1992 Combined Ballot

Use this ballot to vote for candidates for the Rio Grande Chapter Executive Committee and for candidates for your local group's Executive Committee. Each member of a joint membership may vote with this ballot. You may vote for write-in candidates. When completed, mail ballots (including your address label) by December 4, 1992 to:
Sierra Club Elections
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Be sure to include your mailing label. It will be used to validate your vote, but will be discarded before tabulating results.

Chapter Executive Committee

Please vote for 5 candidates only. See page 9 for candidates' statements.

Member 1 Member 2
Rich Adams
Rick Fuller
Susan Gorman
Curt Morrison
Ted Merig

Santa Fe Group

Vote for no more than four Group ExCom candidates. See page 21 for candidates' statements.

Member 1 Member 2
Ken Hughes
Web Michell
Susan L. Molinosh
Mark Morel
Helen K. Moser
Van L. Perkins
Norma Scoot

Southern New Mexico Group

Vote for no more than eight Group ExCom candidates. See page 22 for candidates' statements.

Member 1 Member 2
Tony Cutlip
Rob Filipek
Juliet Glaston
Andrew Hands
Elizabeth Hernandez
David McColl
Marlene Thayer
Jim Winter
Ben Zelley

Albuquerque Group

Vote for no more than three Group ExCom candidates. See page 13 for candidates' statements.

Member 1 Member 2
John Day
Ed Gortner
Tom Leck
Nick Nicholas
Stefen Verbitski

El Paso Group

Vote for no more than four Group ExCom candidates. See page 17 for candidates' statements.

Member 1 Member 2
Larry Cazal
Mike Episcopo
Ted Merig
Richard Phifer
Joe A. Rodriguez
Kathy Sunday

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Sierra Club Election Time

The Rio Grande Chapter and all their local groups are holding elections for their Executive Committees. Unlike most other major environmental organizations, the Sierra Club is democratic: directors are elected by the rank and file membership. Take a minute to read the candidate statements inside, and use the ballot on the back cover to vote.

Programs & Parties

Albuquerque Group—Pat Wolf, noisy wildlife activist, will talk about the Animal Damage Control program.

Monday, November 17, 7:30 p.m., UNT Law School. The Group will host the annual Holiday Party on Sunday, December 13, 5:30 p.m., at the home of Carla and Doug Clark.

Sierra Club Endorses Richardson, Sosa for Congress

The Rio Grande Chapter has endorsed in-coming Bill Richardson and challenger Dan Sosa, both Democrats, in their respective Congressional races.

Richardson and Sosa join Bill Clinton, Al Gore, and a long list of New Mexico state legislative candidates in receiving the nod from the Sierra Club. (See complete list of endorsements on page 3.)

Richardson was endorsed by the Chapter earlier this year. He has generally been a strong supporter of environmental legislation in the House of Representatives, and received the highest rating among the states' Congressional Delegation from the League of Conservation Voters.

Sosa, a retired state supreme court judge, met with members of the Southern New Mexico Group in August and expressed his positive view on many of the issues raised by the activist groups.

Sierra Club members note that the League of Conservation Voters gave Sosa's opponent, Republican incumbent Joe Skeen one of the lowest ratings in the Congress.

Skeen voiced against NASA's "Mission to Planet Earth" to study global climate changes. He did not support the California Desert Protection Act or the establishment of the Taftgrass Prairie National Monument. He has not worked to promote legislation protecting San Juan Basin wildlife. He has not supported protection for wetlands or the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Los Alamos' War on the Environment

DOE Contemplating New Plutonium Role for Lab

greg Melito

Mesta del Bosque is a small mesa on the edge of the mesa of the Pajarito Plateau, bounded by the intermittent stream of Pajarito Canyon on the south and by the Chama River on the north. Near the southeastern edge lies a large Potrillo resevoir called Tres Bigotes. The Pajarito stream supplied water for the people who lived here, and water can still be found in the canals which just upstream from the rain. Tres Bigotes lies deep in a Department. Energy (DOE) fence. Just to the west is an active radioactive waste landfill, one of the largest in the nation, made up of pits typically 600 feet long that are separated from each other by a single road. Between these areas, an estimated 7 million cubic feet of radioactive waste have been dumped. Perhaps another 3 million cubic feet of radioactive waste lie in other LANL surface sites.

Tranuranic wastes were irreversibly dumped at Area G until 1971, since then most (but not all) of the plutonium-bearing waste has been stored in drums buried retrievably in the taos, or in large temporary buildings. In a recent random inspection of 100 out of 10,000 drifts containing drums, several were found to have been performed by correlation.

Mixed-fission products from Los Alamos reactors (a couple of level waste), mixed-activation products, tritium-bearing wastes, even small buildings—all are buried at Area G. And radioactive waste is still being buried, at a rate of roughly 100,000 cubic feet per year.

While a 20-year, $2 billion investigation probes 2200 other potentially-contaminated sites in Los Alamos, the town will roll asMixin Bigotes, in. In all likelihood, any radioactive soil cleaned up from these other sites will simply be re-interred at Area G.
BLM Proposes to Allow Oil and Gas Drilling Near Lechuagulla Cave

Public Comment Period for Dark Canyon EIS Ends Nov. 20

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is proposing to allow oil and gas drilling for oil and gas near Carlsbad Cavern National Park in southeastern New Mexico. Environmentalists fear the decision could lead to destruction of world-famous Lechuagulla Cave and other caves.

The proposed action is the preferred alternative in a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) issued by the New Mexico State BLM office. The study was prepared in response to an application by Yves Energy Corporation to drill on the oil and gas lease it holds for Dark Canyon, about one-half mile northwest of the Carlsbad Cavern National Park boundary. If successful, up to seven more wells are expected to be drilled in the area.

Yves bought the leases in question from the New Mexico BLM in 1982. The company has drilled two to four years before Lechuagulla was discovered. The company has been exploring and drilling on the property since 1982. Environmentalists argue that the EIS overestimates potential natural gas reserves while misrepresenting known and probable cave resources.

Consider these facts:

There are six known cavities within the EIS study area. These include Mudgett's Cave, which has over 3000 feet of passageway and is 1.5 miles from the proposed drill pad.

Three proposed drill sites are less than two miles from the main Carlsbad Caverns which received close to 680,000 visitors in 1991.

Lechuagulla Cave lies a mere 900 feet from the EIS study area. Large volumes of helium gas released in Lechuagulla Cave have continued to travel in a northwest direction, exactly toward the area of the proposed drill site.

Drilling could irreversibly damage cave formations, and lead to communication with toxic drilling compounds and fluids. An accident could pose poisonous gases to fill Lechuagulla and other caves, killing unique cave organisms and rendering the caverns inaccessible to human exploration.

World-class caves at Risk

Lechuagulla Cave is the eighth largest cave in the world, the deepest in the U.S., and arguably one of the world’s finest and best preserved cave systems of its kind. The scientific and natural wonder is better parallel in the U.S. according to petroleum exploration consultant and speaker Richard Bridges, “there are no other known caves that contain all the rare and unique cave values of Lechuagulla, period.”

Lechuagulla is one of the most important caves in the U.S. The proposed drilling would destroy the cave that sits nearly 900 feet from the cave and worse, kill the rare cave values of Lechuagulla.

Bridges says that the BLM has made an attempt to critically evaluate the potential for natural gas in the area. In addition, the agency has ignored the vast amount of geological and geophysical data supporting the existence of large cave systems.

The EIS is not necessary to have ever been to Lechuagulla Cave or even to be a caver to comment effectively on the BLM’s environmental impact statement. Lechuagulla’s interest is in wild and scenic places and a desire to see pictures of them in National Geographic. The statement is advanced as having a particular knowledge of the scientific values contained in Lechuagulla and exactly how the drilling will affect it.

To obtain a copy of the EIS, contact the BLM at the address above. A copy of the EIS is available for viewing at the Southeast Environmental Center in Las Cruces, and may be available at other BLM offices.

New Editor Needed

I am stepping down as Rio Grande Sierran editor to take a job in San Francisco. It has been a lot of fun, and I want to thank everyone who has contributed to the magazine. It is time for someone else to take over. If you’re interested, call me at (505) 695-1502 or write: 1431 Palomino Street, Santa Fe, NM 87501. My new address is Marc Hand, Editor, at Albuquerque Observer, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

BONDI Issue Would Help Finance Wastewater Treatment Projects

from an New Mexico Environment Department release

SANTA FE—A General Obligation Bond Issue on the November ballot will assist New Mexico communities in protecting groundwater and surface water and safeguarding public health.

The Bond Issue would provide $2 million as a state match for $10 million in federal funds for the New Mexico Wastewater Construction Loans Program. Projects funded by the program include sewage treatment plants, sewer lines and septic facilities. Improperly treated sewage can cause the spread of communicable diseases, toxics such as nitrates and heavy metals, contribute to water and air pollution, and add to the cost and problems of other pollution.

Funds in the program will be loaned to communities, counties and Indian tribes at 5 percent annual interest to construct needed wastewater facilities. This rate is lower than community lenders can borrow money at on their own and helps keep sewer rates lower. When community lenders repay the loans, the monies go back into the fund to be loaned to other communities in a revolving, self-financing program. If voters do not approve the bond issue, the State will be unable to make these loans to New Mexico communities. Some community projects which are expected to be funded in part from this bond issue and the federal matching funds in the Wastewater Construction Loans Program.

Albuquerque: dechoreration facilities, plant expansion, North and South Valley sewer expansion; Bluefield: sewage treatment plant; Las Cruces: Otero High School sewer line; Las Alturas: sewer interceptor line; Los Lunas: sewage treatment plant; San Juan County/Portales: septic facility assistance; Seconor: sewage treatment plant; San Ysidro: communications were assisted by a predecessor grant program which was phased out by Congress three years ago; rates in New Mexico communities resulting from past state and federal grants and low-interest loans are approximately one-third of what they were before we received this assistance.

For more information, contact the N.M. Environment Department at (505) 837-2612.

Sierra Club Endorsements

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Good Old Boys Bag Game Commission

Spring Commission Changes in Trap-Checking Rules Without Warning

by Pat Wolff

In a move that made legalized cruelty even more appealing to new Game Commission voters, the Commission voted on a September 15 meeting in Silver City to require trapppers to check their traps at least once a week for plugging and to provide a system of protection against predators.

By changing the trap-checking regulation from every 24 hours to every 48 hours, the Commission doubled the amount of time a trapped animal must suffer before it is shot or stunned to death.

Trappers in New Mexico are allowed to set more than a dozen traps as they want and kill as many animals as they want. Moreover, the Commission, acting as the U.S. Animal Damage Control trappers from state regulations so government trappers don’t have to regularly check their traps at all. As a result, the number of “non-target” wild and domestic animals die in ADC traps every year.

The Silver City meeting was stacked with commercial trappers, ADC agents, ranchers and People for the Watsons who favor it. Conservationists who favor it said the new regulations were not supported by science.

New Tactics Needed

This unacceptable vote was the last straw for those of us who have been monitoring the State Game Commission and trying to work within the system. It made clear that we will never see a pro-wildlife agenda implemented in this state as long as we have the current Governor and Commission calling the shots. It is time for conservationists and environmentally responsible hunters and fishers to fight back for wildlife, with new strategies and new political alliances.

Those who set the state’s wildlife policies need to compete for votes. An increasingly crowded and competitive Commission constituency is shrinking. Sales of hunting and fishing licenses are declining. Even more important, the role of men in our lives has drastically changed. Fifty years ago a man who shot a bear for fun or a fox for fun in the past 20 years have been admitted. Today, such a man would be seen by the community as either a pathological,opathic, or sadistic.

Other cultural changes that can’t be ignored include less meat consumption nationwide, urbanization, and the rise of outdoor activities that don’t involve killing, such as backpacking and wildlife photography.

The support of the Game and Fish folks doesn’t rise with ranchers and trappers, but with conservationists and environmentally responsible hunters and fishers who want healthy, diverse wildlife populations. So, what can be done to make our decision-makers see this new reality?

Turn Up the Political Heat

The first step in making the Game Commission and its need to be held directly accountable for its actions. Call the Governor’s office at 827-3000 and tell him what you think of the Commission’s trapping regulations. Remind him that 32 states require traps to be checked every 24 hours and that post-trap drops were banned in New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Delaware, Florida, as well as 70 countries. Tell him you support the Commission’s exemption of ADC trappers from state regulations.

Finally, remind the Governor that while you work to study about 500 trapping licenses sold during the last trapping season, there are nearly 6,000 Sierra Club members in the state. And if you’re wealthy enough to get hit up by Commission Chairman Koch for a $20, for a conviction to Gov. King’s re-election campaign, tell him you won’t give a dime until the Game Commission’s west’s wildlife policies are abolished.

Turn on the Public Spotlight

Encourage your local media representatives to cover this event and express your view of the need for so much change in the Game and Fish Department. Write letters to the editor and to your state representatives, and make a donation to the New Mexico Game and Fish Department. Let’s start to use that power that’s so transparent it’s hardly there.

Los Alamos

(continued from front page)

As of this writing, the New Mexico Environment Department is preparing a significant enforcement action against LANL for alleged violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. LANL has been in chronic violation of the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act as well. LANL is back monitoring for radioactive air emissions, and LANL’s known liquid waste outfalls, some 100 or so in number, are now operating without a permit.

The Lab typically operates within a regulatory framework; the complexity and sheer magnitude of environmental issues at LANL, severely taxes the resources of state and federal regulators. And there are always some in the public who are reluctant to apply environmental laws to this fine:

The waste that is feared for WIPP is already there, in unlimited trenches and thousands of plain steel drums—many of which are buried and cannot be inspected—at a waste site that is not more than one hundred yards from standing water.

One of the One Oirs drew a great plan to help Alamos do cracking with its bamboo site, to test the nation’s current waste storage, not the nation’s current waste storage.

New Mexico’s legislature already has a compliant citizen, a small number of enforcement agencies, and 43 square miles of waste sites are vast (thanks to our dedication to the Los Alamos National Laboratory, the site is still open to public inspection, as is all the Los Alamos site).

To the people of New Mexico, I say stop funding the Lab and have it start processing and cleaning its own waste. Let’s have the Lab be the first state to had the Lab to move to the site.

The Lab’s chief, Mr. Doerr, and the Lab’s leaders are the key to any change in the Lab’s culture. The Lab’s leadership, backed by the state legislature, needs to step up and make this a reality.

Good Old Boys Bag Game Commission

The Eight Northern Public Council meeting in September with 18 environmental and community organizations—including the New Mexico Chapter of the Sierra Club—in an appeal to the Regents of the University of California to move to New Mexico and hear our concerns. There was a call for a public hearing and to bring some new Debbie M. for all proposed LANL activities. The people groups also expressed alarm that the university, which has a history of open book releases from all environmental and environmental saga. There is a contract with DOE.

Sierra Club Joins in Calling for Hearing on Lab Future

Sierra Club joins in calling for a hearing on the future of the Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Sierra Club is one of the nation’s leading environmental organizations, and we strongly support the right of New Mexico residents to have a voice in the future of this important laboratory.

The Los Alamos National Laboratory is a crucial asset to the United States, and it is vital that we have a strong and independent laboratory that is accountable to the people of New Mexico.

Stop the spread of dangerous waste at the Los Alamos site. We call on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a full and comprehensive review of the Los Alamos site, including an assessment of the safety and security of the site.

We also urge the Los Alamos National Laboratory to be more transparent about its operations and to work closely with the community to ensure that the site is safe and secure.

The Los Alamos site is located in the heart of New Mexico, and it is critical that we protect the health and safety of our residents.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Public Land Grazing: A Rancher's View
by Jim Winder

As a rancher who leases public lands I have views and ideas on range escal.
I am concerned that the current volume of rhetoric and sound bites emiting.

I have an opportunity to speak directly to you, the individual, to illpate.

I hope you will come to see me as something more than a faceless "welfare" rancher, as someone who cares deeply for the land I work on. But do not be deceived; that is the only key, although most ranchers may not be as liberal as I am with respect to ecology they certainly share my sincere affection for nature.

I am convinced of the damage done by poor management to our rangelands, and I believe the land will be treated only when we find equitable solutions involving those who earn their living from the land. As a young man I served in the military man's hand but none of the world's governments or environmental groups have the money to service the land whole again, only people who derive their very sustenance from the land are capable of curing Gaia's ills.

Public Lands: 15% of U.S. Calves
I breed cows to produce calves for sale. Livestock are a good choice for a c alf producer because the large amounts of low quality forage common to the west are burns to the high capital capabilities of mature caws.

I sell my calves to a stocker operator who will fatten the cattle and sell them to a packer for slaughter. Most stocker operators are located on private land in the plains or southern states where rainfall is relatively constant and least feeders and packers are relocated seasonally. Because of their scattered nature, they are difficult to manage or instruct.

Since very few packers are located in the west over only 20 percent of the U.S. beef supply is produced in the western states. This is the much-referenced figure the U.S. Government Accounting Office report often used to belittle the contribution of public land ranchers to the industry. However, about 15 percent of the calves born in the U.S. come from public land ranches.

Overgrazing: Numbers Not the Problem
When large wild herds graze they are con ces to the move the areas of the grass is eaten, trampled and fouled by the animals. In addition to the pressure of predators, normally the herd does not return until plants have recovered and the fouling is reduced by rain and time. A plant that is allowed to fully recover may be grazed year after year without damaging it or the ecosystem.

Most rangelands are simultaneously over-grazed and over-reseeded, both of which will kill the grass and cause us to be on both ends of the spectrum at the same time?

Typically ranchers are continuously grazed, that is a few cows are put in a pasture and left year-round. This eliminates any tendencies for the cattle to migrate and the plants are continuously exposed to grazing. The stocking rate is based on a take half, leave half philosophy promounced by the Soil Conservation Service and land grant universities like New Mexico State. The idea is to clip half of each plant, but what occurs in reality is that half of the plants are clipped severely and the other half is not grazed. If the grazed plants are not allowed to recover from the clipping they become over-grazed.

These plants not grazed receive long term rest and suffer from the shading affect from the clipped plants. This is one agent of the grassland plant community, that is over-grazed and over-reseeded at the same time. To prevent this situation the cattle need to be better managed. The Texas Cattleman's Damage Control and the two coyotes involved were carefully removed without killing any one of them. The remote, er, painless, and efficient area, ADC like any tool is just as good as the one that uses it. Like a sculpure, scalpel, ADC can do more work and more efficiently when used intelligently but can do tremendous good when used to excite the few problem animals. I have been able to do this to a great extent because of information I received from government researchers on coyotes. Would it not be easier to prevent a problem before it is needed? ADC's budget into more research on non lethal control?

Grazing Fees: Both Sides Wrong
The current battle over public lands con cerns the fees paid by ranchers who graze these lands. Some say they are too low and the ranchers say an increase would bring eco nomic devastation. I have found that is in argument both sides cannot be right but both may be wrong.

Preservationist want ranchers to pay the same rent for public lands as any farmer or land owner. This is not a fair comparison since private land leases give the lessee more management rights and privileges including water consumption, maintenance, hunting rights, care for the ani mals and the right to restrict public access. We have heard how the National Wetland System which permits would be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The uncertain tenure created by this system would force all ranchers from making long term investments in range and habitat improvements and would encourage excessive overgrazing.

I am a member of the Sierra Club and an ex member of People for the West. I have found that both organizations only contribute to the problems we face on public lands. Both are ran by people whose jobs depend on the ability to stop the range from doing what it should do no job. All of my life I have disliked what loggers, miners and oilmen do to the land. It seems odd to me that I am supposed to join them to protect our interests on public lands. No thanks, I will take my own path.

The solutions to our problems lie with individu als at the local level. It is only through innovative thinking at the local level that specific tracts of land that progress will be made. This approach, often referred to as working group on the land itself by extreme ranchers and environmentalists for the compromises the working groups seek. But what is a working group, compromises our political system would collapse if com promises were not found on a daily basis.

If we do not act now and protect our resources we will have to manage those who have incurred economic interests in biodiversity. We need to work with the solutions to the current problems. It is a matter of compromises our political system would collapse if compromises were not found on a daily basis.

A second approach we must have managers who have inherent economic interests in biodiversity. We need to protect our resources we will have to manage those who have incurred economic interests in biodiversity. We need to work with the solutions to the current problems. It is a matter of compromises our political system would collapse if compromises were not found on a daily basis.

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Sierra Club Board Approves Revised Sierra Club Policy on Public Land Grazing
by Ben Zerby

The Sierra Club Board of Directors approved the updated and revised public lands grazing policy at its September meeting. Although this policy is not what many Rio Grande Chapter activists were hoping for, it does contain much for the land managing agency to work with and implement in cooperation with the Board and grazing Committee Chair Rose Strickland of Reno, Nevada.

Excerpts from the new policy:

- The goal of the management of grazing on the public lands is to restore and maintain fully functioning natural ecosystems, with their full complements of native species.
- Emphasis shall be placed on the restoration of native biodiversity and rehabilitation of all public lands, especially those in protected areas, damaged by grazing.
- Grazing shall be permitted only on public lands in satisfactory conditions, except under agency approved rehabilitation plans.
- Grazing must be permitted at no less from fair market value established on a regional basis.
- Livestock grazing is not an appropriate use for every acre of public lands.
- All public land advisory boards shall have a seat for representatives of all public land user groups. Grazing advisory boards that consist only of livestock permittees shall be discontinued.
- Public land agency managers who are successful in maintaining resource management problems should be recognized and rewarded.
- The U.S. Animal Damage Control Program shall be terminated on public lands. Public land agency contracts shall have for any necessary or intenational state or state wildlife agencies.
- Agencies shall decommission the three experimental Stewardship Programs.
- Public land agencies shall allocate sufficient, fragile, and endangered native species shall not use wild horses as a scapegoat for livestock grazing problems.
- Agencies shall permit no increase in numbers of livestock on public lands or intensification of grazing management practices in wilderness areas.
- Agencies must monitor the effects of livestock grazing and shall use generally approved methods in a consistent manner.

This policy shall be renewsed five years from the date of Board approval. If substantial progress has not been made toward the restoration and mitigation of negative environmental impacts of grazing on public lands, the Board shall consider adoption of a more stringent policy in order to prevent unacceptable damages to public lands and resources.
Cross-country Skiing in NM: Getting Started

by John A. Turnbull (Part Two)

Albuquerque, and Central New Mexico. Predictably, there are lots of opportunities for cross-country skiing. New Mexico Ski Touring offers introductory instruction without charge (free membership is $7.00). The instructor this year is Oly Miller, 294-7900, who can give you details. Call M Pano, phone persons Michon Johnson, 843-8789, or Paulette Kerr-Sanders, 256-0361, for an appointment. The NMSMC offers a variety of long and short ski tours as well, which I will discuss next issue.

The University of New Mexico’s Community College offers a class, beginning class of five sessions. Their catalog comes out in mid-December. Phone 277-3751, also, for college credit, the UNM Pipe-Recreation Department offers beginning and intermediate cross-country classes. Call George Brooks at 277-5423 for details on classes. For a schedule, phone 277-5174. (Note: Private Leisure Services offers beginning instruction, intended mainly for adults, but non-students can participate as well. Call Laura Monroy at 277-3477.

On the top of Sandia Crest, the Gift Shop/Restaurant advertises cross-country ski rentals, and phone 243-6005.

Most sports shops in Albuquerque offer cross-country ski rentals, it is renting around, not only for price, but other availability.

Santa Fe. Besides the Ski Santa Fe beginning classes (see Santa Fe Group catalog schedule), beginning cross-country instruction is available, for college credit, from the Santa Fe Community College. Phone 475-8200 for schedule.

Bill Newirth, who conducts those classes, also offers instruction privately, for groups or individuals, for a fee. Phone 285-5286 for details.

Cross-country rental equipment is available at most sports shops. Particularly note the Santa Fe Ski Area in the above.

Silver City and Southwest. I was not able to locate a source of instruction, but rental equipment such as skis are available at Gila Hike and Bike in Silver City, 388-3222, Ask for Jack Brennan.

Chapter Executive Committee Candidates

Rich Adam (incumbent)

With a larger number of Chapter priorities for 1993, and smaller than expected revenues, we must work both to raise funds and to use our funds as effectively as possible. I will continue to work for the most efficient organization and budget, so that the Sierra Club can continue to lead in central areas like missing river, water quality, biodiversity, and energy and transportation issues. My expertise, a long-time exposure and experience in personal life equity, and my current position as a contributor to sound planning and prudent implementation of our current resources.

Karen Fuller

I believe the Sierra Club has a vital interest in playing a role in the determination of policies and practices which affect the Roan Plateau and implement, in this role require action at several levels: the neighborhood, the community, the region, the nation and the world. I am a member of the Pecos Basin Board and have a great deal of experience in the area. I am committed to working effectively and in cooperation. I believe that a balance between these interests and the overall goals of the Club. I am committed to working with and support while allowing individual freedom and action of creativity.

Carol Morrison (incumbent)

Currently member of the Rio Grande Chapter Executive Committee, El Paso Regional Group Outing Chair, and 1992 Loras newsletter editor. Past service on the Rio Grande Chapter Executive Board, El Paso Regional Group. New Mexico Sierra Club member, Secretary, Vice-Chair. Member of the Sierra Club since 1983, Nature Conservancy, and (most recently) Franklin Mountains Wilderness Coalition.

The Executive Committee of the Rio Grande Chapter has two main functions: 1) to develop and coordinate public policy positions of the Chapter for action and resources (funds, people, support), 2) to coordinate and coordinate activities and programs that have a financial and political threat to effect change. As a current member of the Chapter, I am committed to working for the Sierra Club and to the Sierra Club in the Rio Grande Chapter as a whole.

Gift Membership

If you send your gift with this form to the local club office, I'm making sure that my entire gift is used for local conservation efforts.

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Earth Citizen, Inc., an environmentally dedicated business which contributes significantly to the Albuquerque Sierra Club, has moved again. Their new location is at 4004 Edgewood NW. If you have questions or need directions, call 876-3217.

Town Hall Meeting
You are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting on December 4, 1992 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. This forum is sponsored by the Sierra Club's Vision Steering Committee, a broad-based, city-wide group that has met for the past year to identify Albuquerque's goals in the areas of economic development and the environment, social issues and the arts, and urban design and growth. The result of their work is summarized in a Draft Report to the Community. To obtain a copy of the Draft Report, or to find out more about the Vision Steering Committee, call Jenny Stodd at 748-3767.

Want some money? - continued from page 1

Want some money? - need your action plan!
by Susan Garman and Blair Brown

At the Chapter Retreat on Sept. 12-13 it was agreed that the Chapter would dedicate contribution funds to Priority Campaigns in 1993. These campaigns are listed below with partial listing of the type of projects anticipated:

1. Mining - Reformation of 1872 Mining Act - Reassert state landhold legislation - Enforce enforcement of existing laws and regulations - Reassert state control of mining legislation
2. Water Quality and Quantity - Work to improve water quality and quantity - Enforce enforcement of existing laws and regulations - Design and implement education programs for water conservation - Prevent degradation of water quality on the Diamond Bar and other riparian areas
3. Bluff Diversity - Reinforce and strengthen the Riparian Species Act - Work to eliminate "public control" practices in all het exceptional situations

Join the Citizen Lobbying Corps

Did you know that you can have a significant influence on the legislative process in New Mexico? State legislators want to hear from you. They have plenty of input from professional lobbyists but they really want to know how their constituent feel. The Mining Committee is the lobbying group that is sponsoring the Citizens of New Mexico and special places. We need you to become a member of this group to participate in the State's legislative process, particularly to ensure passage of the mining bill for the 1993 session.

The Albuquerque Group meets to build on the excellent nucleus that we have in our Phone Tree by adding more people, including our teachers in the East and West. Like Clovis, Grants, and Gallup.

Workshop November 12th
A workshop will be given on November 12, 7:00 PM at the Sierra Club Office, 207 San Pedro NW in Albuquerque to give guidance on one of the basic components of the mining reform legislation, teach citizen lobbying techniques, and develop a plan to enhance public awareness.

To get involved, talk to Susan Garman or Blair Brown at 265-2323 or send the following information to Susan Garman at the Sierra Club office, 207 San Pedro NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

Address, name, phone, Senate and House district (if known), whether you plan to attend the Workshop, how you would like to help (writing letters, doing mailings, making phone calls, fund raising, other). Thanks!

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CALANDER

Nov 5: Mexican Wolf Coalition, 7:30 PM, Silver City, NM
Nov 9: Executive Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Nov 12: Lobbying Workshop, 7:00 PM
Nov 10: Sierra Club General Meeting, UNM Law School, RM 2401, 7:30 PM
Nov 23: Conservation Committee meeting, 7:30 PM
Dec 6: Town Hall Meeting, Albuquerque Convention Center
Dec 10: Deadline for Ballots
Dec 12: 12 noon, Deadline for articles for January group newsletter/Sierra
Dec 15: Holiday Party, 5-8PM, see article on page 1

The 5 Minute Activist
by Stanley Vrchnski

Current issues remain concerning land use and development in Albuquerque. Call your city Councilor (291-6622):
1) Consider mass transit alternatives to Unser Blvd, which threatens the Petroglyph National Monument.
2) Ask that Desert Development release the 167 easteron acres of Town Hall Mall for open space in exchange for annexation of the re
3) Ask that the 2 cent per gallon likeway/transit tax issue be placed on next year’s ballot.

P.S. Still no word from Jim Baca's office on the Mesd de Sol Amendment.
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OUTINGS

Albuquerque NM = National Monuments; SC = Sierra Club; SW = Sandia Wilderness; PNM = Petroglyph National Monuments

Sun Nov 1 Leucantia Mares 2 Car 0 Odetah, Rio Grande Bosque Winter waistcoat migration may begin 2 to 3 hours, 5 AM, meet at center of Cos and Joseph’s. Leader: David 344-8693

Sat Nov 7 Moderate Miles: 1 Antelope Fencing Project Since antelope Nearlyjump fences, poachers in the Rio Puerco Basin shoot antelope easily. By removing the lower barbed wire and installing a smooth wire at a higher height, antelope are given a chance of escaping. The first time we installed a greater distance of fencing in about 4 hours and had a lot of fun. Bring lunch, gloves, and fencng tools if you have them. RSVP, Meet at the BLM Office, 415 Montano Rd, 8:30 AM. Leader: Glen Gehrke 290-3402.

Sun Nov 8 Moderate-Strenuous Miles: 8 Car 180 Sandia Pk, Apache Kid Wilderness Southwest of Socorro lies the prominent Sandia Peak. We will climb 3000 feet to subalpine life zones to the summit with immense vistas into the distance. Bring lunch. Meet at 7:30 SC office. Leader: San Juan hike 292-9156.

Sun Nov 14 Leisure Miles: 1-2 Rio Grande Nature Center The program is on the second weekend at the Nature Center, which is not open to the public. Sandra Williamson will show us the bill of the areas. Two hours. Meet 8:30AM at the Nature Center at the end of the Cedarumm. Leader: Sandra Williamson 344-8693.

Sat Nov 20 Leisure Miles: 2-3 Car 3-4 Geological Windows, PNM People from all over the US are studying these hills. If you are near to NM, this is an excellent introduction to the Rio Grande basin. Sturdy shoes, camera, binoculars. RSVP: Leader: The Estevad 255-7879.

Sun Nov 15 Moderate-Experienced Mares: 3-4 Car 80 Northeast of San Ysidro is an area of fantastic rocks. Striations and bouldered masses are defined by the BLM. This area is another suggested by Kathy Western. San Miguel’s elder suggestions, Tipton and Clearwater canyons. Bring lunch, water, and backpack. Free. RSVP: Leader: Tom Leek 875-0765.

Mon Nov 15 Pre-waking Dinner We will meet at Adam’s Table, M17 Copper NM, Vegetarian cuisine. David 344-8693.

Sat Nov 21 Moderate-Experienced Mares: 8 Car 100 Guadalupe Mts, Jemez, Montanias We will cross the Guadalupe River and follow an old logging road to the top. Views are hamilton form the same as pheasant and large fain, then bring our mules. Most behind White Rock’s, Sandia Mnt and Academy. Bring lunch and warm clothing. RSVP: Leader: Ralph Richard 928-1292, 344-1553.

Sun Nov 22 Moderate-Strenuous Mares: 4 Car 200 Taos, Frijoles and Taos River, National Monumenfal Monument Taos and Frijoles are closed to the public until about a year ago. Features include stars that have been worn into the rock by millions and towering cliff dwellings, as well as neglected public. Bring lunch, deep navy, shoes. Meet 9AM behind White Rock’s, Sandia Mnt and Academy. Dinner at a restaurant afterward. Leader: Tom Leek 265-8274.

Sun Nov 21 Moderate Mares: 4 Car 85 Tent Rocks An area of volcanic tuff eroded into 100 ft tall domes. Apache kids learn area in the feature of the geology. Tent Rocks is an area of the Anza Train Critical Environmental Concern (ATCC). Lunch and warn clothes. Meet 9AM at SC office. Leader: Bob Coman 255-6037.

Sat Dec 9 Moderate Mares: 1 Car 100 Guadalupe Mts, Jemez, Montanas We will hike around Sandia Lake, and hike to Turkey Springs then down to the Sand Mtns near the south east of Bureadero behind Cochiti. Bureadero canyon is a pleasant surprise among the eating terror of pine and juniper. Bring lunch and warm clothes. Meet. 9AM. RSVP: Leader: Don Monrad 265-8853.

Sun Dec 27 Leisure Miles: 2-3 Car 120 Otero, Guadalupe, M. Sandia Canyons (small), Rincon, North, Sandia Mountains and East. Two hours. Meet 9AM at Sandia Mnt and Academy. 9AM. Leader: Tim Leek 875-0765.

Sat Dec 15 Leisure Miles: 0-1 Bosque del Apache NWR I look for whooping cranes among thousands of snow geese and sandhill cranes. Attend the orchestra of whooping cranes and snow cranes as the sun sets to the west. We will eat lunch at the Owl Cafe or in Socorro before we begin our tour. Meet at the parking lot north of the Physics and Astronomy building at Yale and Lomax at 10AM. Leader: Laura Jenkins 292-7572.

Sun Dec 6 Moderate-Experienced Mares: 3 Car 150 Sierra de las Cumbres and Precipice cao We will look for a sake and the precipice will draw us out to the lndian ruins in the park. Meet at 9AM, SC office. Leader: Tom Leek 265-8971.

Sat Dec 12 Leisure Miles: 0 Car 180 Mesilla Springs and Guadalupe Both the Desert and the Desert. We will visit Sanas Chanra, Terque and Pejo de Precipice peregrine to watch the Bow and Bear. Bring lunch and warm clothes. Meet 9AM SC office. Leader: Bob Coman 255-6037.

Sat Dec 12 Moderate Miles: 3 Car 150 Jemez, Sandia Mnt, and Jemez, Montanias We will hike around Sandia Lake, and hike to Turkey Springs then down to the Sand Mtns near the south east of Bureadero behind Cochiti. Bureadero canyon is a pleasant surprise among the eating terror of pine and juniper. Bring lunch and warn clothes. Meet. 9AM. RSVP: Leader: Don Monrad 265-8853.

Sun Jan 3 Moderate Miles: 5 Car 120 Jemez, Country hiking. We will hike up the John Trail near the East Peak of Jemez River, with views of Redonda Peak. Last year we had to do an alternate section of this trail. This year, bring your backpack, stick, gloves, and water. Meet 9AM at Sandia Mnt and Academy. Leader: David 344-8693.

Sun Jan 3 Moderate Miles: 6 Car 130 Jemez, Country hiking. We will hike up the John Trail near the East Peak of Jemez River, with views of Redonda Peak. Last year we had to do an alternate section of this trail. This year, bring your backpack, stick, gloves, and water. Meet 9AM at Sandia Mnt and Academy. Leader: David 344-8693.

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1993 Executive Committee Elections

The committee met once again to elect members to the Executive Committee of the Albuquerque Group of the Sierra Club. The current members and the expiration dates of their terms are listed below:

Expiry 1992
Joan Ehrleskin New Mexico Hiker
Barbara Winters
Texas Johnson (appointed)
Richard Barnard
Blair Brown (appointed)
Richard Winters
Bob Coman
Hunt Fleschenberg
David Benavidez

Listed below are the candidates and a short personal statement. They are all eager, motivated, and enthusiastic and bring a variety of perspectives on Sierra Club activities and issues. Please take a few minutes to read the biographies and then vote for no more than 3 candidates on the ballot. Thank you.

The deadline for receiving ballots is December 10. The results will be published in the next issue of The Sierra.

JOHN DAY
John Day is a first year law student at the University of New Mexico. He has recently moved to New Mexico, where he worked as a journalist.

ED GENTNER
Ed Gentner is a resident of Albuquerque and a student at the University of New Mexico, where he helped found the Student Chapter and has been active in planning outings and activities.

TOM LECK
I have just moved recently to New Mexico from Houston, Texas, and would be happier about living in such a beautiful place. Since moving here I have participated in several Perigrapheum excursions, trips, weekend on the SE recycling effort, and participated in the annual "Furbing of the mesas" at the Sierra Club Office parking lot during the recent State Fair. In addition, I have been a frequent and loyal volunteer at Bill Clinton's Campaign headquarters in Albuquerque. In real life, I am a geologist and am currently working as a Laboratory Scientist at the New Mexico State University. Most of my daily work involves analyses of New Mexico's water and soil samples.

I have been a Sierra Club member since about 1975, and have been a Life Member since 1981. However, I have been active in the Sierra Club and have been an active volunteer at the Houston Zoo for several years, both learning and teaching about the sad state of the world's animal population. I also helped organize and served two years as chairperson of the Houston Club's Recycling Committee. I have been a backpacker for almost twenty years, have had a lifelong fascination with nature, and enjoy New Mexico's mountains, wildlife, sunshine, and night skies.

My interest includes wildlife, endangered species and wilderness protection issues, state and national politics, and water and night-light pollution concerns.

New Mexico is beautiful! Let's work to keep it that way!!

NICK NICOLAS
Chairman, Albuquerque Group through the Albuquerque Group in 1971. By midway through the following year I was a dedicated environmentalist. I started as Outing Co-Chair, then moved on to become Membership Chairman, Books & Catalogs Chairman, Group Vice Chair, Chair, and Chapter representative for the Albuquerque Group. Issues I worked on included: Sandia Creek Road Realignment, NM Mountain Lion Mass Action, Rio Grande Bosque Marsh, and Santa Fe Ogar Marsh. Welcome to the new oring's co-char, Steve Kantor.

We are providing Red Cross first aid training for leaders in November. If you would like to receive a course then give us a call. See page 92-99138.
### CALENDAR

| November 4 | EXCOM (800 S. Piedras) |
| December 2 | General Meeting |
| December 9 | EXCOM |
| December 10 | Enjoy your holidays |
| January 6 | EXCOM |
| January 27 | General Meeting |

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Please send any changes or corrections in membership to **Carolyn Greenfield, Membership Roll 2100 Dale Douglas, 79936**

Send LORAX Information to **Sandra Turner, Editor, 331 Vista del Rey, 79912**

### EL PASO SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

#### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER OUTINGS

**McKINSTRICK CANYON/DOG CANYON**

**KEY EXCHANGE/BACKPACK**

- **DATE:** November 6-9, 1992
- **CLASS:** Moderately strenuous
- **LIMIT:** 20 (10 per group), leader approval and reservations required

**LEADER:** Chuck Turner, 585-0251

This is a new remote key exchange/backpack with one group leaving on Friday evening and hiking in Bean Dog Canyon on Saturday morning. The McKinstrick Canyon group will leave El Paso early Saturday morning. Trail mileage will be 7.5 miles each day with an elevation gain of 2,000’ and 3,000’. Water must be carried. This is a beautiful hike with spectacular views from McKinstrick Ridge. On this weekend the fall colors should be at their peak. Check for details.

**SAPIILO CREEK KEY EXCHANGE BACKPACK**

- **DATE:** December 4-5, 1992
- **CLASS:** Moderate
- **LIMIT:** 24 (12 in each direction) reservations required

**LEADERS:** Rollin Wickenden, 590-8402 (㎞)

### ALAMO MOUNTAIN DAYHIKE

**DATE:** Saturday, December 12, 1992

**CLASS:** Moderate

**LIMIT:** 12, reservations required

**LEADER:** Gary Williams, 562-3540

We will leave from the casino for our drive out to Alamo Mountain, where we will spend the morning hiking, enjoy a lunch break, and return to El Paso by mid-afternoon.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

Six members of the El Paso Group of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club are running for positions on the Executive Committee. You will be voting for four candidates.

LARRY CASTOR
Metallurgical Engineer, Operations Manager. Member of the Sierra Club for five years.

Although I am impressed by and support the work that the local chapter has done in the wilderness areas in Southern New Mexico, I am primarily interested in the environmental issues within the El Paso-Juarez area. The air, water, sewage and other environmental problems within this area are enormous and growing. The Sierra Club needs to take a stronger lead in educating the public about these problems and in motivating the community into better addressing them.

MIKE EPISCOPO
Aircraft Maintenance Technician for NASA. Active Sierra Club member since 1988; active in the outings program for the last two years; also member of the Wilderness Society and the Franklin Mountain Wilderness Coalition; an El Paso resident for 30 years.

To me the Sierra Club and like organizations provide the avenue for the protection of the environment. As an outdoor enthusiast, I want to continue the campaigns for more wilderness and less encroachment in existing areas by overzealous mining, cattle and lumber companies whose greed and limited visions would destroy our public lands. I will devote my free time and work toward this cause, as well as the other goals of the club.

TED MERTIG
Manager of the Die Cast Operations in El Paso and Juarez for Mercury Marine. Sierra Club member for past 11 years; member of the Executive Committee of the El Paso Regional Group of the Sierra Club for the past six years; member of the Executive Committee of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club for the past two years.

The Sierra Club is the major environmental organization working to preserve the environment and protect ecologically sensitive areas. It must relentlessly continue to pursue these goals, because, as Dave Foreman says, "There Is No Compromise In Defense of Mother Earth." As your current chairman of the Executive Committee, and as the chairman of the Public Lands Committee, I would be happy to continue to contribute my time and energies to public lands issues, such as the Diamond Bar overgrazing argument, and to more local areas of concern, such as free trade, water quality, air quality and their impacts on both sides of the border.

RICHARD RHODES
Counselor, El Paso Child Guidance Center, Inc. Sierra Club member since 1978 in Dallas and El Paso; served as president of the El Paso Bicycle Club; member of the Bikeway Advisory Board.

As an ExCom member, my goal is to involve diverse segments of the community in pro-environmental activities through innovative techniques. As a Wall Street Journal article recently wrote a grant proposal funding our Inner City Oxydizing Program with my work. We now have joint IOC/Guidance Center projects to introduce children at risk of substance abuse to environmentally aware lifestyles...and have completed two of eleven proposed outings.

JOE A. RODRIGUEZ
Accountant. Member of the Sierra Club since 1989; member of the ExCom for the past two years; active in the outings program; also a member of the Wilderness Society, National Parks and Conservation Association and World Wildlife Fund.

My goals are to become more involved in the areas of promoting the Club and increasing membership enrollment. I also want to exercise more effort in the area of protecting our public lands from abusive practices and overgrazing, mining, and logging. I plan to devote my time and effort toward achieving these goals.

KATHY SANDY
Certified Public Accountant. Member of the Sierra Club for 10 years; member of the ExCom for the past two years; also member of the World Wildlife Fund and the National Parks and Conservation Association.

I am active in the Club because I am concerned about the degradation in the quality of the environment, both locally and globally. I believe the Sierra Club, properly managed and directed, can be an effective force for positive environmental change. It's clear that dedicated personal involvement is the only way to achieve the Club's goals. I am running for re-election to the ExCom because I would like the opportunity to continue to bring my ideas and energies to bear in directing the Club's activities. I am willing to devote whatever time and resources are necessary to make a meaningful contribution.

FRANKLIN MOUNTAINS POSTERS STILL AVAILABLE

There is still some time before the holidays to purchase Lindsey Holliday's posters of Franklin Mountain images. Remember that Lindsey is donating all proceeds from sales of up to 50% of each to the Franklin Mountain Wilderness Coalition. Although he now lives in Santa Fe, Lindsey retains his strong commitment to the protection of the Franklin.

These two limited-edition posters are striking close-ups of native vegetation on rocky slopes, expertly captured the mix of ruggedness and delicate beauty found in the Franklin. The color posters, which were first offered in the October issues of the Rio Grande Sierra, will sell for $50 each and must be ordered before December 31, 1992.

If you wish to place an order, please contact Coalition President John Sprudel (915-545-1517) or Doug Last of the Dallas Ford Gallery (915-833-8877).

BEAR-TJAS Loop OUTFITS, 9/28/92

Ten hearty hikers gathered in El Paso at daybreak, then trekked up a quick skin to the Guadalupe Mountains. We parked at Pine Springs Trailhead, threatened up Pajaro Trail to the cool morning air. John Bardesono and Dave Kofel charged up the switchbacked Bear Canyon. Underneath abundant blue sky, Wendy Merling, Linda Reiker, Sonne Bohen, Cliff Smith, Cindy Babson, and Barbara Richardson followed. First among lost lost Janell Bell stitching, then leader Mark Brumka sweeping. Atop the escarpment, we were cooled by a breeze as we headed toward Westipot. Speedier hikers topped Hauser Peak, but enjoyed their proper colors in seeking shelter from looking thunderclouds. A density nearly low cross offered sanctuary during forty minutes of chilling rain till blue sky peaked around the clouds. We enjoyed a brief and seek sunlight over rolling terrain, brushland and woods. Turning down Teja Trail, we found our footing enhanced on the rutted path. Our descent was over nearly four miles of rocky vistas. By early afternoon we reached the camp and declared this route a classic.

Hummingbird Saddle Backdrop, 10/5/92

The views were beautiful and the weather was perfect as we made our way up to Hummingbird Saddle on a wonderful fall weekend in the Gila. Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning were free for dayhikes; some of us made our way up Whiteriver Baldy and enjoyed incredible views of the origins of Whiteriver Creek. Skiing in this fantastic weekend were Mark Puck, Rob Belk, Eva Pepple, Mike and Dinarte (on her 4th backpacking) exit, Joe Sprudel and leader Kathy Sunday.

Franklin Mountains Outfits Still Available

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SANTA FE GROUP NEWS

*** GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 ***

Jennifer Dewey will present an exciting slide show of her trip to the Antarctica, the Southern New Mexico desert areas and the Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Emphasis of the presentation is on extreme environments and climates. Ms. Dewey is the author and illustrator of children's books and often shows her presentation to schools.

The General membership meeting is free and open to the public and will be held at The Unitarian Church on Barcelona (between Don Gaspar and Galisteo), on Tuesday, November 17, at 7:30 PM.

*** ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 ***

The Santa Fe Group will host its annual Christmas Potluck Dinner and party on Saturday night, December 19, at 6:30 PM, at the Unitarian Church. Please bring 8 servings worth of one (or more) of the following for each member of your party — wine, beer, soft drinks, fruit juice, appetizers, casseroles, veggies, salads, meat dishes, hot breads and desserts. We will try this as a real "pot luck" — You do not need to call unless you want suggestions. Web Kitchell will run our Silent Auction. Please bring a saleable item or service (such as massage, guest house use, language lessons, cake decorating, etc.) which can be auctioned off to help fund our conservation work. We will, as usual, be collecting canned goods, clothing and blankets for St. Elizabeth's Shelter. Come one and all for this festive event and meet some new friends. Families encouraged, non-members welcome (but please bring a potluck contribution).

For information, call:
Norma McCullar, 471-0005

The Executive and Conservation Committees will be combined and held at the Sierra Club office at 440 Corrillos Road on Tuesday, November 3 at 7 PM and Tuesday, December 1, at 6 PM, everyone is invited.

>> SANTA FE GROUP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS <<

November Chair — Lizado Sorocco* 983-6715
December Chair — Laui Moore* 999-7711
Vice-Chair — Norma McCullar* 471-0005
Secretary — Inez Oyler* 984-2020
Treasurer — Lizado Sorocco* 993-8715
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Chapter Representatives — Sue McElhaney 985-1526
Legislative — Ken Hughes 998-2927
Membership — Pat Stevenson 982-5051
Fund Raising — Web Kitchell* 471-7667

* Member of the Santa Fe Group Executive Committee

Terms expire 2/31: Freeman/Kristina/Williams/Kitchell/McCullar

2/31: McCullar/Moore/Muchley/Inez/Oyler/Sorocco

PET S HIKES

Several years ago the normally peaceful relations among members were disrupted by what became a rancorous issue of whether dogs should be allowed on any local hikes. The BoCom sent the questions to the National Outings Committee. After lengthy deliberation, they adopted a policy which is now part of the new outings manual:

Peta — Pets shall be permitted only on outings that are pre-advertised as pets-permitted outings (exception: seeing-eye dogs). Pet-permitted outings must be only to places where pets are legal and must be only to places which are acceptable to the chapter's outings and conservation committees.

Since the number of possible hikes in this area is almost infinite, it was generally agreed by the Conservation and Outings Committees that leaders wishing to lead "Dog Hikes" should use their discretion as to the place, provided pets are indeed allowed. However it was agreed that a list could be maintained of places unacceptable for dog hikes. If anyone feels strongly about this, send suggestions in writing to the Conservation or Outings Chairs.

SANTA FE OUTINGS

Sat Sun November

1 Caroline Keskulla (982-5700) Easy Hike on Penestena Ridge. Leave 9 AM.
7 Jeff Jones (984-2385) Easy Hike up the Chamis Trail. Leave 9:30 AM.
7 Brian Johnson (438-2087) Moderate Hike up Cerro Pedernal. Leave 8 AM.
8 John McClare (973-1910) Moderate Hike through the Canyon of the Santa Fe River. Leave 8 AM.
Wed Nov 11 through Sun Nov 15 Norma McCullar (471-0005) 5 Day Exploratory Car Camp & Hikes in the San Rafael Swell. Leave after work on Tuesday. Dogs allowed. Hiking will be Moderate. This is a little used redrock BLM area NW of Green River, Utah. Cal Norma for info and reservations.

* ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE / ISSUE HIKE TRIP FOR NOVEMBER *

14 Ken Hughes (984-9207) Mountain Bike the single track trail on the site of the proposed National Recreation Area in the Jemez. Beginners on up: helmets required. Leave 8 AM.
15 Joe Whelan (984-0746) Moderate Hike in Bandelier. Leave 8 AM.
15 Victor Ayers (471-7545) Easy Hike in Tent Rocks. Leave 9 AM.
22 Noreen Sanders (984-0366) Moderate Hike perhaps to Ojo Caliente. Leave 9 AM. Call leader.
22 Elizabeth Altmann (471-8400) Easy Hike to Tent Rocks. Leave 9 AM.
22 Steven Janus (488-1437) Moderate/Strenuous Hike Loop trip to Sandia Crest via Chimney Rock and return via U.S. 68 Spine Route. Leave 8 AM.
28 Gary Enos (471-4465) Easy Hike to Kasha-Katuwa near Ghost Ranch. Leave 9 AM.
29 Norbert Sperlich (983-1626) Strenuous Hike in the Caja del Rio. Call for reservations.

SANTA FE OUTINGS

Sat Sun December

6 Outings Workshop, no hike (see notice elsewhere)
6 Louise Leopold (488-5492) Easy Hike from the Galisteo Dam. Dogs welcome. Leave 9:30 AM.
12 John McClare (973-1910) Moderate Hike in Bandelier. Leave 8 AM.
13 Victor Ayers (471-7545) Easy Hike in the Cerro Hills. Leave 9 AM.
19 Joe Whelan (984-0746) Moderate X Country Ski Trip or Hike Bandelier. Leave 8:30 AM.
29 Norma McCullar (471-0005) Easy/Moderate Hike from Nan's Corner. Dogs OK. Leave 9 AM.
29 Noreen Sanders (984-0366) Strenuous Hike in Bandelier from Ponderosa Campground to Stone Lions. Leave 8 AM.
29 Norbert Sperlich (983-1626) Moderate Hike in Buckman Mesa. Call leader for info and reservations.

SANTA FE OUTINGS

Sat Sun January

2 No hike scheduled.
9 John McClare (973-1910) Strenuous Hike in Bandelier Nat'l Monument. Leave 8 AM.
10 Norma McCullar (471-0005) Easy/Moderate Hike to Waldo from Galisteo Dam. Dogs allowed. Leave 9 AM.
16 Arnold Keskulla (982-9970) Easy Hike in Chamisito Arroyo. Leave 9 AM.
17 Victor Ayers (471-7545) Easy Hike in the Cerro Hills. Leave 9 AM.
24 Norbert Sperlich (983-1626) Moderate/Strenuous Hike in La Bajada area. Call leader.
30 Maggie Washington (1-744-5802) Enjoy a Weekend in warm & sunny Elephant Butte, Sleepy Margo's house & day hike in the Caballeros & the Mud Springs Mtns. Moderate Hiking. For carpooling, call Norma (471-0005)
30 Noreen Sanders (984-0366) Moderate Hike Leave 8 AM. Call for destination.
31 Jeff Jones (984-2385) Easy Family Hike in Diablo Canyon. Leave 9 AM.

SIERRA CLUB – Santa Fe Group

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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
Telephone 305-983-2103
**CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**

**Sat Sun Dec**


19 Joe Whelan (984-0746) Moderate X Country Ski Trip or Hike Bandelier. Leave 8:30 AM.

20 John Turnerball (982-9320) Intermediate-Level X Country Ski Tour Hopewell Lake area & exploration of possible Forest Service Ski Trails & Telemark slopes. Leave 8:15 AM.

20 David Brown (652-2185) Moderate/Strenuous X Country Ski Trip Call leader.

**Sat Jan**

3 Steven Janus (988-4137) Moderate/Strenuous X Country Ski & Snowshoe Trip to Lake Peak, via Ravens Ridge. Participants must be experienced. Leave 8 AM.

Wed 1-6 John Turnerball (982-9320) Intro to X Country Ski Instruction Basic techniques taught. The Unitarian Church. 7:15 PM to approximately 9:15 PM. Call first.


10 John Turnerball (982-9320) Beginning Outdoor X Country Ski Tour Basic instructions. Bring snacks and water. Snow permitting. Leave 8:30 AM.

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23 Joe Whelan (984-0746) Moderate X Country Ski Trip Leave 8:30 AM.


24 John Turnerball (982-9320) Beginning Outdoor X Country Ski Tour Basic instructions. Bring snacks and water. Snow permitting. Leave 8:30 AM.

30 Brian Johanson (438-2087) Moderate X Country Ski Trip U.S. Hill near Penrose. Leave 8 AM.

**SKI TOUR NOTES:**

If you don’t have your own cross country ski equipment, you can rent skis from a shop for about $9.00.

Call leader for details and reservations before all tours - most important!

For all-day tours, bring big lunch, and always bring snacks and water.

Proper clothing is essential — the weather can turn suddenly.

**OUTDOOR NOTES — All outings, unless otherwise specified, leave from the PERA parking lot at the corner of Peaceful Dell and Old Giff Trail across street from State Capitol and Pete Correia. Carpooling will be arranged at the parking site. Each hike should come prepared to pay $5 cents a mile to the driver of the car in which hike rides. Hikers should bring a lunch, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, and clothing suitable for the weather — leader reserves the right to turn away anyone whose equipment or experience appears unreliable. Leader has the right to alter destination of hike or cancel the trip due to weather, unfavorable conditions, or insufficient numbers of participants. Unaccompanied minors must have written permission from parents or guardians to participate; permission forms are available at the Sierra Club office. DOGS are not permitted on hikes unless otherwise noted. Telephone leader for details of the individual hike.**

**OUTLEADING LEADERS WORKSHOP**

December 5, 9 AM - 4 PM

Unitarian Church

All outings leaders should attend and anyone potentially interested in becoming a leader. Sessions include trip administration, map & compass reading, video on mountain safety, safety considerations, psychology of street; principles of leadership. Also, an opportunity to discuss outings issues, ideas & suggestions. Bring a brown bag lunch; beverages will be available. Call: Norma McCullum 471-0005.

**RED CROSS CLASSES**

Three dates are booked with the Red Cross for their standard First Aid & CPR classes (2 sessions, 4 hours each). The First Aid Cert. is good for 3 years, CPR for 1. Outings leaders must have a current First Aid Cert. This year the Group will pay the $55 fee for all outings leaders who agree to take a course. Our outings leaders are also encouraged to sign up, but preference will be given to leaders in case of too many applicants. Sessions:

- Mon & Wed 6 PM - 10 PM Nov 16 & 18
- Wed & Mon 6 PM - 10 PM Nov 30 & Dec 2
- Tue & Thur 6 PM - 10 PM Dec 8 & 10

Call Norma McCullum 471-0005 ASAP to reserve

The Deadline for Submission to the Jan Newsletter is Friday, 5 PM, Dec 11.

**SANTA FE GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES STATEMENTS**

KEN HUGHES — My interests center around growth-related issues — transportation, population and energy — and their impacts on the environment, both locally and globally.

Since moving to Santa Fe in 1989, I have witnessed the workings of a variety of environmental groups. None come close to the Sierra Club in efficacy at an impressively wide range of issues. Having served on non-profit boards and having worked for Sierra Club as a lobbyist both here and in Washington, I feel that the ExCom would be a good forum through which I can express my knowledge, skills and commitment for the benefit of New Mexicans and our environment.

WILL KITCHELL — has been a member of the Santa Fe Group for 11 years and served on the ExCom for two. He has considerable experience with volunteer organizations, being Minister of the Unitarian Church of Santa Fe. He grew up in the northlands of Massachusetts and finds the same spiritual values in the mountains of New Mexico. He is the author of God's Dog; Conversations with Coyote.

SUSAN L. McENTOSHI — When I look at the mountains, grasslands and deserts of NM, I like what I see. Yet when I look at the way these magnificent resources are managed and assess their chances for a healthy and vigorous future, much of the promise is doubt.

My background includes environmental law and regulation; focusing on Superfund and RCRA work; staff attorney working to reform the 1972 Mining Law and to address site specific mining abuses; a national EPA appointed advisory committee on hardrock mining regulation; Co-chair of Sierra Club Public Lands Committee Mining Subcommittee. Local experience includes Chair of Rio Grande Chapter Mining Committee and Santa Fe Group Conservation Chair.

The Sierra Club today has an opportunity to become a much fresher and even stronger force working for the conservation of the natural and cultural resources in northern New Mexico. I intend to continue to be part of that force. Within the Sierra Club, the greatest vehicle for conservation should be the SF Group ExCom. I would like to be a part of that force as well.

HELEN K. MOSHER — I would be an effective addition to the ExCom due to my involvement in various organizations as a teaching docent, activities coordinator, fundraiser and prior positions held on various boards. My formal training is in horticulture/botany and my professional training has been in various related botanical and gardening capacities. Growing up in an outdoors oriented family on Lake Michigan instilled in me a great respect for the environment. The rapid overuse and consumption of our natural resources for monetary profit by a few concerns me.

Each one of us can do something to open the eyes of another person or group about the thoughtful and educated use of our land, water and air. As Americans and Sierra Club members, we must continue with more vigor to be caretakers of the United States and its members of a global community we must work toward the preservation and continued restoration of this planet.

If I can play a small part in this endeavor through the Sierra Club, I will be active and content to serve where there is a need.

VAN L. PERKINS — Most of my research has been in the areas of agricultural and public lands policy. In that sense, my professional interest and my interest in environmental matters have had a common core. Since I grew up in East/Southeast Utah, and still have strong ties to the area, my main environmental involvement, prior to moving to Santa Fe, was with the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, though I have been a member of the Sierra Club off and on for almost 30 years. (My first environmental activity was in the Sierra Club’s fight to save Glen Canyon from the infamous dam and Lake Powell.) I am primarily interested in the Public Lands aspects of conservation: Wilderness, logging, mining, grazing, etc. I am convinced we must save what little is left of our nation’s patrimony for our children and grandchildren. Nothing less than the future of the world is at stake.

NORMA SCOTT — I am 52 years old and have lived in Santa Fe for 2-1/2 years. I love wild places and creatures and feel that we lose our humanity when we cease to value other living things equal to, or above, our own needs and desires. My experience is limited — I can type, file and dial a telephone, but I feel very strongly about giving what voice I have to that which has no voice.
It's Election Time Down South

It's Group and Chapter election time again. Please use the ballot on the back cover to vote for eight of the following nine candidates for our Group Executive Committee.

Tony Chiaravalle is an NMSU doctoral student in Rhetoric & Professional Communication, who would like to see the NMSU publicize the issues of taxpayer-subsidized wilderness granting and the public philosophy of the beef and dairy-products industry. His political roots go to the antiglobal movement of the late 1980s and 1990s, in which he was an organizer. After his return from the Vietnam War in 1968 he published a GI antiwar newspaper (Third Time) at Fort Huachuca, AZ, and edited the Tucson Free Press in 1969-70. A graduate of Oberlin College, Tony is a widower with one grown son, two bicycles, backpacking, and auto-camping.

Robin Filipek — Statement not received.

Juliet Giddens in a junior level Bio-chemistry major at NMSU. Juliet is a benevolent animal lover and plans to be a veterinarian. She is currently the Oleggio Chairperson for the Student Sierra Club at NMSU, and enjoys anything that takes her outdoors. She is interested in marine resource and pollution issues, and is looking forward to getting involved with the Sierra Club and local environmental issues.

Andrew Hands is the founding and current president of the Student Sierra Club at NMSU. He is an avid outdoors person, and enjoys birdwatching and plant identification. Andrew is a junior studying Wildlife Sciences with an emphasis in Range management, and is presently an intern with Project Cerrado, an international water quality monitoring program. He was born and raised in Grafa, New Mexico, and has spent his last two summers working as a park ranger for El Malpais National Monument. He is interested in issues involving range management, water quality, and endangered species.

Elisabeth Hernandez — Statement not received.

David McClure has been an active environmentalist and Sierra Club member for over 20 years. He is on the executive committee of the Carlisle Concerned Citizens, which is the cave conservation office with the Peace Valley Griotto of the National Speleological Society. His primary environmental interests are cave conservation, all gas and oil field waste disposal, and management of public lands. Revisions of the antedated federal mining legislation are also a priority. Professionally, David is a free-lance photographer and writer. His photos are sold through picture agencies in the U.S., Europe, Australia, and Japan. He has authored three books on cave exploration, the current title being Adventures of Caving. David also wrote, photographed, and designed the guidebook for the Living Desert State Park (Carlsbad, N.M.). He designs and produces the books published by the National Speleological Society.

Marjorie M. Thauber has been a Sierra Club member since 1986. She is a past member of the Southern New Mexico Group Executive Committee, and past Group Membership Chair. Marjorie is also a past member of the Group and Chapter Conservation Committees, as well as a hike leader. Her interests include special plants, conservation, grunting, wilderness, and waste disposal.

Jim Wooler has experienced some successes at resolving riparian issues on his own land, and this led him to involve himself in efforts to improve riparian habitats in New Mexico, in particular the Rio Grande. His background is in applied range ecology. He is the author of an article on grazing on page 26 of this issue.

If you are a believer in term limits, then don’t vote for Ben Zerby. This consummate office holder has held positions of Chair and Newsletter Editor at the Group level, has served 3 terms on the Chapter Executive, including 3 years as Sierra Club Council Rep. He is a member of the Club's National Public Lands Committee and the Wilderness Campaign Steering Committee. He has a wide knowledge of Club affairs and will attempt to serve the membership to the best of his abilities. A retired National Park Service employee, he will devote time to pursue Sierra Club objectives.

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Southern New Mexico Group

Dec. 6 Book Signing Party with Las Cruces' own Susan Twelt, author of The Great Southwesterns Natural History Fact Book. A portion of book sales will go to our Group so we underwrite Wild Lives, Susan's weekly radio delivering into the wonders of nature in the Southwest. 2-4 p.m., in the lobby of the Las Cruces Natural History Museum, Mesilla Valley Mall.

Dec. 11 Holiday Party! Come join the ExCom for holiday merrymaking at Myra's house, 7:30 p.m. Call 524-0261 for directions.

Jan. 28 Update on Lechuguilla Cave, with Barry Losch, Southwest Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. (tentatively—call to confirm.)

Outings

Sat., Nov. 7 Organ Needle Ascent. Ben Zerby will lead a strenuous, all-day hike to the summit. Limited to 12 persons. Call 532-6207 or 382-8419 to reserve a spot.

Sat., Nov. 14 Baylor Pass Romp. Steve Kalsey will lead the charge up and over the pass. Moderate. Call 382-8419.

Sat., Nov. 21 Doña Ana Mountains Meander. Steve Dowling will be our leader for this moderate hike. Call 522-7448 or 382-8419.

Sat., Dec. 5 Cooke's Peak Pastoral. Ben Zerby, having fully recovered from his Organ Needle Adventure, will take us on this moderately strenuous walk up Cooke's Peak. Flat on a full day. Call 532-6207 or 382-6419.

Note: Sometimes we impulsively decide to take hikes at the last minute. Check the Southwest Environmental Center for last-minute announcements.

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Nov. 5 Election Day. See Sierra Club endorsements on page 3.

Nov. 17-18 NM Game Commission meeting, Mayley Hall, State Education Bldg., 100 Don Gasper, Santa Fe, 9 a.m. Call 827-7911 for more info.

Nov. 20 Deadline for comments on Drykan Creek EIS. See story on page 2.

Dec. 3 Albuquerque Environmental Planning Commission hearing on urban forest plan, which calls for 4 and 6-lane highways through Petroglyphs National Monument, City Council Chambers, City Hall, 4th & Marquette, 7 p.m. Call Jim Eells, 255-7678, for more info.

Dec. 12-13 Chapter ExCom meeting.

Dec. 15 Deadline for January Rio Grande Sierra.


Mexico and/or the Grand Canyon

John Shunny is the Albuquerque contact for Celeba Adventures, offering an interesting menu of Mexican trips, January to April '93. The trips include two river excursions, ten days each, on the Rio Usumacita and Rio Jatiltepec. In March, a week-long birding trip, the Chihapas Birding Survey or the Chihapas Overland Tour, a 10-dayer. Mayan Ruins Adventure (7 days) and Caving Expeditions (8 days) are also scheduled. The trip tariff includes meals and accommodations. John will discbitrenct on the 6th annual Grand Canyon boat trip. Lee's Ferry to Lake Mead, May 28 to June 5, 1993. With groups, the river outfitter discounts the price $1175 for this 9-dayer vs. the usual $1400-$1600. Great camping and hikes, all meals included. These Canyon trips fill rapidly. Interested? Call John, 265-1620.