Signs get vandalized each year, if you see someone vandalizing ours or any signs on our Forests please contact a Law Enforcement officer (with the Forest Service or Sheriff Office).

List of District Rangers for the Bitterroot National Forest:

Supervisor: Matt Anderson 406-363-7100 (front desk)

West Fork: Dan Pliley 406-821-3269

Darby / Sula: Steve Brown 406-821-3913

Stevensville: Seth Romocki 406-777-5461

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