



Paddock Paper

Northern New Mexico Horsemen's Association

January 2019

Positive Reinforcement Training

General membership meeting, January 30

Pecos Trail Café

6 p.m. for dinner; meeting begins at 7 p.m.



Horses that won't stand for mounting. A performance prospect that won't maintain forward impulsion without constant aids. A horse that won't be caught or one that is aggressive at

feeding time. These are a few of the problems that trainer Shawna Karrasch solves using positive reinforcement training.

For twenty-five years, Shawna has been teaching positive reinforcement training methods which have been successfully adopted by Olympic competitors, mounted police, and other professionals. We are delighted to have her introduce her method to us at the next meeting.

As always, the meeting and program is open to the public and this program might be particularly interesting for your friends. *If you plan to come, please RSVP to NNMHA@live.com so we can let our restaurant hosts be prepared.* Hope to see you there!

The Greater Santa Fe Trails Planning Workshop scheduled for January 22 has been postponed due the federal shutdown. Since the USFS, BLM and NPS are significant partners in this planning effort for existing and proposed trails from Lamy to Cerrillos to Los Alamos, the workshop will be re-scheduled after the federal agencies come back to work.

Greater Santa Fe Trails Planning *Community Workshops*	
Two Trails Workshops Part 1: December 10 th , 2018 Part 2: January [TBA], 2019 5:30 - 8:00 PM 5:00 - 5:30 PM arrivals & networking Santa Fe Community College Jemez Rooms 1, 2 & 3 (6401 Richards Ave, Santa Fe)	What: Help develop a <i>comprehensive, sustainable trails plan</i> for the Greater Santa Fe area. Where: The Greater Santa Fe includes trails in the Santa Fe, Galisteo, Los Alamos, Valles Caldera, Bandelier, and Caja areas. How: All hands, all lands, outcome-oriented collaboration. This process is interactive and inclusive of all trail interests and focuses on collective prioritization of trail projects. Who is invited: Trail enthusiasts, businesses, landowners, organizations, agencies... and all others interested!
	Kick-Off Workshops 1. December, 2018: Identify potential trail projects and areas of interest and concern for trail planning 2. January, 2019: Prioritize potential trail projects
Convened by: Greater Santa Fe Recreation Partnership An emerging collaboration among governmental and non-governmental partners fostering proactive dialogue, collective action, and development and implementation of a comprehensive outdoor recreation master plan in the Greater Santa Fe area. <small>Photo credits: Santa Fe National Forest and the Santa Fe New Mexican</small>	

“One of the sayings in the horse world is that a clean horse is a happy horse, but in my experience this is not really true. Horses like dirt, and go to considerable trouble to burrow around in as much as they can find. But what horses do like is to be tended, and I think that is what this old saw points to—being touched and noticed...puts them in a good mood.”

—Helen Husher, Conversations with a Prince



Snow = Mud = Soft Trails

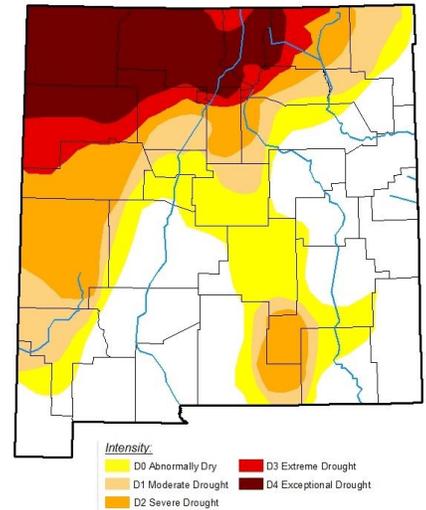
Karen Denison

Looking at the most current drought monitor for the state, it's hard to believe that we've been gifted with snow periodically for the past three weeks. But we're running just average for long term snowfall totals (as opposed to the miserable amounts we received last year). The snow has done little or nothing to budge the map and pull us out of our drought statuses. But it has made some huge changes out in barnyards and on trails.

At the place I board, the entry road has turned to a gushy mess, re-freezing at night, and just about the time it dries and drains a little then we receive more snow—and the top couple of inches of caliche is still saturated enough to get really mushy again. Arroyos and sand arenas are better, but some days they too are very soft. Mud season!

We should all be grateful for the moisture, but please try to be good neighbors and steer clear of riding on soft trails, especially those which are multi-use. Footprints which re-freeze are likely to stubbornly persist and leave a trail which any other trail user will find very difficult.

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January 8, 2019



Membership Renewals

Our memberships run by the calendar year, so it's time to renew! Your Board hopes you have found enough information and activities happening for you to make that an easy choice. Please fill out a form and bring it with payment to the January meeting or mail it in. [Find the form and instructions here.](#)

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Remember, you may contact any Board member with questions or comments about activities. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, usually at the NNMHA office. Members are welcome to attend; please contact a Board member to confirm the time and place.



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