



# Southwestern Region Partnerships

Southwestern Regional Collaboration Newsletter

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## Wildfire Community Protection Information

A new tool for fuels planning is available online to help fuels management specialists, resource specialists, planning team leaders, and our partners. The information provided integrates the latest science for project planning. Information and fact sheets are available as you develop your community fire protection plan or fuel reduction project. To find out more go to: [http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/tech\\_transfer/synthesis/synthesis\\_index](http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/tech_transfer/synthesis/synthesis_index)

## National Forest Foundation Grants

Two grants offered through The National Forest Foundation(NFF). *The Matching Awards Program* encourages community involvement in the stewardship of national forestlands through the formation of partnerships. **The pre-proposal deadline for this program is July 29, 2005.**

The Foundation also offers the *Community Assistance Program*, which promotes the creation of locally-based forest partnerships that seek to build economic and environmental sustainability. The program provides "start-up" grants to enable communities to play a more active role in sustainable management. **The application deadline for this program is September 2, 2005.** For more information on both programs, visit the NFF website at: [http://www.natlforests.org/conservation\\_partnerships.html](http://www.natlforests.org/conservation_partnerships.html)

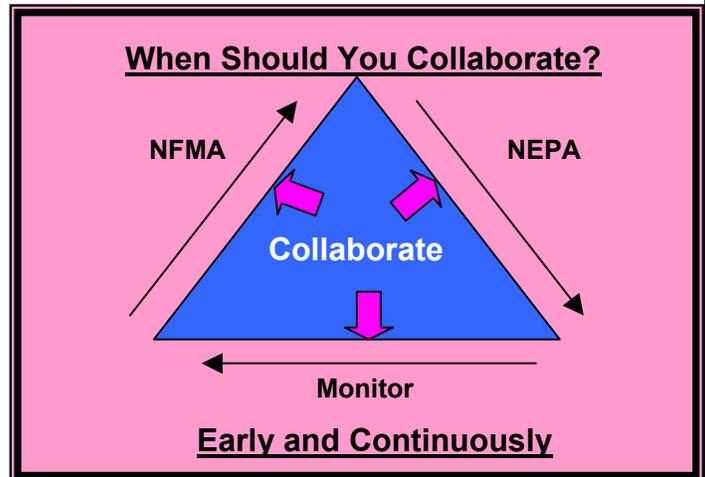
## Collaboration Training Available

The Partnership Resource Center has a list of training opportunities for new, intermediate and advanced collaborators. The list of training opportunities and links for more information are located at: <http://www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/resources/training/index.php>

## Arizona Water Quality Improvement Grants

The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is allocating \$1.5 million to this year's Water Quality Improvement Grant Program to implement projects that reduce nonpoint source of water pollution. Forestry, grazing, recreational boating, and construction can all contribute to nonpoint water pollution.

Eligible applicants include counties, non-profit organizations, local governments, tribes, and colleges and universities. A 40% non-federal match is required. Application forms are at: <http://azdeq.gov/environ/water/watershed/fin.html>



## Collaboration – What is it?

*A process where groups with different interests voluntarily come together to explore differences, identify common interests, and seek common ground solutions.*

*The goal of collaboration is to build and promote a common vision for land management.*

*Partnerships often result from this process.*

### Also Inside:

- SW Community Wildfire Protection Plan Guide
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## Southwest Community Wildfire Protection Plan Guide

An interagency Southwest Strategy team developed the "Southwest Community Wildfire Protection Plan Guide". This guide can be used in conjunction with "Preparing a Community Wildfire Protection Plan" which is found at: <http://safnet.org/policyandpress/cwpp.cfm>

This guide was developed for Southwest communities and the agency representatives who work with them. The guide is found at <http://www.southwestareagrants.org/> and is now available in hard copy. Hard copies can be obtained from Mike Baca, R-3 Fire Prevention Specialist at (505) 842-3804

## White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation

Established as the result of an Executive Order signed by President Bush in 2004, the White House Conference on Cooperative Conservation is the only event of its kind. This August 29-31, 2005 event will engage key decision makers in organizations throughout the country. It is designed as an invitation only conference to bring together the leaders in environmental conservation policy. Conference attendees will be making suggestions for the advancement of cooperative conservation.

For more information about the conference: <http://www.conservation.ceg.gov/index.html>

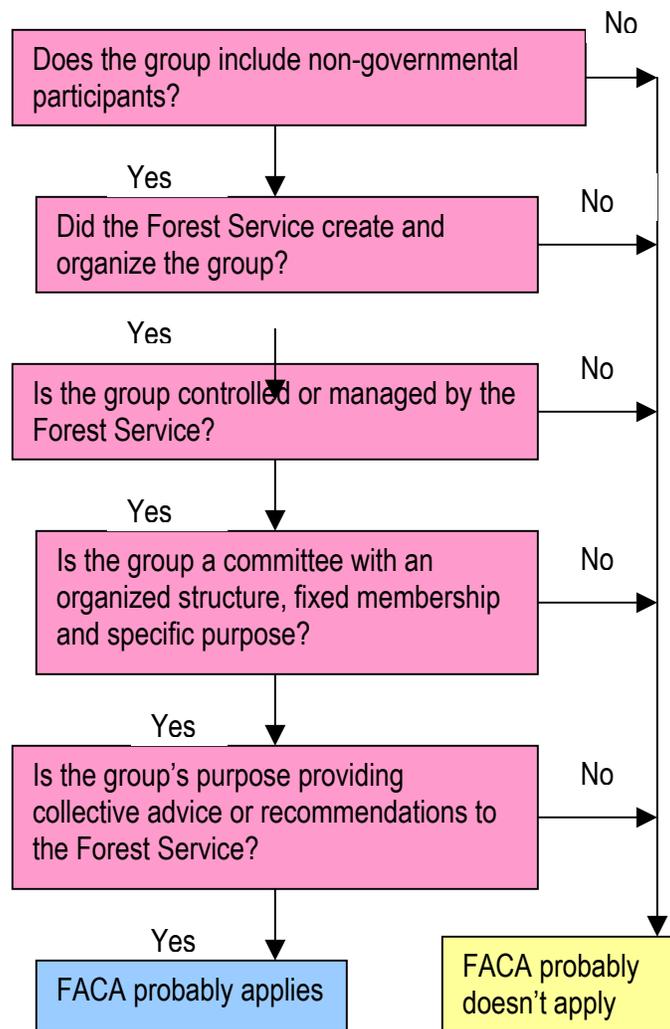
## Aldo Leopold House and Office Restoration Centennial Cost-Share Project

In 1912, Aldo Leopold, then Forest Supervisor of the Carson National Forest, designed and helped build a house at the Carson National Forest's Tres Peidas District for his wife Estella and himself. Aldo's house and ranger station will be restored this year with the help of institutional groups, experienced and interested individuals, and volunteer groups. The Carson NF received \$248,000 in Centennial of Service funds, which will be matched by \$229,623 in contributions. For more information contact Benjamin Romero at 505/ 758-6211.

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## FACA-Free Collaboration\*



When you want to collaborate and not develop a FACA advisory committee, a third-party can convene and facilitate agreement among different interests. You can hire a facilitator or mediator for this purpose or someone else can pay for or provide this service.

The U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution has a roster of facilitators and mediators who can assist with collaboration efforts. Joan Calcagno can help you find the appropriate person for your situation. You can call her at 520/ 670-5299 ext. 19 or email her at: [roster@ecr.gov](mailto:roster@ecr.gov). More information can be found at: <http://www.ecr.gov/roster.htm>

\*FACA- Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972.