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Jim Baca Endorsed For Mayor of Albuquerque

by Richard Barish

The Sierra Club has enthusiastically endorsed Jim Baca in his bid to be re-elected as the Mayor of Albuquerque. Jim Baca is the only mayoral candidate who opposes the extension of Paseo del Norte through Petroglyph National Monument. The Paseo extension would facilitate leapfrog sprawl on the far west side and destroy places held sacred by the Pueblos. Baca has also committed to minimizing the impacts of the Albuquerque drinking water project on the Rio Grande, a major issue for the Club. Jim Baca's environmental record as mayor also includes:

- Stanch opposition to sprawl by actively opposing the extension of Paseo and the northwest loop road, by "smart growth" initiatives that encourage infill development, and by leading the effort to revitalize Albuquerque's

See Baca on Page 3

Executive Committee Candidates Announced

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Eric Griego and Miguel Gomez
Endorsed In Albuquerque City Council Races

by Richard Barish

The Sierra Club is proud to endorse two outstanding candidates for the Albuquerque City Council, Eric Griego and Miguel Gomez.

Griego is running in District 3, which includes the south valley, downtown, and some of the University area. The race pits Griego against incumbent Adele Baca Handley and two other candidates.

Griego emphasizes the need for a long-term solution to our water problems, including minimizing impacts of the Albuquerque drinking water project on the Rio Grande. He states that Albuquerque must change its growth strategy by providing incentives for infill, not sprawl growth. Infill would reduce commuter traffic and the resulting air pollu-
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Executive Committee Candidates Announced

by Doug Fraser
Chair, Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has announced the slate of candidates who will be running for three year terms on the ExCom starting next January. These activists are:

- Shellie Goudreau
- Jim Homan
- Jennifer Johnson
- Ted Mettig
- Ken Hughes

If you are interested in running but are not included on this list, please contact a member of the nominating committee to find out if they are willing to place you on the ballot. If they decline to do so, you may obtain the signatures of 100 chapter members who are in good standing (they paid their dues) with the Club and you will appear on ballot. Note you must do this sufficiently in advance of the ballot distribution so that the signatures can be validated.

In is anticipated that the ballot will appear in the November/December of the Rio Grande Stewards and that the results will be approved at the December Meeting of the ExCom at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge.

Chapter Conservation Committee and Executive Committee September 15 & December 8/9

by Jim Homan

As always, we are pleased to have members attend our Conservation Committee and Executive Committee meetings.

The next meeting is in Albuquerque at the Chapter Office, 110 Second Street, SW. It starts at 8am on September 15 with the Conservation Committee, and continues at 1pm with the Executive Committee.

The winter meeting will be held on December 3 & 9 at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge.

We generally have volunteers bring food for snacks & lunch, so give a member of the Executive Committee a holler if you are planning on coming.

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SANTA FE GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, October 16, 7 PM
WILD UTAH
AMERICA'S REDROCK WILDERNESS

Wild Utah: America's Redrock Wilderness is a multi-media slideshow documenting citizen efforts to designate public lands in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country at Wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. This 20-minute journey through rockform splendor immersates and motivates viewers to participate in the movement to protect these unique lands. The show was made possible through the generous donation of photos, music and words from concerned Utahans who wish to pass this heritage on to future generations, including a special reading by Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stegner from his famous Wilderness Letter. In conjunction with a 30-minute presentation on the current status of the Utah wilderness movement by John B. Stroebel, Retreat Associate of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, this inspirational and informational event is a must see for citizens wishing to become personally involved to make the difference in this tremendous American public lands conservation effort.

All meetings, outings, and activities are FREE and open to the public.
Membership meetings are held at the Unitarian Church 107 W. Barcelona St. (between Galisteo and Don Gaspar).

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Sierra Yard Sale Fundraiser Coming Soon
Saturday, October 6, 8 AM to 3 PM
1859 Camino de Pablo, the home of Carole Owens

We are seeking donations of saleable items (no computers). Ask for contributions from friends and neighbors. We prefer that items not be brought in until two weeks before the sale. Drop off small items at the Sierra office at 621 Old Santa Fe Trail (Plaza de Desierto). Sale is 8 AM to 3 PM and there is a $1 charge for larger, bulky items. We will need volunteers for the following:
1. Help price items on Friday 10-5 at Carole's house.
2. Set up at 7 AM and man tables from 8 AM to 3 PM the day of the sale. If you can come for a two-hour shift, that's great.
3. Clean up afterwards and take leftovers to Goodwill.
Call Kathy Frazer (605-2594) or Barbara Johnson (466-4025) or Norma McCallan (471-0059) to schedule your time.

Carole's house is off of Galisteo between Zia and Rodeo Roads, the second street on the right when driving south, across from a railroad trestle.

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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR
Doug Frazer

The summer has come to an end. Time to get serious about a conservation program - not just enjoy the wilderness with our hikers and river rafting trips.

The New Mexico Game & Fish Department's attempt at addressing the BLACK BEAR issue has us very concerned - please read Conservation Chair Cliff Larson's article. Thank you.

CONSERVATION CHAIR
Cliff Larson

BEARS FACE MASS KILLING IN NEW MEXICO

Black bears are in trouble and the New Mexico Game & Fish Commission wants to end those troubles - permanently.

A late spring freeze this year reduced the food available in the mountainous areas of Northern New Mexico, and bears have been ranging into human habitat. More people and bears are being built in remote areas, thus bears are ranging into human habitat. The increased contact has had unhappy results for both. So far one elderly woman has died, one young camper has been bitten and fifty bears have been exterminated as a result.

The media has played a part in aggravating the situation. Reports pour in about bears in backyards, sleeping in trees and feeding from fruit trees. Game Field Officers attempts to educate and instruct get little coverage. The suggestion to the Game Commission that effort be made to educate communities and individuals about bears-proofing dumpsters, garbage cans and other human food sources was completely ignored. So far, their solution has been to kill more bears.

The unfortunate aligment of the Game Commission is that, unless an animal is of direct use to humans (dog, cat, cow), it can be killed without regard. Then, at least for game animals, there becomes value through the sale of licenses. This has led to the growing issuance of out-of-season "depredation permits" that allow a landowner to sell a license along with a hefty trespass fee. The well-heeled hunter then takes the license (typically elk or deer) and contacts, not on the rancher's land, but often in the nearby forests.

Just what are the plans for the black bear? Shortly, results from a 10-year study on the black bear in New Mexico will be released. The object of the study will be to provide a scientific basis for management of bears in the state. It will be ignored. A task team has been formed whose members represent the diverse interests within the state (hunters, Field Officers, conservationists, outfitters, environmentalists). Its recommendations will be ignored. At the next Game & Fish Commission meeting, many concerned citizens speak about the subject. Their opinions will be ignored. Hundreds of letters have poured into the Governor's office opposing a spring bear hunt. These letters will be ignored. An opinion poll is scheduled to be conducted among hunters on the subject of a spring bear hunt. These results will also be ignored (unless they coincide with the biases of the Commission).

The Game & Fish Commission will offer opinions based on their science. They will be ignored. The sad truth is that the Game & Fish Commission answers to no one.

At the coming meeting, a number of awful recommendations concerning bears will be considered and probably adopted. These recommendations in the aggregate will probably exterminate the black bear in New Mexico.

1. Extend the fall hunting season further: At the Cloudcroft meeting on August 23, the Commission endorsed an immediate start to the bear season (September 1). The bow and muzzle-loader season, which is now dog free, would overlap the new general season and dogs would be freely permitted. The Commission may expand next year's season into August.

2. Open spring hunting: The spring is not often considered for hunting. Female bears have cubs, all bears are hungry and range broadly, paw pads are tender and mobility is low. Spring hunting is regarded in most states as unsportmanlike.

3. There are currently spring bear seasons in only six states. Several states have eliminated spring seasons as a result of voter initiatives.

In no state are dogs permitted during a spring bear season. The Game & Fish Commission, under pressure from dog-hunters, is unlikely to adopt that restriction.

3. Allow year-round bear hunting on private land: Commissionner Hestings, a rabid property-rights advocate, would extend the definition of "private land" to include ALL public land leaseholds. This action does two very unattractive things. It privatizes game for the first time (if it's on your land and not a cow, dog or cat, it's yours); and it puts legions of hunters into the forest all year long to take the occasional shot at hikers, campers, bikers and the like. The right to hunt is likely to be far greater from hunters than it would be from any non-human predator.

4. Use bait to attract bears: The use of bait is unportmanlike in the extreme, fills the woods with garbage, habituates bears to human food and bears to areas used in outdoor pursuits.

As noted, there is little recourse to a Game & Fish Commission order. Nonetheless, come to the next Commission meeting and let them hear your voice. The meeting begins at 9 AM on September 21 at the Doubletree Hotel, 201 Marquette Ave NW, Albuquerque. See you there.
SANTA FE GROUP OUTINGS

Sat Sun September
1 Moderate Hike – In high country. Ned Sudberge (474-4305)
2 Stormy Mountains Hike to Gold Hill, north of Taos, 10 miles RT, 3400’ elevation gain. Early start, long day. Call for details. Steve Markowitz (583-2823) or Norbert Sperrlicht (883-1902)
3 Moderate Hike up Rio Pijoloes (near Cundoyo). Many stream crossings – you will get your feet wet. Dogs allowed. Leave 8:30 AM. Norma McCallum (471-0005)
4 Moderate Hike to Bandelier, 9 miles RT, 1000’ elevation gain. Partly on an abandoned trail. Leave 8 AM. Bob McKee (665-3262) Call 471-0005 after Friday afternoon.
5 Moderate Hike to Loma Lake, 7 miles RT, 2100’ elevation gain. Dogs allowed. Leave 8 AM. Lionel Soranco (923-0715)
6 Moderate Hike to Las Vegas, 7 miles RT, 1500’ elevation gain. Leave 9 AM. Call leader, David Bryant (1-505-797-3477)
7 Moderate Hike to Cañada Peak (Jemez). 14 miles RT, 3300’ elevation gain. Some off-trail hiking likely. Call leader, Michael Browne (563-0645)
8 Moderate Hike in high country. Dogs allowed. Call leader, Totee Orache (230-2544)
10 Moderate Hike to Jemez Mountains. Call for details. Norbert Sperrlicht (883-1902)
11 Stormy Mountains Hike to Santa Fe Baldy. Leave 7:30 AM. Call for reservations. Jeff Jenks (466-2389)

PLEASE ALWAYS CALL THE OUTINGS LEADER PRIOR TO A HIKE FOR CONFIRMATION AND DETAILS.

For additional outings in northern New Mexico, please check the Pajarito Group page(s) in this newsletter.

Sat Sun October
6 Moderate Mountain Bike Ride in the Jemez, likely along Sandia Mountain around La Cienega, gate less than 1000’. Bike leaders Michael Ditto Rose (563-6348)
7 Moderate Hike Leave 8 AM. Art Judah (982-3212)
Saturday, October 15, to Sunday, October 21
Utah BackcountryCaravans Exploratory trip on Elk Ridge (east of Natural Bridges, UI), including a possible 3-day backpack into Fable Valley, day hikes on one or more of the trails that lead into Dark Canyon, and checking out the remote BLM land south of Canyonlands. Dogs OK, high terrain vehicles needed, but we’ll carpool. Norma McCallum (471-0005)
13 Moderate Hike to Buckman Mesa, 5.5 miles, 1100’ gain, rough terrain. Norbert Sperrlicht (883-1902)
14 Very Stormy Mountains Trail to South Trailhead via the Dornm, 18 miles, 5500’ gain. Leave 7 AM. John Bucher (820-0201)
15 Easy Hike Test Rocks near Cochiti, 5 miles, some scrambling, a few hundred feet elevation gain. Meet 9 AM at perimeter of Villa Linda Mall lot near Walgreens. Victor Ayala (438-9456)
21 Moderate Hike Cañada Boalta and Guajio Canyon (above Los Alamos near Villa Grande), 8 mi, 2300’ gain, 9 AM or call to meet near Pajarito ski hill. David Bryant (505-797-3477)
21 Stormy Mountains Hike to Middle Trailhead Peak, 10 miles, 4000’ gain. John Bucher (820-0201)
22 Easy Hike-Webby Walker - bring back pack. Reun Duffy (982-2589)
23 Easy Hike-Webby Walker, 5 miles, 1200’ gain. Dogs allowed. Leave 9 AM. Robert McKee (672-3426 or 471-0005 after 10-26 PM)
27 Very Stormy Mountains Hike to Wheeler Peak, 14 miles, 4300’ gain, early start. Phil Somervell (473-4797)
28 Moderate Hike to Loma Lake, 7 miles, 2100’ gain, 9 AM (NOTE: DST ends next night). Heather Liston (982-9715)

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

There are five positions open on the Executive Committee for two-year terms beginning January 1, 2002.

The Nominating Committee of the Santa Fe Group has selected seven candidates. The five incumbents whose terms end this year have all agreed to run again: John Bucher, Eleanor Eiesenhower, Norma McCallum, Paul Paysky and Courtney White. Activist Lionel Soranco and Joe Kindall have also agreed to run.

Additionally, any member in good standing as of September 1, 2001 may run for election by a petition presented to the Nominating Committee no later than October 15, 2001. The petition must contain the signatures of at least 10 Group members in good standing as of the date of signing the petition. Petitioners must also include a statement to be published in the Sierra, detailing their conservation philosophy and goals for the Group. For further information, potential petitioners may contact George Grossman of the Nominating Committee (982-1004).

Ballots for the election and statements by the candidates will be included in the November-December issue of the Rio Grande Sierra, which will be mailed around the first of November.

GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING DATES
Group Executive Committee: Group Conservation Committee:
Tuesday, October 2, 6:30 PM Monday, October 2, 6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 6, 6:30 PM Monday, November 13, 7:30 PM
Water Pollution (John Bucher’s chair) (982-0201-111)
Monday, October 16, 6:30 PM Monday, October 8, 6:30 PM

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Santa Fe Group News
Why You Must Get Out and Vote for Jim Baca on October 2nd
by Richard Barish

"I know that growth at all cost will destroy what is special and precious about our city, our open space, our bosques, our mountains, our heritage, but we can grow wisely. That's why I stood alone in the last mayoral race, in opposition to the road through the Petroglyphs. And today, the Petroglyph National Monument is still faceless, still sacred. There are some values worth fighting for."
- Mayor Jim Baca, from his Candidacy Announcement Speech, June 10, 2001

I once read something rather shocking about Sierra Club members. I read that we do not vote in any greater percentages than the population at large. How could this be? I thought. I know these people. They're people who care passionately about things, in particular, about the environment. And yet, it seems that we're all alienated, disengaged, as cynical as everyone else when it comes to voting.

On October 2, we need to buck that trend. All Club members in the City of Albuquerque need to go to the polls and vote for Jim Baca for Mayor. There is simply too much at stake for the environment. Albuquerque needs Jim Baca's leadership.

One major issue that we're facing is the Albuquerque drinking water project. Albuquerque is switching from use of groundwater to use of water imported into the Rio Grande from the San Juan River basin via the Chuska River. We all agree that Albuquerque needs to stop unsustainable groundwater mining, but the question is, how are we going to get Albuquerque's San Juan-Chuska Project water to use? Are we going to pump a few more miles in the Rio Grande's coffee by putting another dam and drying up the Albuquerque reach in summer? Or are we going to figure out how we can meet Albuquerque's needs while at the same time not harming, and maybe even helping, the river? We desperately need an environmentalist to lead the City at this critical time for the Rio Grande. We need Jim Baca.

Another major issue facing Albuquerque is how we are going to develop as a city. Are we going to sprawl our way to long commutes, crowded air, and a city that few of us could get excited about living in? Make no mistake, the only reason that Paseo del Norte has not been extended through Petroglyph National Monument, facilitating loop development on the far west side and degrading a place held sacred by the Pueblo people, is that Jim Baca has been mayor for the past four years. He is the only candidate who opposes the Paseo del Norte extension. In comparison, Manzi Chavez's vision is an Albuquerque that "stays at the reservations and goes west at the Rio Puerco." The only thing that will prevent the extension of Paseo through the Monument in the next four years — and the north-west loop winding through the Park after that — is reelection of Jim Baca as mayor in October.

A lot of you have probably seen the early poll that shows Baca behind in the race. In a seven person field, Jim can pull this race out. But in order to do so, he needs a heavy turnout from all of his traditional bases of support, which includes environmentalists in general and Sierra Club members in particular. Where else are we going to find a mayor who gets out on a political level to publicly advocate for wolf reintroduction and toothless opossums? There is ample reason to be cynical about the electoral process, but we need to suppress our cynicism, and show our support, and get out and vote on October 2. It matters!

Jim Baca may not always be right or toeing his own line, but he doesn't often get positive coverage from the developer-friendly media in this town. But don't be fooled: Jim Baca is the Sierra Club's kind of a guy. Please vote for him on October 2.

Sierra Club Endorsements for Albuquerque City Council

Miguel Gomez for City Council District 1

Gomez speaks with dismay about unmanaged growth in Albuquerque and states that we must stop subsidizing growth on the fringes. His support increased water conservation efforts and the need to save open space, including areas not already purchased. He states that the survivability and sustainability of the Rio Grande is one of the most important issues facing our community and supports maintaining sufficient flows in the Rio Grande to ensure a healthy bosque and the survival of species such as the silvery minnow.

Chavez is running for an open seat in the new District 1, which essentially encompasses the southern half of the west side. See additional information on the front page.

Eric Griego for City Council District 3

Griego has expressed the need for a long-term solution to our water problems, but including minimizing impacts of the Albuquerque drinking water project on the Rio Grande. He states that Albuquerque must change its growth strategy by providing incentives for infill, not sprawl growth, in order to make transit more viable and reduce commuter traffic and the resulting air pollution. He also states that we need to strengthen the proposed plan for the Sandia Lab's Mixed Waste Landfill, including a feasibility study to determine the best way to ensure that our groundwater and air are not polluted.

Griego is running in District 3, which includes the south valley, downtown, and some of the University area. See additional information on the front page.

Vote on October 2nd

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The Central New Mexico Group of the Sierra Club depends on the efforts of volunteers. To join us, give any of us a call.
Drink the Rio Grande...? What’s Next?

We have continued to report the progress of the City of Albuquerque’s plan to divert water from the Rio Grande, treat the water in a new treatment plant and provide it to all of us through the city’s water system.

We have now learned that the release date for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the City of Albuquerque’s Drinking Water project has again slipped. We now understand that the release date is late September. Polls at the City tell us that the delays are due to additional work that they feel is necessary to make the DEIS’s “better product.”

So, let’s watch for the release notice in the newspapers or on the City’s website (www.ci.bg.ca.us) and plan to be involved. It’s important that we do this project right!

How Large is your Ecological Footprint?

According to Rochman, the Ecological Footprint measures human impact on nature. In order to live, people consume nature’s resources. So, every one of us has an impact on our planet. This is not bad as long as we do not take more from the Earth than it has to offer. But are we taking more than we should? The Ecological Footprint measures what we consume and show how much productive land and water we occupy to produce all the resources we consume and to take in the waste we make.

You can calculate a rough estimate of your ecological footprint by answering 13 easy questions.

Just visit the website, http://www.census.gov/programs/sustainability/index.html

General Meeting Programs

Monday, October 15th at 7:30PM

Rio GRANDE ISSUES FORUM

Will we as a community choose to keep the Rio Grande as a living river with its glorious crescent moon bar or will we allow it to continue its decline until it is more than a dead ditch? Join us for a discussion of the challenges we face in preserving the Rio Grande.

Where: The Unitarian Church at 3701 Carlisle NE, at the corner of Comanche, in the Social Hall.

The details for this meeting are still being worked out, but we will contact the Unitarian Church at 3701 Carlisle NE, at the corner of Comanche, in the Social Hall. Check our website at riogrande.sierramab.com/chadmil.html for further info.

Call for Nominations to the Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee of the Central New Mexico Group is seeking candidates for election to the Group Executive Committee. If you would be interested in being considered for candidacy or know anyone who should be, please contact Nominating Committee members Nellie Goudreau at 333-3721 or Blair Brown at 295-7190.
A Note from the Chair

Use Your Purchasing Power!

Live by the sword, die by the sword! In this case it's: Live by the dollar, die by the dollar.

In the best of all possible worlds, there would undoubtedly be a better system for determining success of an idea or a product. However, as long as we are stuck with our present system of free-market economies, why not use it to our benefit and to the benefit of our environment?

I've just returned home from Germany, where the small neighborhood shops are collapsing under the pressure of huge new supermarkets selling at cut-rate prices. Of course we did this to ourselves years ago by shopping where the prices were lowest.

On the local scene several nurseries have gone out of business because we've patronized the big home improvement warehouses instead. I think back to the days when we had high-quality landscaping stores in El Paso and wonder if its demise had anything to do with so many of us buying small order. The implications for local business of buying on-line are truly frightening, but at least there's no automobile involved.

It's not just how we buy that's important. What we buy is crucial.

In particular, we should be aware of the consequences of our environment of what we eat. The amount of water and land that it takes to raise a cow should make one think twice before buying meat. (Remember too: You are what you eat!) Demand and paying extra for, organically grown food and clothing is good for Mother Earth.

The same applies to buying lumber: Look for the stamp indicating it came from a tree farm instead of public land.

In the area of transportation, you can imagine how rapidly our public transportation system would improve if we all began to take the bus? Of course, living where we could walk to work would be still living, another reason to abandon our pattern of single-axle suburban neighborhoods. If we must drive, choosing one of the new gas-electric hybrids would send a powerful message to the makers of the Expedition and Escalade. At home here in El Paso, why not choose to pay a little extra for wind power to encourage El Paso Electric to build more wind turbines?

And finally, let us consider the impact of our investments. What is the cost in human life and environmental destruction of demanding ever-higher profits? Wouldn't it be better to support life-friendly companies at the expense of greater dividends?

I hope the message is clear. We're not trying to tell you how to spend your money. We're only suggesting that you use it to promote your values, even if it means spending a bit more! Quality and progress do not come cheaply. In areas where our government is not responding to our needs, we may have to reach for our wallets.

Laurence Gibson, Chair El Paso Regional Group Sierra Club

Executive Committee Report

Exciting Times ... Help Make a Difference

Your group Executive Committee is in the throes of several exciting initiatives. Adding to the fervor are several new, younger faces.

One is Bill Addington Guerra, our Border Issues Chair. Bill is a real eco-hero for his work stopping the nuclear waste dump near Sierra Blanca.

Rick Provencio of the Texas Workforce Commission is raising the right questions as he assists us in our planning.

Joe Escobedo of the Catholic Diocesan Environmental Peace and Justice Ministry is helping us follow the PSB's proceedings. He will soon lead an Issue Outing to one of the colonias. There we'll investigate the highest-priced water service in El Paso, to prove the axiom, "The poor pay more". Hot Issues are:

- PSL Land Sale: We're calling for a moratorium on this one, which was approved by the Ramirez administration last January. It's

"he touch and go" as real estate matters are discussed in closed-door executive sessions. The old procedure of selling off a chunk of land to pay for water infrastructure and keep rates artificially low just didn't cut it any more. Of course, the sale fails another round of development, which then uses more water (gotta love that golf course, right?), which then requires more infrastructure, which then ... You get the idea.

- Mountain Zoning: Everyone says this ordinance, a product of the 80's, is getting "long in the tooth". (Thank you, Charlie Edgren.) We're advocating a complete upgrade to a new and higher community standard.

- Jobs Concrete Products McElligot's Quarry: Here again, what may have been acceptable years ago in Old El Paso just doesn't fit with our new image and the concept of showing a clean, new face to the world. (Did you say "Borden Health Institute"?) This operation wasn't stopped years ago because of fears about what it would cost. And now? I think neighbors. Rumor has it Jobs is in negotiation with the Japanese. We're working with Save Our Franklin Mountains on possible economic sanctions. Letters to the Editor are simply not working!

Call for Ex Com Nominees

Annual Executive Committee elections are coming up for both the El Paso Regional Group and the Rio Grande Chapter. Please contact the Nominating Committee member if you would like to be considered for candidacy.

El Paso Group Nom Com members are: Ted Mertig, Shirley Phillips, and Rollin Wickenden. Candidates may also be nominated by petition.

Ann Fulkos is our rep to the Chapter Nom Com. Details of that election will appear in your Sierran.

In accordance with our bylaws, we have established the following schedule for the El Paso Regional Group election:

- October 2: Last day to submit names to Nominating Committee
- October 3: Nominating Committee reports candidates to the Executive Committee
- October 17: Last day to submit petitions
- November 7: Executive Committee appoints Election Committee
- November 14: Printing of eligible voter list from the national database
- December 31: Last day to return ballots
- January 9: Counting of ballots, 6:00 PM, Jaxon's Restaurant, 1135 Airway, El Paso

Jobe Issue Outing Report

By Laurence Gibson

On Saturday morning, Aug 11th, 11 activists gathered at the Karl Wyler Aerial Tramway to look over the Jobe Concrete Products McElligot Quarry. The group, half Sierran, included our oldest member, Raichla Schuller, and two members of the Piton family, Joe and Gilbert. Joe, a pharmacist living in the neighborhood, has been fighting the quarry for 40 years!

We observed the huge operation from the north end of the parking lot. Efforts to control pollution were obvious as a water truck continually sprayed the talcum-powdery plateau. A new and larger pending area, apparently to receive waste from cement trucks, was evident. In former times this waste flowed across Alabama to a pending area.

One of our party, a former assistant principal at Barnett School, had respiratory problems during his four-year stay there. Joe showed us areas of mudly soil and said this stuff has winds its way into the ductwork of local buildings, possibly even the school. Joe also wondered about possible water pollution from precipitation through the aquifer and the deep sediment of the pending area. A related issue mentioned was Jobe's effort to reduce quarry production below a certain level in order to operate under less stringent regulations.

We also traced the quarry's property boundaries. The southern boundary is an array of a few yards from the tramway parking lot. The northern one is near the VFW Post building in the canyon. Joe was quoted as saying the western boundary is near the back strata of
Outings

Sep 16: Colonias Water Issue Outing
Place: East El Paso
Class: Easy
Length: 3 hours
Elevation gain: none
Leader: Jose M. Escobedo, 751-1384 (H)
El Paso Water Utilities says the fresh water in the Hueso Boilson is likely to run out in 2025. We do not have to wait 25 years to see the effect that no water, or very expensive water, has on families in El Paso. We will visit three colonias and talk with residents of each. This will be a great chance for those working on the Water Awareness Pine to learn more about this aspect of El Paso's water situation. Meet at Petro Track Stop for car pool; 1-10 at Horizon.

Sep 22-23: Tejas-Marcus-Bush Mountain Backpack
Place: Guadalupe Mountain National Park
Class: Moderate +
Length: 13 miles
Elevation gain: 2,400 feet
Leader: Ann Falkner, 833-9162 (H)
If you need to "get away from it all", this is a great trip for you! Dog Canyon Campground almost straddles the Texas-New Mexico state line. A super place to car camp. It was temporarily closed last spring because of mountain lion activity! As with all backpacks in the Guads, you must count on carrying 4 to 6 quarts of water for a night in the backcountry, an extra 9-12 pounds. Saturday will be fairly easy, though, with only 4.7 miles and a 1,300-foot climb over to McSwalter Campground. Sunday Am the loop leaves the Tejas for the Marcus Trail, inclining back north for about 5 miles to intersect the Bush Mountain Trail for the 3.5 miles back to Dog Canyon. Come see what a well-run National Park looks like.

Sep 29-30: Crest-Snowshoe Trail Backpack
Place: Chiricahua Mountains west of Columbus, NM
Class: Moderate +
Length: 12 miles
Elevation gain: 600 feet
Leader: Caroli Greenfield, 594-7342 (H)
The Chiricahuas are unique, just 2 hours west of Sunland Park on the excellent Columbus Highway, and a world-class bird sanctuary where the tops of Mexican stunted pines across from Mexico. We'll begin Saturday morning from Rustler Park at 9,000 feet, driving south along the Crest Trail to Snowshoe Peak. This section, ordinarily fairly easy, could be tough unless Coronado National Forest trail crews (Are there such a thing?) have cleaned up recent blow-downs, hence the + rating. After overnighting near a spring, we'll descend the Snowshoe Trail almost 3,000 feet over the six miles down to our vehicles at the Hermit Tract trailhead.

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rock halfway up the mountain
What nobody is saying is that the quarry property also extends westward into Franklin Mountains State Park, an in-holding so to speak, which actually crosses the crest of the Franklin to the West Side in the southwestern corner.

When Franklin Mountains State Park was formed in the '70's, Austin didn't provide money to buy the quarry, at that time in the name of El Paso Sand. The lesson here is that it never pays to delay a purchase. We saw that when Richard Knapp tripled his money by driving a bull dozer up North Franklin Peak! The Jobe property is now linked to a British multinational called RMC International. Rumor has it Jobe is in negotiations with a Japanese firm. What do you suppose that's going to do to the price tag?

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The Year Ahead for the Southern New Mexico Group

Don Dearholt, Chair
August 27, 2001

Our goals for this year of rebuilding are to have several outings and several programs, and to begin to prioritize our efforts on conservation. Several of our programs will be designed to facilitate our efforts to come to understand in which areas of conservation we can be most effective, given the variety of interests of the activists involved, and the issues before us.

Our first program is a Gathering of the Green, scheduled for Friday, September 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Preciado Park on the NMSU campus in Las Cruces. The park is on Gregg St., between Williams and Sweet; it is just south of the Education building, which is on Stewart Street, and it is also just west of the tennis courts on Williams. We'll probably begin setting up the volleyball net around 5:00, and encourage frisbee and other similar activities until it's time to eat. All environmental organizations in the area of which we are aware are being invited, and of course anyone and everyone is welcome! After some volleyball and a potluck dinner, we'll provide time for each organization to describe their objectives and current projects, and thus facilitate the potential synergy from common interests we expect to become evident. Please bring a dish to share, and your own tableware. A variety of beverages will be provided.

Our next program will be a presentation by Werner Fornos, president of the Population Institute, who will talk on Thursday, October 11, at the Hardman Hall, NMSU Campus, Room 106 at 7:00 p.m. This program is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Unitarian Church.

Additional programs in the planning stage include ecological research in the area, open spaces, water issues, and an end-of-year program consisting of readings and music associated with the environment and conservation, followed immediately by a marvelous selection of desserts!

We have four outings currently scheduled, and expect to incorporate a wider variety of more local outings as the weather cools.

If you are interested in participating in the revitalization of the Southern New Mexico Group, please contact Don Dearholt at 505-522-3035.

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General Meetings

Executive Committee Meetings are typically the first Wednesday of the month—all members are welcome to attend. Call Cherylly at 524-4861 for time and place.

Outings

September 29, Saturday
Day hike to Willie White Canyon in the Sacramentos near Cladcroft. Moderate difficulty; about 7-8 miles. This is a pretty hike at about 9,000' elevation; possibly some fall color, too. Bring lunch and water.
Call 522-4527 for information and departure point in Las Cruces.

October 13, Saturday
Day hike to Hillsboro Peak. This is a moderate hike of 10 miles over a paved trail with an elevation gain of about 1,800 feet. Aspen color should be good with great views. Bring lunch and water.
Call 526-7811 for departure point and to reserve space.

October 27, Saturday
Day hike in the Sacramento Mountains near Cladcroft. We will hike the Run Trail for an approximate distance of 5 miles at 8,500'-9,000' elevation. Bring lunch and water.
Call 526-7811 to reserve space and for departure location.

November 17, Saturday
Bayser Pass hike, roundtrip over and back. This is a moderately rated hike of about 13 miles. Bring lunch and water.
Call 522-4527 for departure information or questions.
Any questions about outings, call Outings Chair, Ben Zerbe at 526-7811.
General Meetings

**There will be no general meetings in September and October.**
All general meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at Mesa Public Library, at 7 PM and are open to the public.

**Other Meetings:**
Conservation Committee meetings are on the second Wednesday and Executive Committee meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month. All meetings are at Mesa Public Library, at 7 PM and are open to the public.

**September Open Meeting:**
*The Black Hills, Tom Jervis*
Come on a slide-illustrated tour of the Black Hills of South Dakota, where the buffalo roam, deer and antelope play, and it is easy to tell the sheep from the goats. Eastern and western species come together in this island in the plains.

Outings

Look under Santa Fe Group Outings for outings in northern New Mexico.
Autumn Happenings

Solar Fiesta Combines Sustainable Living with Southwestern Culture

If you don’t like it when the lights go out in a blackout, or if you just hate getting the utility bill every month, than you ought to treat yourself to learning about how to empower yourself at the Solar Fiesta! The Solar Fiesta is renewable energy and sustainable building educational fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 22nd and 23rd from 10am to 4pm at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque.

The Fiesta is organized by the New Mexico Solar Energy Association, and is being sponsored primarily by Sandia National Labs and PNM and features classes and exhibits focusing on buildings, teachers, and the individual homeowner. Topics on the agenda include:

Technology: Photovoltaic Stand Alone, Residential Tie-in and Small Business Options

Solar Fiesta Combines Sustainable Living with Southwestern Culture

Sustainable Living: Designing Organic Living Solar: A People’s Woman’s View, Solar Cooking, Environmentally Conscious Investment Strategies, Medicinal Herbs of New Mexico, Permaculture, Vermiculture, Recycling on a Wide Scale, Cooking from an adobe oven, Chemical Free Pest Control, Electric Bicycles.

Education: How to Get A Solar Education, Energy Curriculum (a course for teachers must register in advance), Energy Education for and from government officials, Menudo Sol: The Dream. There will be educational activities for kids where they can get playpens for completing various tasks.

This year’s Solar Fiesta is enhanced through cultural participation by the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. They are planning performances by Native American Dancers, and a Navajo Comedian. The KUNM program “Sing and Grow” will be broadcast live from the site on Sunday. Craftsperson will display their wares and those will be available for purchase from an adobe oven. The Pueblo Children’s building will be open for the younger set.

La Maestra’s Co-op is hosting a Solar Cooking contest on Sunday, with the winners receiving gift certificates to their store.

NMSEA is also planning a panel discussion with New Mexico government leaders concerning such issues as solar tax credits, deregulation, and the future of alternative electrical generation in New Mexico on a utility scale.

The Pachacá Institute is along with the Solar Villager Sun Oven and various other displays being brought in. Of course, the IPCC has a standing PV display in the form of their Solar Car Post. This structure provides the power for the building and the meters to the grid. A Raffle for solar products including a small Solar electric system on a stand that can be used for a house or cabin, and a solar oven is already ongoing and will conclude on Sunday afternoon. Tickets can be purchased in advance on our website: www.nmsea.org. Exhibitors include Solar Power and Building, building a Sustainable wall, and making adobe bricks. Displays include a comparison of solar power, wind power and paddle power. Laguna Elementary school will bring it’s Indian Dancers to the Fiesta. Los Tapatios de Frances Laula will grace the Fiesta with their fiery Hispanic dancers, and there will be a Solar Kids area where accomplishing various tasks earns them a playpen.

An alternative Electrical generation in the country. At the time of this release, the Solar Fiesta is also sponsored by the Sandia National Laboratories, the Public Service Company of New Mexico, Matrix Solar Technologies, Industrial Battery Specialists, New Mexico Solar Energy Industries Association, Backwoods Home Magazine, Home Power Magazine, and the Alliance for Green Development.

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center is located on 12th street just north of I-40. Admission to the exhibit area is $5/adult and $3/kids. Classes are $5.00 each, a day pass for $20 or a weekend pass for $35. Volunteers can earn their way into the classes. For a complete listing of classes and times contact NMSEA at 1-888-886-5763 and leave your address. A program will be sent to you. NMSEA is still accepting for the event. If you are interested please call the above number and someone will get in touch.

Come and join the Pachacá Institute at the Solar Fiesta!

Bright Shadows

by James A. Bailey

I’ve been through the black stick orchard, the crispy char marking my socks. How hot that day—when the onyx bones, still fire scalded, allowed the sun down straight to the footpath causing bright shadows where new growth would be winging it, headlong blind.

by SKernGood@aol.com

Game and Fish Neglects Responsibility to Boreal Toad

by James A. Bailey

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has refused to sign an interstate conservation plan to protect the endangered boreal toad. Signing the plan’s conservation agreement would have committed the Department to recognize and implement its responsibilities under current state law.

The boreal toad is listed as endangered under the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act. In fact, the species may already be extinct in our state. The boreal toad has declined throughout its range in the United States and is a candidate for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act. None have been found in their originally small New Mexico range in Rio Arriba County since 1985.

Wildlife Departments in Colorado and Wyoming have signed conservation agreements as part of the Boreal Toad Conservation Plan. Five federal agencies, including the Carson National Forest, also have signed agreements. Implementing the Plan could forestall federal listing of the boreal toad. New Mexico’s signature would have committed the Department of Game and Fish to

1. Be represented on the interstate recovery team; (2) survey for toads should there be any rumors of remaining animals; and (3) implement and enforce the New Mexico Wildlife Conservation Act to protect any boreal toads that might be found. In fact, all three commitments exist in the Wildlife Conservation Act, which is administered by the Game and Fish Department. Although the Department would have incurred no new responsibilities, Director Larry Bell refused to sign the conservation agreement.

The issue is larger than protecting a species that may already be gone from our state. This petty refusal to associate with an endangered species typifies the positions of the Game and Fish Director and the State Game Commission on nongame and endangered species. For most of New Mexico’s wildlife, conservation and management are being neglected. (More information for this opinion was obtained from the Colorado Division of Wildlife which coordinated development of the Boreal Toad Plan.)
Bush Energy Plan: Build More!

Sierra Club Advocates Alternatives to New Coal-Fired Power Plants

From www.sierranews.org

President Bush says we need to drill for oil and gas on America's public lands, build 1,300 new power plants and increase our reliance on nuclear power. But there's a better way to meet America's energy needs. We must increase energy efficiency, expand our use of clean, renewable energy and switch from dirty coal power to cleaner natural gas. At the same time, we can and must protect our public lands.

The president's plan calls for 1,300 new power plants by 2020. Where will he put all these plants? We can choose a better future. A Department of Energy study shows that we can avoid the need for approximately 310 of these new power plants with energy-efficiency measures and avoid another 180 by using renewable energy. We could meet remaining demand by replacing old, dirty coal-fired power plants with new, cleaner, high-efficiency natural gas plants.

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The president's plan calls for an expansion of nuclear power. But there is no safe way to store the dangerous radioactive waste from existing nuclear plants, and nuclear energy could only be expanded with huge federal subsidies. We should instead invest those monies in wind, solar, geothermal and other renewable technologies that can help meet our energy needs and protect the environment.

Dig, Drill and Destroy

President Bush's "dig, drill and destroy" approach to energy policy puts some of America's most treasured wildlands at risk in a shortsighted attempt to address energy needs. Wildlands from the remote coastal plains of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the waters off the Californian shore could be threatened by oil spills and the inevitable degradation that large-scale operations cause. In addition, neighborhoods all across the United States would be at risk of increased air pollution and resulting health problems from new power plants.

International oil companies already have access to the bulk of public lands in the West — 95 percent of lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in the Rocky Mountain West are available for oil and gas leasing. Yet Bush's energy plan would target for development the few remaining pristine wild areas of the West, as well as fragile coastal waters currently protected from industrial development.

Fortunately, we have other choices: There are quicker, cleaner, cheaper and safer ways to solve our energy problems. By making our appliances and cars more energy efficient and switching our focus to renewable energy options like solar and wind power and cleaner natural gas, we can make an immediate impact, save money, maintain the quality of life in our neighborhoods and preserve our wild places for generations to come.

Lands At Risk

Among the special places at risk from Bush's energy plan are our national monuments. His plan would "review public lands withdrawals" and "impediments to oil and gas leasing" on our public lands. Both President Bush and Interior Secretary Gale Norton have indicated they would exploit our national monuments for oil and gas extraction and coal mining, despite overwhelming public opposition. In fact, 68 percent of Americans oppose oil drilling in national monuments. National monuments at risk include:

- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah
- Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument in Montana
- Carriage Mine National Monument in California
- California Coastal National Monument
- Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in Colorado
- Other special places in the West that have been protected from destructive development through administrative actions, as agencies recognized the irreparable harm that energy development would exact on these fragile landscapes. But under the Bush administration energy plan, these protections could be stripped away. Endangered public lands include:
  - Rocky Mountain Front in Montana
  - Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming
  - Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain in Alaska
  - Weatherman Draw (Valley of the Chiefs) in Montana.

Other federal public lands currently free from destructive oil and gas development but threatened by Bush's drive to expand energy exploration include:

- Wilderness-quality lands in Utah's Book Cliffs
- Jack Morrow Hills of Wyoming's Red Desert
- Little Missouri National Grasslands in North Dakota
- Otero Mesa in New Mexico
- Vermillion Basin in Colorado
- Green River Basin in Wyoming
- Valley Village/Carson National Forest in New Mexico.

A Balanced Energy Plan

President Bush's energy plan relies heavily on drilling for oil, mining for coal and expanding nuclear power. The president's plan won't work. We need a plan that is quicker, cheaper, cleaner and safer. Instead of relying on 20th-century energy sources, we need a plan that will move us into the 21st century, and that will shift our focus from coal and nuclear to renewable energy sources and energy efficiency.

The president has included $2 billion in his budget for the coal industry, and he supports so-called "clean coal." The fact is that coal is not clean. In the electric-utility sector, coal-fired power plants are responsible for 88 percent of carbon-dioxide emissions, which contribute to global warming; 3 percent of smog-forming nitrogen-oxide emissions; and 99 percent of mercury emissions, which contaminate our water and land.

Instead of depending on big oil and dirty coal for our energy needs, we should be adopting an energy policy that is based on energy efficiency, renewable energy and responsible supply. Increasing energy efficiency guarantees that we won't waste as much energy in the first place. For example, raising automobile fuel-economy standards to an average of 40 miles per gallon would cut global warming pollution by 600 million metric tons, save consumers at least $45 billion at the gas pump and save 1 billion barrels of oil per year. Increasing the energy efficiency of our residential air conditioners by 30 percent, versus the 20 percent increase that the president proposed, could eliminate the need for 43 new power plants.

We also need to substantially increase our use of renewable energy. Wind power has become competitive with natural gas, and the Department of Energy has estimated that wind power could be expanded to serve the electricity needs of 10 million homes. In addition, 200,000 homes in the United States use some type of photovoltaic solar technology and the market is expanding by 15 percent annually. We need to supplement these clean options with responsible use of fossil fuels, replacing our coal-fired power plants with cleaner-burning natural gas.
Connecting Growth, Land & Water
Facing the Challenges for New Mexico’s Future

The past several decades have seen unprecedented growth in New Mexico, straining land and water resources as well as creating numerous problems for communities. Growth, land, and water impact each other, yet they are rarely discussed at the same time. There are reasons for this. While land is managed by cities and counties, water is administered at the state level by the State Engineer’s office. But if we fail to create connections between growth, land, and water, we may find that we no longer have where we live or that we do not have enough water to support the people who live here.

CONNECTING GROWTH, LAND & WATER
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Saturday, September 22, 2001
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Jenner Room, Main Building
Santa Fe Community College
6401 Richards Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico

$25 per person preregistered - see form below
(Preregistration deadline is Thursday, Sept. 20)
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Contact John Buchesor if housing is needed(jbuchesor@earthlink.net or 820-0201.)
Draft Agenda

(Please note that only speakers in bold are confirmed as of press time)

8:30  Registration
9:00  Land and Water Development in the New West - William Richwine Travis
     Land Use & Water - David DiGioia, Architect and Planning Consultant
     Consuelo Bokum, Director, Water Project, 1000 Friends of New Mexico

10:25  Break
10:45  Panel: The Disconnects
     Subdivisions/Rural Sprawl/Domestic Wells, Patsy Sanchez, Planning Administrator, Lincoln County
     Commodity v. Community, Paula Garcia, Executive Director, New Mexico Acquia Association
     Water Budgets, Frank Titus, Ph.D. Geology and Reed Lining, City Planner, City of Santa Fe

11:30  Questions

12:00  Lunch [buffet]
1:00  Ed Marston, publisher High Country News

1:45  Panel: Making the Connections
     Link planning to actions - Lora Lucero, Editor, Land Use Law and Zoning Digest and American Planning Association
     Staff Attorney
     Colonists/Water Quality, Ray Padilla, Program Director, Colonists Development Council
     Create and use tool kits at local level - Judy Stevens, Research Director, Santa Fe Land Use Resource Center
     Respect natural and cultural resources - Brian Vallo, Manager, Acoma Pueblo Visitor Center

2:30  Break
2:45  Discussion Groups: Tools for Making the Connections

State-wide Initiatives and Legislation (subdivision, consistency):
   Lora Lucero Editor, Land Use Law and Zoning Digest and American Planning Association Staff Attorney. Elaiae Hebard,
   Lehia Lopez Mon, Barbara Ronnagel

Urban Initiatives
   A discussion of how we connect land use plans and regulations with water assessments, plans and regulations in urban areas.
   Judy Stevens, Research Director, Santa Fe Land Use Resource Center.
   Neva van Peski, Dr. Czemiski, Steve Bernstein

Rural Initiatives:
   A discussion of ways to protect rural and agricultural lands from sprawl.
   Moses Gonzales, Assistant Planning Director, Rio Arriba County
   Courtney White, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Quivira Coalition
   Ray Garcia, Imm McCord

Choosing Markets or Community Action
   David Benavides

Developing Inter-Governmental Agreements
   Edward Archuleta, Director Santa Fe Project, 1000 Friends of New Mexico
   Jack Wright, Paul Campos

Water as a Natural Resource and Water Quality
   Deb Hibbard
   Maxine Goad, retired after 25 years working on water quality issues at the New Mexico Environment Department,
   member Sierra Club water committee

4:00  Open mike
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**Saturday, September 22, 2001**

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**ED MARSTON**

Ed Marston has been the publisher since 1983 of High Country News, a national magazine covering the western United States for 20,000 subscribers. Ed received a B.A. from City College of New York, and a J.D. in environmental studies from the State University of New York at Stony Brook in 1983. He and his wife, Jenny Neverland Marston, of Fruita, Colorado, have a 19-year-old son, John, and a 16-year-old daughter, Mary. They travel extensively and cover ecosystem health issues.

**FEATURED SPEAKER:**

**WILLIAM R. TRAVIS**

William Travis earned a degree in Geology at the University of Texas, University of Idaho, and Colorado State University. He is an associate professor of geography at the University of Colorado. He specializes in environmental change, natural resources, and conservation. His recent work involves the study of ecosystem health and change, and he has been involved in the development of land-management practices for the U.S. Forest Service.

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**Outing Outlook**

by Norma McCullar

As I write this in Sandpoint, Idaho, on a visit to my daughter and grandchildren, August is ticking away, the days are still hot, and the wildflowers are less prolific. Next week we will continue on the train to Glacier N.P. for a national Sierra Club service trip. Last month we spent a marvellous three weeks in Norway, including a twelve day Sierras trip to the Brattback. I feel very blessed for the opportunity to see such a diversity of scenery and cultures in one summer.

New Mexico, too, offers a wonderful diversity of cultures, climates, landscapes and wildlife. One of the best ways to experience these is to visit the Ponderosa Peak area near Santa Fe. The views are spectacular, but the hiking trails are demanding.

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