

CHILE CHALLENGE OFF ROAD TRAIL EVENT

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

REGISTRATION- Registration is open to full-size vehicles only. Each vehicle must be registered as street legal or an OHV. Side by Sides are not permitted in the State Parks or in this event. Registrations are accepted on-line or on-site. In person registration, during the event, is contingent upon trail availability. Registration is NOT confirmed until payment is received.

MULTIPLE VEHICLE REGISTRATION- If you plan to bring multiple vehicles (example; a stock vehicle for easy trails and a buggy for extreme trails) register the vehicle you will use on the harder trails and register for the exact trails you want to run on-line (example hard trail on Wednesday, easy trail on Thursday etc.). Bring both vehicles with registration to the inspection area first before completing final registration.

FEES- Trail registrations are \$45/day. You may pre-register online at <https://www.registrations.chilechallenge.org/> and purchase your trails as well as this year's merch. Our current merchant for online payments is PayPal. If you would rather pay by check, you may do so in person at the event, or mail it to:

LCFWDC
PO Box 1344
Las Cruces, NM 88004

CAMPING- Camping fees must be paid directly to Caballo Lake State Park on-line or at check-in at park entrance, or, if the park entrance is closed, at the Park's opening the following morning. Note that not having a valid/current paid fee receipt will subject you to a NM State fine. Camping is on a first come first served basis. If camping at another site please follow their check-in procedures.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY- All cancellations must be received in writing before 5pm, October 1, to receive a refund of 80%. After October 1, no refunds will be issued. Refunds will be processed in November.

CONFIRMATION/REGISTRATION PACKETS-Confirmation emails will be sent to all participants whose registration is received by October 1. All other participants may register at the RV Rally Pavilion Site registration table during posted times, contingent upon trail availability. Your registration packet will be available at the event registration desk at check-in. It will contain your assigned trails, Radio channels, staging rows, etc.

REQUIRED VEHICLE EQUIPMENT-ALL VEHICLES will be inspected for fire extinguishers front and rear tow hooks, first aid kit, operational Radio, seat belts for all passengers roll bar for vehicles without factory hard tops, solid battery hold-down and either a current state registration or current state OHV sticker.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT BY TRAIL RATING- Trails (Overland Trails) rated 1-3 require stock four-wheel drive vehicle. Trails (Moderate Trails) rated 4-5 require 33" tires or larger. Trails (Hard Trails) rated 6-7 require 35" tires or larger, two traction devices (lockers or limited slip), enhanced suspension system. Trails (Extreme Trails) rated 8-10 require 37" tires or larger, front & rear lockers, operational winch and enhanced suspension system.

RECOMMENDED ACCESSORIES- Tow strap, spare tire, tire repair kit, spill kit, food, lots of water, tool kit, spare parts, camera, binoculars, etc.

SECURITY- NM 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-Absolutely no alcohol or illegal substances are allowed on trail rides by drivers or passengers. Anyone observed using alcohol or illegal substance would 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 TECH INSPECTIONS-Prior to final registration, 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. Please see trail requirements (www.chilechallenge.org) for more information.

ROGUE TRAIL RUNS-All trail rides must be on official Chile Challenge Trails. Unauthorized running of trails not scheduled with and lead by a LCFWDC designated Trail Leader is 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 and not tolerated.

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.**

USE OF BYPASS ROUTES-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 currently 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 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-Submittal of the 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

To register for the 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 same 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: _____