



Southwest Strategy and Partnerships



Southwestern Region Collaboration Newsletter

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Who is involved with Southwest Strategy?

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation
Border Patrol
Department of Defense
Environmental Protection Agency
US Forest Service
US Fish & Wildlife Service
US Geological Survey
National Park Service
Natural Resource Conservation Service
Rural Development
State of Arizona
State of New Mexico
Arizona and New Mexico Tribes

What are some SWS products that might be of interest to me?

This Fire Season:

- The fire restrictions and closures “*Toolbox*” will be revised for Interagency use and available on the Southwest Coordination Center (SWCC) website.
- The “*Forest Service Line Officer Decision Guide for Wildland Fires*” will be revised for Interagency use as the “*Agency Administrator’s Guide*” and will be available on the SWCC website.
- An “*Agency Administrator’s Pocket Guide*” is also being developed.

SWS tools to restore Southwest Ecosystems:

- A one-stop website for Southwest Grants is found at: www.southwestareagrants.org
- Coordinated Resource Management MOU’s for NM and AZ. These agreements provide a framework for interagency collaboration and facilitated resolution of resource issues.

Joint Ventures in Partnerships National Conference—November 2003

Last November in Los Angeles agencies and their partners met to discuss successful partnerships. **FS Chief Dale Bosworth** said that collaboration and partnerships should be our base program, not an add-on. It will involve changing our culture. **FS Deputy Chief Sally Collins** said that anyone in the organization can make a difference by developing new partnerships. For more information visit: <http://www.partnerships2003.org/main.html>

Partnerships start with

a handshake
and a relationship



NOT with

our hand out
asking for money



Volunteers in fiscal year 2003:

- > 89,698 volunteers assisted the Forest Service
- > 1,811 person years or 3.2 million hours were worked
- > the estimated value of their work is \$42,300,000.
- > 67% of their work was in recreation resources
- > 6% was in heritage
- > 6% was in research
- > 4% was in wildlife, fish & plants
- > 3% was in forest management

“Encourage others to do things; you may accomplish many things through others that you can’t get done on your single initiative.”

from Gifford Pinchot’s lectures at Yale (1910-1920)

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