



# Southwestern Region Partnerships

Southwestern Regional Collaboration Newsletter

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## 2006 Partnership Event on Website

If you missed the 2006 Southwest Partnership Event or if you made it Sedona but you would like a copy of one of the presentations from the Event, go to:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/partnerships/>

Dale Robertson's keynote address titled, "The Value of Partners" is provided on the site. Also you will find information about the 2006 Southwest Regional Partnership Award winners, how to get a Centennial of Service grant, the Student Conservation Association, partnering for watershed restoration, and the Coconino Rural Conservation Corps.

Denise McCaig and Frank Hayes (District Ranger, Clifton District) presented the participant feedback from the Partnership Event to the Executive Leadership Team on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006. Thanks to all the participants for their feedback and involvement in this memorable event.

Forests can now use these templates when they receive RTP grants. Susan McDonnell, regional Grants & Agreements specialist is the lead to develop the remaining templates. Susan's number is 505/ 842-3345.

## Looking for Funding Opportunities?

The Partnership Resource Center website has listings for potential funding sources. Partnerships provide expanded opportunities for obtaining grants:

- Funders often require or prefer projects involving partnerships and
- Funding is easier to leverage with more partners involved.

Funding databases, National Forest Foundation grants, the grant calendar and resources for improving your grant writing skills are available at:

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

## GRANT CALENDAR AVAILABLE

<http://www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/resources/funding/calendar/index.php>

### August 2006

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## Change in SW Partnership Leadership

Denise McCaig is leaving the regional partnership coordinator position on July 24<sup>th</sup> when she begins her new position as the regional Interagency Fire Program Management coordinator. Denise says "It's been a pleasure working with so many people who make great things happens through partnerships and collaboration." Until the regional partnership position is filled, Elaine Waterbury will be the acting partnership coordinator. You can reach her at 505/ 842-3881 or send an e-mail to ewaterbury @fs.fed.us.

## Arizona and New Mexico State Grants

In the past, grants have been awarded by Arizona and New Mexico state departments but forests and districts were not able to receive these funds because we did not have mutually acceptable agreements. We now have templates for both New Mexico and Arizona State Parks, Recreation Trail Program (RTP) grants. These two templates are posted at:

<http://fsweb.r3.fs.fed.us/partners/>

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### **Forest Legacy Program – Protecting Lands**

Do you know any landowners interested in receiving money to live and work on their land while protecting it from development? You have an opportunity to work with your State Forester to identify private lands within or adjacent to National Forest System lands, that could be protected. The **Forest Legacy Program** helps States purchase conservation easements from willing private landowners. The conservation easements pay landowners for development rights, allowing landowners to continue to live on the land and graze cattle and manage forested lands. If you know of a landowner who may be interested in selling a conservation easement, provide the information to Elaine Waterbury, Acting Regional Landowner Assistance Coordinator before August 21, 2006. The information will be provided to the State Foresters who can apply for Forest Legacy funds.

### **Training Modules Coming Soon...**

The National Partnership Network identified a need for field level training materials for both collaboration and partnership. A national team is finalizing a series of PowerPoint training modules to be used at the forest and district levels. The training modules will be available in 100, 200 and 300 levels for increased expertise- like college courses. The modules should be available this fall for use. Stay tuned for more information about training opportunities

### **Collaboration Training Catalogue**

The Collaboration Training Catalogue is tailored to develop core competencies in different audiences. Training opportunities are listed for new, intermediate and advanced collaborators. These trainings can enhance skills in relationship-building, collaborative problem-solving, conflict resolution, and more. Training opportunities are at: <http://www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/resources/training/>

### **Creating a Collaborative Culture**

Representatives from the Forest Service and partner organizations joined together for a week of training, collaboration and networking at the 3rd Annual Forest Service National Partnership Meeting, June 5th – 9th. Associate Chief Sally Collins addressed the group as well as a panel of leaders in the partnership arena.



Partnership networking and collaboration/partnership training were at the heart of the event. Panels at the session included presenters from both the Forest Service and partner organizations who shared their expertise and gave voice to the need for greater collaboration in public land management. Find out more at: <http://www.partnershipresourcecenter.org/>

### **Grant Opportunities**

The **Wilburforce Foundation** is dedicated to protecting nature's richness and diversity through funding programs that help preserve our remaining wild places. Their focus is work to protect habitats that are critically important to sustaining abundant ecological communities in Western Canada and the Western United States. The deadline for their current grant cycle is August 18, 2006. Find out more at <http://www.wilburforce.org/>

**Tourism Cares for Tomorrow** offers grants to worthy tourism-related nonprofit organizations worldwide for conservation or preservation of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural sites. The program considers projects or programs with either or both of the following goals: 1) projects that protect, restore, or conserve sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance; and 2) programs that educate local host communities and the traveling public about conservation and preservation of sites. Their deadline for applications is November 2006. For more information visit: <http://www.tourismcaresfortomorrow.org/TourismCares/What+We+Do/Grants/Worldwide+Grant+Program/>