

The Rio Grande SIERRAN



THE RIO GRANDE CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB

September/October 1987

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

It's election time for the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club. The ExCom consists of nine members elected at large, plus one member appointed by each of the groups.

The elected members currently serving on the ExCom are: Nick Nicolaus, Gary Williams, Ben Zerbey, Jack Kenney, Dan Jones, Hank Taylor, Jim Owen, Hal Reynolds, and Ike Eastvold. (Jim Owen was appointed to fill Les King's position.) Tom Brasfield (El Paso), Gwen Wardwell (Santa Fe), and Chuck Wiggins (Albuquerque) are ap-

pointed members representing the respective groups. No appointed members currently represent the Southwest Group or the Tularosa Basin Group.

The elected members serve three-year terms, staggered so that three positions expire each year. The terms of Hal Reynolds, Jim Owen, and Jack Kenney expire this year. As a result, the membership must elect three new members to fill those positions.

We have a strong field of five candidates, whose statements appear below. Please take the time to read these statements and cast your vote,

as described on page 7. Your participation is important in electing ExCom members who will help guide the Chapter for the next three years. Also a proposed amendment to the Chapter bylaws is presented for your consideration. Cast your vote "yes" or "no" for this amendment.

Thanks to all the ExCom members for giving up their time (particularly their weekends) to work on setting the goals and priorities of the Chapter. Special thanks to Hal, Jim, and Jack for serving over the past several years. ●

CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS

NORMA McCALLAN

Santa Fe

I have participated in local Sierra Club activities for many years (joining the Club in 1968), but up to now I have never been involved at the Chapter level. After a long internal struggle (did I really want to give up some of my precious weekends and spend all that time traveling to the ExCom meetings?) I decided it was time to run.

I have been on the Santa Fe Group ExCom for 4 terms and have been, variously, Program Chairman, Vice Chairman, Chairman, and am currently Vice Chairman again. I have also been the Outings Chair or

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JANA OYLER

Santa Fe

I joined the Sierra Club just after I moved to New Mexico in 1985; my joining was motivated by a need to stop admiring conservation activists from afar and actually to commit myself to the fight. I have observed the workings of the three levels of the Club (group, chapter, and national) to one degree or another over the past couple of years, and I would like very much to see the three levels more integrated. People who work so hard at the local level also need to feel a part of both a state-wide/regional movement and a national movement; similarly

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GWEN WARDWELL

Santa Fe

The following are my priorities for the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club:

1. Top priority is to set priorities. We need to set goals and objectives and formulate plans for meeting them. Too often we are in the position of reacting to events and dealing with problems only as they surface. We have no basis for supporting one action or issue instead of another and dissipate our energy and resources in doing a little here and a little there.

2. We need to get more of our members actively involved in Group or Chapter projects.

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TOM BRASFIELD

El Paso

Sierra Club member since 1976. Rio Grande Chapter Chairman 1987. Chapter ExCom member 1984-present. Chapter SCCOPE Chairman 1985-1986. El Paso Group ExCom member 1981-present. Group Chairman 1983. Group SCCOPE Chairman 1982-1986. Outings Leader.

Public lands issues have been a high priority of the Chapter since its formation in 1964. We must continue to commit our resources to the preservation of the finite Wilderness remaining, the establishment of parks and open spaces, and the protection of wildlife. Issues such as clean air, hazardous

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DAVID BATES

Ranchos de Taos

I have lived in New Mexico since 1971 and have been a member of the Sierra Club intermittently since then. My initial environmental activities in NM centered on RARE I and II studies and opposition to WIPP. Most recently, I have been closely involved with the Carson NF Plan and the Taos BLM plan. As president of the Taos Environmental Association, I continue to be responsible for generating community awareness and support for our efforts.

I believe there is widespread support for environmental causes, at least in the northern part of the state. We need

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CHAPTER BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Delete the capitalized portions of Article V, Section 1, and substitute the underlined sentences:

Section 1. One (1) of the members of the Executive Committee will serve as the Chapter's representative to the Sierra Club Council. THIS INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE ELECTED SPECIFICALLY FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICE OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND SHALL SERVE AS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE DURING THE ENTIRE THREE YEAR TERM. A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) PERSONS SHALL BE NOMINATED, ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN

see Bylaws, page 6

McCallan (from page 1)

Outings Co-Chair for more years than I can remember. I lead a hike or backpack on the average of once a month. I have lived in New Mexico for 12 years and only wish I had moved here sooner, for I love the state, its diverse cultures, its high desert and mountain landscapes, its marvelous opportunities for solitude and communion with nature. I am a member of the Reference staff at the State Library, in charge of documents, and responsible for the selection of the environmental books in our collection.

In terms of priorities for the Chapter (a question I could probably answer much more wisely after being on the ExCom a year or more) I would suggest the following (in no particular order):

1. Ensure that environmental needs and issues from all parts of the state, whether or not there is a functioning group in the area, be given equal consideration.

2. Encourage Sierra Club networking and coordination with other local or regional environmental organizations, citizen activists, and Hispanic or Indian organizations whenever our goals are the same as theirs on a given issue. Too often we try to wing it alone, when we could be forging new alliances.

3. Maintain a legislative presence at all State Legislative sessions, even if it means spending some of our hard-earned dollars to fund our designated contact person with a modest stipend.

4. Continue to work vigorously for the New Mexico BLM Wilderness Coalition's recommendations for BLM Wilderness areas. Sponsor Chapter outings to as many of the WSA's as possible to make more people aware of their special values.

5. Devise means of monitoring the various National Forest Plans (however short they have fallen from our recommendations) to make sure the Forest Service is complying with its own stated policies.

6. Maintain as strong an environmental constituency as is possible during the tenure of a State Administration not noted for its environmental outlook. Support the efforts of agency personnel and programs in the Environmental Improvement Division and the Energy & Minerals and Natural Resources Departments who are working hard to save our environment, whether it is enforcing regulations dealing with air and water pollution, identifying and preserving our endangered plants and animals, etc.

7. Be ever alert to ways of involving more of our considerable dues-paying-only membership in local or state activities and issues. We need more

activists at all levels, and someone involved is much less likely to forget to renew their membership. Continue, through a variety of ways, to expand our membership in all parts of the state and seek a broader ethnic representation. ●

Brasfield (from page 1)

waste, and clean water are of crucial importance, not only to us but to future generations. To accomplish our objectives, we must have an impact on elected officials. Therefore, I believe that we must increase our involvement in the political process at all levels of government.

If elected to the ExCom I will devote my efforts to the accomplishment of the following goals:

* Strengthen our volunteer lobbying program in Santa Fe.

* Explore new ways to encourage more volunteer participation in Chapter and Group activities.

* Improve Chapter finances by developing new and long-term revenue sources.

* Develop and implement long-range conservation goals and strategies.

* Become more effective in communicating Sierra Club positions to our members, legislators, and the general public.

~~I would appreciate your vote~~ so that I may work towards these goals during the next three years. ●

Bates (from page 1)

to magnify our already effective efforts by informing, organizing, and mobilizing additional allies. To do this, the Club must become politically active at the local level as well as the state and national level.

Another objective, as I see it, should be to increase our presence in the daily management activities of the various agencies we are trying to influence. Members of the Club should be encouraged to get to know personally USFS and BLM personnel. In Taos, we have formed friendships and professional bonds that have opened channels of communication that otherwise would not exist. I believe this is the most effective way to shape on-the-ground management policy.

The key is personal involvement and the willingness of activists to take seriously their potential role in participatory democracy. The most effective members of the Club are already doing this. I would like to see the Executive Committee set up seminars or training sessions to enable more members to get closely involved. We need to improve our understanding of politics,

negotiation techniques, agency operations, and grassroots organizing. We ought to be making our presence known in every agency office and every politician's office in the state, as well as developing connections with all the media. The Club can and should be the source for the trained, informed activists who will achieve those ends. ●

Oyler (from page 1)

the national level needs a greater perception of what the grassroots can really accomplish. The chapter level can play valuable roles: as a liaison between groups and national and as a unifier of the groups that range over the very disparate parts of New Mexico and West Texas.

My hands-on work with the Club includes editing the Santa Fe Group newsletter and leading day-hikes for the outings program. Though I cannot bring a great deal of Club experience to the Rio Grande Chapter Executive Committee, I can offer a fresh perspective. ●

Wardwell (from page 1)

Although it is encouraging to see an increase in the number of members, our effectiveness is increased more by active members. Members should be encouraged to participate in the activity of their choice or assisted in starting new projects of particular interest to them. The number of active members could be increased by calling each member and asking what his/her interests are, how he/she would like to participate, what his/her ideas for projects are, etc.

3. We need to find ways for members outside Albuquerque, El Paso, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe to participate in Chapter and Group activities. The telephone poll suggested above would help to determine the interests of these members.

4. The Chapter should find ways of involving and recruiting high school and college students and young adults. Although many young people are sympathetic to our views, few are moved to join us. Here we should turn to our younger members for advice.

I have been a member of the Sierra Club for almost three years and belonged to the Colorado Mountain Club and the Appalachian Mountain Club. My Sierra Club activities are:

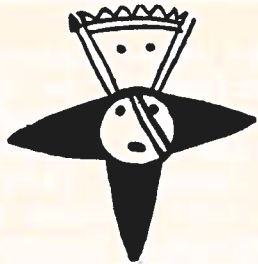
1. Santa Fe Group SCOPE Chair since June 1986.

2. Member of the Santa Fe Group ExCom since June 1986.

3. Chapter SCOPE Chair since January 1987; and

4. Santa Fe appointed member of the Chapter ExCom since January 1987. ●

The Escarpment REPORT



PROGRESS ON NEW MEXICO'S PETROGLYPHS NATIONAL MONUMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES ESCARPMENT PLAN WITH SURPRISE EXEMPTIONS

by Ike Eastvold, Albuquerque

More than a year of work on the City's Northwest Mesa Escarpment Plan has produced a well-balanced document responsive to substantive comments from both development and environmental interests. That hard-earned balance has been

put at risk by a grandfather exemption for all site development plans approved in the last four years. Called Policy #25-7, it was added by city planners as a last minute surprise at the Environmental Planning Commission hearing on September 24th without any opportunity for public comment. The plan now goes to the City Council Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee (LUPZ) on October 27, with possible continuation

November 10. Sierra Club members need to urge the Councilors to withdraw this exemption from the final plan. In some cases, even multi-story apartments and restaurants could be built right against the escarpment rocks! Over two miles of subdivisions would be exempted from the Plan's Design Overlay Zone building height and setback regulations. Surely City Planners can do better than this!

If you can't make the Council LUPZ hearing, put your comments opposing Policy #25-7 in a letter and mail it to Chairman Pete Dinelli, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103; and call your own Councilor at 768-3100 to leave the same message. Other points you should make include the following:

- * Strongly support the plan's recommendation to move 8-lane Unser Blvd. out of Indian Petroglyph State Park and away from the great Piedra Marcadas Arroyo area.

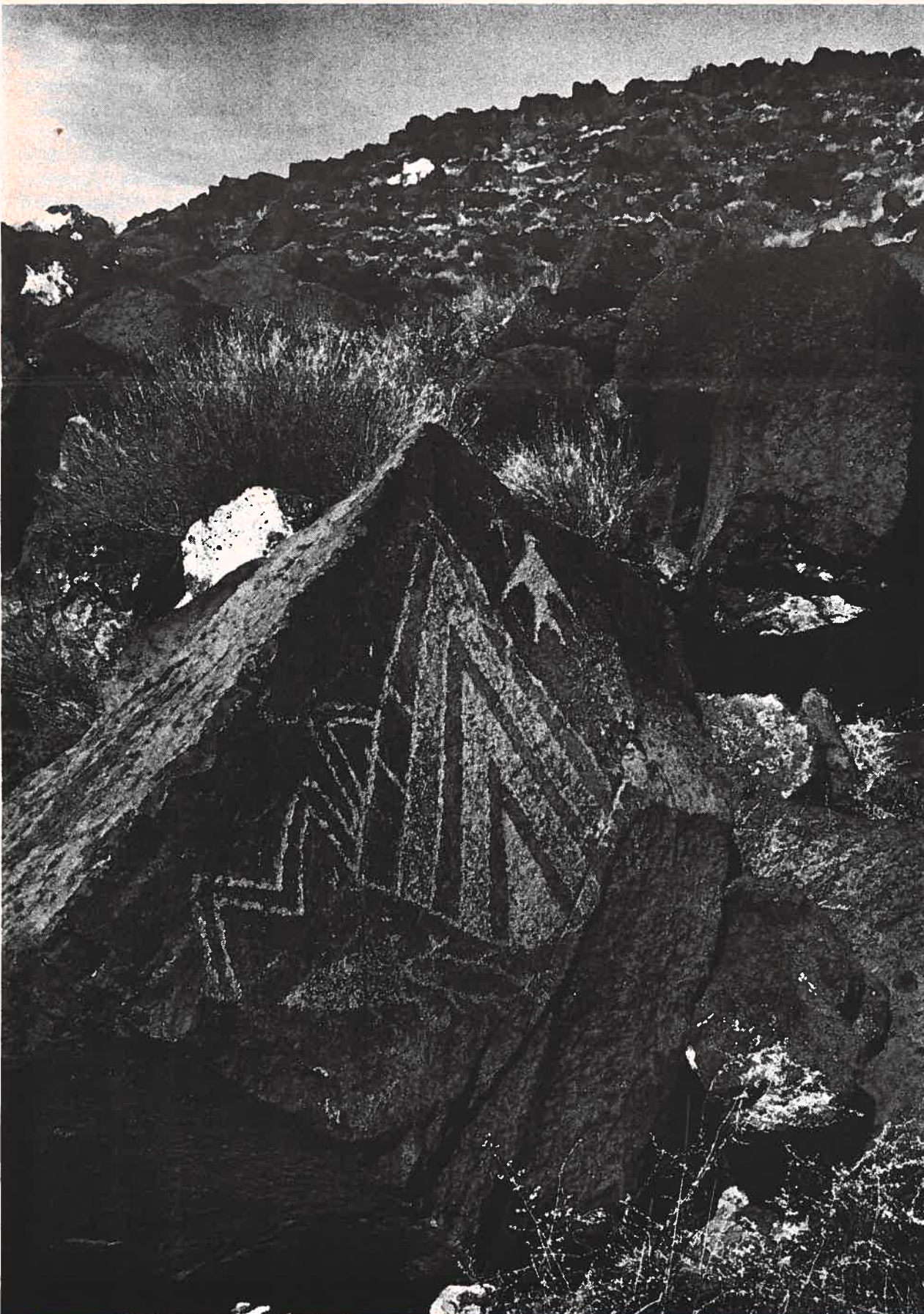
- * Demand the deletion of the infamous Kimmick Road (or 81st St.) from the Long-Range Major Street Plan because of its destructive impacts on Rinconada Canyon and La Boca Negra Park.

- * Urge that Conservation Area boundaries follow 98th St. on the south to create a logical, manageable park boundary. Under no circumstances should development be allowed west of Unser Blvd. in Rinconada Canyon.

- * Remind the Councilors that, if they expect Federal support for a new Petroglyphs National Monument, they should not degrade the area by exempting the worst developments from Plan Guidelines. Congressional delegates will tour the escarpment next year. If they see developments rammed up to the rocks and highways blazed through the escarpment, National Monument status is unlikely for such a degraded area.

Meanwhile this Fall, National Park Service staff will be working with Congressional staff to write legislation creating a new Petroglyphs National Monument (or National Historical Park). Senator Domenici and Representative Lujan are forming a task force composed of landowners, environmental groups, governmental agencies, and Native American groups to work with staff in getting legislation ready to introduce in January 1988, when the 100th Congress

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A one-of-a-kind abstract petroglyph design found only at this location in the Rincondada, with no obvious relatives anywhere else on the escarpment. Note how the nested triangular shapes conform to the shape and contours of the rock itself.

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reconvenes. A consensus of broad-based support is necessary for passage with appropriations by the end of the year. Just as with the City's 1/4-cent Tax Bill, any delays will translate to further losses along the escarpment.

You can help a great deal by voicing your support in a letter to one or more members of New Mexico's Congressional delegation:

Senator Pete Domenici
SD 434
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Jeff Bingaman
502 Hart Senate Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

Representative Manuel Lujan
1323 Longworth Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

1/4¢ TAX LIKELY TO GO TO REFERENDUM by Ike Eastvold, Albuquerque

On September 9, the Albuquerque City Council unanimously approved a 10-year, \$193 million tax package to fund a variety of projects: train and equip 50 new police officers, build critically needed storm drain improvements for flood-prone areas, implement the long-range street plan of transportation projects, save portions of the petroglyph-rich West Mesa escarpment and Sandia foothills open space from almost certain loss to development, and put in place a cultural facilities complex including a performing arts center, botanic garden, children's science museum, balloon museum, aquarium, Rio Grande State Park user's facilities, and a "molly trolley" shuttle to tie it all together!

Disgruntled police union members, upset that the bill lacked a salary increase for them have joined with KZIA talk show host, K.P. Taylor, to mount a referendum drive to force the issue to a special election vote. They must have 14,782 valid signatures of registered voters by October 23.

A special election, even if the vote upheld the 1/4-cent gross receipts tax increase, would delay the effective date of the tax six months. Certain volcanic escarpment open space properties in Volcano Cliffs and Bellamah's Shenandoah subdivisions could be lost to development.

But a defeat of the tax would necessitate that the Council, even if it had the political will to consider an alternate tax, wait at least one year. In this time, development pressures would certainly carry off

significant portions of the escarpment and associated Zuris-Mann 1100-room Pueblo site, and the Rounds Estate in the Sandia foothills would probably be lost as well.

Because of the eleventh-hour time crunch for open space, the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations have banded together with performing arts, museum, and botanic garden advocates to defend the bill. Chamber of Commerce and labor union groups have joined in as well, and all the unlikely bedfellows are marching together under the banner, "We Care for Albuquerque." Press conferences have been held, public tours of escarpment open space have been arranged, and letters to the editor supporting the tax are appearing regularly urging voters not to sign the referendum petition. If the issue does get on the ballot, opposing campaigns may reach the Armageddon fever-pitch usually reserved only for mayoral elections.

Meanwhile, New Mexico Congressional delegation members are watching the situation closely. Both the West Mesa escarpment, now considered for a new Petroglyphs National Monument, and the Sandia foothills Rounds Estate, would require massive Federal assistance to preserve. Without the local funds for these areas earmarked in the 1/4-cent tax bill, companion federal funds will be much more difficult to come by.

If the referendum drive is successful in forcing a special election, you should stand ready to volunteer for a get-out-the-vote campaign to win it. Sierra Club grassroots political organizing will need your help to save the threatened open space areas.

[Editor's Note: On October 26, the City Clerk declared that the deadline for filing the petition to put the tax to a vote had passed without enough valid signatures. As a result, the tax will take effect. Congratulations to those who fought the petition drive so successfully!]

REPORT ON NATIONAL INNER CITY OUTINGS CONFERENCE by Jeanne French, El Paso

Two Rio Grande Chapter representatives attended the biennial National Inner City Outings Conference held at the Sierra Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge August 6-9. The Inner City Outings programs in 28 cities across the country provide wilderness adventures for inner city youth, the handicapped, the elderly, or any in-

dividual who normally would not be able to experience the outdoors. Currently the El Paso group's program, established in 1978, is the only active ICO in the Rio Grande Chapter.

Scott Cutler and Jeanne French, co-chairs of the El Paso program, attended the workshop with 37 other ICO leaders. The National ICO Subcommittee, comprised of one voting representative from each program, met for a lengthy business meeting during the conference. A new National ICO chairperson, Dan Wolk from Philadelphia, was elected, as well as a new five person Steering Committee. Jeanne French from El Paso was elected to serve on this committee for the next two years. Also on the agenda was the approval of the 1988 budget, revision and approval of the by-laws, and the establishment of priorities and goals for the next two-year period.

The goals set forth in this meeting include enhanced leader training and development, increased local program development, the enrichment of the ICO experience for participants through environmental education and alternative outdoor education methods, and better communication between groups. The Steering Committee will work toward achievement of these goals. Jeanne French will be working to provide all of the ICO chairpersons and leaders with resources to enhance environmental awareness. In addition, all Steering Committee members will be working to assist new groups.

After the business portion of the conference was concluded specially designed workshops were provided to give ICO program leaders a greater understanding of the special needs of the physically disabled and more insight into leading successful trips for inner city youth whose attitudes and values may be different from those of regular Sierra Club participants. A troubleshooting session was held on solving the problems of recruiting new ICO outings leaders, training leaders, maintaining a good leader base, and increasing volunteer satisfaction within the program.

If you are interested in forming an Inner City Outings program in your city, or if you wish more information concerning this program, contact Jeanne French at (915) 592-1660. Every community can benefit by Sierrans reaching out to groups who do not have the opportunity to experience our natural world.



TRIPLE DIPPING IN THE PUBLIC TILL

by Jim Fish, Placitas

They lease the land for less than market value; the mortgage value of the right-to-lease is a lucrative source of capital; and for some of them, the entire operation is a tax write-off. They complain that they have a "bad deal" because of agency meddling and neglect. On the other hand, they make large campaign contributions to assure that they get to keep their bad deal.

They lease public land for livestock grazing. They are opposed: to wilderness; to wildlife, in general, if they cannot figure out a way to make money on it; to cougars, coyotes, prairie dogs, eagles, and rattlesnakes, in particular; to regulations; to backpackers; to bird watchers; to artists; to hunters (see above); to off-road vehicles; to anything that reminds them that the land they lease is public.

Range-based livestock raising in the arid southwest has always been marginal, at best. Two cornerstones to the business have been cheap labor and large tracts of cheap land. As the prices increase, the tendency is toward more mechanization, more roads, more pipelines, more windmills and electric pumps, more conflicts with the agencies that manage public land, more conflicts with the other users of public land, more desperation and rhetoric, and less hope--less hope that compromises can be found and less hope that the old-time cowboy will survive. The few cowboys who are still around work for the lawyers, the bankers, the realtors, the oilmen, the politicians, the ex-politicians, the movie stars, and the other bosses who like to call themselves "ranchers."

I grew up on a large ranch in southwest Texas fifty miles from the Mexican border and forty miles from the small town of Sonora. I remember waking up on summer mornings twenty-five years ago to my dad's "Time to get up, Boys, and hear the little birdies sing the sweet praises." We would dress quickly, eat breakfast, and leave the house before day-break. At the central corrals, we saddled our horses by flashlight, or, better yet, by moonlight. Dawn would find us several miles from the corrals, at the back side of a pasture, ready to start the roundup. I still consider those early morning horseback rides some of the best times of my life.

I remember another time several years later. I was home on break from graduate school. My dad and I went for a ride. Mid-afternoon, a cool, clear day, light breeze. We rode in silence. At a pass, Dad reined

in his horse. A herd of mares and colts grazed in the valley below us. Dad turned to me, "You know, Son, I never got rich, but I sure have had me some good times, and I have always been surrounded by wide-open spaces." He shook his head, "I reckon I can't complain."

A few months ago, I was at the ranch again. My dad is sixty-nine years old now. For three years he has been on peritoneal dialysis because of complete kidney failure. He still runs cattle and goats on a twenty-section ranch which he leases at market value from a private estate. He still participates in the roundups --on horseback. When I told him about the Wilderness Coalition and what we are trying to do, he took out his checkbook and gave us a contribution.

For the past six months, members of the Wilderness Coalition have been meeting with the BLM, the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association (NMCGA), the State Land Commissioner and other state officials, the Congressional Delegation, and miscellaneous interested individuals in an attempt to arrive at a consensus



statewide BLM wilderness bill. One thing has become quite clear: certain members of the NMCGA will do anything they can to block designation of additional wilderness in New Mexico.

Having grown up on a ranch, I was surprised at the obstinacy I encountered. The Wilderness Act and report language attached to every wilderness bill since its enactment guarantee that grazing can continue in wilderness areas. I did not understand until I happened to encounter a rancher on the road between Las Uvas Mountains and Robledos Mountains Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs). Her opening stance was "multiple use - no wilderness". I asked about dirt bike racing, a legitimate multiple use. She responded, "No dirt bike racing, but no wilderness." We started talking specifics. She wanted access to her water facilities. Our proposed cherry stems accommodated her needs there. She wanted the roads going through between the two WSAs closed to the public to stop the open flow of drugs and illegal aliens bypassing Las Cruces through her ranch. We agreed. She wanted to be free to practice erosion control where

needed. I told her that the Coalition supports erosion control under the concept of minimum necessary tool. Finally, she dropped the bomb, "My ranch will be worth less if it is surrounded by wilderness."

The woman's ranch consists of eighty (80) acres of private land -- one-eighth of one section of private land. The rest of her "ranch" is several sections of state and BLM land. The right-to-lease these several sections of state and BLM land is attached to the 80 acres of private land. The value of the private land includes the value of the right-to-lease.

As I drove away, something else became clear to me. The NMCGA adamantly opposes increased grazing fees, claiming that the ranching industry cannot afford market value. Consider the following. Mr. X buys from Mr. Y a ranch consisting of 80 acres of private land and the right to lease 25 sections of BLM land. Perhaps fifty percent or more of the purchase price is for the right-to-lease. Who gets the money for the right-to-lease the public land? Mr. Y does, not the BLM. Who gets the money for the right-to-lease when Mr. X sells it for a profit to Mr. Z? Public land has become a private commodity. Meanwhile, the BLM spends more money on range improvements than it takes in from grazing fees. Who pays for this loss?

As I drove on toward Las Cruces, I was thinking about my dad. He has worked hard to make an honest living since he dropped out of school at the age of twelve to help support his family. He and my mom worked hard to raise four boys, to teach us the value of hard work, to see us all four through college and three of us through advanced degrees. I was thinking that it is not fair that some of the taxes paid by my dad go to offset the grazing fees that Mr. X cannot afford to pay because he paid Mr. Y too much for the right-to-lease in the first place.

That night in Las Cruces, several of us wilderfreaks met with staffers of the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to discuss the WSA tours they had made that day. I was accused of being strident that night. I probably was. I was certainly agitated by the realizations of the day, and I was frustrated with the anticipation that we may have to fight a more fundamental battle on the grazing issue before we can hope to pass a decent statewide BLM wilderness bill. Finally, I was depressed by the thought that some of the BLM grazing allottees who have worked with us and who support wilderness designation for the land they graze may be forced to switch sides as the battle heats up. ●

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Bylaws (from page 1)

ARTICLE III, FOR THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE. THE PERSON RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES WILL BE THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AND A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THE PERSON RECEIVING THE NEXT HIGHER NUMBER OF VOTES WILL BE THE ALTERNATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, BUT IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. This representative shall be chosen by the Executive Committee from among its members who have been elected at-large by members of the Chapter. An individual with like qualifications shall be chosen as alternate representative. In addition, the Executive Committee shall appoint delegates to the Southwest Regional Conservation Committee (SWRCC).

Rationale:

1. The method presently employed for election of the Council Representative is cumbersome and could result in "locking in" a person who would not truly represent the Chapter at the Sierra Club Council. Also, since the alternate representative is, at present, not a member of the ExCom, s/he could have little or no knowledge of the workings of the Chapter and/or the Council.

2. Selection of the Council Representative and alternate from among the members of the ExCom who have been elected at-large satisfies the requirement that the Council Representative be elected from the membership of the Chapter.

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ELECTION BALLOT

1. CUT BALLOT OUT ALONG DOTTED LINE

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

1. Cut out the ballot along the dotted line. Your mailing label must not be removed from the ballot. It will be used to validate your vote and will be removed before your vote is tabulated.
2. Mark your vote by checking boxes next to three of the candidates' names. Also vote "yes" or "no" on the Chapter bylaws amendment. Both members of a joint membership vote. The second member votes first then folds and tapes the shaded flap over the vote, if confidentiality from the first member is desired. The first member may then vote.
3. Cut and fold the ballot along the two lines as shown, making sure that the finished fold places the Sierra Club address on the outside.
4. Place a 22-cent stamp on the ballot and mail. Ballot must be postmarked by December 1, 1987 to be counted.

BALLOT FOR RIO GRANDE CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION

Vote for 3 candidates only, by checking the boxes next to their names.

	Member 1	Member 2
Gwen Wardwell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Brasfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Bates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jana Oyler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Norma McCallan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Vote "yes" or "no" for amendment to Chapter Bylaws.

Chapter Bylaws Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

Each member of a joint membership votes.

Member 2 votes first and folds shaded flap over vote if confidentiality is desired.

See page 7 for instructions on how to fold and mail this ballot.

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