Counselor HIA-HNDA Committee receives NNIRB Approval

Three years of work in community education and preparing health impact reports to BLM, BIA and Navajo Nation HEHS, has resulted in IRB approval of the Counselor Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Hozhoogo’na’ada (HNDA) Committee protocol to study cultural, spiritual and health impacts of fracking in three Chaco area chapters. Contact tc.seamster@gmail.com

Santa Fe National Forest Wild & Scenic Rivers Map

SFNF recently released the 2018 Wild & Scenic Rivers map showing 9 designated rivers and the majority of formerly designated WSRs downgraded to either “recreational” or no status. The group submitted comments identifying dozens of stream segments “worthy” of being considered as well as additional fish species and habitats of concern along with Amigos Bravos, The Wilderness Society and other allies. Contact tc.seamster@gmail.com and tdgorman@gmail.com

Solar Energy – “What’s stopping you!”

Say you need an average 10 panel system, which can produce up to ~525 kWh per month (or ~6,300 kWh per year). SunPower panels are more expensive (20% to 30% more) but they produce more kWh per rated Watt and last longer. Homeowners pay an average of $3.14 per W. For SunPower panels, expect to pay an average of $4.10 per W, but with 30% federal tax credit you will pay $10,000 for this $14,000 system. Contact: sandrine.gaillard@gmail.com

Resolution to achieve Zero Waste in Santa Fe County

Zero Waste efforts are gaining attention worldwide as the deluge of plastic and non-recycled trash threaten marine life and overwhelm landfills. REDUCE is the key word whether in packaging or product manufacture or shopping. Without massive public changes – as embodied in Joe Eigner’s County Resolution – plastic products dumped into the oceans from all sources will outnumber fish by 2050. Contact: joseigner@gmail.com

Jackelope Prairie Dog Project

Prairie Dogs are intrinsic to the culture of Santa Fe. The city has a statue of Saint Francis speaking to a prairie dog at his feet listening. These highly vocal and social animals are disappearing under the construction plans of property owners and the group is collaborating with PD Pals and others to relocate and save the small population of Jackalope “dogs” that have delighted visitors for 18 years. Contact: tc.seamster@gmail.com and carlton505@comcast.net