

**2017 CHILE CHALLENGE REQUIREMENTS,  
TRAIL RULES & HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**



**EVENT REQUIREMENTS**

Chile Challenge is a non-competitive, family oriented, recreational, full-size Off Highway Vehicle (OHV)/Four Wheel Drive trail ride event. Participants are expected to adhere to the Event's rules and requirements

**REGISTRATION** is open to full-size vehicles only. Each vehicle must be registered as either street legal or an OHV. Registrations are accepted On-Line or On-Site only, no phone or fax. On-Site registration, during the event, is contingent upon trail availability. Complete the entire on-line form for each vehicle/driver combination. Participant Registration is NOT confirmed until payment is received.

**MULTIPLE VEHICLES** (example; a stock vehicle for easy trails and a buggy for extreme trails) are registered separately for their respective trails. Bring both vehicles to the inspection area first before completing the Check-In.

**FEES** for On-Line Participant Registration include the trails selected and any T-shirts and/or hats selected. Additional merchandise can be purchased On-Site at the Riverside Campground Pavilion.

**CAMPING FEES** must be paid directly to Caballo Lake State Park at drive-up at park entrance, or, if the park entrance is closed, the following morning. Note that not having a valid/current paid fee receipt will subject you to a NM State fine. State Park Rangers make a point of checking for receipts. Camping is on a first come first served basis. If camping at another site please follow their check-in procedures.

**ALL CANCELLATIONS** must be received in writing before 5pm, October 1, 2017 in order to receive a refund of 80%. After October 1, 2017 no refunds will be issued. Refunds will be processed in November.

**CONFIRMATION EMAILS** will be sent to all registered participants whose registration is received by October 1, 2017. On-Site registration, during the event, is contingent upon trail availability. Registration packets will be at the registration desk at Check-In. It will contain your assigned trails, CB channels, staging rows, etc.

**MINIMUM & REQUIRED VEHICLE EQUIPMENT** is fire extinguishers, front and rear tow hooks, first aid kit, operational CB radio, seat belts for all passengers, roll bar for vehicles without factory hard tops, and either a current state registration or state OHV sticker.

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT BY TRAIL RATING** is for Trails rated 4-6 33" tires or larger **required**. Trails rated 6 plus a working winch or 1 locker recommended. Trails rated 7-8 33" tires or larger plus one (1) solid locker and working winch **required**. Trails rated 9 35" tires or larger plus front & rear lockers and a working winch **required**. Trails rates 10-12 37" tires or larger plus front & rear lockers and a working winch.

**RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES** are spare tire or tire repair kit, spill kit, food, lots of water, tool kit, camera, binoculars, etc.

**CAMPGROUND SECURITY.** State Park Rangers patrol the campground and RV Rally Site Pavilion and on a regular basis to ensure your safety however they are not responsible for personal items. State Park Rangers will check to ensure that all campers have paid appropriate camping fees. Take proper precautions to secure your personal items at camp and on the trails.

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**TRAIL RULES**

**ALCOHOL/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE POLICY.** Consumption of alcohol or illegal substances on trail rides by drivers or passengers is NOT authorized. Anyone who is observed using alcohol or illegal substance will be required to leave the Chile Challenge event immediately without any refund. Alcohol in camp is subject to New Mexico State Park rules and regulations.

**TRAIL LEADERS.** The ultimate authority on the trail is the Trail Leader. His/her job is to ensure that everyone has a safe and fun four-wheeling experience. If there are breakdowns on the trail, the Trail Leader will discuss the situation with the vehicle owners to decide the best course of action for repair or removal of the vehicle. The LCFWDC does not want any vehicles left on the trails overnight unless there is no other way.

**VEHICLE INSPECTIONS.** Prior to final Check-In, each vehicle will be inspected to ensure that it meets the minimum requirements for the hardest trail requested. It must have the required safety equipment. If your vehicle does not meet trail requirements your selected trails may be reassigned.

**ROGUE TRAIL RUNS** are not authorized by NM State Law. All trail rides must be official Chile Challenge trail rides. Unauthorized running of trails not scheduled and lead by a LCFWDC designated Trail Leader are prohibited. If you choose to participate in unauthorized trail rides you may forfeit your entry fee and be asked to leave the event. You may also forfeit the ability to participate in future events. Do not run trails that are not scheduled. Unscheduled or rogue trail runs will not be overlooked.

**VEHICLE WASH.** All vehicles must undergo a mandatory wash down prior to arrival at Caballo Lake State Park. This is intended to stop the transfer of invasive vegetative species and noxious weeds. Please use a power washer to remove oil, dirt, weeds or other foreign material from your vehicle before reaching the Chile Challenge Event. If your vehicle is not clean you will be ask to clean it before check in. **The nearest car wash is 20 miles away.**

**BYPASS ROUTES USE.** The use of unauthorized bypass routes, or “braids”, is strictly prohibited. Please stay on the designated trail routes during all trail runs before, during, and after the Chile Challenge. Tread Lightly®

**VEHICLE REGISTRATION.** All vehicles must be registered as either street legal or as an OHV. Neither the LCFWDC nor BLM are responsible for accidents, damage, or injury to persons or vehicles. All drivers must be at least 18 years old and are responsible for the occupants of that vehicle. All occupants must be registered and sign a hold harmless waiver.

**TREAD LIGHTLY®.** Drive responsibly to protect the environment and drive only where motorized vehicles are permitted. All participants must abide by BLM and NM State rules and regulations. Do not take items from historic sites. Leave history for all to enjoy. Please exercise Tread Lightly® principles.

**TRAIL ETIQUETTE.** The Chile Challenge is held in cooperation with the BLM. Please be courteous, respectful, and helpful to all BLM law enforcement, staff, and volunteers. This includes all Law Enforcement, Mounted Patrol, Event Staff, and Search and Rescue volunteers.

**THE BOTTOM LINE** is that the Submission of the 2017 Chile Challenge registration is acknowledgement that you have read and agree to all of the Chile Challenge Guidelines and Trail Rules. Failure to follow these instructions may result in being asked to leave the event without a refund.

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**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT COPY**

To register for the 2017 Chile Challenge registrants must read & accept the Trail Rules and the Hold Harmless Agreement in the link on the on-line registration form.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in events hosted by the Las Cruces Four Wheel Drive Club (hereinafter called LCFWDC), the undersigned participant, for himself, herself, personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASES the BLM, State of New Mexico and LCFWDC officers, employees, members, assisting clubs and commercial sponsors (hereinafter called Sponsors) of all liability to the undersigned, whether caused by negligent act, omission or otherwise while undersigned is participating in this event. It is fully understood by each of the undersigned that there is inherent risk associated with this event, including damage to vehicles and persons.

By checking the accept box participants are stating they understand and accept all rules and regulations and AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the BLM, State of New Mexico and LCFWDC officers, employees, members, assisting clubs and Sponsors from any loss, damage, or costs incurred due to such participation by the undersigned, whether caused by negligence, omission or otherwise while the undersigned is participating in this event.

Further, each participant hereby acknowledges and represents the following: That he/she has read the foregoing Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement. That he/she shall at all times, while riding in a vehicle participating in this event, shall wear his/her respective seat belt. That the owner/driver certifies that he/she has inspected this vehicle and the vehicle is in good mechanical condition and is properly insured. That the owner/driver has informed himself/herself about the event and trails involved in the event, either by prior participation or by investigation into the event and trails.

Finally, the owner/driver of each vehicle accepts full responsibility for any and all passengers or pets of said vehicle.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_