# Northern New Mexico Group Quarterly Newsletter

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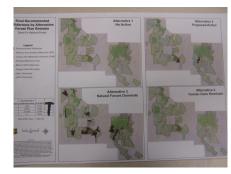
# Walking and Fundraising for our Candidates

Susan and Tom have worked diligently canvassing with Pat, Ken, John, David and others garnering support and giving out information on several close primary races. Even more group members have attended the numerous fundraisers on behalf of our choices who, whether they won or lost, all ran highly credible and effective campaigns. Contact: tdgorman@gmail.com and patriciacardona24@yahoo.com



## Counselor HIA Air Monitoring completed for Homes near Oil Wells

16 indoor and outdoor PM2.5 air monitors were deployed in mid-April and collected last week and shipped to ALS labs and Environmental Health Project in Connecticut for analysis. Additional sampling was taken using summa canisters and H2S and formaldehyde badges. Community results will be posted when they become available. Contact <u>ctc.seamster@gmail.com</u>



## Santa Fe National Forest starting NEPA on 4 Alternatives

SFNF recently released their draft Forest Revision Plan with 4 land use management alternatives that include no change, a balance of some new wilderness and new development, an emphasis on new energy development and recreation, and an emphasis on new wilderness. SFNF has held pre-NEPA meetings and open houses to collect public input in revising the draft alternatives. Contact tdgorman@gmail.com and ctc.seamster@gmail.com

### Solar Energy - Working with Santa Fe County Commissioners to install more Solar

At the urging of Denise Fort, our Excom and County Commission Chair, Anna Hansen, the county has proposed several fire stations and county facilities as best locations for installing solar panels to help reduce the county's carbon footprint and save on utility costs. The next step is to get enough public support to get these projects (\$1.5 million) on the Capital Improvement Projects (ICIP) list for 2019. Contact: <a href="mailto:sandrine.gaillard@gmail.com">sandrine.gaillard@gmail.com</a>

### Northern Group Committee Updates

**Water:** (Paul) Wrote letter to Egolf-Wirth re: legislative emphasis on climate change and water scarcity issues. Will be meeting with both legislators in the interim session and with county on resiliency maps. **Public Lands:** (Tom-Teresa) Continuing meetings and actions to protect SFNF, Carson, Pecos Wilderness. **Energy:** (Shane-Sandrine-Jim K., Paul) Participating in Green Fusion actions with Rabbi Neil to bring collaboration between faith and environmental groups. Pat & John testified in Socorro on Sun Zia Line. **Wildlife:** (Teresa) Jemez (CFRP) monitoring post-fire recovery bear habitat. Group will do education outreach at Los Alamos "Bear Festival" in August and host bear panel in September at PEEC (field work in October w/ Pajarito Group). Note: City prairie dogs relocated successfully to Kansas sanctuary in May. **Nuclear Waste:** (Pat) Presented testimony at Interim Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee hearing and is gathering community support in opposition to Holtec Nuclear Waste project in Eddy-Lea.