Regional Water Planning and the Sierra Club
by Vickie Gabin, Chapter Co-Chair, Water Issues

The Sierra Club has a unique and timely opportunity to directly affect New Mexico's water resources future. This is a project that can work on two levels: grassroots, regional participation in the regional water plans, and input to the Interstate Stream Commission (ISC) with respect to establishing plan guidelines and the eventual state-wide water resources plan.

Generally speaking, this is non-technical work that can be done by any otherwise intelligent member who can manage a little background reading and commit to ongoing involvement in his/her region (meetings, planning sessions, etc.). Many regional plans have been laid out, but not to the specific needs of the specialized work; the point here is to ensure true public participation by other community voices. I can provide assistance with contacts, copies of plans, and ideas for participation.

Regional Planning Program

The Regional Planning Program has been in existence since 1987, when the legislature first funded the concept and provided that the ISC be the agency to review regional proposals. Fourteen basic water planning areas were identified and developed. As of January, 1993, 22 initial water studies have been completed or are still in development. Initial efforts were laudable; however, the pace has been slow, and funding erratic. Planning committees went off in a variety of directions because there was virtually no guidance from the ISC as to what they needed to be looking at.

Regional water planning is the vehicle through which the State Engineer Office (SEO) and ISC envision public participation in the eventual State Water Plan. This plan will coordinate regional concerns and on-going programs into a guide for water management in the state. The state plan is to serve as the focus for policy implementation in critical water issues such as conservation, water quality, and water allocation, and will provide the institutional framework for ongoing water planning.

"Public Welfare"
The regional committees should be looking at issues like public welfare, stream flow and conservation. Additionally, they are expected to play a role in on-going planning and providing advice to other agencies which deal with water resources.

"Major" water user interests (real developers, ranchers, municipalities and the like) have already been actively participating in the functioning water planning committees; the environmental community, however, has been notably absent from the process in many regions. This situation calls for direct and fair representation from Sierra Club members in each region, and coordination with other environmental groups to ensure that environmental concerns be represented strongly.

Eliud Martinez, the current State Engineer, will rely on these regional.. continued on page 7

Our Nuclear Test
by Greg Mello & Mary Riceley
Los Alamos Study Group

Forty-Eight Years Ago this month, the first nuclear weapon was detonated in the place called Holloman Air Force Base. That test, and the place, came to be called "Trinity." Twenty-one days later, a simpler bomb—which required no test—was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days after that, a copy of the Trinity bomb was used on Nagasaki. More than 200,000 people died. With these events the nuclear age exploded into the New Mexico environment and consciousness, permanently altering both.

In the decades since then, many New Mexicans have come to accept and even welcome the dirty business of transmitting nuclear energy into what some believed might become an enduring currency of global power. And many have come to see the resulting environmental sacrifice zones as part of the trade we must make in return for federal indolence. As this article is being written, the Clinton Administration—and we in... continued on page 8
Jobs vs. Democracy

By Mary Lou Jones, President, Zuni Mountain Coalition

Do you believe that letting your elected officials know how you feel is an important part of the democratic process? Do you believe that it is important for environmentalists to support certain types of legislation and to be pro-active? Did you believe the June Sierra Club attention that NM’s Solid Waste Act has been pro-
tected in the ‘93 legislative session? Have you got news for us?

Take, for example, McKinley Paper Company (MPC). Across the state, politicians, business people and environmentalists are pleased as punch to have a recycling end market located right here in New Mexico. Heck, they are so excited, they have exempted MPC from all permits. After all, MPC is run by self-proclaimed ‘tree-huggers.’ At a recent hearing every politician was an environmentalist, including Cibola County’s Senator Joe Field.

So what’s the problem? During the 1993 legislative session there were a dozen attempts to weaken the Solid Waste Act. Representative Cary King, with MPC’s lawyer by his side, introduced one of them. According to the Solid Waste Act, industries that manufacture a material that would otherwise end up in a landfill are recycling fac-
cilities and should be permitted as solid waste facilities. The Attorney General’s Office issued an informal decision last fall that MPC should be permitted under the Solid Waste Act. Rep. King’s bill would have exempted MPC and other recycling manufactur-
ers from this permitting process, but it did not pass the Sen-
ate. Yet, Secretary of the Environ-
ment Judith Episcopo has taken it upon herself to re-inter the law, MPC, as well as any other recycling manufacturer, has been exempted.

Isn’t this a travesty of the democratic process? Should we allow appointed politicians to change the laws? How can the governor and at-
letters. Your turn at the head? Why wouldn’t they?

It has been of utmost importance to MPC to operate without permits. They have tried to change the law. They have threatened lawsuits if they have waged a disinformation campaign. When the local citizens here questioned why they are allowed to operate without permits, the Chamber of Commerce was quick to tell all the merchant class that our intention was to close down MPC and that local business would suffer.

At a June hearing in Grants, MPC stated that they are working with San-
dia Labs to compost the leftover cardboard with fly ash. Fly ash comes from the stack of incinerators and contains amounts of heavy metals that even the EPA finds dangerous.

Millions are to be made in trans-
porting of hazardous waste and house-
hold garbage away from the metropolitan areas. Recycling is an important part of solid waste management but the oppor-
tunity for profit is too real. The regulations have been relaxed. The flood has begun.

Write Attorney General Tom Udall, PO Drawer 1508, Santa Fe, NM 87504 and tell him to enforce the Solid Waste Act.

CALENDAR

Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15: Chapter Service Outing, Gila Wilderness. For information call Susan Schook 288-2854.

Aug 15: deadline for Sept. Sierra.

Sat-Sun, Sept 11-12: Chapter Retreat, Kingston.

Sat, Sept 18: Grazing Advocats Conference, UNM Continuing Education Center, Albuquerque. For information call FLAN and Fred West. (Details will appear in next issue: for more information, call Jim Fish 887-3072.)

From the desk of the Populations Chair: Legislative Update

Libby Hernandez, Chapter Population Issues Chair

Points to keep in mind at your local legislative update:

• Overpopulation is causing water shortages; soil erosion; desertification; ocean overfishing; deforestation; loss of biodiversity; air, water, and soil pollution; ozone depletion; and global warming.

• 57% of Americans support an increase in international family planning assistance, and did so even during the recession last year.

• The Senate should request the full $725 million committed under the Amsterdam Declaration (even though the House has appropriated a smaller amount) because that is the amount needed to be able to reach the goal of universal access to family planning services by the year 2000.

• $725 million is only 5% of the Foreign Affairs budget. This is a small price to pay to add one of the leading causes of environmental degradation.

Working to stabilize world popu-
lation is one of the Sierra Club’s 1993-94 Conservation Campaigns. To achieve this the Sierra Club seeks worldwide access to birth control by the year 2000. In 1989, the United Na-
tions adopted this goal in the “Am-
sterdam Declaration,” which was signed by President Bush. Nev-
ertheless, in 1993 it is estimated that 100 to 150 million couples who would like to control their fertility still lack access to family planning services. To reverse this the Sierra Club continues a vigorous campaign to increase Con-
gressional funding of international population assistance. Sierra Club population activists work with the Popula-
tional funding for the Amsterdam Declaration commitments the United States made in 1989.

This year we have gotten a big boost from Sen. Bingaman. SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN PRO-
ounced..."THE INTERNATIONAL POPU-
LATION STABILIZATION AND RE-
PRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT...along with Sen. Alan Simpson (R-Wy) in the Senate, and Rep. Tony Bellesienco (D-Calif) and Rep. Connie Morella (R-Md) in the House,... THIS IS GREAT NEWS!" The act is designed to help provide worldwide access to culturally competent family planning services and reproductive health care. It is a foreign aid authorization bill which would provide full funding for the Amsterdam Declaration commitments, i.e., $725 million in FY93 and $800 million in FY95. LETTERS OF THANKS ARE IN ORDER.

While Sen. Bingaman’s authorization bill will be a great help if enacted, we will still have to work to get the au-
torized funds appropriated. To in-
crease support for international pop-
ulation appropriations, the National "Dear Colleague" letters are circulated. Last year these letters were very successful: 100 Representatives (77%) and 20 Senators signed "Dear Colleague" letters urging support for international population assistance. Foreign aid funding is always difficult to obtain during an election year, and last year also found us in a recession. In spite of this, the FY93 funding was $430 million for international population assistance—a 32% increase over the previous year!

Bill Richardson signed the “Dear Colleague” letter both last year and this year. He is the only Representative from New Mexico to do so. Representative Joe Cohn also signed the letter last year and is one of 9 New Mexico representatives to do so this year. LETTERS OF THANKS ARE IN ORDER. Our let-
ter campaign in the House is now over. 157 members co-signed the Bicentennial “Dear Colleague” letter to Rep. Obey (D-Wisc) this year. Rep. Obey has in-
cluded $506.6 million for population assistance in the foreign operations budget. While this is only 70% of our goal ($725 million), it is a watershed. It is the first time in this country has ex-
ceded $500 million.

So now it is up to the Senate, where our letter campaign is just beginning. Senator Kerry is circulating a “Dear Colleague” letter urging support for international population appropriations. Neither of the Texas senators signed last year but this year there is a new senator. Senator Hutchison has to run for re-election. She is a "new kid on the block." She may not be familiar with this issue. Encourage her. Let her know that West Texas constituents want her to sign the Kerry Letter.

Last year Senator Bingaman was one of the 20 Senate co-signers of the Kerry Letter. Please write or call him. Thank him for his signature on the Kerry Letter last year. Thank him very much for the bill he introduced. And then ask him to continue providing leadership on this important issue by signing the Kerry Letter this year. THANK YOU SENATOR BING-
aman! We look forward to seeing your signature on the Kerry Letter. And don’t give up on Senators Domenici or Gramm. Letters and phone calls can make a big difference. You can sign to call 225-2020. 1440. For “talking points” you might like to in-
clude in your letter, see the beginning of this letter.

The budget allocates $492 million to the core account (Office of Popula-
tion), $78.4 million to the Develop-
ment of Africa (Population Projects) and $36.2 million to the United Nations Population Fund.
Environmental Candidate in Albuquerque Mayoral Race
An Interview with Cisco McSorley
by Sue McIntosh and Blair Brown

In November Albuquerque will select a new mayor. At press time, we didn’t have the complete list of candidates, but one of our long-standing and most support friends has endorsed him publicly. Cisco McSorley, currently the State Legislator from District 18 in the University area of Albuquerque is running for mayor.

Serrano: The volcanos and escape ment of the Petroglyph National Monument make Albuquerque special, yet this resource faces some real threats today. What is your position on the expansion of Paseo del Norte through the Petroglyph National Monument?

McSorley: I am against the extension of Paseo del Norte. I do favor the Cañon alternative which is also favored by the National Park Service. This alternative skirts the neighborhoods and the existing monument. In doing the important job of protecting our natural and cultural resources, it is important to be sensitive to the needs of surrounding neighborhoods. The people of the immediate area don’t want a new road built right through their neighborhood, and they shouldn’t be forced to has them.

I also realize that current transportation routes in the area will have to be upgraded under this alternative, and I support that and will work toward funding those upgrades. What is important to understand is that these two critical Albuquerque resources, the Petroglyphs and the existing neighborhoods can work together.

Serrano: You have indicated a strong interest in maintaining the integrity of Albuquerque neighborhoods. Do you feel that the city has handled the issue well in the past?

McSorley: I do not. Traditionally, the city of Albuquerque has not valued its neighborhoods. The city has favored scattered development over planned communities. I will change that focus as mayor. I will make certain that the needs of the people of Albuquerque drive the protection and revitalization of the established neighborhoods as well as the creation of new ones. New developments should not happen when and where they are not needed, and older neighborhoods should not be sacrificed or forgotten. Before we look to the outskirts of our city, we should look inside. We will find we have ignored areas that have the potential to serve our growth needs.

Serrano: What pressures from new growth and development do you see as the most important to focus on?

McSorley: Albuquerque is about to cross an important new dividing line in its development. This city has historically been a city of the Rio Grande Valley. The river has shaped our identity and our impacts have not expanded much beyond the river valley. We are now poised to surge out of the Rio Grande Valley onto the West Mesa and the Rio Puerco Valley. This transition for Albuquerque and one which we should approach very carefully and with much thought and foresight. We cannot be haphazard in our approach to further development of the west side.

Albuquerque will continue to grow. The character of that growth will be defined by the decisions we make today, while we stand on the edge of one great river valley that has been our home and look into the neighboring valley where we soon will be.

Serrano: What specific needs do you feel must be met to enable Albuquerque to grow in a careful and beneficial manner?

McSorley: We must begin to take a new look at mass transit in Albuquerque. In doing so, we need to propose new alternatives and preserved and create mass transit opportunities that people want to use and therefore will be. Albuquerque is ripe for an intricately light rail system. Also, I would consider a joint city-county partnership for light rail on the Al进一步阅读文章中的内容...
**Sierra Club Tackles Water Quality Problems In New Mexico**

by Eric Ames, Chapter Co-Chair, Water Issues

The Sierra Club executive committee has targeted water quality reform in most of its priority states for this year. The initiative has two parts: defending and upgrading water quality standards in the upcoming triennial reviews, and developing nonpoint source pollution regulations.

**Water Quality Standards**

The federal Clean Water Act requires each state to develop water quality standards for all waters within its borders. These standards work as follows: (1) New Mexico, acting through the Environment Department (NMED), divides the state’s waterways into segments, or sections of streams and their tributaries (e.g., the Rio Chama from Abiquiu Reservoir upstream to El Vado Reservoir and the Rio Galindo and Rio Puerco north of SR 39); (2) NMED designs uses for each segment that are either existing or attainable, such as agriculture, livestock and wildlife watering, warm or cold water fishery, or drinking water; (3) NMED develops standards for specific pollutants to protect these uses.

Technology-based standards for point sources (such as municipal wastewater treatment plants and industrial facilities) must be reviewed every three years to ensure their scientific defensibility, and to give the state an opportunity to update the standards as necessary. In addition, the state must ensure compliance with federal pollution limits. This process, called the triennial review, begins with the release of proposed revisions on June 21, 1985. In 30 days (July 21) NMED will hold a public hearing on the proposed revisions to the standards.

The existing standards have many problems. Segments are ill-defined, designated uses do not reflect considering and attainable uses, and pollutant limits are inadequate to protect these uses. We urge you to look at the standards for the streams, rivers, and lakes in your community and region, and point out these problems to us.

At this stage in the triennial review, we are limited to supporting beneficial use determinations. Unfortunately, the federal Clean Water Act does not require the EPA or states to regulate NPS. The EPA and a majority of states, including New Mexico, have done nothing.

However, the situation may be changing. Requiring states to regulate NPS is a major issue in the ongoing reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. Many states have already successfully implemented NPS controls. It is time for New Mexico to take action voluntarily to address NPS. We are looking for people to help in the effort: pressing our representatives in Washington to support NPS requirements in a reauthorized Clean Water Act; watchdogging the compliance of federal land management agencies with state water quality standards; and drafting regulations for presentation to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission.

If you are interested in working on either of these issues, please call me at (505) 266-6842.

Regional Water Planning committee for SEO direction. For example, Martinez expects to derive regionally-based definitions of "public welfare" to use in his decisions regarding water appropriations, transfers and changes of use. Preservation of riparian habitat, maintenance of minimum streamflows and streamflow quality, planning for controlled development, recognition of the ecological and recreational values of water—these and any other environmental and natural resource issues that come to mind can and should be brought to the table and considered by these regional planning committees.

**Sierra Club Tasks**

- Member involvement in regional plans. This is particularly critical in regions where nonpoint sources, and on the municipal wastewater treatment plants industries, facilities. Unfortunately, the federal Clean Water Act does not require the EPA or states to regulate NPS. The EPA and a majority of states, including New Mexico, have done nothing.

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gions outside of mainstream, populated New Mexico.

- Involvement with the ISC in formulating guidelines for the regional water plans themselves, so that environmental interests are an integral part of the process. Additionally, ISC should have environmentalists' input for the state plan and overall water resource assessment studies.

Regional plans are underway now. If you or anyone else you know (member or non-member) can participate in the planning process, or if you have questions, or suggestions, call me at 858-7351 (this is a voice mail number; I'm moving soon, so my messages will include my current home/office number), or write P.O. Box, 9933, Santa Fe, 87504-9933.
Los Alamos and Nuclear Testing
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New Mexico—face a momentous de-
cision about the role of nuclear weap-
on in the post-Cold War world: whether or not to break the current
world-wide testing moratorium with a
series of U.S. nuclear weapons tests.

This decision will vitally affect the
New Mexico environment. We are likely,
if the nuclear weapons development begins again, to become host to an "imploded" nuclear weapons complex, with attendant weapons manufacturing facilities and large-scale nuclear dumps. If instead we turn away from new nuclear weapons, we could provide a home to genuine post-
Cold War laboratories, creating tech-
nologies, otherwise neglected by the
market, that can help carry us to a sus-
tainable society.

The labs have been doing their best in Washington to assure that nuclear weapons development and testing con-
tinue forever. In this they are greatly
aided by New Mexico's congressional delegation, who represent the labs' short-term interests very effectively, with little regard for either long-term national security or the New Mexico environment.

"New Mexico, a poor state with pliant politicians, would host much of the nation's nuclear weapons complex.

Our silence is interpreted as assent. Our government assumes that, like them, we are still blinded by the flash that stole the dawn 43 years ago, and by our hope that the green of laboratory pay-
checks will compensate for the land that is still being permanently ruined. They assume we are a "silent major-
ity," passively supporting an evolving nuclear arsenal. To the extent that this

is true, our efforts to protect our en-
vironment and build a just society will remain fragmentary.

Counting on support from its con-
gressional delegation and from us, and
anticipating continuing funds, Los
Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)
now seeks expanded capabilities to:

• manufacture plutonium, uranium, ber-
lium, lithium, and stainless steel weapons components;
• fire-test new plutonium pit designs at full scale;
• store very large quantities of plutonium;
• load tritium for the U.S. nuclear stockpile;
• develop and industrially demonstrate several plutonium and uranium processing technologies;
• develop new techniques to manufacture tritium;
• manufacture detonators; and
• manufacture complete prototype warheads.

In fact, of the 29 major proposed
construction projects listed in the 1993
LANL Strategic Plan, 24 will serve
LANL's weapons mission. This con-
struction is expected to include two
new plutonium storage sites and a large
plutonium processing facility to aug-
ment LANL's existing plutonium ca-
pabilities, already second to none.

Not included in these 29 construction
projects are two proposed new radio-
active waste sites. The first of these
would be a new "low-level" radioactive waste landfill—"low-level" here being a
category that includes spent LANT re-
actor fuel. The second site that was
planned to be adjacent to the exist-
ing radioactive waste landfill, but be-
cause this Mesa del Buexo site contained, number of Anasazi ruins, LANL is now
hunting for another location. The pue-
oblo, especially San Ildefonso, are
depressed, they are a "silent majority,"
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other projects proposed.

The second new waste site is to be a
huge mixed-waste storage and disposal
site, expected eventually to receive
about 475,000 cubic meters of radio-
active and chemically hazardous waste.
Although this dump was showcased
to the public earlier this year as a re-
pository for LANL cleanup residues, more recent reports make it clear that a
primary purpose for this landfill is to
provide inexpensive on-site dumping for
mixed waste from current and ant-
icipated Lab operations.

Should nuclear testing resume, LANL's wish-list has every reason to become
reality. Once the five declared nuclear
wars collapse, and the nuclear weapons complex comes into focus, we could even one day be targeted again for
the nation's commercial high-level nuclear waste, given the im-
regret for Yucca Mountain. Our voice is crucial. Last year, Sen-
ator Bingaman was able to weaken substantially the Nuclear Testing Mor-
atorium Act, despite the sponsorship of over half the Senate for the original bill. Recently, his senior defense aide indicated his extreme distaste for any
test ban. Once the five declared nuclear
wars collapse, and the nuclear weapons complex comes into focus, we could even one day be targeted again for
the nation's commercial high-level nuclear waste, given the im-

In May we mentioned the Light Rail Transit Study which was discussed at the High Capacity Transit Conference.
The good news is that the planners say that we don't have to settle for more roads and LA gridlock or Denver smog. The
city might start setting aside rights of way and long term fin-
ancing for an urban people-moving system. The bad news is...you guessed it...the politicians downtown don't know how
to make change to the current road buildout sys-
tem. Conflicting items in the Comprehensive Plan must be resolved in favor of environmental quality. We need to
zone for future environmentally friendly mass transit. We need
new zoning ordinances that promote European-style "urban villages", which combine housing with commercial
facilities in a car free environments. We need to light
commercial zones to safeguard against both over-
development and low density sprawl. We must restrict auto access to urban centers by capping parking and providing
variably-priced parking while improving mass transit.

Talk to the councillors and the new mayor candidates.
In the meantime (054-4314) or Ron Gross (292-0944)
know what you find out. Thanks.
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Albuquerque's Environmental Story
An informed public depends on you!
Hy and Joan Rosner of our Group produced a document a number of years ago called "Albuquerque's Environmental Story." This document was reproduced in booklet form for public distribution and strongly influenced Albuquerque's Comprehensive Plan and Open Space Network. We would like to help update this booklet, and we would like to find out if a National Sierra Club Education Grant is available to help defray the costs of production. In addition, we would like to ask the State Chapter to help fund a part-time position to distribute the booklet to new home buyers so that they become more aware of our Group and its activities. Contact Jay Soareson or Ron Grobeck (265-0944) if you would like to get involved in some way. Thanks.

Paseo del Volcan
Paseo del Volcan is a planned 6-lane highway starting from 1-40 near the Double Eagle airport, traveling the West Mesa, and joining I-25 near Bernalillo. It is designed to siphon off northbound traffic from I-40 and open the area to development. A large industrial development is planned near the airport, and a new community of 8,000 is to be constructed at Black Ranch. Westside residents are concerned about air pollution, water use, traffic, and noise, especially in Rio Rancho and the Bernalillo. The Northwest Rio Rancho Association and the Cedar Hills Neighborhood Association have circulated petitions, organized protests, and contacted politicians. Bernalillo's Rio Rancho City Council passed a resolution condemning Paseo del Volcan. If you would like to help with this effort, call Gene Kinney (285-3151) or Jerry Jaksha (892-6427). Thanks.

Bosque and Water Committee Call Special Meeting
A number of recent events have underscored the link between water quality and quantity and bosque health. Increased awareness of water quality and quantity problems in the Rio Grande has been triggered by the river's designation as the most polluted in America, Albuquerque's maneuvering on its stormwater management program, the proposed listing of the Rio Grande silvery minnow, the announcement of concerns to address the river's health (including governmental initiatives (such as Senator Donnelly's Bosque Committee and Senator Bingaman's Rio Grande Environmental Initiative). The Albuquerque group has an unique opportunity to speak for the urban bosque. A meeting of the Bosque and Water Committees will be held on July 14, 7 pm, at the Sierra Club office. All interested persons are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Richard Barish at 265-0609 or Eric Amen at 266-6642.

CALENDAR
Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Club office at 207 South Pedrosa NE.
July 1: Mexican Wolf Coalition, 7:30 PM.
July 6: Activities & Special Planning meeting, 7pm, Call Tom - 265-8274 or Dave - 244-8809 for location.
July 12: Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm.
July 19: Sierra Club General Meeting, UNM Law School, Ran 2402, 7:30 PM.
July 26: Conservation Committee meeting, 7:30 PM.
Aug 3: Activities & Special Planning meeting, 7pm, Call Tom - 265-8274 or Dave - 244-8809 for location.
Aug 5: Mexican Wolf Coalition, 7:30 PM.
Aug 7: Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm.
Aug 14: 12 noon. Deadline for articles for September issue of Sierra Digest - 12 noon. Cost: $100 editorial. M. Christopher preferred. Call Larry if supplying hardcopy only.
Aug 16: Sierra Club General Meeting, UNM Law School, Ran 2402, 7:30 PM.
Aug 23: Conservation Committee meeting, 7:30 PM.
Sept 2: Mexican Wolf Coalition, 7:30 PM.
Sept 7: Activities & Special Planning meeting, 7pm, Call Tom - 265-8274 or Dave - 344-8809 for location.

OUTINGS
In order to prevent overcrowding, we are limiting outings to 10 people. Outings must be cancelled or changed due to weather or other reasons, please call the leader before outings.

July 3 SAT ISLE LEATERS Miles: 3 Car: 2 Rio Bonito Canyon Hike
Meet at NW School, Ran 2402, 7:30 PM. Duration: 3hrs. Total distance: 5 miles. This 750 foot vertical gain hike is a good introduction to Alburke's backcountry. Leader: Ferri Bergfeld 256-7679

July 5 SAT ISLE LEATERS Miles: 4 Car: 30 Pecos Wilderness Hike
Start at Lake Creek Campground parking lot. The Pecos is almost an entire wilderness area. The hike goes over 6,000 feet and ends at the Rio Grande. Leader: Ray Duff 266-0036

July 6 SAT ISLE LEATERS Miles: 3 Car: 20 Sunset at the Bosque
Meet at the Bosque at 5 PM. The Sandia Mountains and Bosque are always beautiful at sunset. Leader: Gary Wirth 256-8637

July 6 SAT ISLE LEATERS Miles: 4 Car: 200 Pete's Wilderness Hike
Start at Jacks Creek campground parking lot. The Pecos is almost an entire wilderness area. The hike goes over 6,000 feet and ends at the Rio Grande. Leader: Ray Duff 266-0036

July 7 SAT ISLE LEATERS Miles: 2 Car: 20 Osnow Service Project
We will be putting out service work around the Bosque and community trails in for the season. We will meet 8:00 AM. Total distance: 1 mile. Leader: Raymond Fromm 256-8274

July 10 SAT ISLE LEATERS Miles: 3 Car: 1000 Santa Fe Trailhead Hike
Meet at the start of the Santa Fe Trailhead parking lot at 7:30 AM. Total distance: 10 miles. Leader: Dan White 266-8637

July 16 SUNDAY LEATERS Miles: 3 Car: 30 Monzon Mountains Hike
Meet at 7:30 AM. Total distance: 6 miles. Leader: R. Chuck 256-8809

July 17 SUNDAY LEATERS Miles: 2 Car: 20 Los Alamos Trailhead Hike
Meet at the Los Alamos Trailhead parking lot at 7:30 AM. Total distance: 3 miles. Leader: R. Chuck 256-8809

July 21 SUNDAY LEATERS Miles: 3 Car: 0 Los Alamos Trailhead Hike
Meet at the Los Alamos Trailhead parking lot at 7:30 AM. Total distance: 3 miles. Leader: R. Chuck 256-8809

July 23 SUNDAY LEATERS Miles: 2 Car: 20 Pecos Wilderness Hike
Start at Jacks Creek campground parking lot. The Pecos is almost an entire wilderness area. The hike goes over 6,000 feet and ends at the Rio Grande. Leader: Ray Duff 266-0036

July 24 SUNDAY LEATERS Miles: 2 Car: 20 Pecos Wilderness Hike
Start at Jacks Creek campground parking lot. The Pecos is almost an entire wilderness area. The hike goes over 6,000 feet and ends at the Rio Grande. Leader: Ray Duff 266-0036

July 27 SUNDAY LEATERS Miles: 3 Car: 0 Los Alamos Trailhead Hike
Meet at the Los Alamos Trailhead parking lot at 7:30 AM. Total distance: 3 miles. Leader: R. Chuck 256-8809

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JULY and AUGUST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The speakers for our next four meetings, July 28, will be Sierra Club member Roy McCloud. Roy will talk about his travels in Peru and show his slides of life on the headwaters of the Amazon of Peru. We were fortunate at this year’s Wine and Cheese Party to have a preview of Roy’s experiences. Because of family connections, Roy has access to villages and culture that most people do not ever see or hear about. Join us for this very interesting presentation.

Our August meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 25, and will feature representatives from the Guadalupe National Park and the Lincoln National Forest to speak about our recent fire and other issues facing the region. This is one of our Club’s favorite hiking areas, so join us and learn more about this very beautiful part of Texas.

Both programs will start at 7:30 PM at St. Paul’s Methodist Church, 7000 Edgemere (two blocks east of Airway). For more information, call Ted Meriggi, 852-3011.

JULY

July 7 EXCOM (900 Sci. Prand.)
July 28 General Meeting (7000 Edgemere)
August 4 EXCOM (900 Sci. Prand.)
August 13 Deadline for El Paso newsletter information (send to 311 Vista del Rey, 79912)
August 25 General Meeting (7000 Edgemere)
September 1 EXCOM (900 Sci. Prand.)

The Environmental Center

Thanks to our volunteers... The Environmental Center depends on volunteers to function. folk like Julie Cross, Jo Nagel and Charlie Robinson, who have recently helped with Center operations; and John Green, who got our air conditioning up and running. [May's meeting was hindered by weather; thank you to all volunteers for our building's ten-year term. We greatly appreciate the confidence the City has shown in the Center.]

For those interested in making a vital contribution to the effectiveness of our organization and a better El Paso environment, we need your help at the Environmental Center. Our biggest need continues to be for an office manager, but any and all help is welcome. Please contact the Center (532-9645), John Speed (545-5157) or Ted Meriggi (852-3011) if you can volunteer.

REMINDER

Be sure to keep this issue through the rest of the summer. You will find two months worth of exciting outings celebrating the great outdoors. The next Sierra should arrive in early September. Join us on a hike!

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Sierra Club El Paso Regional Group

El Paso Sierra Volunteers in Mayoral Campaign
A cadre of volunteers manned the phones located at the Carlsbad La Grande Campaign Headquarters for the three Tuesday nights prior to the June 5 election. Volunteer coordinator Carol Martin’s special thanks to Ted Meriggi, El Paso Sierra Club Chair, and Michael Bronks for perfect attendance at the phone bank; to phone volunteers Joe Rodriguez, John Speed, David Archer, John Davis, Pat Wood, and Don Middleton; and to Tom Braddock and Bill Phillips for preparation and mailing of the information flyer recruiting volunteers.

CALENDAR

July 7 EXCOM (900 Sci. Prand.)
July 28 General Meeting (7000 Edgemere)
August 4 EXCOM (900 Sci. Prand.)
August 13 Deadline for El Paso newsletter information (send to 311 Vista del Rey, 79912)
August 25 General Meeting (7000 Edgemere)
September 1 EXCOM (900 Sci. Prand.)
ISSUE OUTING

EAST FORK OF THE GILA RIVER BACKPACK

DATE: July 10-11, 1993
CLASS: Moderate+ LIMIT: 14, leader approval and reservations required LEADER: Ted McEwen, 852-3011 (c) 997-5732 (w)
We will meet at Albermotor on Mesa at 6 PM on Friday evening, then carpool to a grassy meadow on the McKnight Road. The following morning we will proceed to the Grapevine Campground on the Gila, where we will head up the East Fork. We will set up camp in the vicinity of Lower Black Canyon, where there are opportunities to explore, fish or dayhike. This is an excellent opportunity to compare one of the well-groomed areas with one of the body overgrown areas of the Diamond Bar. Roundtrip mileage will be about eight miles. Call Ted for more details.

COLORADO BACKPACK

Wenecumia Wilderness

DATE: July 10-18, 1993
CLASS: Moderate to strenuous LIMIT: 12, leader approval and reservations required LEADER: Lawrence Gibson, 915-994-7342
Returning to the Wenecumia after a year's absence, we will lake the Continental Divide Trail from Stony Pass south to Black Lake, taking time to fish or relax at several of the lakes along the way. We will then head west to Chicago Basin with a layover day for peak-bagging, followed by the hike down to Needleman where we will catch the train back to Durango. Because of the 12,000+ elevations, participants must be in excellent physical condition with proper equipment. Packs will be weighed at the trailhead but is necessary to share basic cooking equipment. Call Lawrence for reservations.

SUNSPOT CAMPAC

Sacramento Mountains

DATE: August 28-29, 1993
CLASS: Easy LIMIT: none, reservations required LEADER: Harold Naylor, 592-1266
We will leave Sunday morning at 9:30 AM from the K-Mart on Ours. Our destination is the small town of Tijuna, NM, a beautiful meadow at 8,000' where we will camp in a heavily forested area. This afternoon we will head out for a half mile easy hike is planned to a high ridge overlooking the vast Tularosa Basin. Sunday morning we will continue to drive north to the pavement and tour the Sunspot Solar Observatory with its many interesting displays and guided tour. Call Harold for further details and reservations.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

MOGOLLON RANGE

KEY EXCHANGE BACKPACK

DATE: September 3-5, 1993
CLASS: Moderate LIMIT: 20 (in each group), leader approval and reservations required LEADER: Rollin Wickenheiser, 986-8402 (c) Wesley Leonard, 747-6469 (w)
This is a very popular trip with a hike into the western Gila Wilderness. One group will start at Little Dry Creek, the other group at Sandy Point. The planned route includes Wendy Gap, Trail 200, The Golden Link Trail, Apache Saddle and Hummingbird Saddle. Call Wesley or Rollin early for details and reservations.

UPCOMING FALL OUTINGS

Organ Peak Dayhike - no date yet
Anthony's Nose Dayhike - no date yet
Service Trip to the Gila over Columbus - October 9-11
Beginner Backpack - October 16-17
Port Stanton Cave Restoration - October 25
Rabbit Ears Plateau - November, no specific date yet

OUTINGS REPORTS

Beginner's Backpack Workshop, 4/24/93
After spending Saturday morning at the Backpack Workshop learning the basics of tarp, shelter, backpacks, food, and clothing, eight people (Teri Bond, Sheryl Davis, Susan Pratt, Margaret McCown, Teresa Golden, Matt Turner, Sheryl Mouzak and Jack Yip) put all this learning to practical use on the May 8 and 9 backpack to Rainbow Canyon. Everyone was well prepared and enjoyed an afternoon hike up East Rainbow Canyon, an evening of camping and, on Sunday morning hike to the saddle. All exhibited the mutual helpfulness and good sportsmanship typical of Sierra Club members. We're pleased and Betty Fischler) will be leaving a follow-up trip involving a bit more distance and altitude gain but suitable for beginner backpackers. We hope to see you in October for this trip.

WHAT'S IN STORE

The next issue will be on Wednesday, July 8, 1993. Send in your suggestions for programs, trips, or other events. We always welcome ideas and will publish them as quickly as possible.

ISSUE OUTING

THREE RIVERS CARCAMP DAYHIKE

White Mountains Wilderness

DATE: July 24-25, 1993
CLASS: Easy LIMIT: 10, reservations required LEADER: Roy McFarlin, 959-7079
We will meet at the north side of the Burger King in Alamosa at 10 AM on Saturday. From there we will drive to the Three Rieves Campground on our car camp. That afternoon we can visit the large pond on site near the campground. Sunday morning an easy dayhike is planned on Trillium for a roundtrip of six miles. There are several stream crossings along the trail. The weather should be mild, but be prepared for rain. Escape the El Paso heat and give Roy a call for details and reservations.

MOONLIGHT DESERT WALK

Organ Mountains

DATE: Saturday Night, July 31, 1993
CLASS: Easy LIMIT: 10, leader approval and reservations required LEADER: Sandy Anderson, 505-923-8179
We will leave El Paso early Saturday evening. Our walk will take us along the Powersline Road through Creosote Pine near Bishop's Camp in the southern Organ Mountains. This will be two days before a full moon, so finding our way will be easy. This is a good family and children's activity. The night creatures will be out. Call Sandy for more information.

WYOMING 10-DAY BACKPACK

Wind River Range

DATE: August 7 - 15, 1993
CLASS: Moderate LIMIT: 24 (12 each side), leader approval and reservations required LEADER: Ted McEwen, 852-3010/3011 593-5732 (w)
We will leave for our trailheads from Albermotor on Mesa at 6 PM Friday evening. The following morning one group will leave from the James Brothers Spring Trailhead, and the other group will leave from a trailhead on the North Star Road. We will meet, exchange keys and set up a joint campsite for the evening somewhere in the vicinity of the canyons. This is a good opportunity to see a little-known area of the Gila, while also observing the destructive grazing practices being used in the Alto Leopold and Gila Wilderness Areas by the Forest Service. Roundtrip mileage will be 12 miles. For more information call Ted.

FRANKLIN MOUNTAINS DAYHIKE

DATE: Saturday, August 21, 1993
CLASS: Moderate LIMIT: 20, leader approval and reservations required LEADER: John Spred, 545-5157
The June 3-4 fire that burned an estimated 5,000 acres on the eastern flank of the Franklin has been further studied. On this hike, we'll see how two and a half months time and season will have affected the burn area. We'll also discuss the draft management plan for the Franklin Mountain State Park. Plan to start at 7:30 AM, cover about five miles and be done before noon. Call John for reservations and details.

GALLINAS CANYON DAYHIKE

Gila National Forest

DATE: Saturday, August 14, 1993
CLASS: Moderately strenuous LIMIT: 15, leader approval and reservations required LEADER: Chas Christiansen, 594-2505 (w), 533-4066 (h)
We will leave early Saturday morning and drive to the trailhead in the Gila. The hike gives up Gallinas Canyon in coal surroundings, reaching Stu's Ponds where we will enjoy the view and the wildflowers. We will cover 10-12 miles with a 2,000 elevation gain. There are some stream crossings. Call Chas for reservations.

SIERRA BLANCA PEAK DAYHIKE

White Mountain Wilderness

DATE: Sunday July 18, 1993
CLASS: Moderate + LIMIT: 12, leader approval and reservations required LEADER: Mike Episcope, 839-3770
We will leave early Sunday morningezo to our trailhead just outside the Ski Apache parking lot. The tremendous views and alpine tundra will await those who take this nine-mile roundtrip which has a 2,000 elevation gain. For Mike Episcope reservations and details.

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OUTINGS REPORTS, continued

Gila Wilderness Family Backpack, 5/14-16/93
On Saturday morning nine family members and friends departed El Paso to our trailhead near Cooney Campground in the Gila. After two easy miles and five crossings of the Mimbres River, we set up camp in a meadow under huge cottonwoods. Though the sky was overcast, the views of Chihuahua were not impaired. After setting up our tents, we relaxed by the fire, then took off to hike our 200 yards to the Gila River. The picnic was a huge success.

Fort Stanton Cave Dayhike, 5/22/93
We arrived at Fort Stanton Cave on Saturday morning and met two other guides at the cave entrance. After getting our gear on, we started a short introduction, then began our journey into the dark depths below.

Several underground springs within the cave form an underground stream, which at times can be rushed through portions of the cave. Our maneuverers walked around and over the stream and muddy trail, making our way further into the cave. Due to Devil's Backbow, through Crystal Crater, and into Decoration Passage, we took two on, ever vigilant of our exits surroundings. Finally! Upper Breakdown Passage and the Lake Rozen, where we ate and rested in the cool as the darkness only a wild cave can offer. Five hours into the hike we emerged onto the surface leaving the mysterious underground world behind.

New Cave Dayhike, 5/23/93
The Gods were warm and the cave was cool...a perfect combination for a Sierra Club dayhike on Sunday. Trip mates gathered from four different locations to begin our hike to the mouth of the cave, but we arrived in time to soak up some sun before the cave interior. We then began our hike to the mouth of the cave, but we arrived in time to soak up some sun before the cave interior. We then began our descent into the cave, passing through the unique quartz and limestone only a wild cave can offer. Five hours into the hike we emerged onto the surface leaving the mysterious underground world behind.

Memorial Day Gila Wilderness Key Exchange Backpack, 5/28-31/93
On Friday afternoon, fifteen Sierraers departed El Paso for our campsite at the Gold dust Trailhead near Glenwood, NM. We met up with three other participants at Willow Creek campground. Willow Creek group left from there, hiking over to Turkeyfoot Pass and up to their first night's camp in the Jery Jacks. Our group drove from Willow Creek over to our trailhead at Loco Mountain. After some initial problems finding the correct trailhead, we hiked across Airplane Mesa to the Middle Fork of the Gila for lunch under some stunning cottonwoods. We continued south following Trail 304 (Swinging Cross Creek), past Papen's grave, to Clear Creek. After a break, we followed Trail 165 past Martins Spring over to Quartz Spring where we camped Saturday night. Sunday morning we were up early for our substantial climb to the famous Jacks Mountain on Trail 164.

Hiking through the remnants of the Jacks, we descended to beautiful Turkeyfoot Pass and continued on our way to our trailhead in Cooper Canyon where we set up camp. With clear skies, no wind or bugs, many of our group slept out under the stars. Our third day involved a climb to Claron Creek for lake and a leisurely afternoon return to Willow Creek. Our weather was glorious, and we saw a patch of snow on our trail.

MEETING SCHEDULE
Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, September 29, 1993 — Enjoy your summer!

The Executive Committee of the Santa Fe Committee is currently scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month at the offices of Jurgens, Tallmadge & With, 322 Montezuma. The next three meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, Tuesday, August 3, and Tuesday, August 7, 1993. All members are welcome to attend and bring your lunch.

>> SANTA FE GROUP OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS <<<

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SANTA FE GROUP
SANTA FE GROUP NEWS
Does the July hot weather make you sweat?? Cool off on the Rio Grande River and support the Santa Fe Group of the Sierra Club.

SANTA FE RIVER FLOAT AND PADDLE
On Sunday, July 18, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM, Santa Fe Raft Co. and Outfitters (corner of Cerillos and St. Francis Drive) and our group — that means you! — are going to float and paddle "The Race Course," a seven-mile stretch of the Rio Grande River.

The company is donating a percentage of every ticket sold to our group. So, get out your swim suit, sunglasses, old tennis shoes, and lots of fun.

Make reservations directly with Santa Fe Rafting at 988-4914. Tell them you're with the Sierra Club, cost is $43.65, including taxes. This gets you transportation to and from Santa Fe, a seat on a BIG rubber raft, watermelon, chips and salsa, cookies and assorted beverages. RSVP by Saturday, July 17; office hours are 9 AM-5 PM.

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, AND WE'LL SEE YOU ON THE RIVER!!

The Conservation Committee of the Santa Fe Group is again meeting at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the office of Joyce Dukem, 440 Cerillos Road. All conservation matters to be brought before the Executive Committee should be brought to the Conservation Committee meetings for discussion and recommendation first. The Next two meetings are Tuesday, July 27 and Tuesday, August 24, at 7:00 PM.

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FOURTH EDITION OF HIKING BOOK PLANNED --

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

More than twelve years ago, a group of dedicated Sierra Club members found a way to combine their love of hiking with the need to raise money to fund the Club's conservation work. They put together a marvelous outings guide, *Day Hikes in the Santa Fe Area*. That first edition became a second and a third, and the success of the book has been phenomenal. On average, sales of the hiking book bring in $10,000 to the Santa Fe Group’s treasury every year, money that is essential for the group’s lobbying, education, office, and other conservation programs. Quite simply, the Santa Fe Group could not do the work it does without the money generated by the hiking book.

The 3rd edition of *Day Hikes in the Santa Fe Area* was published three years ago, and the hiking book committee is now starting the long process of producing a 4th edition (scheduled for release in the spring of 1995). Every member who hikes can help with this task, and it will be an effort of love. Here’s what you can do:

1) *Take a hike!* There are 37 hikes in the 3rd edition of the book, and we need to review the accuracy of each one. Pick one of the listed hikes, take the book along, and double check the details of driving, route, difficulty, landmarks, etc. If you discover that corrections or clarifications need to be made, write down your discoveries and send them to the Hiking Book Committee at the Santa Fe Group office. (Current outings leaders will be given a free copy of the 3rd edition if they will review the hikes.)

2) *Let us know if you have a favorite hike that isn't included in the 3rd edition of the book.* You may even become a published author if you write up the hike and it is published. We hope to add about 10 new hikes to the 4th edition.

Betsy Fuller (983-8870) and Norma McCallan (471-0005) will be coordinating the hiking book committee's work — please call them if you have questions or can help.

You can buy the current hiking book at bookstores and outdoor sports stores around Santa Fe, or you can send $10.00 to Lionel Soracco at the Santa Fe Group office to get one by mail.

A DAY AT THE FLEA MARKET — JULY 10

Our fundraising gets underway with a day at the flea market, Saturday, July 10. We welcome all items except clothing; anything left unsold will be donated to a local charity. Call Ken Hughes (988-9297) or Norma McCallan (471-0005) to arrange to drop your sale-worthy items off. We'd like to have your items well in advance of the day of the sale so we can sort and price. Also, if you can help staff the sale anytime on the day, please call Jana Oyler at (984-2020 weekdays).

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<td>July 10</td>
<td>Lionel Soracco (983-6715) Moderate Hike Atalaya Peak (steep climb) and environs. Boots required. Meet at St. John's College Visitors' Parking Lot off Camino de la Cruz Blanca. Leave 9:00 AM.</td>
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<td>Gary Ensio (473-4433) Moderate/Steep Hike in the Pecos, probably with considerable uphill hiking. Leave 8 AM.</td>
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18 Elizabeth Altman (471-8409) Easy Hike on Bear Wallow Loop, 4 1/2 miles roundtrip. Leave 9 AM. ★ ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE / ISSUE HIKE FOR JULY ★

18 Ken Hughes (988-9297) Moderate Hike Trip Big Buchanan Burn in the Jemez Mtns. Check out profusion of wild flowers & oak trees. Guided tour assisted by forest service personnel. Need mountains bike and helmet. Meet at 8 AM. Call for details. |
| July 24 | John Jasper (982-8572) Steep Loop Hike (15 miles roundtrip) to Gold Hill near Taos Ski Basin. Leave 7:30 AM. |
| July 25 | Joe Whelan (984-0746) Car Camp/Moderate Day Hikes probably at Elk Creek Campground/hikes in the Conejos River area on the Colorado/New Mexico border. Sunday's hike will be to Red Lake. Leave Saturday morning. Call for reservations. |
| July 25 | Suzanne Jacobs (988-4137) Moderate Hike with Steep Ascents up Northwest Ridge to Lake Peak and return via Ravens Ridge. Leave 8 AM. |
| July 31 | Brian Johnson (983-5672) Easy Hike up Chamaiza Trail to the Tesque River, 4 1/2 miles roundtrip, steep incline. Leave 8 AM. |

July 22 through August 1

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<td>Norma McCallan (471-0005) Explorers Backpack Continental Divide Trail, Codestopa Hills Segment, Monarch Pass-Spring Creek Pass, CO, 100 miles, 1700’ overall elevation gain, resupply point mile 45. May do this in 10 days, more realistically 11 days, and perhaps allow Mon (8-2) as an &quot;in case&quot; day. Experienced backpackers only. Leave Wed PM (7-21). Call for reservations.</td>
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RULES FOR OFF-ROAD BIKING

1. Yield the right of way to other recreationists.
2. Use caution when overtaking another and make your presence known well in advance.
3. Maintain control of your speed at all times.
4. Stay on designated trails only.
5. Do not disturb wildlife or livestock.
6. Leave no trace; respect public and private property.
7. Always wear an approved helmet when riding.
8. Support environmental organizations.

Outings Notes — All outings, unless otherwise specified, leave from the PEFRA parking lot at the corner of Paseo de Peralta and Old Santa Fe Trail (across the street from the State Capitol and Palace Corrals). Carpooling will be arranged at the parking lot, and each hiker should come prepared to pay $5 each a fee to the driver of the car in which they ride. Hikers should bring a lunch, water, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, and clothing suitable for the weather — leader reserves the right to turn back hikers who are unprepared. 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 noted otherwise. Telephone leader for details of the individual hike.

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JULY-AUG 1993 RIO GRANDE SIERRAN

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High Risk Facility Siting

The State of New Mexico regulates hazardous materials and wastes. Each County in the State is responsible for determining where facilities that store and handle hazardous waste can be located.

A case from Doña Ana County: In 1988 a company requested a Special Use Permit (SUP) to locate a facility in Chaparral, New Mexico. The County refused, and no hearing was held. No mention was made on the application of its intent to collect and transport hazardous waste. An SUP was issued with no provision for review or renewal. In 1999 local citizens and County staff noted that the company was in the business of collecting hazardous materials and waste from Mexico, New Mexico, and the company was transporting hazardous materials and waste to and from the Chaparral site, and they were concerned. A letter was sent by the County to the company notifying them that the handling of hazardous wastes was NOT permitted under its SUP. The company contended that it was "merely" a temporary storage facility. No enforcement or monitoring of the conditions of the SUP were undertaken by the County. Now the company is requesting an additional permit to expand its operations to include storage of contaminated soil. A group of Chaparral residents believe their health, safety and general welfare is in jeopardy, and they feel powerless to do anything about it. The high-risk facility is located near a school and upwind from their homes. Residents believe the presence and transport of highly toxic, volatile and highly flammable chemicals and materials, new or used, in their area places them in potential peril.

Las Cruces Recycles by C. Cleavin

The citizens of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County are active recyclers!
The City of Las Cruces now maintains bins to accept aluminum, steel, and tin cans, aluminum foil and pie pans, newspapers (including insets), cardboard, and glass.

The city bins do not accept magazines, plastics or oil. BUT—
Magazines should be taken to: Mesilla Valley Hospital - 7511 Del Rey Blvd.
Casa del Sol Senior Care Center - 2005 Missouri Ave.
Las Cruces Nursing Center - 2009 Sagerrit Ct.
Mountains Shadow Health Care Center - 1005 Hill Rd.

Packing peanuts should be taken to: Fast Shippers - 10855 Atlantic Drive
Stereofix #6 Plastic should be taken to: Tucumcari Flats - 3335 Nevada St.

Oil should be taken to: City Service Station - 1501 E. Hadley Ave.
Brewer Oil Company - 105 S. Congress Pl.
Pay Boys - 1203 E. Lohman Ave.
Local Parts & Service - 935 S. Valley Dr.

For you "info buffs", J and M Enterprises, Arizina, NM, presently has the contract with the City of Las Cruces to recycle aluminum, glass, cardboard, and cans. The main buyer of newspaper is Stone Container of Snowflake, Arizona.

Keep recycling and Make Every Day EARTH DAY!

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ile Range EIS

The Army of Defense, of the Army is preparing an entail Impact Statement (EIS) and Activities associated Programs at WMIR. This will be the largest EIS ever coping meeting (the first step by NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act) held in Las Cruces public input. I was told some activities at WMIR include ADCS and ATACMSs, and Air Iowimrs, SRAMS, and B-1 and Navy Ramas, VAN- nd ASROCS, and Strategic Ileritary Ierriers and Black nd NASA stress tests. As an estalid I was not interested in other soup, but the hands on references to some history, archeology, and wildlife. The noms very little of the ec that exist on WMIR draw- ling to the Federal Register will address potential impacts of several categories of future test projects being planned at WMIR and categories of expanded range mission. The future testing categories include: Missile Testing (e.g. THAAD and Standard Missile) and High Altitude Test- ing (e.g. HABER and Research Rockets). The expanded missions include: Nuclear Effects Testing (i.e. Linear Accelerator and Gamma Range) and the launching of missiles from off-post with a final impact on WMIR. This EIS will not look backward at activities or conditions that may clean up, but it will look forward at potential impacts of future activities.

The mission of WMIR begins with a customer, the Army, Navy, Air Force, NASA, other government agencies, private industries, or foreign governments. WMIR is a multi-service test range whose main function is the support of missile development and test programs. WMIR is under control of the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command (TECOM), Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. TECOM is the executive agent for a laboratory for planning and conducting engineering and service tests of all materials from missiles to rifles, tanks to trucks, clothing to radars, and from aviation to fire control equipment. See Large Blast Thermal Simulator- Sierras May 1993. Joint training exercises, mock wars, are con- ceced with Bl. Bliss, Texas/New Mexico. See Sierras - May 1993.

WMIR and the adjacent White Sands National Monument can be seen from space. This largest of military inst- alations is an integral part of our state, New Mexico. All New Mexicans and all Americans need to care about this beautiful place, since many of our federal dollars are spent at WMIR and the public knows precious little about it. It exists there and what goes on there.

The Record of Decision for the Draft EIS is expected Sept. 30, 1994.

EPA Moves Toward Cabinet Status

by Marionische

The EPA Cabinet Elevated Act S. 171, which would create a new Department of Environmental Protection, was expected to sail through the Senate when it was introduced by Sen. John Glenn (D-Ohio) in January. Re- publican Senators Roth (Del), Specter (Pa), Nickles (Ok), and Hatch (Utah) quickly attempted, unsuccessfully, to load amendments onto the bill. Amendments adopted were Sen. McCain (R-Ariz) requiring an assistant secretary to be named for Indian lands, another by Sen. Lieberman (D-Conn) that would continue on next page.