



Southwest Strategy and Partnerships



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What's new with Southwest Strategy (SWS)?

NEW MISSION:

“Facilitate collaborative, scientifically-based approaches to enhance community vitality and resolve resource conservation and management issues in the Southwest.”

NEW LEADERSHIP- Harv Forsgren, R-3 Regional Forester and Joanna Prukop, NM Secretary of Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources are the SWS co-chairs.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

- >Bureau of Indian Affairs
- >Bureau of Land Management
- >Bureau of Reclamation
- >Border Patrol
- >Department of Defense
- >Environmental Protection Agency
- >Forest Service
- >Fish and Wildlife Service
- >Governors of New Mexico and Arizona
- >Department of Justice
- >National Park Service
- >Natural Resource Conservation Service
- >Rural Development
- >Tribes- Navajo, Hopi, All Indian Pueblo Council
- >U. S. Geological Service

NEW FOCUS-The SWS Executive Committee has identified three focus areas. They are:

- **Water**
- **Ecological Health/Fire**
- **U.S./ Mexico Boarder**

Teams are being developed to address actions for each of these three focus areas.

NEW SWS AGENCY COORDINATOR –

Denise McCaig is the SWS and regional partnership coordinator. She will be developing and facilitating task teams to address SWS Ecological Health/Fire actions.

What's new with Partnerships?

Joint Ventures: Partners in Stewardship Conference will be held November 17-20th in Los Angeles, CA.

To explore and shape the ideas of partnership and a nationwide network of public places, the NPS, US FS, BLM, US ACOE, US F&WS, BOR, and BIA are convening a conference. **R-3 Forest Service participation is limited to 10 employees**, with preference given to presenters, program coordinators, grants & agreements coordinators and partnership practitioners. **Please send your nominations to dmccaig@fs.fed.us by August 22, 2003** so selections can be made and participants registered by August 29, 2003. For more information go to: <http://www.partnerships2003.org/home.html>

The combined efforts of the National Forest Foundation and the Forest Service have produced the **Partnership Resource Center** at:



<http://www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/>

This website includes information to find a partner and provides resources for partnerships. It has helpful information for anyone seeking to develop partnerships.

Want help implementing regional priorities?

If you are interested in grants that:

- *Assist communities in the treatment of hazardous fuels
- *Find new and innovative uses for small diameter material and/or improve utilization
- *Assist non-industrial private landowners
- *Fund small business development, marketing assistance, and service capacity development

Then go to- <http://www.southwestareagrants.org/>

Thank you Elaine Waterbury for this interagency site.



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