

Group Executive Committee Ballots

Members of the Rio Grande Chapter can vote for both the chapter ExCom (see reverse side) and their group ExCom. (one group only, as indicated by code on mailing label). Note that the Gila Bioregional Group has not yet completed the application process for a new group, so that members in that region can still vote this year as members of their old group. Candidate statements are in group sections. (Southern New Mexico section includes statements and group ballot.)

Two boxes are provided so that each member of a joint membership may vote. Blank lines are for write-ins. Do not cut this page: reverse side contains mailing label for verification (which will be removed before vote is tallied) along with group ballot. (Any member who did not get this issue in the mail may submit a ballot with the membership written on for verification.)

CALENDAR

Nov. 11: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance slide show *Imagine Wilderness*. Cosponsored by Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, Audubon & others. 7:30 PM Santa Fe Unitarian Church, 107 W. Barcelona Rd. (See article on p. 7.)

Nov. 27: Fur-Free Saturday. For information on events in New Mexico, call Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection 281-0032.

Nov. 30: deadline for return of ExCom ballots

Dec. 4-5: Chapter Excom & Conservation Committee, Kingston.



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Environmental News of New Mexico and Far West Texas

Tell Congress: Not This NAFTA

by Steve Mills

CONGRESS IS EXPECTED to vote on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on November 17. Never before has one agreement threatened so many of the values held by Sierra Club members, or so many of the laws we have worked to enact.

The North American Free Trade Agreement, as signed in December 1992 by then-President Bush, was a deeply flawed document. Two months earlier, Bill Clinton asked, "If we don't have the power to enforce the laws that are on the books, what good is the agreement?" Many in the environmental movement, the Sierra Club among them, voiced similar concerns.

The Sierra Club identified four major weaknesses in the agreement negotiated by the Bush administration. Prior to and since the release of that agreement, we have worked to ensure that NAFTA:

- 1) does not pose a threat to U.S. environmental laws or to international environmental agreements;
- 2) affords adequate opportunities for citizens to defend laws that are challenged as trade barriers in NAFTA's dispute settlement process;
- 3) provides a secure source of adequate funds to address the full scope of environmental problems on the U.S.-Mexico border; and
- 4) does not encourage nations to relax environmental standards in order to compete in the global marketplace, either by adopting weak laws or by failing to enforce stronger ones.

President Clinton sought to address many of our concerns about the Bush NAFTA. By agreeing to negotiate side agreements on labor and the environment, the president implicitly recognized that increased trade and investment with a less developed country has the potential to undermine environmental protection at home and abroad.

As Sierra Club's October 6 analysis of NAFTA shows, however, there has been insufficient progress to correct this NAFTA's fundamental problems. No effort was made to lift the threat to U.S. environmental laws or to open up the NAFTA dispute process to the public. The border clean up plan is under-funded and inadequate in scope. The North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation, or NAAEC, makes only limited progress on the issue of lax enforcement of environmental laws.

Report Highlights

1. Many U.S. environmental laws remain vulnerable to challenge from trading partners. Although NAFTA contains language that would appear to lift the threat, loopholes throughout the Agreement restore that threat. What this NAFTA gives with one hand, it takes away with the other.

Environmentalists' concerns about the impact of trade agreements on environmental laws were triggered in 1991 when a GATT panel ruled that U.S. trade restrictions on tuna caught

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The film, "The New Range Wars," features interviews with ranchers and environmentalists and visions of western lands, pristine and ravaged. Mon., Nov. 15, at 7:30 PM in Room 2401 of the UNM Law School on the northwest corner of Stanford and Mountain NE.

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Joint meeting Nov. 18 with the Student Sierra Club. Speaker will be John Wright, Assistant Professor of Geography at NMSU. Slides and talk on "Land Trusts and Landscape Conservation in the West."

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Mick Elliott and Mark "The Shark" Grado of Immerspace Scuba will give a presentation on scuba diving in the Gulf of California and the Caribbean. 7:30 pm on Wed., Dec. 1, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 7000 Edgemere (2 blocks east of Airway).

Executive Committee

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EDITOR'S VIEWPOINT

The Politics of Ranching

AS THIS ISSUE goes to press, Pete Domenici, New Mexico's senior Senator, has succeeded in at least temporarily blocking the Interior Department's range reform program. With the help of Western senators of both parties — including Jeff Bingaman, New Mexico's junior Senator — Domenici has been able to prevent the Senate from considering a compromise grazing reform package passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and supported by a majority of U.S. Senators. Bruce King, New Mexico's rancher-governor, had already stated his opposition to grazing fee increases and changes in grazing regulations. It is now clear that New Mexico's top three politicians are adamantly opposed to any sort of reform in grazing practices on public land.

Senator Bingaman and Governor King are both up for re-election in 1994. The Sierra Club supported their previous campaigns. Among its other responsibilities, the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club determines Club policy in elections in New Mexico.

While some Sierra Club members feel that working with ranchers still offers opportunities for saving public land, others feel it is time to change the policy of compromise with ranchers and the politicians who support them. The ExCom candidates whose statements appear in this issue come from a variety of occupations and interests which put them on different sides of this debate. I urge members to take the time to carefully consider the alternatives.

Marc Bedner
Editor



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NEWS SUMMARY

On October 6, the Sierra Club released its latest analysis of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and its parallel side agreements. Never before has one agreement threatened some many of the values held by Sierra Club members, or so many of the laws we have worked to enact. Congress is expected to vote on NAFTA on November 17. Page 1.

The Sierra Club announced on October 20 its formal endorsement of David Cargo in the runoff election for Mayor of Albuquerque. Mr. Cargo is a former two-term Governor of New Mexico, has been a member of the Sierra Club for 30 years, and has long been active in both New Mexico and Oregon in behalf of environmental improvement. Page 5.

Animal Damage Control agents may have been kicked off New Mexico state trust lands, but they're licensing private ranchers to act as their protégés. ADC has licensed 120 ranchers to use M-44's on state and other public lands in New Mexico. Page 9.

Western public interest activists are calling for a national boycott of Chevron gas stations. Their investigation of Chevron has revealed that the company donates thousands of dollars each year to so-called "wise-use" groups which promote privatizing and commercializing public lands. Page 10.

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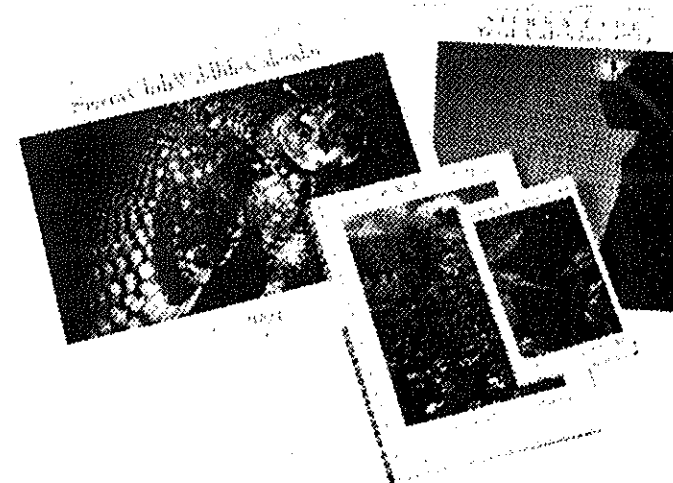
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Cross-Country Ski Report

by John Turnbull

With the sporadic reports of snow in Denver, and the occasional frost in the northern half of New Mexico, winter is on its way. Last year we stated our modest objective: to make every Sierra Clubber a ski tourer. In the 1992-93 season we came another hundred closer to that goal, and had a lot of fun doing it.

Something New. This year, thanks to generous contributions from Voile Equipment, of Salt Lake City, Play-It-Again-Sports of Santa Fe, and Wilderness Exchange of Santa Fe, and others, our indoor classes will have a whole new display of modern and vintage ski bindings, and transitional Alpine (downhill) equipment from the early years. Back again this year is our pair of 10' long hand-made touring skis from about 1880, found in a mining camp in Colorado a few years ago. Watch your group outings schedule for these classes.

Joint Outings. Last year we finally got around to what we had been talking about for a long time: sponsoring joint ski lessons and tours between the Albuquerque and Santa Fe Groups. Thanks to the efforts of Albuquerque outings co-person Stan Kuchak, that happened. We hope to continue that cooperative endeavor this winter, and extend an open invitation to Sierra Club groups further south, to jump in. There is some wonderful mid-winter skiing in the Mogollon Rim and Gila areas, including a groomed trails system in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. We would love to receive an invitation from the members over there.

Non-Scheduled Ski Trips. Members should also know that in addition to those ski tours which are publicized in the Rio Grande Sierran, there are about as many more, on relatively short notice, that the newsletter scheduling misses. These are arranged informally by tour leaders, usually depending on snow conditions and expressions of interest, and are specifically identified

as either official Sierra Club events or not, depending on the circumstances. Last year some of our most noteworthy ski trips were non-scheduled. In March of 1993 we skied to the edge of the Brazos Box to look at the bears. None appeared, but there were lots of tracks. About the same time of year we had the best menu of the season, again in the same picturesque area. A wine and shrimp cocktail tour. Many thanks to the exceptional efforts of non-member Pat Kuhlhoff for making that a success. We spotted some elk that day as well; some dazzling panoramic views no one had seen before; and some marvelously exhilarating downhill runs of over ten minutes duration. These were trips to remember, and none were classed more than "moderate".

The last non-scheduled ski trip of the season, by the die-hards, was in early May 1993, and in shirt-sleeves.

Yurt Trips. In the 1992-93 season we had a couple ski tours in the Cumbres Pass (Chama, N.M.) area. Always a hit, although requiring a bit more effort. In the Rio Grande National Forest, this is the location of "The Yurts", which we mentioned in this column last season. Yurts are little conical structures of Mongolian design, sleeping six people, and equipped with a wood stove (firewood provided, along with minimal tableware, etc. People bring their own sleeping bags and food). Southwest Nordic Center of Taos (758-4761) operates the yurts under a concession from the U.S. Forest Service. They are booked up early, especially for weekends, so make reservations as early in November as possible. Snow in the area lasts well into April and May. If reservations aren't available for mid-winter, consider a springtime trip in February or March. The weather is warmer, the snow is firmer under ski, and everything is easier. Singing songs and making piles of nachos on the stove. Yurt trips are lots of fun.

Where to Go. Last year in this column we published an extensive com-

pilation of places to ski and places to learn throughout the Chapter area. We will not be repeating that, but reprints are available by sending a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to me (John Turnbull; Route 3, Box 95-34; Santa Fe, N.M. 87505). Also last year we published a very useful and popular article on how to dress for skiing and other winter activities. We will be reprinting that material in the January 1994 issue.

For skiers in Albuquerque (but not necessarily limited to there) note that the New Mexico Ski Touring Club (now renamed the New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club) has an extensive offering of day tours, weekend trips, and grand tours, all over the Southwest, complete with bus service and accommodations. Membership is a minimal \$7.00/season, and day trips are otherwise free. Contact membership persons Ralston & Carolyn Barnard (256-7772). This is a great opportunity to meet new people, see new ski country, and generally have a good time. The Club frequently will schedule trips near Alpine areas, so downhill enthusiasts can put in some time on the slopes also.

What to Buy. In February we will be publishing an article on backcountry ski equipment - what to look for, new or used, and what to avoid. Hopefully this will get to readers about the time of the retail shops' post-season clearance sales.

Next Issue: Staying comfy: What to wear on the snow.

The author is a member and former chairman of the Santa Fe Group. He has conducted beginning and intermediate ski classes and tours for many years for the Sierra Club, a private school, and other organizations. He is a contributing editor of Nordic West magazine in Oregon, and a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America — Rocky Mountain Division

Sierra Club Endorses Cargo in Albuquerque Mayoral Runoff

by Ron Grotbeck

THE ALBUQUERQUE GROUP of the Sierra Club announced on October 20 its formal endorsement of David Cargo in the runoff election for Mayor of Albuquerque. Mr. Cargo is a former two-term Governor of New Mexico, has been a member of the Sierra Club for 30 years, and has long been active in both New Mexico and Oregon in behalf of environmental improvement.

The endorsement followed the defeat of Cisco McSorley in the citywide general election on October 5. McSorley had been the Club's first choice in this race, and was endorsed in August. David Cargo's endorsement capped an abbreviated evaluation by the Group Political Action Committee (SCCOPE) and Executive committee (ExCom), which was possible because both candidates in the runoff had been extensively examined only two months previously. The evaluation included a review of the candidates' written responses to the detailed 12-point questionnaire which had been originally mailed to all of the 11 original Mayoral candidates in mid-July. The questionnaire examined the candidates' attitudes and public positions on a variety of environmental issues, ranging from air quality and groundwater protection to the appointment of environmental advocates to Albuquerque's boards and commissions.

The evaluation also included oral interviews of both of the runoff candidates. The interviews covered a range of environmental topics in areas where there was a perceived disparity between the candidates' views and the standing policies of the Sierra Club. During these interviews, specific commitments were sought from the candidates regarding executive actions and advisory board appointments. Following the interviews, SCCOPE evaluated the interview responses of the candidates and their past records of environmental commitment and leadership. The resulting recommendation of endorsement for David Cargo was

adopted by the Group ExCom in a telephone vote on October 17; that action was subsequently ratified by the Chapter ExCom in another telephone vote, as required by National Sierra Club political action guidelines.

Albuquerque Sierra Club Political Action Committee Chairman Dave Bouquin cited Mr. Cargo's extensive record of environmental leadership as one of the major factors influencing today's endorsement. Said Bouquin: "Governor Cargo was one of the first elected officials to recognize the need for controlling air pollution in New Mexico. He called for a State Clean Air Act during his first term as Governor, nearly 5 years before the Federal Clean Air Act was passed."

Ron Grotbeck, member of the Club's Executive Committee, seconded Bouquin's acknowledgement of Mr. Cargo's environmental leadership: "When he was Governor, Dave Cargo appointed a number of outstanding environmental activists to high advisory positions within his administration. In particular, he appointed Brant Caulkin, former national President of the Sierra Club, as his advisor on air and water quality issues. He worked to force the Four Corners power plants to install SO₂ scrubbers on their smokestacks, and to force MolyCorp to stop polluting the Red River with mill tailings. Back in the late 60's, Mr. Cargo worked closely with New Mexico Senator Clinton Anderson on identifying federal lands in our state for wilderness designation. During the 1970's, while he was practicing law in Oregon, he was active in promoting preservation of riparian habitat through several organizations, and served 5 years as vice president of the Issac Walton League there. The Oregon Wildlife Federation twice named him as their Conservationist of the Year."

On a practical note, Susan Gorman, Chairwoman of the Club's Conservation Committee, credited Mr. Cargo's stand on several pressing conservation

issues as another key factor in the endorsement decision: "It was clear to us that Dave Cargo understands, in a fundamental way, the true significance of environmental policy decisions and their implications for the fate of Albuquerque. He agrees with the Sierra Club positions on preserving the integrity of the Petroglyph National Monument from roadway incursions, on preventing destruction of the Bosque by bridge construction at Montañito, on improving the mix of transportation modes in the metropolitan area, on the immediate need for water conservation, and on keeping the present decentralized system of Air Care vehicle emissions inspections. Mr. Cargo made a clear and unequivocal pledge to appoint environmental members to the city's Environmental Planning Commission."

In contrast, Mr. Cargo's opponent in the runoff is a strong advocate of allowing a precedent-shattering incursion into the Petroglyph National Monument by extending the Paseo del Norte roadway entirely across its width. He is also an outspoken advocate of a new bridge through the Rio Grande bosque at Montañito road. Mr. Cargo's opponent also had a difficult time making specific commitments to solve some of our most important environmental problems. He believes in a voluntary approach to water conservation in the city, especially with regard to big industrial consumers, fearing loss of potential new industry if we appear to be curtailing access to unlimited amounts of water. Although he indicated that he would "seriously consider" appointing environmentalists to the Environmental Planning Commission, he stopped short of making any commitment.

In its announcement of their endorsement of Mr. Cargo, the Club looked beyond the immediate environmental issues which confront the city,

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in ways that killed large numbers of dolphins were invalid under the terms of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Sierra Club (and five other national environmental groups that now support NAFTA) called for a moratorium on challenges to laws that regulate harvesting methods in order to protect wildlife in the "global commons." Despite this common call for change, the side agreement does nothing to guarantee the right of the U.S. government to enforce such laws through trade measures.

The kinds of laws threatened by NAFTA include:

- U.S. food safety laws and other product standards
- State and local laws exceeding international standards
- Laws regulating import of products produced in ways that damage the environment, as noted above, and
- International Environmental Agreements enforced through import regulations.

In addition, NAFTA does little to lift the threat that our trading partners could use lax enforcement of their laws to attract investment.

2. The U.S. public remains shut out of the NAFTA dispute-resolution process if U.S. environmental laws are challenged as trade barriers. As even its staunchest advocates in the environmental community concede, "the NAFTA dispute resolution rules are still largely closed to public input." Instead, panels of trade experts, with no special qualifications in environmental issues, would make these vitally important decisions in secret behind closed doors.

3. Key elements are missing from the plan to clean up the U.S.-Mexico border. Draft proposals make no provisions to clean up toxic waste sites, reduce air pollution, pave dusty roads, protect wildlife habitat, or enhance Mexico's regulatory and enforcement capacity. As a result, proposed funding levels fall well short of the \$21 billion needed over the next ten years. Moreover, most of the funding the Administration has proposed may never materialize. It comes in the form of "bonding authority," essentially permission to borrow money. However,

other international trade agreements. NAFTA builds on existing international trade rules that have attacked legitimate environmental protections as barriers to trade.

As one leading environmental economist has observed and as this study documents, "[T]rade officials have attempted to shift international rules of the game to protect the goals of free trade against those of environmental protection. Understandably, these shifts have provoked environmental groups to intense opposition."

Never before has one agreement threatened so many of the values held by Sierra Club members, or so many of the laws we have worked to enact.

most border communities are too poor to pay off such bonds.

NAFTA offers a unique opportunity to implement a comprehensive, adequately-funded border clean-up program. If this opportunity is squandered, the border's problems could be neglected for years to come.

4. The environmental side agreement provides sanctions for countries that fail to enforce their environmental laws. However, the process is so long and complicated, even egregious violations would be hard to penalize. If sanctions cannot be applied readily, countries would have little incentive to actually improve enforcement. Polluters could remain free to cross borders in order to take advantage of weak environmental laws and indifferent enforcement.

Stemming the Threat to Environmental Protection

The Sierra Club believes that this NAFTA must be defeated and renegotiated to stem the rising threat to environmental protection posed by this and

A recent news story confirms the point. Even before the ink was dry on the side agreements, the Clinton Administration began considering new regulations to screen environmental regulations for their effects on trade.

At the same time, the Administration has actively opposed reciprocal efforts to evaluate trade agreements for their effects on the environment. If one is legitimate, clearly the other is, too.

We view such shifts in the rules of the trading game as economically and environmentally unnecessary and counterproductive. Environmental protection is a necessary condition for trade that benefits everyone. Unless good environmental laws are adequately enforced, the economic gains expected from trade can be dissipated through destruction of natural resources and contamination of the environment.

In short, the free-trade pact offered by the current administration remains fatally flawed. The Sierra Club's

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Imagine Utah Wilderness

by Paula Rains, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

IMAGINE A PLACE where the ancient Anasazi painted their history high on the canyon walls. Or a place where a herd of bighorn sheep wanders to the stream to drink deeply. Or a place where you can stand, surrounded by red rock walls, looking up at a sliver of sky 150 feet above.

Now imagine that this place you visualized is threatened by oil and gas development, hard rock and coal mining, or water development.

This place is real and located in your backyard. It is the Colorado Plateau. It is Utah's isolated west desert. Cut and shaped by the forces of nature, this place is the repository of some of the most unique land forms in the world. It is home to many of the West's most endangered species, including the desert tortoise, Colorado squaw fish, Maguires primrose and the Utah prairie dog.

Wallace Stegner said, in the introduction to *Wilderness at the Edge*, the Utah Wilderness Coalition's wilderness proposal:

"The Utah deserts and plateaus and canyons are not a country of big returns, but a country of spiritual healing, incomparable for contemplation, meditation, solitude, quiet, awe, peace of mind and body.... Factories, power plants, resorts, we can make anywhere. Wilderness, once we have given it up, is beyond our reconstruction."

This place is the topic of a multimedia slide show presented by the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA). *Imagine Wilderness*, written and produced by photographer John Telford, with some narration by Wallace Stegner, is a journey of sight and sound through Utah's unique wilderness lands. It highlights the spectacular beauty of the area from Desert peak in the Newfoundland Mountains to Hatch Wash in the Behind the Rocks wilderness.

Hear about the threats these areas face. Coal development on the Kaiparowits Plateau, dams on the Virgin River north of the Zion Narrows, chaining on Muddy Creek, gold mining on King Top in the west desert.

If you are interested in Utah wilderness and the Colorado Plateau, join us November 11 at the Santa Fe Unitarian Church, 107 W. Barcelona Rd, at 7:30 PM to view the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance slide show *Imagine Wilderness*.

Afterwards there will be a discussion of the threats to these areas and how you can help protect them. This is a free event cosponsored by the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, NM Environmental Law Center, Great Old Broads for Wilderness and the Audubon Society. For more information, call the Sierra Club at 983-2703 or Tom Noble at 982-2126.

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opposition to this NAFTA, adopted unanimously by its Board of Directors, is the result of a painstaking examination of the text of both the original document and the environmental side agreement.

The Sierra Club's position, unchanged for the past two years, is that liberalized trade must not come at the expense of a healthy global environment. Despite assurances to the contrary, the environmental side

agreement fails to provide definitive answers to the grave questions raised by the Bush NAFTA.

In the final analysis, it is the precise language of NAFTA and the environmental side agreement — not the vague promises of its supporters — that will determine whether we trade away our environmental future. On that basis we must oppose this NAFTA, and work for a better one.

Cargo for Mayor

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to recognize the impact of today's actions on the Albuquerque of tomorrow: "Typically, we do not imagine that most mayoral races will have impacts much beyond the next four years. The immediate environmental issues are different because decisions made by the city today will have repercussions for decades to come. Dave Cargo will be a mayor with a vision for Albuquerque which balances growth and development with concern for our environmental, cultural and historic values."

What You Can Do

Sierra Club members have a unique opportunity to influence the outcome of this Mayoral election. A concerted effort by a small cadre of energetic, dedicated volunteers can easily swing many thousands of votes to our candidate, Dave Cargo. What a difference that will make for Albuquerque's environment over the next four years, and on into the 21st century!

There are a number of tasks common to all city-wide campaigns like this one: dropping candidate information literature at homes throughout a targeted precinct, calling voters on the telephone with information about the candidate, stuffing envelopes with informational literature for mailing, keeping records, maintaining computer databases, etc. We have been asked to help with all these tasks, plus all the many others which will come up before the election. Contact Dave Bouquin at 265-7853 for information on the time and place of the next event.

If you can't participate in the events, how about sending a check? With the help of a lot of us dedicated volunteers, any money you send will return the greatest number of votes on election day. Send checks to the Albuquerque Sierra Club office, 207 San Pedro NE, made out to "David Cargo for Mayor".

Finally, remember to vote on Tuesday, November 9.

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The Price of Everything, the Value of Nothing

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STARRY-EYED POLITICIANS still tend to think that compiling national accounts in a greener way is a short cut to environmental credibility. On Earth Day this year, President Clinton announced that the United States would look at ways to make its national accounts greener. And the EC [European Community] is beginning a Community-wide exercise of the same sort.

However, there is a gulf between what politicians hope for and what statisticians can deliver. The United Nations has recently revised the system of national accounts (SNA), the internationally agreed basis for measuring national income and wealth. One of the points at issue was how to deal with the environment. Conventional national accounts have, in the eyes of environmentalists, three drawbacks:

- they do not count clean air or extensive forests as part of a country's wealth. Yet people may feel worse off if they live in a country which is dirty and barren;
- they record the depreciation of man-made capital, but not the use of natural capital. A country which exhausts its man-made capital without replacing it clearly grows poorer; one which exhausts its fish stocks or mines may appear, on conventional measures, to grow richer;
- they often record the costs of cleaning up environmental damage as an addition to national product; they do not subtract the environmental loss caused by the damage in the first place.

The new SNA still has these shortcomings. The basic difficulty is the need for a common measure of value. Something that is never remotely likely to be bought or sold — such as the ozone layer or a clean river — is difficult to put into the same accounts as the car industry or the housing market.

Instead, a new UN handbook, to be published soon, will suggest ways in which countries can compile separate, or "satellite" environmental accounts.

The handbook has an obvious flaw as a general economic guide: like much recent research on environmental accounts, it is based on work in developing countries. The relationship between the environment and economics differs enormously between the developed world and poorer countries. Not only does the exploitation of natural resources account for much more of national output in most poor countries; damage to the national environment is also likely to impose more obvious costs.

The UN handbook separates two kinds of environmental impact of economic activity: depletion and degradation. Depletion captures the effects of, say, logging or mining; degradation, the pollution of air, water and land. In developed countries, the scale of industry and transport means that degradation tends to matter more than depletion. But most statisticians feel that it is easier to put monetary values on depletion than degradation, if only because depletion usually extracts something that is sold. There are still plenty of arguments about the right way to value depletion, as Ernst Lutz argues in an new book of essays on green accounting from the World Bank.

Unsurprisingly, countries seem to have found it easier to collect information on their physical stocks of natural capital than to use monetary values to adjust their conventional measures of GDP [Gross Domestic Product]. Norway and France, for example, both have programmes — in Norway's case, dating back to 1970 — to collect data on the physical stock of natural resources.

The Dutch have set off on a different tack. Their Central Bureau of Statistics published in May a set of satellite

accounts which break down the economy by industry and households, and show how each contributed to a variety of environmental problems in 1989. The results show, for example, that agriculture contributes little to employment or exports; but — with the world's highest application of nitrogen fertiliser per kilometre — it contributes mightily to acidification and eutrophication (both caused by the pollution of water with nutrients).

This exercise has annoyed Dutch farmers, who claim that they are only part of a larger industry. They would have been on stronger ground if they had made a different point; why should the costs of agricultural pollution be attributed to the producer rather than the consumer? Anne Harrison, an economist at the OECD [Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development], points out in the World Bank's collection of essays that if people travel on a polluting bus, it is not clear that the emission from the bus should be ascribed to the transport company rather than the passengers. The Dutch statisticians are reworking their figures to deal with this point.

But the Dutch study does offer a way to examine the effects of economic activity on environmental degradation without trying to value it. Indeed, the Dutch statisticians argue strongly against attempts to incorporate monetary value for environmental damage into estimates of national income, on the grounds that such exercises do not compare like with like. Steven Keuning, head of the national accounts research division, argues that green accounts are not true national accounting but rather model-building. "If the (substantial) costs subtracted in these approaches had been charged in reality," he says, "we would have lived in a totally different world, and it is quite naive to assume that all economic subjects would have swallowed these costs

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Poisons on Public Lands

by Patricia Wolff

ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL agents may have been kicked off New Mexico state trust lands, but they're still managing to kill wildlife on state lands by licensing private ranchers to act as their protégés. ADC has licensed 120 ranchers to use M-44's on state and other public lands in New Mexico, according to the *Albuquerque Journal*. M-44's are EPA-restricted chemical devices that explode sodium cyanide into animal mouths.

Richard Allgood, an avid quail hunter and former New Mexico Game Commissioner, told the *Journal* that he has found M-44's inches from roadways, even though they are supposed to be placed at least 50 feet from any public road or pathway. He also stated that legally required warning signs aren't being posted near the devices.

"The present secrecy surrounding the use of cyanide in predator control poses a clear and present hazard to the public and must change," Allgood said.

The EPA's warning label for M-44 cyanide capsules cautions that this toxic chemical not be used in areas frequented by humans or domestic dogs.

Threatened and endangered species affected by sodium cyanide include the California condor, San Joaquin kit fox, jaguarundi, ocelot, gray wolf and grizzly bear. Non-target species reported killed by M-44's in recent years include domestic dogs and cats, foxes, badgers, bobcats, opossums, javelina, porcupines, ring-tailed cats, raccoons, skunks and black bear.

Public land managers have full authority to approve or disapprove the use of M-44's on lands under their jurisdiction. Write or call New Mexico State Land Commissioner Ray Powell, Jr., and urge him to ban M-44's. Phone (505) 827-87501; address: State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501. Also urge President Clinton and EPA Director Carol Browner to ban the use of sodium cyanide M-44's on all federal lands.

For further information on how you can help to get these poisons off our public lands, call Patricia Wolff, Rio Grande chapter wildlife chair, at 989-1663.

The November issue of Sierra magazine features an article on our wildlife chair and ADC.

Letter in Silver City paper denounces "ecopornographers"

THE FOLLOWING excerpt from a letter which appeared in the October 19 *Silver City Daily Press* indicates the rancor of the debate over endangered species in the Gila.

"...I am a hunter, fisherman, woodsman and eater of beef, and I also like vegetables. To eat that is. I don't care for just looking at them and trying to make certain somebody else doesn't eat them. A dam on the Gila River below Cliff would enhance and improve all of the above activities....

"Let's demand that we be shown a Loach minnow and a Spikedace once

a year, preferably in the spring after the runoff....

"Now, if these aforementioned ecopornographers get lucky and do manage to show us what we want to see — well, there is a substance called rotenone that would take care of things nicely. After it was dispensed into the Gila River and things cleared up, the river could be stocked with something other than Loach minnows and Spikedaces. The spotted owl? Find someone who has shotgun and will travel.

"Perhaps, to enrich the water in the Gila River, we might utilize some

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without an adjustment of their behaviour."

That, though, is precisely the reason environmentalists have so often chivvied politicians to introduced green national-income accounts. The environmentalists hope that, if environmental loss can be shown as an economic costs, people's behaviour will change. Maybe they would be better to lobby for policies that actually make people pay the costs of environmental damage than for statistics which show what the world might look like if people did.

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heavy wire and a few large, heavy rocks. We could attach the wire securely to the rocks on one end. The other end could be attached securely, very securely, to the arm, leg or other body extremity of an ecopornographer. Deposit all three objects in one to the deep pools in the river and presto! Or adios or something."

National Chevron Boycott Announced Research Reveals Corporate Contributions to "Wise Use" Groups

CHARGING THAT CHEVRON Corporation finances anti-environmental organizations and pollutes the West while presenting a "green" image, Western public interest activists are calling for a national boycott of Chevron gas stations. Their investigation of Chevron has revealed that the company donates thousands of dollars each year to so-called "wise-use" groups which promote privatizing and commercializing public lands.

"The problem with Chevron and the 'wise-use' groups lies in exploitation and deceit," said Tom Ribe, Director of the Boycott Chevron Campaign. "Corporations such as Chevron target rural people facing financial uncertainty in a changing economy and then use them to further corporate political goals which often are contrary to the economic and environmental interests of working people and the country in general. While these 'wise-use' groups masquerade as grassroots organizations, their boards of directors are populated with executives from mining, logging and oil companies."

"Chevron is hiding behind a green mask," said Sam Hitt, director of Forest Guardians, a New Mexico-based environmental organization. "By boycotting Chevron, consumers with an interest in protecting the environment have a way to fight back."

Hitt urges consumers with Chevron credit cards to cut them up and send them to: Kenneth Derr, Chairman of the Board, Chevron Corp., 225 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94104.

An investigation of Chevron activities has shown that the company engages in "corporate greenwashing," said Pat Wolff, director of New West Research, the organization that conducted the investigation. According to Wolff:

- Chevron has funneled at least \$92,000 to People for the West! through the Western States Public Lands Coalition, an industry front group registered with the IRS as a 501(c)(6) business organization. People for the West! was organized in 1989 to generate "grassroots" opposition to 1872 Mining Law reform. Chevron constituent relations manager Thomas Walker sits on WSPLC's board of directors.

- In its 1992 Annual Report of Contributions, Chevron claimed it gave \$1,335,518 to nonprofit environmental organizations, but many were actually anti-environmental organizations.

- One such group, the National Wilderness Institute, is listed in a right-wing organizational directory called *The Right Guide* as a group that "stresses the need for private

sector stewardship which enhances the resource base without unnecessarily inhibiting economic growth." The NWI newsletter regularly blasts legitimate environmental groups in a column called "Red Alert."

- The Committee for a Constructive Tomorrow, which received \$15,000 from Chevron in 1992, combats what it calls "the intentional effort underway in our schools to indoctrinate children with a dangerous Green mentality."

- The Pacific Legal Foundation, which defends the interests of mining and logging companies, real estate developers, chemical manufacturers, oil companies, electric utilities and the nuclear power industry against public interest legal actions, received \$18,000 from Chevron last year.

- The Ralph Nader-founded publication *Multinational Monitor* reported that Chevron pled guilty to 65 federal Clean Water Act violations in 1992 and was ordered to pay \$6.5 million in criminal fines and \$1.5 million in civil fines.

- The Council on Economic Priorities reports that the company's El Segundo refinery recently paid a fine of \$1.5 million, the largest assessed by the EPA in the last decade for a single facility for illegally dumping pollutants into Santa Monica Bay.

- Franklin Research and Development Corp. of Boston provides information on high-capitalization companies for socially responsible investors. Franklin judges company performance in nine social categories and ranks them on a scale of 1 to 5. A 1990 Franklin Insight profile ranked Chevron near the bottom with a 4.

This article was adopted from a press release from the Boycott Chevron campaign. For more information, write to Boycott Chevron at P.O. box 789, Los Alamos, NM 87544, or call Forest Guardians at (505) 988-9126.

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SANTA FE GROUP NEWS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1993



NEW MEXICO — LAND OF BLUE SKYS, FORESTS, DESERTS
AND
LESS AND LESS WATER !!

Our November meeting will be a panel discussion on water issues in the immediate Santa Fe County area, such as golf courses and leach fields. Ken Hughes will moderate the panel, consisting of: Ms. Paige Morgan of Souder Miller & Assoc., hydrologists; two representatives from the Las Campanas Development; and José Viegas, with cultural implications and perspectives from the La Cienega Community near the Downs race track.

If you are concerned about *WATER QUANTITY* and *WATER QUALITY*, be at the Unitarian Church (Barcelona between Don Gaspar and Galisteo) Tuesday, November 16 at 7:30 PM. The meeting is free and open to all!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1993

The best potluck dinner in Santa Fe is at our annual Holiday party, which will be held this year on Saturday, December 18, 1993, at 6:00 PM at the Unitarian Church (on Barcelona between Don Gaspar and Galisteo). We'll sing carols and enjoy the fun of seeing who wins the loot in our silent auction. Each attendee should bring a food dish to feed at least eight people. And, if you have a white elephant or some useful or totally frivolous item you'd like to pass on to someone else, please bring it along to be put up for bidding at the silent auction. We already know we'll have downhill skis and boots, original art, pottery, weaving, swim flippers and mask, and other neat stuff. What can you add?

We'll be taking a small financial contribution at the door to help defray the cost of the party. If you can help set up before or clean up after the party, or if you need ideas about what food to bring, please call Norma McCallan at 471-0005. Hope to see you there!

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Executive Committee of the Santa Fe Group will meet at noon at the offices of Jurgens, Tallmadge & With, 322 Montezuma on Tuesday, November 2, and Tuesday, December 7, 1993.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE FOR JANUARY: Tuesday, January 4, 1994, the meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the Santa Fe Group Office, 440 Cerrillos Road, to choose 1994 officers and committee chairs.

DOCENTS NEEDED FOR SIERRA STATE LOBBYISTS GIG

Santa Fe is the site of an annual get together of Sierra Club lobbyists December 3, 4, and 5. Over 60 lobbyists from state capitals and all across the country will gather to swap stories (both success and horror) and strategies on how to most effectively fight for the environment at state legislatures.

Volunteers are needed on Sunday, December 5, to provide the group a chance to hike or cross-country ski the Sangre de Cristos or to get a guided tour of Santa

The Conservation Committee of the Santa Fe Group meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the group office, 440 Cerrillos Road. All conservation matters to be brought before the Executive Committee should be presented first at the Conservation Committee meetings for discussion and recommendation. The next three meetings are November 23, December 28 and January 25, 7:00 PM.

Fe. If you can help in transporting and/or guiding, please call Ken Hughes at 474-0550.

A NOTE OF THANKS . . .

. . . to Carole Owens for allowing the Group to take over her garage for a sale in September, and to Carole, Norma McCallan, and Jana Oyler for their long hours of arranging, pricing, and selling. The garage sale raised almost \$300 to help keep the rent paid.

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>>>>>>>>> SANTA FE GROUP OUTINGS <<<<<<<<<<

Sat Sun November

- 6 Arnold and Carolyn Keskulla (982-9570) Easy/Moderate Hike on Forest Road 79. Leave 8:30 AM.
 7 Victor Atyas (471-7545) Easy/Moderate Hike in the Cerrillos Hills. Leave 8:30 AM.
 7 Caroline Glick (984-3184) Strenuous Hike to the Stone Lions. Call for reservations.
 13 Lionel Soracco (983-6715) Moderate Hike to Shaggy Peak and Apache Canyon. Mostly *off-trail*. Wear sturdy boots. Leave 9 AM.
 14 Jeff Jones (984-2389) Very Easy Hike in Tent Rocks. Leave 9 AM. Children welcome.

Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon (Nov. 12-13-14-15)

- Norma McCallan (471-0005) Car Camp and Moderate Day Hikes in Moab area of SE Utah, including hike up Prof Canyon and trek to Pritchett Arch. Dogs allowed. Leave Thur (11-11) PM.
 20 Steven Janus (984-4137) Strenuous Hike to Pecos Baldy (conditions permitting). Leave 7:30 AM.
 21 Bob McKee (672-3426) Moderate Hike on the Burro Trail in Bandelier. Call leader for time and meeting place.
 27 Norrine Sanders (984-0386) Strenuous Hike to the Stone Lions from Ponderosa Campground. 15 miles roundtrip. Leave 8 AM.
 28 John Turnbull (982-9329) Moderate Ski Tour (snow permitting) Cumbres Pass area (near Chama) beautiful scenery and rolling terrain. Approx. 7 miles roundtrip. Leave from Wilderness Exchange on Cordova Road. Joint trip with ABQ Group. Call for reservations and departure time.
 28 Norbert Sperlich (983-1962) Moderate Hike on the Caja del Rio. Leave 8 AM.
 28 Elizabeth Altman (471-8490) Easy Hike Kitchen Mesa, nr Ghost Ranch. One rock scramble. Lve 9 AM.

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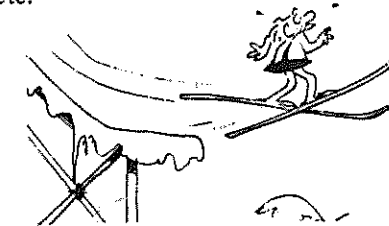
- 4 Carolyn & Arnold Keskulla (982-9570) Moderate Hike Atalaya, 1600' elevation gain. Leave 9 AM.
 5 Victor Atyas (471-7545) Easy/Moderate Hike in Cerrillos Hills. Leave 9 AM.
 11 Norrine Sanders (984-0386) Moderate Hike to Ancho Rapids, 6 miles roundtrip, 1000' elevation gain. Steep climb. Leave 8:30 AM.
 12 Norma McCallan (471-0005) Easy/Moderate Hike on Salazar-Rim Vista Trail (near Ghost Ranch) or closer to Santa Fe if bad weather. Dogs allowed. Leave 8:30 AM.
 16 John Turnbull (982-9329) Indoor Ski Class Introduction to Cross-country Skiing. A discussion of Nordic skiing, including its history, various applications, and relationship to Alpine (*downhill*) skiing; Nordic equipment, especially for backcountry skiing; and what to wear. Unitarian Church. 7:15 PM to approximately 9:15 PM.
 18 John Turnbull (982-9329) Outdoor Ski class Beginning Cross-country Skiing - Basic Techniques. An introduction to fundamentals of Nordic skiing, classical style, emphasizing backcountry needs. Probably at Los Alamos Golf Course, but possibly elsewhere, depending on snow. Bring snacks or a small lunch and water. Equipment may be rented at most shops. Leave 9:00 AM from Wilderness Exchange (next to Osco Drug Store), return early afternoon.
 18 Joe Whelan (984-0746) Moderate Cross-Country Ski Trip if snow (otherwise, hike). Call leader for details. Leave 8:30 AM.
 19 John Turnbull (982-9329) Beginner Cross-country Ski Tour Snow permitting. Vicinity to be determined. Thoughtful pace, with time to look at the trees. About six miles. Instruction in assessing and skiing various terrain. Bring snacks, at least one quart of water, and generous lunch. Leave 9:00 AM from Wilderness Exchange (next to Osco Drug Store), return about 4 PM. Carpooling.
 19 Julie Montoya King (438-7197) Moderate Hike, moderate pace, to Window Rock, 8 miles roundtrip, 1000' elevation gain. Leave 8 AM.
 25 HAPPY HOLIDAY - no hike scheduled.
 26 Jeff Jones (984-2389) Easy Hike along railroad tracks near Glorieta. Kids welcome. Meet at main (second) entrance to Eldorado at 10 AM.
 26 David Brown (662-2185) Moderate/Strenuous Cross-Country Ski Tour Call leader for details.

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Thu Sat Sun January

- 1 Arnold and Carolyn Keskulla (982-9570) Easy Hike up Arroyo Chamisa. Leave 9:30 AM.
 2 Norbert Sperlich (983-1962) Moderate Hike in La Bajada area. Leave 8:30 AM.
 6 John Turnbull (982-9329) Indoor Ski Class Introduction to Cross-country Skiing. A discussion of Nordic skiing, including its history, various applications, and relationship to Alpine (*downhill*) skiing; Nordic equipment, especially for backcountry skiing; and what to wear. Unitarian Church. 7:15 PM to approximately 9:15 PM.
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 8 Brian Johnson (983-5672) Moderate Cross-Country Ski Tour in Amole Canyon/U.S. Hill (near Peñasco). Call leader for time and reservations.
 9 John Turnbull (982-9329) Beginner Cross-country Ski Tour Snow permitting. Vicinity to be determined. Thoughtful pace, with time to look at the trees. About six miles. Instruction in assessing and skiing various terrain. Bring snacks, at least one quart of water, and generous lunch. Leave 9:00 AM from Wilderness Exchange (next to Osco Drug Store), return about 4 PM. Carpooling.
 9 Victor Atyas (471-7545) Easy Hike Leave 9 AM. Destination depends on snow and weather.
 15 Joe Whelan (984-0746) Moderate Cross-Country Ski Tour Wherever snow is good. Leave 8:30 AM. Call for details.
 15 Norma McCallan (471-0005) Easy/Moderate Hike on La Bajada. Dogs allowed. Leave 9 AM.
 16 Bob McKee Moderate Hike on Red Dot-Blue Dot Trail, near White Rock. Calls taken at 471-0005 re time and meeting place.
 22 Steven Janus (988-4137) Moderate/Strenuous Snowshoe Tour up Ravens Ridge to Lake Peak. Leave 8 AM from entrance to Fort Marcy Sports Complex.
 23 Louise Leopold (988-4592) Moderate Hike Galisteo Basin to Waldo. Dogs allowed. Leave 9 AM.
 22 & 23 Margo Wilson (1-744-5860) Moderate Day Hikes Saturday and Sunday in T or C area, including the Percha Box. Drive down Friday PM, camp out at Margo's house Fri & Sat, pot-luck supper Sat nite. Local contact Norma McCallan (471-0005). Get away for a weekend, enjoy the warmer and balmy climes of T or C.
 29 Norrine Sanders (984-0386) Moderate Hike near Ojo Caliente. Leave 8:30 AM.
 30 Elizabeth Altman (471-8490) And A River Runs Through It Easy 6 Mile Hike along Santa Fe River. Leave 9 AM.

Interested in ski touring, but nothing is scheduled? There may be a last-minute trip happening, or if there is sufficient interest one may be arranged. Phone either John Turnbull (982-9329) in Santa Fe or Stan Kuchak (292-9138) in Albuquerque. The non-scheduled trips often are the best of all, taking advantage of new snow, etc.



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Outings Notes -- All outings, unless otherwise specified, leave from the PERA parking lot at the corner of Paseo de Peralta and Old Santa Fe Trail (across the street from the State Capitol and Patis Corbae). Carpooling will be arranged at the parking lot, and each hiker should come prepared to pay 5 cents a mile to the driver of the car in which hiker rides. Hikers should bring a lunch, water, sturdy hiking boots or shoes, and clothing suitable for the weather — leader reserves the right to turn away anyone whose equipment or experience appears unsuitable. 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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1993 -- A LOOK BACK
by Jana Oyler, 1993 Group Chair



The Santa Fe Group shared in a real legislative triumph this year: thanks to the Sierra Club, the New Mexico legislature passed a good hard-rock mining regulations bill. The Group's other conservation concerns include the proposed expansion of the Santa Fe Ski Area, exploring public access to the National Forest from the east side of Santa Fe, attempts at reconciling the need for fuel wood with several badly-designed timber sales in the Carson National Forest, energy conservation, and public ownership of Santa Fe's water system. Van Perkins took over the leadership of the Group's conservation work and did a masterful job at keeping on top of things.

Helen Moser organized our general programs and came up with some truly inspired evenings. We started the year with an in-depth look at environmental action in the New Mexico legislature, then went on a photographic trip to New Zealand with native Kiwi Bill Drake and his wife, Janet Peacock, and later to the Appalachians, Rockies and Himalayas with John Vavruska. The spring brought us a show on native plants from Gail Haggard of Plants of the Southwest and a visit from The Wildlife Center's raptors, including a golden eagle and a short-eared owl. After a summer break, we learned about eco-conscious housing from Rob Althouse and the status of public access to the Santa Fe National Forest just east of the city. Helen has also done wonders with publicizing our meetings and outings; mere thanks cannot do her justice.

The Group's socializing outside of general meetings and on outings was limited this year to our summer solstice picnic held in Gwen Wardwell's lovely yard and to our upcoming pot-luck Christmas party. There's a real need in the group for a social chair to organize some new members' parties or after-hike dinners, special events for single members, etc. Any ideas?

The Group is also in need of fundraising ideas. Much of our conservation budget comes from sales of our hiking book, and the Hiking Book Committee is hard at work on the 4th edition. We've supplemented our operating funds a little this year with a garage sale at Carole Owens' house, the silent auction at the Christmas party, and a raft trip, as well as with incidental sales of tee-shirts and other Club items. But we need to be doing much more.

Also in 1993, we staffed a booth at the Earth Day celebration at the Santa Fe Children's Museum; held an outings leaders training day; participated in rallies on mining reform, animal damage control, and grazing on public lands; used our telephone tree to alert members to urgent environmental issues (thanks to Martha Anne Freeman); answered innumerable phone calls from residents and tourists (thanks again to Sue McIntosh and Lionel Soracco); and led more than a hundred hikes, backpacks, bike trips, car camps, and cross-country ski trips.

It's been a busy year, and I tender my thanks to all of you who have been a part of it.



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Political Committee — Ken Hughes*	988-9297	Mark Mortier*	983-5870

* Member of the SF Group Executive Committee

Terms expire 12/93: McCallan/Mortier/Muckelroy/Oyler/Soracco
12/94: Hughes/McIntosh/Moser/Perkins

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Candidates for Santa Fe Group Executive Committee

Mark Mortier

As a long-time resident of Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico, I have seen the changes that have come about over the years, often at the expense of the environment. These changes have oftentimes threatened or destroyed the very things that many of us came here for. It is up to us to protect these things, or they will be lost forever. To this end I have been an activist in various issues that affect the environment around us such as National Forest planning and the political process. Currently, I am involved in Santa Fe National Forest issues, especially the Ski Basin Expansion and the fight to save Atalaya. I believe that in addition to dealing with issues of national importance, the Sierra Club should have a strong, visible role in supporting local causes. This can be done using our financial resources, leadership, and activist membership.

George Grossman

I am a retired bridge engineer and have lived in Santa Fe since 1962 and in New Mexico since 1956. I became involved in environmental work in 1970 and have concentrated most of my efforts on public land issues, especially wilderness. I prepared the maps for nearly all of the conservationists' wilderness proposals, testified at many public hearings and lobbied Congress for wilderness.

I participated in the development of the Forest Plans for both the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests. In 1991 I served on the congressional delegation's Timber Task Force, which found there was very little timber available for harvest.

I joined the Sierra Club in 1978 and have served on the Group ExCom several times. I continue to attend most of the meetings.

I have served as the Rio Grande Chapter Conservation Committee Chair. I have also served on the Chapter Political Committee and have supervised the Chapter lobbyist.

Martha Anne Freeman

I have been active in environmental issues for the 17 years I have lived in Santa Fe. For several years I was the director of Santa Fe Forest Watch and am currently active in the Santa Fe Forestry Council. My activities include monitoring all facets of the Forest Service -- at present I am involved in the East Fork of the Wild and Scenic Jemez River and several other interdisciplinary teams in various districts of the Forest Service. To be an effective environmentalist, I believe it is mandatory to first become educated on all issues of a problem. My other community activities include serving on the executive committees of the Council on International Relations and The Friends of the Wheelwright Museum. I am also chair of the telephone tree for the Santa Fe Group of the Sierra Club.

Vickie Gabin

I've been instructed to write no more than 150 words about myself in pursuit of an ExCom position. No problem.

The positive: Rio Grande Chapter water issues co-chair and novice money-raiser for the cause; water rights lawyer; literate; responsible; commitment to water planning efforts and water resources reform in New Mexico. On the other hand: mediocre business acumen; water rights lawyer; intense dislike for politics and public speaking; lousy memory for jokes. Might be useful someday: restaurant critic experience and swell cooking

skills; love of fiction and film; ability to fit into small spaces.

Norma McCallan

I have been a member of the Santa Fe Group Excom for many years and held various offices, including secretary, programs, vice chair and chair. I am completing my second term on the chapter Excom. Have long been involved with the outings program - currently am group and chapter outings chair. I see outings as a primary mechanism for recruitment, for increasing appreciation of wild and special areas, and for firing up activism over threatened places and species. Concerns for Santa Fe Group are: 1) ways to increase the number of activists (pitifully few for all the issues); 2) more networking and cooperation with local groups and citizens in areas of mutual concern; 3) growing necessity for fundraising. I belong to many environmental organizations. Because of its grassroots activities and broad commitment to the environment, Sierra Club is the one organization I have been willing to spend a lot of time and effort in helping.

Lionel Soracco

Since assuming the duties of Treasurer two years ago, it has been my pleasure and privilege to add to that responsibility those of Executive Committee member, Secretary, Hiking Book distributor, Outing Leader, and most recently, an activist for Atalaya Mountain. I would like to continue as a member of the Executive Committee and ask for your support.

Group ballot is on the last page.

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING THE NEW RANGE WARS: LIVESTOCK OR WILDLIFE

By Susan Gorman

It's Movie Night with the Sierra Club!

Rangeland reform is in the making. The US Congress is debating new legislation to change the way public lands are managed, particularly with respect to grazing policy. The BLM, guided by Bruce Babbitt and Jim Baca, is developing new regulations to manage our public lands in a sustainable way that protects the land and the wildlife inhabitants.

The film, "The New Range Wars," features interviews with ranchers and environmentalists and visions of western lands, pristine and ravaged. The film was made by Roger Snodgrass, a New Mexican filmmaker and was shown on public television. Roger has agreed give us a personal showing of the film and add his own special commentary. Come learn what the "exotic herbivores" such as cattle and sheep have done to the range and what changes are being made to reform the abuses.

Preceding the main program, there will be slides of the Bisti and De-Na-Zin Wilderness Areas taken at the recent outing. There will be news about upcoming events and outings and opportunities to get involved in the various activities of the Albuquerque Group. Bring a cup for refreshments provided by the Club.

The meeting will be held on Monday, November 15th, at 7:30 PM in Room 2401 of the UNM Law School Building on the northwest corner of Stanford and Mountain NE. PLEASE COME!

Thanksgiving Potluck - November 21st

Reviving an old Albuquerque Group tradition, we are going to have an informal 'Potluck Supper' on Sunday evening, November 21st beginning at 5 pm.

Jay Sorenson, Chair of the Albuquerque Group has offered to be our host. He lives at 2800 Charleston NE, which is two blocks North of Manual, and two blocks West of Pennsylvania.

All members are invited to come by and stay for as long as you can. There's no formality, just a chance to meet some of your fellow members in a more casual atmosphere than the general meeting. We'll plan to eat around 6 pm, so bring a dish to share and your own plate and utensils and join us.

We are hoping to make this the first of many similar gatherings. If you would like to host a future one, call Blair at 265-3231. Keep your eye on the Sierran for the date and time of the next one. See you there !

A Modest Transportation Proposal . . .

Orange barrels, traffic jams and street closures seem to be increasing. And the voters rejected two cents to help alleviate some of this. But I have thought of one simple thing that can be done that may have some impact. With over 7000 employees, Sandia National Laboratories is one of the largest employers in Albuquerque. Add to this many more who work for the Air Force and Phillips Laboratory and you end up with major gridlock.

Sandia National Laboratories has an official work schedule of 8 - 4:30. Anyone who works for Sandia can attest to the clogging of Gibson, Eubank, Louisiana and Wyoming at these times. When AT&T ran Sandia they professed to be a good neighbor and serve the community. Now that Martin Marietta has taken over, it is their chance to demonstrate this by instituting a more flexible work schedule, for example, any 8 hr shift between 7am and 6pm. The benefits to our traffic and air quality certainly outweigh any reasons, whatever they may be, for keeping the rigid schedule.

Larry Compton

Mucho Thanks

Ellen and Ron Lochman for providing your home for the parking lot party.

Thanks to the 50 or so parking lot volunteers

Nick Nickolaus and Susan Van de Mark for organizing the parking lot this year.

Marsha, Susan, Irv, Rhoda, Susan, Jane for the second office clean up.

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Holiday Party - Sunday, December 19th

As in previous years, we will be having a Holiday party in place of the December general meeting. It's a great opportunity to renew friendships, meet new people and talk about the successes of this year and the challenges of next year.

Marsha Cohen has graciously offered to hold the party at her home. She lives at 1304 Linda Court in Corrales (go West across Alameda Blvd, north on Corrales Road for 1/2 mile, and left on Cabezon Road; turn on Calle Linda and then onto Linda Court - her phone number is 897-1591 if you need help finding it).

Please bring your favorite dish, enough to serve 6 to 8. Also bring your own non-disposable plates, cups and utensils. The Club will provide sodas, beer and wine, plus ice and condiments.

In the spirit of Club's efforts on recycling, we are going to 'Recycle Gifts' this year. This means that everyone should bring a wrapped gift, which should be something that you have around your house and no longer need (examples might be an Edward Abbey novel you've already read, an Earth Day '92 T-shirt you never wore, an extra '94 picture calendar you don't need, etc). After dinner, those who have brought gifts will draw numbers to see who gets which gift. It should be fun.

If anyone can come a little early to put up lumenarias or help set up, we'd really appreciate it. Call Marsha at 897-1591 or Terri at 265-8274.

Be sure to write the date on your calendar: December 19th from 5 - 9 pm and think about which of your 'treasures' you'll bring to recycle. See you there !!

1993 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The Albuquerque Group of the Sierra Club depends entirely on the efforts of volunteers. To help our efforts, call the following issue coordinators:

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Air Quality	Heidi Fleischmann	260-1217
Books/	Rich Adam	266-4657
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City Planning	(vacant)	
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Mining Issues	Blair Brown	265-3231
Newsletter	Dorothy Brethauer	275-6113
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Public Lands	Barbara Stone	265-5304
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Wildlife	Marc Bedner	299-2004

CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place at the Club office at 207 San Pedro NE.

Nov 4: Mexican Wolf Coalition, 7:30 pm.

Nov 8: Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm.

Nov 15: **Sierra Club General Meeting**, UNM Law School, Rm 2402, 7:30 PM.

Nov 22: Conservation Committee meeting, 7:30 pm.

Dec 2: Mexican Wolf Coalition, 7:30 pm.

Dec 7: Activities & Special Planning meeting 7pm. Call Terri - 265-8274 or Dave - 344-8693 for location.

Dec 13: Executive Committee Meeting, 7pm.

Dec 18: 12 noon. **Deadline** for articles for January group newsletter. Macintosh preferred. Call Dorothy if supplying hardcopy only.

Dec 19: Holiday Party, 1304 Linda Court, Corrales, 5 pm. Marsha Cohen, 897-1591 (no general meeting).

Dec 27: Conservation Committee meeting, 7:30 pm.

Jan 3: Activities & Special Planning meeting 7pm. Call Terri - 265-8274 or Dave - 344-8693 for location.

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OUTINGS

Abbreviations: WSA- Wilderness Study Area NM- National Monument
SC- Sierra Club SW- Sandia Wilderness
Outings may be cancelled or changed due to weather or other reasons,
please call leader before outing

Cold Weather has arrived, do not forget to stuff gloves, a stocking hat, a emergency high energy food, and a warm jacket in your pack.

Sometime Nov Surviving Cold Weather MisAdventures

The majority of people faced with having to spend the night in freezing temperatures under unexpected circumstances have never returned to tell about it. Some conditions to consider are hypothermia, surviving avalanches, shelter building, and whiteout. We will draw on the experience of one of Albuquerque's winter mountaineering experts [Once and a while we have to feed the Mountain Goat]. Call to get on the reservation list. Stefan Verchinski 8881370

**Sat Nov 6 Leisure Miles:3 Car: 3
Piedras Marcadas Hike,
Petroglyph National Monument**
Most petroglyphs in the monument are done in the Rio Grande style. The Rio Grande style lasted from 1300 AD until the Pueblo Revolt in 1680. Spanish repression, non-native epidemics, crop failures, and raids by nomadic Indians were the precursors of this revolt that drove the Spaniards to El Paso. The Rio Grande pueblos fled to the mountains, and to the Hopi's and the pre-Navaho tribes. RSVP.
Leader: Ike Eastvold 255-7679

**Sat Nov 6 Strenuous
Miles:6-7 Car: 160
Sierra Ladrones WSA Hike-
UNM Section Outing**
Scree slopes and thick brush make this a challenging hill climb from upper Chihuahuan desert to the aspens of Thieves Mountain. Views of 360 degree awaits the the successful climber. If lucky we will glimpse the desert bighorn sheep, relegated to this area outside their native range. The Wise Use Movement stopped a similar reintroduction to the sheep's native habitat near Truth or Consequences. Bring lunch water, and do not forget your jacket. Meet at 8:30, at Physics and Astronomy parking lot, corner of Yale and Lomas.
Leader: Nick Persampieri 281-7845

**Sun Nov 7 Leisure Miles: 3 Car: 0
Oxbow Hike, Rio Grande Bosque**
Although the US Fish and Wildlife Service has recommended against the placement of a biofilter at the mouth of San Antonio arroyo due to the spotting of Southwestern willow flycatchers in the area, AMAFCA's paid biologist disagrees. The biofilter will open up the dense nesting area to parasitism by cowbirds and increased human impact. Three hours and three miles. Meet

at St. Josephs and Coors at 9:30 AM.
Leader: David 344-8693

**Sat Nov 13 Leisure- Moderate
Miles: 4+ Car: 200
El Malpais NM West Hike**
We will explore El Calderon and climb down into some of the lava tubes. In addition we will hike in several miles on the western part of the Zuni- Acoma trail. Bring lunch. Meet at the Sierra Club office. Call for meeting time.
Leader: Tom Leck 256-7217

**Sun Nov 14 Leisure- Moderate
Miles: 4 Car: 140
Tent Rocks ACEC Hike**
In this Area of Critical Environmental Concern, we will slither through the slot canyon, onto the mesa and return by another canyon while meandering among the towering pedestals known as the Tent Rocks. Meet behind Winchell's at San Mateo and Academy. Bring lunch. Call for details.
Leader: Marsha Cohen 897-1591

**Mon Nov 15
PreMeeting Dinner**
Carraro's Pizza, 108 Vassar SE, 6:00 PM
This is a great way for nonmembers to become acquainted with the Sierra Club.
David 344-8693

**Sat Nov 20 Leisure Miles: 3 Car: 3
Rio Grande Bosque Hike**
[Editorial: Would you believe one of the most environmentally sound, complete, and far-reaching draft biological management plans came from Domenici's Bosque Committee's Biological Task Force. The plan states in probabilities that the Rio Grande minnow is being endangered by overgrazing on the Rio Puerco causing high sediment load; that if conditions continue, cottonwoods along the bosque are dinosaurs; a natural hydrographical instream flow on the Rio Grande is the life blood of the river; and that development along the river should be slowed as much as possible. The plan treats drains as wildlife habitat to be considered for protection, whereas the Rio Grande State Park Plan treats drains as recreational sites. The plan identifies several species such as the leopard frog, as being threatened that have not received similar attention in other bosque documents. We hope Domenici's paper shredder has left this document alone when it reaches final form.]
We will hike to the north of Corrales near the diversion dam. Three miles and three hours. Meet at 9:00 AM at Burrito Co., the corner of Coors and Alameda.
Leader: David 344-8693

**Sun Nov 28 Moderately Strenuous
Miles: 7-10 Car:300
Chama X/C Ski**
Our first organized X/C ski meant to work off your Thanksgiving Day stuffing. Come and enjoy the beauty of this northern New Mexico skiing area. Snow permitting.
Leader: Stan 292-9138

Cancellation
The Wolf Creek Pass ski trip scheduled for November has been canceled.

**Wed Dec 1 The Mountain Goat's UnE-
lection Party**
A party for all those daring campaign workers who attempted to push Stefan Verchinski into the City Council. Relax to popcorn and rum balls while viewing an old Albuquerque movie (hint: Edward Abbey wrote the book). Bring along any other sundries. Starts at 7:00 PM at 2700 Espanola NE.
Stefan: 888-1370

**Sat Dec 4 Leisure Miles: 3 Car: 3
Rinconada Canyon Hike with Volcanoes
Option**
After a severe drought between 1275 and 1300 AD, Indians began to settle along the Rio Grande in large numbers. Records of the Spanish indicate walking from one cultivated field of the Indian's to the next within Albuquerque. Bring a light sack lunch if you would like to continue for an optional hike to the volcanoes. RSVP.
Leader: Ike Eastvold 255-7679

**Sat Dec 4 Moderate- Exploratory
Miles: 6+ Car: 300
Ah-She-Sle-Pah WSA Hike**
Everyone who has not heard of Ah-She-Sle-Pah, please sit down, the remaining 5 left standing, let's go hiking! The best hiking is in badlands. The greatest hiking is in badlands that no one knows about. Add the concern of trying to protect this Wilderness Study Area from the coal companies and you have a very busy day. This WSA lies in the Bisti formation and is a stone's throw from Chaco. Expect to leave early, and stay late.
Bring lunch.
Leader: John Wright 247-4353

**Sun Dec 5 Leisure Miles: 1 Car: 160
La Joya and Bosque del Apache Wildlife
Refuges**
Birds, coyotes, birds, porcupines, birds, deer, and more birds. Stay for sunset. Leave at 9:00 from Astronomy and Physics parking lot, Yale and Lomas. In conjunction with UNM student section.
Leader: David 344-8693

**Sat Dec 11 Moderate
Miles: 6-8 Car: 40
X/C Ski in the Sandias**
Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for a good season on the Sandia mountains. Depending on snow, plan on skinning one of a dozen of our local trails. Dress in layers, bring lunch and plenty to drink.
Leader: Nick Persampieri 281-7845.

**Sat Dec 11 Leisure- Moderate
Miles: 4-6 Car: 110
Ojito WSA Hike**
Parts of Ojito are to be surveyed by instrumentation that will look underground for dinosaur fossils. Some paleontologists have recommended a law that would protect our fossil heritage, similar to the Antiquities Act. Such a law would hope to stop the current wave of commercialized fossil hunting that is sending scientific treasures to private homes. We will wander about on this exploratory hike, hoping to glimpse a shark's tooth, petrified wood, and other fossils among the various rock formations. Bring lunch. Meet at the SC office, 207 San Pedro NE at 9:00 AM.
Leader: Bob Cornish 255-6037

**Sun Dec 12 Leisure Miles: 3 Car: 3
Geological Windows Hike,
Petroglyph National Monument**
View thousands of petroglyphs. Bring sturdy shoes, camera and binoculars.
RSVP.
Leader: Ike Eastvold 255-7679

**Sun Dec 12 Moderate
Miles: 6 Car: 130
East Fork Trail X-C Ski**
This trail forms a large 6 mile loop on the mesa above the East Fork of the Jemez river. Views of Redondo peak and the valley. We may take a dinner stop on the return home. Meet at 9:00 AM behind Winchell's at San Mateo and Academy.
Call David 344-8693 for further information.
Leader: Susan Larsen

**Thur Dec 16 & Sat Dec 18
X/C Ski Lecture & Lessons in Santa Fe**
Certified ski instructor, John Turnbull of the Santa Fe Sierra Club Group will offer a beginners lecture Thurs. night on X/C history, clothing, and skis. On Sat. the class will be taken to the field to practice their kick & glide, turns, and stops. The same class will be offered again Thur. Jan 6 and Sat. Jan 8. Contact John Turnbull for more information at 982-9329 or Stan at 292-9138.

**Sat Dec 18 Leisure- Moderate
Exploratory Miles: 3-4 Car: 30+
Rio Puerco Area Hike**
The Rio Puerco valley to the west of Albuquerque offers a variety of geological features and archeology. Much of the area that may serve as Albuquerque's future Open Space is being highly impacted (demolished) by ORV usage. We have not

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decided whether to look at the "Grand Canyon" or the area around Los Lunas. Exploratory. Bring lunch, water, and warm clothes.
Leader: Marsha Cohen: 897-1591

**Sun Dec 19 Moderate
Miles: 4-6 Car: TBD
X/C Beginners Tour**
Now that you have practiced your kick and glide, turns and stops, here is your chance to perfect your technique on the trail before you return those rental skis. The tour is especially designed for beginner class participants. Location to be determined (TBD). Contact John at 982-9329 or Stan.
Leader: Stan Kauchak 292-9138

**Sun Dec 19 Leisure to Moderate
Miles: 1 Car: 3-4
Service Project, Rio Grande Bosque
Trash Pickup**
We will find a trashed out area and see what we can remove in 2-3 hours. Call for meeting place, meet at 10:00 AM. Trash bags will be provided. Bring gloves, shovels could be helpful. Bring a lunch if feel like eating outside afterwards.
Leader: David 344-8693

Sun Dec 19 Christmas Party
Don't forget. See group news for details

**Thur Jan 6 & Sat Jan 8
X/C Ski Lecture & Lessons in Santa Fe**
(See Dec 16 & 18 write-up)

**Sat Jan 8 Leisure Miles: 3+ Car: 300
Chaco Outliers Exploratory Hike**
Last year, we went into Kin Y'aa and Kin Bineola. This year, we will take a look at a couple of the other outlying ruins from the Chaco era such as Pueblo Pintado. These Chaco outliers are rather refreshing compared to the removed pot shards and graffiti added to the petroglyphs at Chaco Canyon. Bring lunch and plenty of gas money for a long day.
Call for meeting time and location.
Leader: Tom Leck 256-7217

**Sun Jan 9 Moderate
X/C Beginners Tour**
(See Dec 19 write-up)

**Sat Jan 22 Leisure
Miles: 1-2 Car: 70
Beginners X/C Instruction in the
Sandias**
Basic instruction by John Turnbull. Learn about equipment and practice techniques. Dress warm in layers. Bring snacks, light lunch, and water. Meet at the Sierra Club office. Contact Stan for details 292_9138

**Nov/Dec
X/C Ski Outings Phone Tree**
Cross country ski weather is fast approaching. Because of the elusiveness of the early season snows, X/C outings are difficult to plan in advance. The solution, start a

Sierra Club X/C phone tree. As the snow falls, and outings are planned, you'll be informed of the latest happenings. X/C ski lessons are also available for beginners. Don't be left out of the cold!
Contact Stan at 292-9138.

Outings Reports
4th of July- around twelve people went for this walk through the fall colors.
Jemez Wild and Scenic River- 14 people for a walk and talk along the river.
Waterfall Canyon- 8 people went to Tres Puestos instead, because David could not remember the right underpass.
Tapia Canyon- ten people faced the blistering heat to get to the coolness of the canyon.
Angostrura, Pecos- 12 people with just a couple from Alb.
Apache Kid Wilderness- Tom says it was a great backpack, we will do it again next year.
Artists View- the second one was cancelled due to rain, the one in Sept resulted in about 12 people turning out photos, poems, paintings, and drawings.

Don't forget the **Outings
Photography Contest**

Outings Needs You! Would you like to lead a hike, tour, dinner, educational seminar, wine and cheese party, or a slide show. Give a call to David 344-8693

Asp Committee- The last projects we took on were the parking lot party, new member letters, putting up the office signs, and cleaning up the office. At our meeting in November we will be planning for the Christmas party. If you would like to help, just call.

UNM Student Sierra Club
The Student Sierra Club has started up again after a long summer. During our first meeting, the 8 of us moved furniture into our new office. Meetings are bimonthly on Thursdays at 5:30 PM at Room 24E, the Sierra Club office in the UNM Sub, lower level. Our next meeting on Nov. 7 features a presentation by the Mexican Wolf Coalition. Some of the focuses for this year will be alternative transportation, with emphasis on the bicycle problem at UNM and wildlife issues in regards to habitat. We would like to extend an open invitation to our meetings or to help us out on upcoming projects. Write or give us a call.

President Allena Cochran 898-2322

UNM Sierra Club
Box 68, Sub UNM
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Candidates for Albuquerque Group Executive Committee

Richard Barish

I have served on the group ExCom since 1988 and have been Group Treasurer for about three years. I have been particularly active in issues affecting riparian areas and in issues concerning open space in the Albuquerque area. I am Bosque Issue Chair, and in that capacity have commented and testified for the Group on a variety of issues, including the proposed listing of the silvery minnow as an endangered species, the plan for the Rio Grande Valley State Park, and the proposed plan for the management of the Oxbow wetland. The biggest challenge facing the Group is recruiting new volunteers to lift some of the burden from overworked members and to cover issues that have previously not been adequately covered. I would like the opportunity to continue serving on the ExCom to address this and other issues necessary to ensure that the Sierra Club continues to be an important force for conservation and environmental protection in central New Mexico.

Blair Brown

Upon moving to New Mexico, I realized that the City of Albuquerque and surrounding areas are wonderful places that have a unique scenic beauty and cultural history. I soon became involved with the Sierra Club and found a group of people who gave a lot of their time and effort to protect these values.

I became a member of the Albuquerque Group ExCom in January 1992 and have continued my efforts on mining reform, the political endorsement process, the parking lot and annual picnic and writing articles for the *Sierran*. I am currently Vice Chair.

I am also Group Representative to the Chapter. I have worked to strengthen communications between Albuquerque and the other Groups at

the Chapter meetings. I am serve as Co-Chair of the Computer Committee and the Chapter administrator for the Club's e-mail system and membership database.

I am firmly dedicated to the efforts of the Club in total and the Albuquerque Group and Rio Grande Chapter. I am eager to continue the work that I have begun and would appreciate your vote.

Ron Grotbeck

I believe that the Executive Committee of a Sierra Club Group should be primarily an enabling body. That is, the Group ExCom should devote its attention primarily to making the organizational functions run smoothly, rather than becoming too deeply involved in specific conservation campaigns or issues. I have served in various elective Sierra Club positions at the local, state, and national levels since 1973, and have found that the effectiveness of all conservation activities is improved when there is a strong Executive Committee devoted to making the interdependent activities function smoothly. This insures that the issues committees will have a timely newsletter to inform the membership of their activities, well attended and interesting general meetings, adequate treasury with a realistic budget, continuing volunteer recruitment to bring new members into issues campaigns, and an active political action agenda to improve access to public policy makers. I will help the ExCom work effectively.

Nicholas F. Persampieri

I have been a member of the Sierra Club since joining the club as a law student in Charlottesville, Virginia in 1984. I have been active in the club as

an outings leader. I recently started my own law practice after being a shareholder in a major Albuquerque law firm. My practice includes serving as a hearing officer for the New Mexico Environment Department and representation of environmental groups and neighborhood associations on a reduced fee basis. I have done substantial volunteer legal work on public land issues, including appeal of BLM's General Management Plan for El Malpais National Conservation Area and opposition to highway projects which threaten the Petroglyph National Monument. As a member of the Executive Committee I would like to continue working on public land issues and participate in efforts to increase the membership an involvement of both minority groups and the under-40 generation. Too many of my under-40 peers have disdained the environmental movement and become conspicuously consuming YUPPIES!

Will Richardson

I have been a member of the Sierra Club for about 15 years, and until the last two years I have been active only in attending outings. For the past two years I have become active in leading outings and was elected to the Chapter ExCom in Lexington, Kentucky last year shortly before I moved to Albuquerque.

In Albuquerque I have been working in the Sierra Club office once a week, going on outings and attending meetings. I am now ready to take a more active role and feel my environmental background and experience will be beneficial to the Albuquerque group as a member of the ExCom.

Group ballot is on the last page.

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Southern New Mexico Group

Outings

Saturday November 6: Enjoy a fun trip to the Doña Ana mountains. This is a local and easy day hike. We will be leaving from the North parking lot of the Pan American Center at 9:00 a.m. Call Steve Kalavity for more information at 382-8419.

Saturday November 6: Trip to Bosque del Apache with the Student Sierra Club. We will be leaving from the North parking lot of Pan Am. at 8:00 a.m. Call Lori Schmierer at 526-1093 for more details.

Saturday, November 20: Possible hike to Hueco Tanks with the Student Sierra Club. This is a all day relatively easy hike to an area east of El Paso. An excellent area for rock climbing. Call Lori Schmierer at 526-1093 for more information.

Saturday, December 4: Trip to White Sands Monument with the Student Sierra Club. This will include a hike, potluck, and probably volleyball to unwind for final exams. We should have lots of fun. Call Lori Schmierer at 526-1093 for more information.

Saturday, January 6: Cross-country skiing outing in Cloudcroft. Call Ben Zerbey for more information 526-6207.

Meetings

November 3, 1993: Student Sierra Club meeting. Speaker Alan May, District Supervisor, Animal Damage Control, New Mexico State University and New Mexico Department of Agriculture. All Sierra Club members invited.

November 18, 1993: Joint meeting with the Student Sierra Club. Speaker will be John Wright, Assistant Professor of Geography at NMSU. Slides and talk on "Land Trusts and Landscape Conservation in the West."

December 11, 1993: A Holiday Party!! If you haven't been attending meeting recently, come and enjoy a holiday celebration. Renew old acquaintances, and meet some new people. Place: 2015 Huntington Dr., Las Cruces. It's a Pot Luck supper. Time: 6:30 PM ish. Call 522-3421 for directions and more information.

January 13, 1994: Executive Committee meets to elect new officers at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is at 2015 Huntington Drive. Call Marianne Thaeler at 522-3421 for more information. All members welcome.

Selling and Saving the West

Dr. John B. Wright, Assist. Prof. of Geography, NMSU will be our guest speaker on November 18, 1993 at 7:30 PM in 107 Science Hall at NMSU. Dr. Wright has recently published a book entitled Rocky Mountain Divide: Selling and Saving the West. (Book signing Corbett Center, 12-1, Nov. 17, 1993). This book is about the necessity of conserving private lands for ecology, farm land and cultural landscapes - the places where we live of cultural and historical importance. Dr. Wright was a Land Use Planning Director for Mineral County, Montana when he decided, "There had to be a better way!" His book compares Colorado and Utah using case studies to see what was happening and what are the links to cultural and environmental perceptions. There are over 1,000 Private Land Trusts in the West that conserve acres. The role these Private Trusts play in the West will be the focus of Dr. Wright's talk.

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Tony Chiaviello, Conserv. Chair	525-1802
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Andrew Hands	

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Carol Evans, Programs Chair	
Greg Paglia, Secretary	
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BACKPACKING - VEGETARIAN STYLE

by Karen Schwartz

What do blueberry pancakes, hash browns, fettucini Alfredo, vegetable lasagne, black-bean chili, wild rice pilaf with almonds, peach cobbler, and chocolate pudding have in common? You guessed it - they're just some of the vegetarian gourmet possibilities that you might want to include on your next camping or backpacking trip.

Preparing these culinary freeze-dried delights are quick, inexpensive, and light weight too! Each entree costs between \$2 - \$6 and you don't need to bring a half your kitchen supplies to prepare them. Just add boiling water to each dish and set aside for 2-10 minutes (depending on food choice and altitude). And voila, you've got yourself a hearty and healthy meatless feast that serves between 2-4 people per package.

Vegetarian camping foods have become so popular in the last 10 years that you shouldn't have much trouble, if any. Check with any of your local camping and outdoor recreational outlets.

If you would like to "go" vegetarian on your next outdoor excursion but don't know what freeze dried foods to experiment with, The Vegetarian Society of New Mexico might be able to share a few tips. Sierra Club members are invited to a demonstration by Bill Clark who will be conducting a cooking demonstration using some of his veggie ideas in Las Cruces on Sunday, Nov. 21, 4-7 PM at The Vegetarian Society Meeting to be held in the 7th Day Adventists Church meeting room on Three Crosses, right off Alameda. Bill has been an avid backpacker since 1970 when he started on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. He has since graduated to more delectable fare such as tomato minestrone and curry lentil chile!

Editor's note: The Vegetarian Society of New Mexico can be contacted at P.O. Box 1408, Mesilla Park, NM 88047. (Telephone 524-3054.)

FIELD TRIP REPORT

By Ben Zerbey

The sleepy tranquility of Ft. Cummings in the Cooke Range was interrupted briefly on Sept. 26 when 15 Sierrans and friends visited this important site in the history of New Mexico and the Southwest. Mr. Don Couchman, local historian and author of the BLM Cultural Resources Paper: Cooke's Peak - Paraon Por Aqui, provided top-notch interpretative service as a resource person. The Ft. Cummings area is adjacent to the Cooke's Range Wilderness Study Area which contains important natural features thus making the area one worthy of long term preservation. Most of the Fort property is on private land, but the BLM has a volunteer couple on site to protect Federal interests.

Candidates for Southern NM Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee (ExCom) consists of 13 members who are elected for two year staggered terms. This year six (6) positions are open for election. (Officers of the ExCom are elected by the ExCom at the first ExCom meeting after the election.) The Nominating Committee presents the following names of members who have agreed to serve on the ExCom if elected.

Cheryll Blevins. As a member of the Southern New Mexico Group since 1985, I have been a member of the Executive Committee since 1986. During this time I have been in charge of Publicity and been Secretary for the Group ExCom. As a life long Las Cruces area resident, my environmental interests are Wilderness, riparian issues, and Rio Grande bosque issues. I enjoy back packing and canoeing.

David Pengelley A member of the Sierra Club since 1982. My major interest is WILDERNESS. Have served the Southern New Mexico Group as Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Programs (for General Membership Meetings). Presently I serve on the ExCom and as the Faculty Advisor for the Student Sierra Club at New Mexico State University.

Erika Kocsis Member of the Sierra Club since 1989. Presently a student at NMSU majoring in Soil Science, I have worked at NMSU Soil Microbiology lab doing research for mine reclamation projects. Every free moment I spend hiking and exploring the spectacular landscapes of the West. Conservation is worth our time and efforts!

Myra Price. Past Chair of the Southern NM Group 1992, Secretary, and Outings Leader.. I have been a member of the Sierra Club since 1988. As a Graduate Student it is fun to be back working with the Student Sierrans. My special conservation concerns are Water Issues, Wilderness, and the Endangered Species Act.

James W. Basler Active with the Student Sierra Club at New Mexico State University until graduation in June 1993. My particular interest is in the Sierra Club Outings program. I have led Sierra Club hikes and am an experienced camper. Recreational Area Management/Horticulture is my long term career path.

Marion Nygard My particular environmental concern is Forest Service Issues. I recycle and I didn't water my back yard this year!! First became active in Sierra Club through Sierra Seniors and hope that program can be rejuvenated. Have lived in the Mesilla Valley for over 30 years. We must conserve our natural resources!

BALLOT (Deadline : Postmarked before January 1, 1994)
Southern New Mexico Group

Directions:
Cut or tear this ballot out and mail in an envelope addressed to:

Southern New Mexico Group
P.O. Box 3705
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003.

VOTE!!!!!! NOW , please.
Fold your ballot, place tape to insure secrecy. Seal the envelope. Place your name or Sierra Club Membership Number across the closed flap of the envelope.

Vote by marking X after the name on the line after the name.
You may vote for no more than six (6) persons.

	Member one	Member two
Cheryll Blevins	_____	_____
Erika Kocsis	_____	_____
David Pengelley	_____	_____
Myra Price	_____	_____
James W. Basler	_____	_____
Marion Nygard	_____	_____
Other (Print in Name)	_____	_____

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Center's Hours Reduced... The Environmental Center will be open to receive recycling materials Wednesday through Saturday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Recycling Needs... The Center needs a number of 55 (+ or -) gallon plastic drums to help sort and store recycled materials. If you can help us out, call the Center (532-9645) or John Sproul (545-5157 or Ted Mertig (852-3011).



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MEETING

Please join us for our holiday meeting on Wednesday, December 1. See and hear about the underwater wilderness that of southern seas. Mick Elliott and Mark "The Shark" Grado of Innerspace Scuba will give a presentation on scuba diving in the Gulf of California and the Caribbean. The talk will include many exquisite underwater photographs taken in these areas.

The program will start at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 1, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 7000 Edgemere (two blocks east of Airway). For more information, call Ted Mertig, 852-3011.



CALENDAR

November 3	EXCOM (7 pm at 800 So. Piedras)
December	HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!
December 1	General Meeting for both November and December (7000 Edgemere)
December 4-5	Chapter EXCOM and Conservation Committee (Kingston, NM)
December 8	EXCOM (7 pm at 800 So. Piedras)
December 14	Deadline for El Paso newsletter information (send to 331 Vista del Rey, 79912)
January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
January 5	EXCOM (7 pm at 800 So. Piedras)

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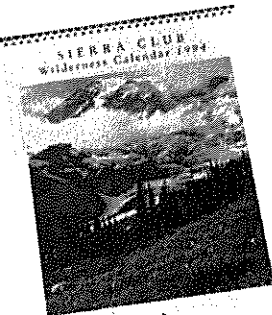
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**America's Best-Loved
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Give the beauty of the outdoors for your Holiday giftgiving this year. Give a Sierra Club calendar. These calendars offer an escape from hectic urban lives into silent beauty of nature that recharges human batteries. There are seven calendars to choose from this year: Trail, Wilderness, Wildlife, Wildlands, and Mother Earth, in addition to the engagement and pocket calendars.

They will be on sale at the November/December meeting. Prices range from \$9 to \$13. If you aren't able to make the meeting to pick out your favorite, call Ted at 852-3011.

REDSTONE PARK BACKPACK
Gila Wilderness

DATE: November 13-14, 1993
 CLASS: Moderate +
 LIMIT: 8, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Joe Rodriguez, 833-9655

We will depart on Friday evening and drive to our campsite along the Bursum Road. Bring warm clothes because it may get chilly at night. The estimated roundtrip mileage is about 12 miles. Call Joe for details and reservations.

SOUTH FRANKLIN PEAK DAYHIKE
Franklin Mountains State Park

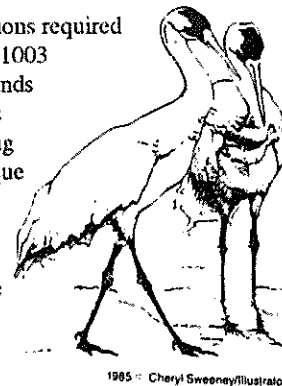
DATE: Saturday, November 13, 1993
 CLASS: Moderate
 LIMIT: 16, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Carol Morrison, 545-1701

It's time for another friendly Fall hike up South Franklin Peak. We'll meet at 9 am off TransMountain to begin our hike up the shady side of the mountain. Then we'll troop along the crest in the sun (hopefully!) and end up at our scenic rest spot near the top. You'll have a good hike, a great view, and plenty of time left to run those Saturday afternoon errands. Come prepared against chill and wind, and tote your own water and snack.

1993 FESTIVAL OF THE CRANES CARCAMP
Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

DATE: November 20-21, 1993
 CLASS: Easy
 LIMIT: 20, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Dan Oppliger, 595-8943 or 595-1003

Join us as we celebrate the return of thousands of sandhill cranes, snow geese, and ducks; as well as a foster flock of endangered whooping cranes to their wintering grounds at the Bosque del Apache near Socorro, NM. The festival will feature scenic tours, wildlife photography, lectures and demonstrations, wildlife fine arts, and crafts shows...in addition to the many exhibits and booths both at the refuge and within the city of Socorro. We plan on car or tent camping at a nearby RV park (fee required). We will leave El Paso early Saturday morning. Call Dan for reservations and additional information.



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RINCON MOUNTAINS BACKPACK
Saguaro National Monument, AZ

DATE: November 26-28, 1993
 CLASS: Strenuous
 LIMIT: 6, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Mike Episcopo, 833-3770

The eastern unit of the Saguaro National Monument is located just east of Tucson, AZ, and encompasses the majestic Rincon Mountains, an area the club has yet to visit. On this strenuous two-night backpack, we will explore the high country of the Rincon Mountains. This outing is open to experienced backpackers up to the challenge of a first day 4,000' elevation gain. Call Mike for further details and reservations.

JOINT SIERRA CLUB--BICYCLE CLUB OUTING
Pre-prandial Guilt Reduction Ride

DATE: Thursday, November 25, 1993
 CLASS: Moderate
 LIMIT: None, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Richard Rheder, 544-5659

Get in a good work out before sitting down to a Thanksgiving dinner. Meet at the River Run Plaza on Country Club Road for this ride to the Santa Teresa border crossing. The ride will be 23 miles.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON OUTING
away from the city lights

DATE: Sunday night, November 28, 1993

CLASS: Easy
 LIMIT: None, leader approval and reservations required

LEADER: Dan Oppliger, 595-8943

On Sunday night the moon will be eclipsed by the earth's shadow. Come join us in the east El Paso desert at 8 pm, but be sure to take a nap Sunday afternoon because the event ends at 1:12 am. The moon will turn orange starting at 8:27 pm, partial eclipse will begin at 9:40 pm, the moon will disappear at 11:02 pm and return at 11:50 pm. Bring cameras, telescopes, binoculars and beverages. Outing will be canceled if the weather is cloudy. Call Dan for details.

**COOKE'S PEAK CARCAMP**
New Mexico

DATE: December 4-5, 1993
 CLASS: Moderate
 LIMIT: 8, Leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Joe Rodriguez, 833-9655

We will depart El Paso on Friday evening and drive to our campsite. Saturday morning we will make our way up to Cooke's Peak and enjoy the vistas from the peak. Sunday there will be time for us to explore the old townsite and surrounding areas. Call Joe for details and reservations.

NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY BACKPACK
Guadalupe Mountains NP or Carlsbad Caverns NP

DATE: December 11-12, 1993
 CLASS: Moderate
 LIMIT: 12, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Wesley Leonard, 747-6649 (work)

This will be an overnight backpack to the backcountry of Carlsbad Caverns or Guadalupe Mountains National Park. Trail distance will be 6-7 miles one-way, with an elevation gain of 2,000'. All water must be carried. Call Wesley for additional details.

ANTHONY'S NOSE DAYHIKE
Franklin Mountains State Park

DATE: Saturday, December 18, 1993
 CLASS: Strenuous +
 LIMIT: 8, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Mike Episcopo, 833-3770

Located in the remote northern portion of the Park, Anthony's Nose rises to 6,927', making it the second highest peak in the Franklins. To reach the peak we begin within the Tom May's unit of the Park and hike to the ridge via a new trail. We then hike along the ridge for two miles to the peak. This route involves an elevation gain of 2,000' with a lot of rock scrambling and cacti dodging. Total roundtrip is six miles, four of which are off-trail. This outing is open to those individuals in good shape and up to the challenge. Call Mike for details.

LOOKOUT PEAK DAYHIKE
Robledo Mountains, NM

DATE: Sunday, December 19, 1993
 CLASS: Easy
 LIMIT: 20, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Alice Anderson, 505-523-5179

Lookout Peak is the volcanic northern summit in the Robledo Mountains northwest of Las Cruces. We will see two dry falls, creosote flats and rolling hills, and scattered junipers. A heliograph station was on the summit when Fort Seldon was manned; it has been replaced with a radio repeater. Hike four miles round trip with an elevation gain of 1,600', mostly in the last half mile. No trail. Call Alice for reservations.

MT. CHRISTO REY DAYHIKE
Southern NM & TX borders

DATE: Sunday, December 26, 1993
 CLASS: Easy
 LIMIT: none, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Michael Bromka, 532-2652

This urban peak taunts us daily: so near and yet so far! Like the Statue of Liberty to New Yorkers, it's often seen yet seldom visited. Join us nonsectarian ecopilgrims on an easy morning climb to our tri-state rooftop. See for yourself "what man hath wrought." Carpooling from UTEP plus parking lot guardians will assure our security. Work off your Christmas feast on this quick little local hike.

Season's Greetings

NEW YEAR'S DAY HANGOVER DAYHIKE
NORTH FRANKLIN PEAK
Franklin Mountains State Park

DATE: Saturday, January 1, 1994
 CLASS: Moderate
 LIMIT: 12, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Kathy Sunday, 584-9301(h) or 778-8030(w)

Start the New Year right with some good exercise! This year (weather permitting) we will hike to the top of the highest peak in the Franklins, North Franklin Peak. We will begin our hike at a reasonable hour (sometime after 7 am) from Tom Mays Park and walk past Cottonwood Spring on our way to the peak. Roundtrip distance is approximately eight miles, with an elevation gain of over 2,000'. This should be an invigorating way to start the New Year! A \$3.00 per vehicle entrance fee is required. Call Kathy early for details and reservations.

BIG HATCHETS CARCAMP AND DAYHIKE
Boothel of NM

DATE: January 1-3, 1994
 CLASS: Moderate
 LIMIT: 12, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Alice Anderson, 505-523-5179

Here is a trip we haven't taken recently. The Big Hatchet Mountains, a BLM Wilderness Study Area, are among the more isolated mountains in New Mexico. We will drive over Saturday morning, set up camp, and spend Saturday afternoon in leisurely exploration. Sunday we will follow a long-abandoned mule trail to a mine high on Hatchet Peak and from there walk up a trail-less ridge to the 8,366' summit. Monday afternoon we will return to town. Four-wheel drive vehicles are needed.

MT. RILEY-EAST POTRILLOS CARCAMP
West of El Paso

DATE: January 8-9, 1994
 CLASS: Very easy
 LIMIT: 20, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Weldon and Betty Fisbeck, 581-0174

This trip is for the lawnchair potato who wants to enjoy an evening around a campfire. We will leave mid-morning on Saturday and return early afternoon on Sunday. Our campsite will be in an area which shows signs of Indian habitation.

ORGAN PIPE CACTUS CARCAMP
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, AZ

DATE: January 15-17, 1994
 CLASS: Easy
 LIMIT: 16, leader approval and reservations required
 LEADER: Mike Episcopo, 833-3770

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument contains the largest wilderness area in Arizona, the 300,000 acre Organ Pipe Wilderness. The Monument exhibits an extraordinary collection of the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. The group campsite within the Monument has been reserved for our two-night stay. An entrance fee is required. We will leave El Paso early Saturday morning for our approximately seven-hour drive. Day hikes are planned for Sunday, departure will be early Monday morning. Call Mike for further information and reservations.

OUTINGS REPORTS

Franklin Mountains Dayhike, 8/21/93

Our morning walk from the North Hills subdivision in northeast El Paso to the Tin Mine Area in the Franklin Mountains State Park took us through an area extensively burned in the 1993 June fire. The patchy character of the burn was striking: some areas were fully charred, some lightly to moderately singed, some hardly affected at all. Also striking was the recovery process already underway: vigorous new shoots sprouting from the bases of desert willow and creosote bush, new pads appearing on prickly pears, new grass stems poking through the ashes. And the Franklins looming above were impressive, as always, for the 20 Sierrans and friends who enjoyed the morning. John Sproul.

North Franklin Peak Dayhike, 9/11/93

Eleven hale hikers chose North Franklin Peak as their destination this bright and warm Saturday morning. Starting from Tom Mays Park our route lay up the western slope of the Franklins to Mundy's Gap on the narrow spine of the range. From there our trail, actually an access road to the peak, wended its way up the greener, flower-bedecked eastern slope of the mountain. Elevation gain brought cooler temperatures but a steeper ascent. Evidence of the huge and spectacular Northeast burn was still apparent. Haze limited our vista to the near side of the Huecos. The group attained the top in three hours, ate lunch, and made the return in two hours. Those participating were Mara Blatt, Kathleen Anderson, Janet Ruesch, Francoise Turner, John McClure, Ann Falknor, Mary Gowan, Annie Zimmerman, Toni Beattie, Barbara Richardson and leader Carl Horkowitz.

Catwalk-Whitewater Creek Backpack, 9/18-19/93

Our backpack began with the drive to Sheridan Corral on Friday night. With no moon and a crystal clear sky, the stars put on a beautiful display. In the morning we drove to Glenwood where we were surprised to learn that portions of the Catwalk were under repair. Thanks to quick thinking though, all was not lost and we diverted to an alternate route, the Gold Dust Trail, which added one and a quarter miles to our hike. Upon reaching camp, the kids immediately jumped into the stream, while the rest of us set up camp and kicked back. We enjoyed picture perfect blue skies and mild temperatures throughout the weekend. Thanks to all, especially for braving through the alternate trail. Participants were: Rafaela Schuller, Rob Belk and Margaret Amada, Tim Channell and Terry Bond, Gus Pena, Joanna Blackburn, John Bauchert, Dave Steinbach, Don Hoover, Sheryl, Justin and Katie Davis, and Dionne, Brian, Maria, and leader Mike Episcopo.

HIKING HINT

Consider environmental, visual, and social impacts when choosing a campsite. If possible, use an existing campsite. Camp well back from water or the trail. Be a considerate neighbor. When breaking camp, erase all evidence of human presence.

Organ Peak Dayhike, 10/2/93

Perfect fall weather greeted six Sierrans at the Cox Visitor Center. A large bull on the wrong side of the fence stared at us near the back exit gate. Fillmore Canyon only a few years ago was fairly isolated, but the trail now shows signs of heavy use. The overhanging brush had been trimmed back leaving long stubs to stab passing hikers. Higher on the mountain, the Gambel Oak had barely started to turn color, showing a touch of reddish gold around the edges. On the summit a few late wildflowers still offered nectar to a hummingbird. Hikers were Paul Bronson, Gene Collins, Barbara Coon, Rudy Provencio, Karen Schwartz, and leader Alice Anderson.

Environmental Center Service Trip, 10/3/93

We work all week looking forward to the weekend with the chance to relax, catch up on things, or escape to enjoy the outdoors. To give up these few precious hours is asking a lot. Thirteen friends of the Environmental Center did just that and gave of their free time on Sunday to work on various projects at the Center. The area where the sidewalk will go was dug up--whew!--with the dirt going into the low spots in the parking lot. Weeds were picked, unsightly excess grass was removed, and we also did some landscaping around the entrance to the Center.

The Center's recycling program is growing each month with more and more people dropping off their recyclables. In order for the Center to grow and become a success, volunteers are always needed. Without volunteers working behind the scenes, there would be no Environmental Center. My thanks to ALL our volunteers and especially to the following hard workers who donated their time and sweat on Sunday: John Sproul, Gus Pena, Betsy Julian, Wyona Turner, John Green, Helen Barto, Bill and Shirley Phillips, Terry Bond, Pat Wood, John Bauchert, and Richard Rheder.

Outings Chair Mike Episcopo

ICO Trip to McKittrick Canyon, 10/9/93

Eight kids from seven to fourteen years of age and five adults left from the El Paso Child Guidance Center shortly after 7 am on Saturday to catch an early glimpse of the fall foliage during a seven-mile hike in McKittrick Canyon. For all but the leaders, Richard Rheder and Monica Zablony, this was their first visit to Guadalupe Mountains National Park. There were many gratifying "oohs" and "ahs" along the way. One young hiker commented, "This is like being inside a painting!" Much to the amazement of the three attending parents, all chattering ceased when the youngest hiker spotted a deer grazing in the dry creek bed. The group observed for several hushed minutes before moving quietly on. After a picnic lunch at the grotto, some of the group hiked just a little further to visit a colony of Mexican Brown Bats that have taken up residence in the rafters of the abandoned Hunter Line Shack. All safely returned to the Guidance Center by 5:20 pm. If you'd like to get involved in the Inner City Outing Program (ICO), call Richard Rheder at 562-1999 or 544-5659.

Candidates for El Paso Group Executive Committee

Larry Castor

Metallurgical Engineer, Operations Manager. Member of the Sierra Club for six 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 withing 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.

Betsy Julian

Assistant professor at UTEP. Member of Sierra Club 12 years, ExCom member and program chair for past 2 years. I joined the Sierra Club 12 years ago for the same reason I chose a career in geology: I am fascinated by the Earth. At work I study the development of the Earth in the past; in the Sierra Club I work to influence its development in the future. My primary concern is the responsible use of the public lands. It is the duty of the Sierra Club, guided by the Executive Committee, to monitor the government's land use policies. In our region, we must insure that the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management maintain a balance between timber, grazing, minerals and the preservation of wild areas. Although I am

also a member of the Wilderness Society, Natural Resources Defense Council, Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund, none of these organizations offer the same opportunity for personal involvement as the Sierra Club.

Richard Rheder

Counselor, El Paso Child Guidance Center, Inc. Sierra Club member since 1978 in Dallas and El Paso. Coordinator of Inner City Outings (ICO) program. President of the El Paso Bicycle Club.

As an ICO coordinator serving on the ExCom I hope to build stronger links between the current membership and those who will see the future. In the last year I have been involved in 15 outings for inner-city youths and their families. I hope that more members will join in these activities. I have also written two successful grant proposals for ICO equipment

, and served as delegate to the biennial 10 national conference last August. For Earth Day on the Border I organized an international bike rally with 125 cyclists from Juarez and El Paso. I was appointed by the ExCom to serve out an unfinished term. If elected as an ExCom member I intend to continue fostering environmental awareness and opportunities for responsible action among diverse segments of our community.

Debbie Tomacelli

Experienced four-season backpacker, and former director and faculty member of the Adirondack Mt. Club Winter Mountaineering School, has been on several day, weekend and extended wilderness backpacking trips with the Sierra Club. Since her move to the Southwest four years ago, she has participated in ICO leadership training and trip planning, and has organized and led the annual Fall El Paso Bicycle Club/Borderline Brewers/Sierra Club Fall bike and brew meet. An outdoor enthusiast, she will bring to our organization and ExCom a refreshing breath to winter Sierra Club activities.

Gary Williams

Executive Director, El Paso Rehabilitation Center. Member of the Sierra Club for 10 years. Served on ExCom for 9 years (1983-1992), three years as Group Chairman. My goals include expanding our efforts to monitor and influence policy affecting our public lands — especially BLM Wilderness Study Areas; and to collaborate with other organizations in affecting public policy regarding water, air and hazardous waste issues in our region. I look forward to serving the Sierra Club in achieving these goals.

Group ballot is on the last page.

Statements of Candidates for Chapter Executive Committee

George Grossman (nominating commission candidate)

I am a retired bridge engineer and have lived in Santa Fe since 1962 and in New Mexico since 1956. I became involved in environmental work in 1970 and have concentrated most of my efforts on public land issues, especially wilderness. I prepared the maps for nearly all of the conservationists' wilderness proposals, testified at many public hearings and lobbied Congress for wilderness.

I participated in the development of the Forest Plans for both the Carson and Santa Fe National Forests. In 1991 I served on the congressional delegation's Timber Task Force, which found there was very little timber available for harvest.

I joined the Sierra Club in 1978 and have served on the Group ExCom several times. I continue to attend most of the meetings.

I have served as the Rio Grande Chapter Conservation Committee Chair. I have also served on the Chapter Political Committee and have supervised the Chapter lobbyist.

Rex Johnson (petition candidate)

Along with Pat Wolff and Susan Schock, I am running as an alternative to the nominating committee slate of executive committee candidates, arising from a somewhat confusing nominating process.

I moved to New Mexico from Minnesota in 1989 and worked for the Gila Forest as a cartographer from 1989 until 1992. At that point I resigned from map-making and resurrected a weekly newspaper, *El Reportero*, to provide a forum for Silver City area environmentalists. This effort represents, I hope, the beginning of a coalition between Chicano and environmental activists in southwestern New Mexico.

Shortly before my leaving the Forest Service, Schock, Sauber and I decided to form Gila Watch. I am a lifetime fly fisherman. At present I am also working on wilderness proposal for the Gila Forest and an atlas of wild and native trout in the United States and Mexico.

Van Perkins (nominating commission candidate)

I am presently on the Executive Committee of, and am Conservation Chair for, the Santa Fe Group. I have also been very active in the Chapter. I have served this past year on two Chapter Committees, represented the Chapter on the Southwest Regional Conservation Committee, and lobbied in the Legislature to promote Chapter legislative objectives.

I am primarily interested in the Public Lands aspects of con-

servation/preservation: wilderness, logging, mining, grazing, etc. I fully support the direction the Chapter has taken in the last few years, setting two or three major goals and priorities each year, while still devoting appropriate attention to other conservation issues important to New Mexico and West Texas. This approach enabled us to pass a strong hard-rock mining bill this year while still having a significant effect on such on-going issues as Diamond bar and national grazing reform. I look forward to working on the chapter priorities for 1994. Working together, we can continue to have a significant impact on chapter environmental issues.

Susan Schock (petition candidate)

Coming from an Arizona ranching family, I have seen the aftermath of overgrazing first hand, as desert streams dried up and water tables dropped. Now a grazing activist, I have worked with the El Paso Sierra Club group for two years to stop aggressive commercial development of wilderness in the Gila National Forest for a cattle operation. I was a panelist at the Interior Department's Albuquerque grazing hearings, participated in a grassroots lobbying effort in Washington, D.C., and was a speaker at the West Grazing Conference and the new Mexico Audubon Council.

I am running, along with Pat Wolff and Rex Johnson, to provide powerful, proactive leadership on the Rio Grande ExCom. If elected, I will work to ensure that Sierra Club takes a strong initiative towards public lands grazing reform, and I will work to protect water supplies and to ensure a sustainable future for our desert communities.

Gwen Wardwell (nominating commission candidate)

As Chapter Chair for the last three years, I encouraged and supported the 1991 planning retreat and have continued the process to set major conservation goals with specific plans for their achievement. Focusing our efforts enabled us to achieve our 1992-93 goal of passing a strong hard-rock mining bill. My role in the mining bill campaign was to organize and keep together a broad coalition of community and environmental groups.

At this fall's retreat we discussed process as well as goals, and I expressed my concern that we be willing to talk to persons with differing views. I believe that we should fight our opponents but not demonize them, that we should speak the truth as we see it but listen seriously to those with whom we fundamentally disagree. This approach provides room for strong convictions but demonstrates a willingness to give and receive help on the road to truth.

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Statements of Candidates for Chapter Executive Committee continued from previous page

Gary Williams (nominating commission candidate)

Served on El Paso Group Executive Committee for nine years (1983-1992), three years as chairman. Served on Chapter Executive Committee four years (1987-1991). Goals include continues focus on affecting policy related to public lands and regional issues such as hazardous waste. Organizational goals include continued development of activists in rural areas.

Accomplishments while on the Chapter Executive Committee include planning and development of 1991 Chapter Planning Retreat and streamlining Chapter budget process.

I have lived in the Southwest for 23 years and am committed to protecting our natural resources. I am employed as the Executive Director for a private non-profit rehabilitation center for disabled children.

Jim Winder (nominating commission candidate)

At the simplest level, there are two types of land in the world, that which should be preserved intact and the vast remainder which must produce an economic return. Over the years, my involvement in the Sierra Club has been focused on ways to ensure that production from lands does not come at the expense of the ecosystem. This emphasis on the whole ecosystem has allowed me to revitalize riparian areas and

restore proper predator/prey relationships on the land while producing sustainable income which supports my family and others in the rural community.

Pat Wolff (petition candidate)

Along with Susan Schock and Rex Johnson, I am running for the executive committee to offer members an alternative to the slate of candidates endorsed by the nominating committee.

In 1992, the Sierra Club honored me with an award for my work as wildlife chair and for my efforts to expose and stop ADC's war against wildlife. My work on the ADC issue will be the focus of an article in the November issue of *Sierra* magazine.

If elected to the executive committee, I will:

- Make sure the Sierra Club functions openly, democratically and responsively to member needs and concerns.
- Forge alliances with other progressive-minded organizations to broaden our base of support and strengthen our political clout.
- Encourage and support grassroots activists working to protect natural resources in rural and urban areas.
- Provide effective and courageous leadership to help the Sierra Club live up to its potential.

Chapter Executive Committee Ballot

Instructions:

Vote for no more than 3 candidates for chapter executive committee. (Some candidates have chosen to identify themselves as a slate, but members are free to vote for any 3 candidates.) Two boxes are provided so that each member of a joint membership may vote. Blank lines are for write-ins.

You may vote in both the chapter election and the election for your group. Do not cut this page: reverse side contains mailing label for verification (which will be removed before vote is tallied) along with group ballot. (Any member who did not get this issue in the mail may submit a ballot with the membership written on for verification.)

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Norma McCallan, Secretary
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Ballot must be postmarked by November 30, 1993.

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