



## Traversing the Great Deserts of the Southwest Desert Solitude Adventures Will Demonstrate Independent Overland Travel for a Disabled Veteran

Disabled Explorers will take a recently disabled veteran over the historic El Camino del Diablo (The Devil's Highway) along the Arizona/Mexico border from January 22 through January 24, 2010. The multi-day trek is the inaugural trip in the organization's Desert Solitude Series which will demonstrate independent overland travel for disabled people.

The El Camino del Diablo trip will include a recently disabled veteran as an honored guest and full expedition participant. All of the Desert Solitude adventures will include special guests who are disabled and are re-learning how to enjoy outdoor recreation. Final team member selection will depend on availability and scheduling and will be announced shortly before each trip.

Disabled Explorers is an Arizona-based nonprofit organization that exists to enhance the lives of disabled people through independent four-wheel-drive backcountry travel.

The initial trip in the Desert Solitude Series will traverse the El Camino del Diablo from Ajo, Arizona through the Cabeza Prieta Wildlife Refuge, past the Barry Goldwater Bombing Range, and end in Yuma, Arizona. Highlights of the trip will include historic mine ruins, an adobe cabin at Tule Well, and a stop at a vital water source in the granite outcrop of Tinajas Altas.

Future trips in the Desert Solitude Series will explore Death Valley, the Mojave, and other great western locales to be announced. Disabled Explorers is still selecting participants for these and other expeditions. If you are interested in joining us on a Desert Solitude Adventure, please contact us.

Costs for the Desert Solitude adventures, the WAVE vehicle, and for Disabled Explorers are met with individual donations, corporate sponsorship, and volunteer contributions of time and skill. To donate, use Paypal and e-mail your tax-deductible contribution to [donate@disabledexplorers.com](mailto:donate@disabledexplorers.com). Participants in our adventures can contribute money, or volunteer time, or a combination of both. Please contact us to talk about how you can participate.

For more information on the Desert Solitude Series and on Disabled Explorers, see [www.disabledexplorers.org](http://www.disabledexplorers.org) or e-mail [info@ disabledexplorers.org](mailto:info@disabledexplorers.org)

### About Disabled Explorers:

Disabled Explorers is an Arizona-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization operated by volunteers and supported by donations. The founder, Lance Blair, is a lower-leg amputee, an Intensive Care RN, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Overland Certified, a Tread Lightly Trainer, Wilderness First Responder, amateur radio operator, part of the winning team of the 2007 Expedition Trophy, and last year led a Disabled Explorers team over 24 days and 5000 miles on the Continental Divide Expedition.

