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The Rio Grand Sierran has a new editor, Valerie Horton, from Las Cruces. Many thanks to Dave Glowka who did an excellent job editing the Sierran for five years.

As part of the changeover, we are going to be experimenting with the Sierran for a few issues. We are also seeking your input. We're interested in your conservation articles as always. But we are also seeking art, poems, stories, travelogs. Are you an Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker? Have you climbed the Himalayas? Do you have photographs of New Mexico's scenic wonders or oddities? Do you have a letter to the editor - flame on! Please consider the Sierran your newsletter.

The new deadline for articles being sent to the editor is one week after the last Chapter EXCOM meeting. For those of you not aware of EXCOM dates, a submission date will be published in each issue for the forthcoming issue. Articles, etc. should be sent to V. Horton, Editor, 2100 Desert Dr. #7, Las Cruces, NM, 88001. Articles submitted on disks or via E-mail are preferred. Submit your disk in ASCII format, but other word processors formats can also be used. Any size, density or format of disk is acceptable, and I will return all disks. Articles can also be submitted via INTERNET (or BITNET). My E-mail address is VHORTON at NMSU.EDU. If you have questions about sending articles in electronic form, call me at (505) 526-1968.

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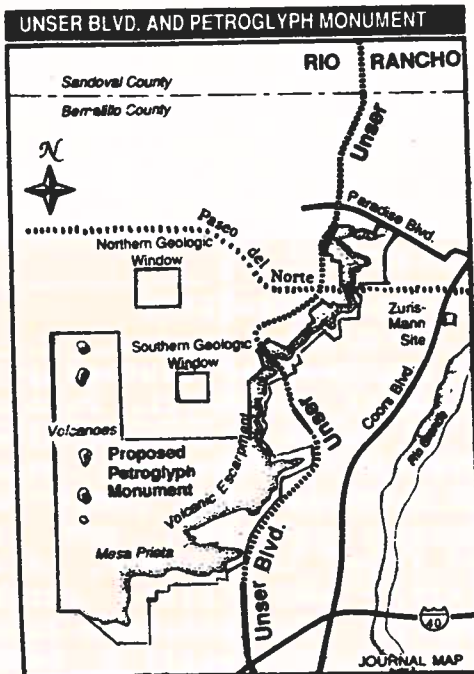
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## PETROGLYPH NATIONAL MONUMENT

by Ike Eastvold  
West Mesa Issue Chapter  
Chair

By the time this issue of the *Sierran* reaches you, New Mexico may have created its first urban parkway accessing a unit of the National Park System. On September 20th, the Albuquerque City Council's Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee (LUPZ) adopted parkway standards for the 7-8 mile stretch of Unser Boulevard proposed to be built between I-40 and Rio Rancho: construction would be limited to four through lanes, a 5-ton truck limit imposed, landscaping with native and drought tolerant plants at the time of construction required, consistent design of streetscape improvement assured, and stringent noise mitigation standards worked out in consultation with the National Park Service and West Side neighborhoods. The full City Council takes action October 2nd.

Approved in the Long Range Major Street Plan adopted by the local Council of Governments, Unser was identified as a potential 6-8 lane major arterial alignment highway before planning began for the new Petroglyph National Monument. The alignment forms the Monument's boundary at three of the four major visitor destinations planned, and, together with an integral stretch of Paseo del Norte, could bisect the Monument in two different places. This configuration makes Unser the most serious public works threat to Petroglyph National Monument, but also offers the potential to provide an impressive access if built to strict parkway standards.



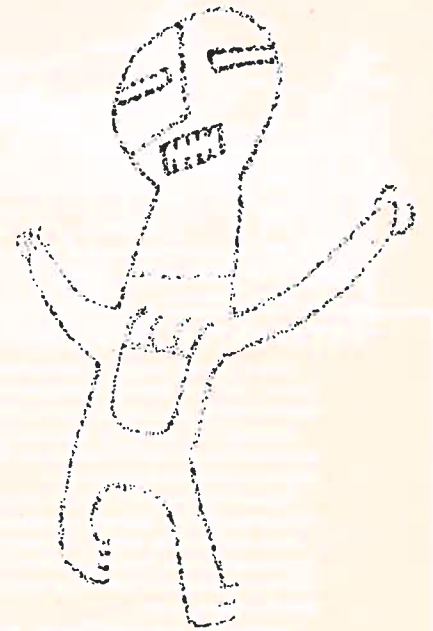
West Side neighborhood associations and conservation groups, including the Sierra Club, banded together last March to begin the difficult seven month struggle with the City of Albuquerque Public Works Department over Unser. Planning had become unbelievably fragmented by the Transportation Division into no fewer than seven separate segments. Two had been built to four lanes already, but leaving a 58-foot median for later expansion. Three more were coming to the front burner and two of these had a mixture of State funding requiring Environmental Assessments (EA's). Since City funded projects currently have no environmental analysis requirement, our first chore was to lobby for EA's covering this third, sensitive segment located at the mouth of Rinconada Canyon, the most pristine portion of the proposed Petroglyph Monument.

The next step was to raise the issue of segmentation itself, and call for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement and a single set of hearings on all remaining Unser construction. As an example, each segment with an EA required 6-8 hearings before different boards and agencies, totalling 20-30 hearings. This incredible bureaucratic labyrinth is clearly a game only paid staff can play, and effectively excludes the concerned public from participating, much less from addressing comprehensive alternatives and mitigation measures to lessen the environmental effects of the whole project.

The Sierra Club appealed for volunteer legal assistance to underscore the requirement under Federal and State Highway Dept. regulations for an EIS on the whole action. Nick Persampieri of Poole, Tinnen, and Martin responded with strong testimony establishing for the City Council legal requirements for an EIS.

City Councilor Hess Yntema came to our aid and introduced legislation calling for a consolidated set of hearings, an EIS, and consideration of a parkway project alternative. West Side developers and the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce mounted an all-out offensive to kill Yntema's bill, claiming it would take years to do an EIS. Addressing the West Side Chamber on September 6th, State Rep. Gary Hocevar accused neighborhood and conservation groups call for an EIS as a smokescreen to block the project, and vowed he'd "take a bag of cement up there" to cover the petroglyphs if a child were killed on the other West Side arterial, Coors Boulevard, "because we forestalled Unser." Hocevar also blasted the bureaucrats of City Hall, and warned that State funds for both land acquisitions in the Monument and construction of Unser could be lost.

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In October, the Sierra Club will sponsor two hikes in the proposed Petroglyph National Monument. See the section on Outings for details.

## PETROGLYPHS (from page 1)

We immediately met with Rep. Hoyer to clear up any misunderstandings about our intentions, and later in the process he and State Senator Martin Chavez provided valuable intervention to force a "compromise" giving us the parkway standards. But at the time tempers were hot and the pot started to boil! A September 13th hearing before LUPZ on Yntema's EIS bill went to nearly two in the morning with 31 people giving testimony, and the hearing room packed with developers, conservationists, and neighborhood residents. Rio Grande Chapter President Chuck Wiggins emphasized to weary councilors at IAM that the Sierra Club was willing to go to court over the segmentation issue, and Nick Persampieri laid out the legal arguments why the City was at risk of being successfully sued over Unser.

To make a long story short, we needed to find a way to harness all that steam without jeopardizing the still fragile National Monument effort. City Council's adoption of the parkway standards was the compromise giving us most of the comprehensive mitigation we would be seeking in an EIS, but without the delays feared by landowners and the Chamber. Their fears, whether correct or not, had given us the leverage necessary to create New Mexico's first urban parkway, and Rep. Hoyer has promised a Memorial in the next Legislative Session to rename Unser Boulevard to the new "Petroglyph Parkway!" The downside: we're still stuck with the City's segmented labyrinth for the nitty gritty of each separate portion!



KOKOPELLI PETROGLYPH

A hunchbacked fluteplayer figure of Kokopelli, Pueblo god of earth's reproductive mysteries. Kokopelli goes back perhaps 2000 years in Anasazi rock art, and is also found in pottery, kiva murals, and kiva earth figures. The antennae-like horns on Kokopelli's head may signify his animal form as cicada. The large hump is said to be full of the seeds of all living things. The diminutive figure on the end of his phallus may be Kokopelli mana, or female consort of the god. The very large feet are unusual.

The sacred origin traditions of the Hopi tell the story of emergence from the underworld, and how Kokopelli was the first to come up through the opening, called sipapu, to this world. Where we can identify the petroglyphs, as with Kokopelli, they consistently relate to events and personages from the sacred origins traditions, the Genesis and Exodus of the Pueblo people.



## PETROGLYPH MONUMENT WASHINGTON UPDATE by Ike Eastvold

After a four-way struggle between the NM Congressional delegation, the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service, and the Office of Management and Budget, the Bush administration went on record in support of Petroglyph National Monument authorization with \$30 million for land acquisition.

Although their testimony, delivered by the NPS on July 27th at the Senate hearing in Washington DC, fell short of recommending the full \$58 million the NPS estimates is necessary, just getting the administration to show support to this degree is an unprecedented victory.

Senator Pete Domenici made it clear at the hearing that the delegation would press for authorization of the full \$58 million despite their difference of opinion with the administration on this point.

Also, thanks to the efforts of Senators Domenici and Bingaman, an initial \$1 million has been earmarked for Petroglyph acquisition in Fiscal Year 1990 (Oct. 1, '89 - Sept. 30, '90), and included in the Senate Appropriations Bill. No money is earmarked in the House Appropriations Bill, so this difference must be worked out in conference committee after the August recess.

Congressman Steve Schiff has met with Rep. Bruce Vento, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands which must hear the Petroglyph legislation, and obtained a commitment for an October hearing after the Senate passes their bill. This good news assures that the legislation will keep its momentum and move along toward passage. With luck, Petroglyph National Monument authorization could be a Congressional Christmas present accompanied by the first million dollars for land acquisition!

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Write Rep. Sidney Yates (D-IL) and Rep. Jamie Whitten (D-MS), US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515, and urge their strong support for the \$1 million Petroglyph National Monument appropriation; and then do the same for Sen. Robert Byrd (D-WV), US Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

## STATE FUNDS FOR PETROGLYPH MONUMENT AVAILABLE: WITH YOUR HELP

by Ike Eastvold

The State of New Mexico has made a commitment of \$6 million dollars toward land acquisitions for Petroglyph National Monument (PNM). The Legislature passed, and the Governor approved, \$300,000 in 1988, and the remaining \$5.7 million during its legislative session this year.

That's good news. The bad news is that the funds were approved from severance tax monies the State earns mainly from oil and gas revenues, and there isn't any severance tax bonding capacity expected for the next four fiscal years. The situation is akin to post-dating a check four years into the future.

But an unexpected fund of severance tax monies has opened up as a result of a recent Supreme Court decision. Cotton Petroleum and others have gone to court to claim that the State has no jurisdiction to levy severance taxes on petroleum extracted from the Indian reservations. While the case worked its way up to the Supreme Court, the affected petroleum companies paid their severance tax in protest to the State.

This reserved fund has amounted to about \$20 million. Since the Supreme Court decided in favor of the State, the severance tax in this fund can be used. By law half of the amount must be used to retire old severance tax bonds; but the other half can be used to issue new ones, including bonds to fund the \$6 million desperately needed to acquire escarpment lands for the petroglyphs.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Write Gov. Gary Carruthers, Santa Fe State Capital, Santa Fe, NM 87503 (or call with the message to 984-9300), and urge him to lead the State Board of Finance in issuance of the \$6 million in severance tax bonds to fund the State's share of PNM land acquisition.

-- The area is critically endangered by development and vandalism. It's immediate acquisition should be the top priority for funding.

-- Waiting will only allow land prices to rise, and the State's \$6 million won't have the purchasing power in four years that it has today.



**1989 Chapter-wide Training Retreat**  
**November 10-12, 1989.. Camp Thunderbird**

**Registration for Chapter Retreat**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to  
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 Return with this form to  
 Chapter Retreat c/o Laura Connolly  
 3815 Headingly, NE, Albq, NM 87110

Mark your calendars now and return the registration form on the left. It's time to join with other Rio Grande Sierrans for fun, food, great workshops and sharing of ideas. The annual chapter-wide training retreat is coming up fast.

In the heart of the beautiful Mimbres mountains, Camp Thunderbird will offer spectacular late autumn colors, stary nights, and days crisp as apple cider. Herds of wild elk roam through the camp grounds periodically that time of year, and other mountain wildlife can be sighted along the Mimbres Valley. Bring the family.

The registration fee of \$37 includes two nights of lodging (November 10 & 11), and five terrific meals cooked by camp manager, Shirley Mize. There is dormitory-style cabin space on a first-come, first-serve basis, and tent space is available if you want it. In either case, be sure to bring your sleeping bag and pillow.

Half-price scholarships (18.50) are offered through all the groups, so limited funds shouldn't prevent anyone from coming. Just mark "Scholarship" on the registration form below.

This is a great chance for all to gain new skills and make new friends. We can strengthen our effectiveness for the earth and have a fun time doing it.

More detailed information, a map, and complete schedule will be included with the next issue of the Sierran, but please help us plan by mailing your registration as soon as possible. Shortly before the retreat, we will form car pools.

...Ike Eastvold

**CAMP THUNDERBIRD**



Be a Friend of Wilderness - Adopt a BLM Wilderness Study Area

**ORGAN MOUNTAINS:  
OVER-DEVELOPED?**  
by Jim Graham

In the style of Edward Abbey, Jim Graham writes feelingly about the need to "Protect not Develop, the Organ Mountains". - Editor

On the eastern outskirts of Las Cruces, the multiple spires of the Organ Mountains have watched cultures come and go for thousands of years. Mayan traders, Spanish explorers and priests, Pueblo Indians, mountain men, Civil War soldiers, utopian community founders, statesmen, and Mexican and Anglo settlers have looked up at the Organs as the epitome of wildness.

The Organs are debatably the most scenic mountains in New Mexico. Looking like a copy of the Tetons remade to fit the desert background; they have been photographed at least a trillion times. It's hard to find a photograph or painting of the Organs that is not spectacular.

In unsuspected places the Organs hide springs, seasonal water and ice falls, aspens, parks, and countless rock gardens that could have been designed by God's own Japanese gardener. At campgrounds, art fairs or parties hundreds of miles away, you will meet people who talk about the strange hold the Organ Mountains have on their memories.

The Organs were called the "Sierra del Solitude" but now the solitude that has always seemed so eternal has been intruded upon by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Organs are now on the fast track.

The new Organ Mountains Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) is now guiding the future management of the area. The plan's Introduction is full of words like "proactive", "intensive", "management goals" and "planned action". Instead, you'd hope that the first priority of planning for a fragile desert mountain near one of the fastest growing cities in the country would be "preservation". Unfortunately, the primary emphasis is on development and busy-ness.

Planned developments included paved roads, water systems, herbicide applications, fences, stock tanks, and picnic grounds. These "improvements" are expected to increase visitation to 500,000 people a year and concentrate it into a few areas.



Organ Mountains

"Edward Abbey, Desert Solitaire

"Don't worry, they said, this road will be built. I'm worried, I said. Look the party chief explained, you need this road. He was a pleasant-mannered, soft-spoken civil engineer with an unquestioning dedication to his work. A very dangerous man. Who needs it? I said. We get very few tourists in this park. That's why you need it, the engineer explained patiently; look, he said, when this road is built you'll get ten, twenty, thirty times as many tourists as you get now. His men nodded in solemn agreement, and he stared at me intently, waiting to see what possible answer I could have to that." "Have some more water," I said. I had an answer all right, but I was saving it for later. I knew I was dealing with a madman.

Whither comes all this busy-ness? Probably from good intentions. The local managers are from California which explains why much of this plan would be just right for Orange County or the Big Sur. But the main developmental push comes from Sante Fe, from BLM State Director Larry Woodard. He dismissed dissenters as exclusionists, using that tired old cry again about the elite few trying to keep the public out. As one rancher said "only the superfit". I, a so-called exclusionist, have led hundreds of people, including senior citizens and children, into hidden places in the Organs.

The BLM has repeatedly been asked to build their new recreation facilities somewhere else. With six million acres to choose from, why not disperse visitation to some lesser known places in Southern New Mexico, not in an area already over impacted.

The CRMP calls for 40 miles of new trails, but no provisions are made for maintenance of these trails or existing trails. Trails in the Organs have recently been repaired by volunteers, but they are still running sores on the landscape. The BLM repeatedly says their actions are designated to reduce

impact by increasing the of backcountry areas. fact, the observat backcountry use is negligi and seems to be decreasing.

Excerpt from response to draft CRMP

I have been in Las Cru since 1953. As a boy, Organs were "Wilderness"... Those nig of solitude remain fresh in mind. I have hiked, ba packed, climbed, even hun in those mountains. They ha become a source of spiritu strength and calmness in city... Let people blaze the own trails."

The NM Dept of Game and F believes the Prefer Alternative places unc emphasis on recreatio activities at the expensive wildlife concerns. Dema should drive development, i development create demar BLM should not encourage u in these fragile areas developing facilities, a recreational developme should not focus solely on t Organ Mountains."

The BLM made an hone attempt to solicit publ input but there seems to be communication failure som where. Response to the dra CRMP supported preservati over their development plan 5 to 1, but the BLM has roll ahead with their original pl with essentially only one sustantial concession. Th changed a new campground to day use area.

The BLM has explained aw any dissent with a glibne worthy of a 6 term senato. One masterful tactic was say the majority of the publ comments were received fro the "environmental community". Only five responses were fro environmental groups, about dozen more were from peop. I've known to be active local environmental issues. Apparently, being opposed t the BLM's plan means you're a environmentalist and being a environmentalist apparently grounds for effective, nor recognition of suggestions. Elegant, effective, demente logic.

Sierra Club response to th draft CRMP

The Sierra Club is appalle at the lack of sensitivi shown for the Organs in th Draft. They are treated as generic recreation resourc with little appreciation sho for the uniqueness of th Organs or aesthetic values o New Mexico."

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## ORGANS (from page 4)

One of the most difficult things to convey is the insidious loss of quality, the disappearance of diversity and uniqueness that is creeping over our state. "FAIR NEW MEXICO, BRIGHTEST OF THEM ALL." The BLM is purposely developing and missing vital opportunities to protect the Organs, one of our most unique places. Please take a few minutes to write a letter for them. If YOU don't write, it won't get done.

-- Write to:  
Larry Woodard  
State BLM Director  
PO Box 1449  
Sante Fe, NM 87504

-- Send copies to your congressional delegation (address elsewhere in this newsletter).

-- In your letter, make sure you ask why they ignored the public comment they solicited. Ask them to: push for rapid acquisition of private holdings, especially the Andereed/Cooper development; prohibit a paved road in the west side buffer area, instead provide the county a right-of-way at the west boundary; don't build more trails above the very environmentally-sensitive 5000 feet elevation level; and above all preserve, don't develop.

-- I would appreciate any comments, also copies of your letters. Call Jim Graham 521-3537

## SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO GROUP REPORT

By Valerie Horton

**ORGAN MOUNTAINS FESTIVAL.** In August, the Sierra Club had a booth at the Organ Mountains Festival. We provided literature about the Organ Mountains and the Sierra Club, took orders for Calendars and had a great time.

**COUNTY LANDFILL.** Controversy is brewing over the location of the new and only county landfill. Dona Ana county is proposing placing the landfill one mile from BLM's proposed Organ Mountain National Conservation Area.

**GREEN VALLEY PROJECT.** The Southern New Mexico Group is starting to write environmental policy statements on those issues affecting our area. We hope to expand this project Chapter-wide.

**RECYCLING GUIDE.** We hope to have a guide to voluntary recycling centers for all of Southern New Mexico out in the beginning of next year.

## RIO GRANDE GROUP REPORTS

SANTE FE GROUP REPORT  
by Randy Freeman

**CARSON FOREST.** The Conservation Committee met with John Bedell, the Carson National Forest supervisor. He reported on how the forest plan has been implemented and monitored. Timber production is below forecasted levels mainly because estimated volumes from individual sales were exaggerated to meet artificial goals. As specific sales are prepared, estimated volumes always decrease, often, he says, because of need to lessen environmental impacts in riparian areas, etc. Bedell noted that they have no effective monitoring of other aspects of their forest plan.

**COPAR.** The Excom, via a poll, decided to fund a share (up to \$1500) of the legal costs to sue the Sante Fe National Forest (SFNF) over its approval of the pumice strip mine. We're seeking an injunction against expansion of the mine beyond its current 5 acre size and are asking the judge to throw out the SFNF's environmental assessment. Co-litigants are Project Lighthawk and Citizens for Clean Air and Water. A fund drive was launched to recover some of the funds. Copar has agreed to limit its mining to the five acres until mid-September.

**CAJA OIL LEASING.** The SFNF has decided not to offer oil/gas leases in the Caja area (White Rock Canyon on the Rio Grande opposite Bandelier). A rare victory!

**PERALTA CANYON GOLD.** The Sante Fe National Forest had no choice but to allow mineral exploration on private land in the proposed Peralta Canyon Wilderness (in the southern fan of the Jemez). The real worry is that the same landowner has 100's of acres of unpatented claims in the same area. If the claims are ever patented or mined the wilderness will be lost.

**SANTE FE SKI AREA.** The SFNF is looking into options for expansion its ski area. There will be public meetings on the alternatives in September, followed by the Environmental Assessment. Contact Corry Wong at Sante Fe National Forest, 988-6993 to be put on the mailing list.

**SANTE FE NATIONAL FOREST CITIZENS COUNCIL.** Roger Peterson and I are alternating members of this group which represents the full spectrum of forest users. We meet with the Supervisor and other staff to discuss concerns.

ALBUQUERQUE GROUP  
by Chuck Wiggins

**SERVICE PROJECT AT THE RIO GRANDE NATURE CENTER.** The Albuquerque Group and REI sponsored a service project at the Rio Grande Nature Center on August 6th. Volunteers constructed a fence to protect threatened wildlife habitat in the Nature Preserve. We also "reclaimed" a series of undesignated trails that fragmented the Bosque. The Club also sponsored a workshop that focused on conservation issues in the Rio Grande Bosque.

**MAYORAL RACE.** The Albuquerque Group will join the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations in sponsoring a series of three candidate forums for the upcoming mayoral race. The forum scheduled for September 12th will focus on environmental issues and economic development. The Albuquerque Group's SCOPE (Sierra Club Committee on Political Education) sent questionnaires to each of the mayoral candidates. The questionnaires are designed to assess the position of each candidate on environmental issues.

**WEST MESA PETROGLYPHS.** The Public Lands Subcommittee of the Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee recently held a hearing on the proposed Petroglyph National Monument. The Sierra Clubs testimony was presented by Dr. Harvard Ayers, Chairman of the Club's Native American Sites Committee. The hearing was held in Washington, DC, in July.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES FAIR.** Planning continues for the 1989 edition of the Endangered Species Fair. The Albuquerque Group has sponsored a series of "hikes" to the Rio Grande Zoo to focus attention on endangered species from around the world.

**PARKING LOST FUNDRAISER.** The Albuquerque Group's largest fundraiser take place each September as we charge State Fairgoers to park in the lot of our strategically located Group Office. Dibby Olson and Heidi Fleischmann will organize and direct this year's effort.

**CLEAN AIR.** Albuquerque clean air activists are lobbying on behalf of mandatory oxygenated fuel program in Bernalillo County. Both the Albuquerque City Council and the Bernalillo County Air Board are considering such programs.

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**OUTINGS IN THE CHAPTER AREA**  
by Norma McCallan

The following list of outings has been compiled from the Group outings schedules so that any Sierra Club member living anywhere in the Chapter can take advantage of our many and varied Group outings. In some cases, as noted, prior reservations are required. Hikers should bring lunch, sturdy hiking shoes, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Radios are never allowed; dogs are allowed only if noted. Leaders reserve the right to turn away anyone whose equipment, experience, or health conditions appear unsuitable for the particular outing.

Sat Oct 7 Art Judd 982-3212 (Santa Fe). Moderate/strenuous hike to Spirit Lake. Leave PERA lot 8am.

Sun Oct 8 Alan Karp 982-1960 (Santa Fe). Moderate hike to Window Rock, north of Espanola. Leave PERA lot 9am.

Sat-Sun-Mon Columbus Day Weekend. Backpack in S.E. Utah. We will probably hike the eastern side of Comb Ridge off Highway 95. Dogs allowed. Call for details/reservations. Norma McCallan 471-0005 (Santa Fe).

Sat/Sun Oct 7-8 Backpack to The Meadows in the Gila Wilderness from the north at Double Springs Trailhead. 7 miles each way, moderate terrain. Rollin Wickenden 915-598-8042 (El Paso). Call for details/reservations.

Sat Oct 14 Ike Eastvold 255-7679 (Alb). Easy hike o Piedras Marcada Arroyo in the proposed Petroglyph National Monument on Albuquerque's West Mesa. Ike says there are some 3000 petroglyphs in this area alone. So bring binoculars, camera, & sack lunch. Meet at Albertson's parking lot, just north of the intersections of Montano & Coors Blvd. at 10am.

Sat Oct 14 John McClure 988-1751 (Santa Fe). Moderate/ strenuous hike to St. Peter's Dome in the Jemez. 6 miles each way. Leave PERA lot 8am.

Sat/Sun Oct 14-15 Margo Wilson 744-5860 (T or C). Car camp & day hike in the vicinity of Mt. Withington, in the Magdalenas near Socorro. Call for details/ reservations.

Sun Oct 15 Don Dietz 982-5382 (Sante Fe). Easy/moderate hike to Tsiping Mesa, north of Abiquiu to see the Indian Ruins. Leave PERA lot, 8am.

Sat Oct 21 Charles Crooks 438-0139 (Sante Fe). Moderate hike in Sante Fe Ski Basin. Dogs allowed. Leave PERA lot 9am.

Sat/Sun Oct 21-22 Mimbres River loop backpack. Dale Harris 915-544-7149 (El Paso) for details/ reservations.

Sun Oct 22 Alan Karp 982-1960 (Sante Fe). Easy hike (with one rock scramble) to Kitchen Mesa, above Ghost Ranch. Leave PERA lot, 9am.

Sun Oct 22 Norbert Sperlich 983-1962 (Sante Fe). Strenuous hike to White Rocks in White Rock Canyon in the Caja del Rio. Wear sturdy boots since terrain is rough. Leave PERA lot 8am.

Sat Oct 28 Ike Eastvold 255-7679 (Alb). Easy hike in Rinconada Canyon in the proposed Petroglyphs National Monument on Albuquerque's West Mesa. Bring sack lunch, binoculars, camera and sturdy shoes. Meet Albertson's parking lot, just north of intersection of Montano & Coors Blvd at 10 am.

Sat Oct 28 Arnold Keskulla 982-9570 (Sante Fe). Moderate hike, Bayo Canyon Loop, near White Rock. Leave PERA lot 8am.

Sat/Sun 28-29 Car camp to Dog Canyon in Guadalupe Mtns. National Park at Dog Canyon Campground. Karl Horkowitz 915-533-7170 (El Paso) Call for details/reservations.

Sun Oct 29 Louise Leopold 988-4592 (Sante Fe) Moderate hike for dogs, their owners & friends, to Puerto Nambe, above Sante Fe Ski Basin. Leave 8:30 PERA lot.

Next Chapter Executive Committee meeting October 21-22 in Albuquerque. Call Chuck Wiggins for information.

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