



Southwestern Region Partnerships

Southwestern Regional Collaboration Newsletter

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EPA Public Involvement Site & Assistance

The US Environmental Protection Agency's public involvement web pages include new materials and links to useful information about tools and techniques at:

<http://www.epa.gov/publicinvolvement>

EPA has offered to assist as collaboration convener and facilitator for our upcoming forest plan revisions. Please contact Denise McCaig (505/ 842-3406) for more information.

“Coming together is a beginning,
staying together is progress, and
working together is success.”

Henry Ford

Free Regional Collaboration Assistance

The Public Policy Institute at the University of Montana is requesting applications for assistance in Regional Collaboration. The Institute will provide 2 or 3 faculty to work with local sponsors who wish to organize and facilitate a clinic on regional collaboration. The purpose of a clinic is to provide a catalytic event for people from a common region to come together and begin the process of thinking and acting regionally. Any government agency, group of citizens, or nongovernmental organization may apply to sponsor a regional collaboration clinic. To find out more go to: <http://umtpri.org> and click on “Apply now for a regional collaboration clinic”.

Centennial of Service FY 06 Funds

Congress appropriated almost \$4.5 million to fund fiscal year 2006 cost-share projects. The Southwestern region will receive \$400,000 this coming year for Centennial projects. An additional \$900,000 is available nationally to showcase new partnerships.

To apply for FY 06 Centennial of Service funds, **submit your proposals to Denise McCaig by November 7,**

2005. Please use the request format provided in the R-3 correspondence database, file code 6520/1500 dated September 8, 2005. The Washington Office letter requesting proposals is under file code 1550,2200,2300,2500,2600 dated September 20, 2005.

Hewlett Foundation Grants Available

The Hewlett Foundation is accepting unsolicited proposals from nonprofit (501)(c)(3) organizations for projects in Arizona and New Mexico. “*The goals of the Hewlett Foundation's work in the West are to protect its great open spaces and important ecosystems, and to promote productive collaboration among a broad range of people committed to building an environmentally sustainable West.*”

Priority issues include Wilderness, roadless areas and impacts of motorized recreation. For information visit: <http://www.hewlett.org/Programs/Environment/West/westStrategy.htm>

NUCFAC Cost-Share Grant Program

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) is seeking pre-proposals for its 2006 Challenge Cost-Share Grant Program. Approximately \$1 million in funding is available to qualified urban and community forestry projects. See the following link for submission guidelines and eligibility requirements. The deadline for pre-proposals is **November 1, 2005.**

<http://www.treelink.org/nucfac/>.

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Broadening Participation in Monitoring

Participatory monitoring has proven to be an effective way to increase biological monitoring activities, build support for science, and increase public involvement in understanding environmental change. **"Broadening Participation in Biological Monitoring: Guidelines for Scientists and Managers"** is available at:

<http://www.ifcae.org/projects/ncssf3/>

The guidelines are designed as a reference tool to work with any type of project whether bottom-up or top-down, large or small, volunteer or small contractor.

National Fire Plan Grants & Assistance

A new section of National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD's) forestry website identifies grants and assistance possibilities in the areas of forestry and biomass utilization. The NACD *Catalog of Selected Federal Grants and Assistance Supporting the National Fire Plan* can be found at www.forestry.nacdnet.org/biomass/Funding/

Southwest Strategy Today

Southwest Strategy (SWS) will continue to foster relationships and communication among southwest land management executives, tribes, counties and states. They will do this without the structure of the past so there will be no employees and only one established team- the Tribal Relations Team. Regional executives will coordinate on important regional issues and when there is a need for a team to address an issue, a team will be developed for that purpose. The Regional Executives recognized the past accomplishments of SWS and believe it continues to be an important forum for collaboration.

2005 National Forest Foundation (NFF) Grants Awarded to Southwest Partners

NFF provided Southwest Region partners **\$206,420** in Wilderness Stewardship and Centennial Year Challenge grants. Grant recipients are:

- East Valley Back Country Horsemen (Tonto)
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (Carson)
- Wilderness Volunteers (Coconino)
- Continental Divide Trail Alliance (SF & Gila)
- Sky Island Alliance (Coronado)
- Grand Canyon Wildlands Council (Coconino)
- Natural Trails and Waters Coalition (AZ)

To find out more, visit the NFF website at:

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

2005 Centennial of Service Projects

In FY 2005 the Southwestern Region received \$1,133,350 for 21 Centennial of Service projects. As of September 30, 2005, partners have more than matched those funds with \$1,708,880 in cash or in-kind contributions. We anticipate when all projects are completed the **contributions will total \$1,903,713**. One of the Centennial projects is the **"Mangas Creek Watershed Restoration"** project on the Gila National Forest.



Prescribed burning on NF, BLM and Private lands

The Silver City District used \$68,500 in Centennial funds and received \$224,159 in contributions from:

- Grant Soil & Water Conservation District
- NM Environment Department
- NM Game & Fish
- Bureau of Land Management
- U-Bar Ranch
- Hunt Mangus Ranch
- Fred McCauley Ranch
- Cliff Volunteer Fire Department
- Pacific Land & Cattle Company

As a result, they completed 3,000 acres of prescribed fire, 87 earthen gully plugs, 3 miles of road decommissioning, and 10 acres of head cuts repairs.

Free Collaboration Workshop

"Collaboration in Forest Planning & Environmental Review" will be held in Albuquerque, NM on November 16-17th, 2005. This training workshop is free of charge. November 16th will include Collaboration in project planning and environmental review while the 17th will focus on collaboration in forest plan revision. For more information and to register for one or both days, contact Karen Gilbreath at the Ecological Restoration Institute at 928/523-7925 or e-mail her at Karen.gilbreath@nau.edu

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