

SITE LINES



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SITE STEWARD ANNUAL MEETING

September 15, 16 and 17, more than 30 Site Stewards and guests gathered at the Jemez Falls Campground for a weekend of camping, socializing, attending educational events, archaeological tours, and an awards event. Warm sunny days, crisp clear evenings and cold nights were enjoyed by campers and day visitors alike.

The Site Steward Annual Business Meeting held Saturday morning was informative and highly interactive with input and discussion about many of the occurrences, issues and learning experiences various Site Stewards have had. Mike Bremer discussed events happening on the Forest including road closures, ORV usage, and the value that the Program and Site Stewards are to the Forest. Please see the minutes of the Annual Meeting elsewhere in [Site Lines](#).

Saturday afternoon featured several educational events. The ever popular and skillful Bob Lawrence, District Ranger, El Rito District SFNF, demonstrated flint knapping, using materials and tools typical of those used by Native Americans for centuries. The ever ready Mike Bremer filled in



Bob Lawrence demonstrates his skill with flint knapping
Photo by Rich Cunningham

at the last minute to replace scheduled speakers who cancelled and discuss ceramic types. Not certain who was having more fun—Mike or his audience!

Lee and Candie Borduin gave a beginner GPS class, helped students with their own GPS and introduced various models for those without a GPS unit. The final



Mike Bremer had a great time discussing ceramic types to an attentive audience.
Photo by Gary Newgent

exercise for all students was to perform a "Go To" function, which, to every one else's observation, appeared to be aimless wandering around the group area.

Later in the afternoon, Mike Bremer hosted an archaeological trivia contest. Council Chair John Morris obtained over 50 donated books of 15 various related topics as prizes. Every steward won at least one volume; everyone learned a lot of material—most worthwhile, some humorous and some trivial—as the contest implied. *Continued page 2*



Jan Stone, Ann White and Hutch and Barb Hutchison get a GPS 101 lesson from Candie and Lee Borduin.
Photo by Gary Newgent

TOTAL SITES MONITORED BY SFNF SITE STEWARDS

Reference is often made to the number of archaeological and historic sites the SFNF Site Stewards monitor, however an actual count never has been made. The numbers below represent what is reported by the ATL's that are monitored by the SFNF teams.

The first number is the numbers of sites by AR #, the second number is the clusters of sites (AR# sites) monitored by Stewards.

Caja del Rio	6 / 6
Garcia	5 / 5
Gallina	105/25
Jemez	20/20
Pecos	50/50
Rio Chama	9 / 9

Total AR# sites are 195; total site clusters monitored are 115.

Annual Meeting, Continued

A highlight of the afternoon was the recognition and "roasting" of Site Steward God Father Emeritus, Wayne Nelson. Mike and many of the Stewards who have known Wayne during his 9 year career as a Site Steward regaled him with praise, stories and fondness. Wayne was awarded a plaque with an inset clock and the inscription:



Wayne Nelson—God Father of the SFNF Site Steward Program, accepting his service award from Mike Bremer.

Photo by Candie Borduin

"Presented To Wayne Nelson

'Godfather of the SFNF Site Steward Program'

In Appreciation for your leadership as Site Steward Program Organization Chair, Garcia Area Team Leader, Training Coordinator, and many other invaluable roles. 1997 to 2006. Thank You! "

JEREMY KULISHECK BECOMES ASSISTANT FOREST ARCHAEOLOGIST

Mike Bremer announced that Jeremy Kulisheck, who most recently has been Assistant Resource Area Archaeologist on the Pecos District, has been selected as the Assistant Forest Archaeologist, and will be working directly with Mike in the Santa Fe office. Jeremy took up that position October 30, 2006.

Jeremy earned his PhD from Southern Methodist University in 2005; his dissertation title was "Change on the Jemez Plateau, A. D. 1200 to 1700: The Effects of Spanish Contact and Conquest."

Jeremy is a great friend of the Site Steward Program and has assisted in several capacities over the past years. Most recently, he presented at one of the evening dinner meetings on his dissertation work in the Jemez. He also is a willing participant at the Site Steward Annual meetings with ceramic typing presentations.

He is a terrific person and the SFNF Site Steward Program, as well as the Santa Fe National Forest, will benefit greatly having him in this position. Congratulations to Jeremy!

A fantastic cowboy stew complete with corn muffins and salad was prepared and served by Shelley Thompson and Gary Newgent. Appetizers and desserts were provided by members of the Council.

Sunday morning, stewards participated in one of two tours offered. Long time Steward Terry Ballone let a group

to Seshukwa, a fascinating and beautiful site located along a ridge top in the Jemez Mountains. Some very unusual petroglyphs are located below the ridge,



Site Steward Joshua Madalena (right) gave a tour of the newly reconstructed kiva at Giusewa at the Jemez State Monument.

Photo by Candie Borduin

accessed by a steep climb.

Jemez Steward Joshua Madalena, a member of the Jemez tribe, conducted a tour of Giusewa at the Jemez State Monument. Participants enjoyed history of the area told by a descendent of those who were there.

JOSHUA MADALENA NEW STATE MONUMENT CHIEF

(Taken from the Jemez Thunder, November 1, 2006)

Effective Oct. 21, Joshua Madalena became the new manager of the Jemez State Monument.

A historian on Jemez culture and architecture, Madalena was successful in the rediscovery of the ancient Jemez techniques of black-on-white pottery. He has been in the field of archaeology for about 15 years, and has expertise in the area of consultation and negotiation of preservation laws with tribal, state and federal entities.

He was born and raised in Jemez, went to the local BIA school and then to Jemez Valley High School where he graduated in 1984. Madalena was elected to the Jemez Valley Board of Education and eventually became the president. He was elected to the Sandoval County Board of County Commissioners for District 5 in 2004 for a four-year term. He is also former 2nd Lieutenant Governor/Pecos Governor for the Pueblo of Jemez. Madalena is married with two children, a son Daniel, 22, who is in the Navy, and a daughter Alexandria, 12. He is a SFNF Site Steward in the Jemez Area.

Council Chair Message ... by John Morris

Greetings!!

Please don't accuse me of trying to rush the seasons; but there are some interesting signs in the air that make me start to think of the time of year when our field monitoring activities slow down or come to a halt. When I first started the outline for this message there was a prediction for snow above 5,500 feet in the northern and western mountains. And, in early October it was exciting to look north from the Albuquerque area and see snow on Redondo Peak in the Jemez (long-since melted).

If we start to see significant snow, we clearly need to recognize that many of our sites will be not be accessible to us over the winter. I know that there are some sites that we can still get to; but, for the most part, we will not be able to get to many sites.

In order to keep our membership active, and to provide an educational function, we offer once per month meetings, normally on the first Wednesday of each month. This season, we have already had our first two meetings. On Oct. 12 we had a presentation by Mike Bremer and Anne Baldwin on the archaeology of the Chama and Garcia areas.

Monthly Educational Meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of each month.

Bring a brown bag lunch at 5:30 to the Center for Museum Resources

725 Camino Lejo/ Museum Hill/Santa Fe

Speakers start at 6:30

Our second meeting on November 1 was a presentation by Tim Maxwell on Casas Grandes archaeology.

The meetings will continue to occur monthly through the Spring. In hopes of involving more folks, we are now holding the meetings in the Center for Museum Resources Building on Museum Hill in Santa Fe—thanks to Shelley Thompson. Formerly, we held the meetings at a restaurant in Santa Fe, but space was limited there. I want to



Photo by Candie Borduin

encourage all of you to consider attending these meetings over the winter, whether field monitoring activities continue or not. Not only are they educational, but they also have a very nice social component to them, as well.

By the way, we had a really great year of monitoring; and our new Stewards are well into the swing of things. Mike Bremer is able to report a very significant number of volunteer hours and miles contributed to the Forest Service by

our Program over this past fiscal year.

Thanks, and good health and good thoughts to all of you.

Message From a Site Steward . .

Submitted by: Annette Morreale

Life is short and the trail is long; there are so many interesting things to do. As Caja Del Rio Stewards, my husband Sal and I try to be faithful to our once a month visitation goal and attend as many evening lectures as we can. Try as we would, however, we could not find a hole in the retiree's calendar to attend the annual gathering until this September's get together.

We were pleasantly surprised at the family reunion it became. We met most of our new Caja fellows for the first time as we selected our campsites Friday afternoon. We enjoyed old friends and met new Stewards around campfires Friday and



Site Stewards listen to Saturday morning's Annual Meeting discussions

Photo by Rich Cunningham

Saturday nights and inquired about those who were missing or ill. Good food dominated our days as did the sharing of ideas at our Annual Meeting and Saturday afternoon workshops.

The important presenters were there and we enjoyed GPS lessons, intriguing flint knapping demonstration, and a ceramics lesson provided by our dear leader. The Sunday field trips were both journeys into New Mexico's rich cultural history.

We relaxed, had fun, and were enlightened, and camped amid spectacular scenery in nippy weather that was perfect for fall.

The best part for me, however, was learning a bit more about the Site Steward "family" we are. If you want to know where you fit into this family tree, you'll join the festivities next year. I hope to attend and see you there.

ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Documented by Nancy Cella, Secy.

September 16, 2006

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Vice-Chair, Shelley Thompson on behalf of the Council. Shelley introduced Council members and recognized Beth Parisi (Treasurer) and John Morris (President) who were unable to attend the meeting. 34 Site Stewards attended the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Balance - \$853.84; Site Steward funds are obtained via monetary and in-kind donations and fees from special events.

State of the Stewards—Mike Bremer presented his perspective of the progress of the program for the last two-three years. Ninety volunteers have been trained and about 60 are still active. Almost 200 sites are being monitored. The cumulative contribution from the Site Steward and PIT volunteer input is \$145,000 for a \$15-20 hour average. Mike thanked the group for its substantial contribution and stated that the Site Stewards are the largest volunteer group in the Forest.

He pointed out that there is a wide variety of sites in the different areas of the Forest, and urged Area Team Leaders to encourage visits from team members in different areas. Those Site Stewards wishing to visit sites in areas other than their team assignments should contact the ATL of that area.

One of the functions of the Site Steward Program is educating the public. Mike urged participation in the Sun Mountain Gathering on October 7 at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture. He pointed out that we will inevitably meet other recreational groups who use the Forest; there are 6,600 miles of roads in the SFNF. Since lumber sales have slowed or ceased, these roads are not maintained and there is no money for their maintenance. While poor roads may hamper Site Steward activity, return-

ing these areas to their natural state is to be expected, and in many cases, desired.

The State Site Watch Program is making progress toward organizing local volunteer groups throughout the state. The aim is to monitor designated archaeological sites on other public lands in a similar fashion as SFNF site stewards and the BLM program in the Four Corners. Other

opportunities for FS volunteer activities include participation in the Passport in Time (PIT) projects, trail building, rock art recording, and becoming museum docents. Mike urged site stewards to attend public meetings regarding proposed Forest management regulations. Meetings regarding Off Highway Vehicles (OHV) vehicles, for example, were sparsely attended by representatives of environmental groups. Links to other organizations that feature lectures and field trips can be found on the SFNF Site Steward Web site (www.sfnfsitestewards.org)

Mike stressed that the safety of site stewards is a big issue for him. Members were reminded that: 1) stewards must check in and out with their ATL; 2) no dogs are allowed on site visits; 3) ATLs need to stay in touch with all members of their teams, and ATLs need to establish a cycle of visitation by each team; and 4) no guns or alcohol are permitted on site visits or while driving to/from sites.

Mike again thanked all site stewards for their valuable contributions to the Site Steward Program, and reminded ATLs and stewards to submit their hours for the fiscal year that ends September 30. Reports are due to Mike on October 1, 2006.

Site Watch Program—Shelley Thompson explained that this program is under the auspices of the State His-

toric Preservation Office (SHPO); Phil Young is the director. He works with folks around the state to create

steward groups, and new chapters are emerging. There is a state-wide Advisory Council; John Morris is our representative. The SFNF Site Steward program is their model. There will be a seminar/workshop at the Museum of National History and Science in Albuquerque on

December 9-10 that will offer training sessions. We will offer our expertise and some participation; Certified SFNF Site Stewards are eligible to participate in other steward groups, but this is not reciprocal, e.g., members of other groups are not eligible to monitor SFNF sites without completing our training.

Educational Programs—Shelley Thompson will email the dates of these meetings for the fall and winter. Beverages and dessert will be provided. The plan is to eat at 5:30, and the lecture will begin at 6:30. We should be finished by 7:30 pm. Members with ideas about lecture topics or names of speakers should contact Shelley.

Communications—Candie Borduin presented information regarding the List Server. Almost all members are signed up to receive messages from other Site Stewards and Mike concerning Forest activities. Thank you for limiting your messages to site steward business.

The Web site has been updated with publication of the new letter of application and information. Requirements for membership are more specific. Although

Gary Hein is still maintaining the Web site, we are looking for a new Webmaster who should have 1) a high level of interest in the organization, 2) be qualified to organize a web site, and 3) attend quarterly

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Webmaster with high level of interest in the Program, web skills and ability to attend quarterly Council meetings

Site Steward Annual Meeting Minutes, Continued

Council meetings.

Site Lines is a quarterly publication that is distributed primarily on the List Server, but also may be mailed to members. Any photo contributions should be put on a CD and mailed rather than emailing them to Candie. The focus is current activities, future events, member profiles and any ancillary activities. Candie asked for help with the newsletter, and is looking for a new editor with the following criteria: 1) a high level of interest in the organization, 2) have computer skills and writing ability to develop a newsletter and 3) attend quarterly Council meetings.

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Site Lines editor with high level of interest in the Program, computer skills and writing ability to develop a newsletter and ability to attend quarterly Council meetings

Field Operations Reconnaissance Form

Lee Borduin described a new field form that he has been developing. He explained that there are occasions when site stewards encounter previously unrecorded sites during their visits. Recorded sites may be marked by the presence of an aluminum tag on a nearby tree, a plastic orange plug held by a nail in a tree (late 1970s), and sometimes by three painted rings on trees surrounding a site. Instead of the 14-page Laboratory of Anthropology form, Lee developed a fillable form that expands when information is entered electronically. Each ATL has an electronic form, which should be provided to team members as needed. Lee suggested that teams take the form and a notebook on site visits, record the pertinent information in the notebook, and fill out the form electronically when they return home. A completed form should be sent to the ATL who then forwards it to Mike Bremer.

Status Reports of Area Teams

Caja del Rio: Gary Newgent, ATL, reported that his team has six new stewards from the 2006 training class. The area is located west of Santa Fe, and contains Archaic

sites, shrines, and rock shelters. The team has replaced two signs, and needs more sites to monitor.

Gallina: Candie Borduin, co-ATL, reported that their area is rugged and remote, and that a typical site visit may require a roundtrip drive of 200-250 miles. Six weeks of rainy weather kept team members out

of the field this season. The 13 team members monitor 105 numbered sites in 25 clusters. The team recorded 108 site visits, 700 hours, and 5,600 miles during the season. Dwight Fieselman, AATL, has been cataloguing Frank Hibben's 1930s-1940s field notes and photographs for the last two years. Gallina stewards are cataloging notes and artifacts from the Herbert Dick collection, an archaeologist who worked in the Gallina in the 70-s. Seven annual PIT projects have been held in the Gallina. Nogales Cliff House is presently being reviewed and recommended for stabilization. A recently published book Hiking Adventures in New Mexico lists sites in the area, and increased visitation is expected.

Garcia: Will Dearholt, ATL, reported that his area is 10 miles from Los Alamos. Field work was also slowed by rain and terrible roads, even for four-wheel drive vehicles. The team has five sites to monitor, but there are many other sites in the area. Several sections of land are being transferred to the San Ildefonso Pueblo, which may impact site access. Wayne Nelson, a long-time steward, has retired from the program.

Jemez: Jan Stone, co-ATL, delineated the boundaries of the area: FR 10 is the east edge, SR 4 is the west boundary. The large (some very large) sites are mostly on mesa tops, and there are many small sites

throughout the area. The team currently has 19 active members who made 37 trips to 71 sites during the season. John Morris is the AATL.



ATL Bill Cella invites Pecos team members to describe finding a new site in the area.

Pecos: Bill Cella, ATL, reported that there are 18 active stewards on the team, with 8 new members from the 2006 training class. Bob McCarthy is the AATL. Resignations included Curt Hawley and Paul and Linda McClendon. There are three main portions of the Pecos area: North of I-25, the Anton Chico, and Glorieta/Rowe Mesa. Site visits were also limited by rain and impassable

roads. Rock theft in the Anton Chico area continues but only one site is known to be affected. Lots of damage was noted to the Glorieta Mesa fire tower, and it was recommended that the Forest Service remove the



ATL John McClure reports on the status of Rio Chama

Photo by Rich Cunningham

stairs. Two new site stewards assigned to the Commissary Creek sites explored the area and discovered three new sites adjacent to the recorded sites.

Rio Chama: John McClure, new ATL, reported that his team includes 10 members with 5 new members from the 2006 training class. Ron and Nancy Kranz

are the new AATLs. The team monitors 9 areas, two of which are easy to reach, and others are more remote. New signs have been damaged, and damage was sustained at Ku. Access was inhibited by rain.

UPCOMING

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

Site Steward Dinner and Educational Meetings—Center for Museum Resources, 725 Camino Lejo, Museum Hill, Santa Fe.

Meeting dates are : December 6, 2006, January 10, 2007; February 1, 2007. Speakers to be announced over List Server

SiteWatch Site Steward's Conference—December 9th (pm) – 10th (am), 2006, Museum of Natural History, Albuquerque

Laboratory of Anthropology Brown Bag Lunches, 4th Friday of month @ 1205, Meem Auditorium, Lab of Anthropology

School of American Research/Indian Arts Center tours every Friday, 2 – 3:15 pm. Call (505) 954-7203

School of American Research Lecture Series, see website at <http://www.sarweb.org/members/lecturespresent.htm>

Southwest Seminars, Lecture Series, Monday nights, Hotel Santa Fe. Fee

See the

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Site Steward Web Site @
sfnsitestewards.org

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UPCOMING SITE STEWARD ACTIVITIES

HAM / AMATEUR RADIO TRAINING

As reported in the August Site Lines, Mike Bremer is planning to schedule a ham / amateur radio training class. The class takes two days. On the afternoon of the second day, participants take a multiple-choice exam to qualify for a Technician license. A passing score is 70% or 26 questions correct. The class consists of going over the questions in the question pool that the 35 questions in the exam are drawn from.

The class would be taught by representatives from the Los Alamos Amateur Radio Club, Bill Boedecker and / or Charles Rogers. The cost of the class is free and the exam costs \$14.00.

Stewards would have to purchase their own radio; handhelds run about \$100 to whatever you want to spend. Mobile units for your car and desktop run between \$150.00 and whatever you want to spend.

The class will likely be scheduled in February, 2007. If you are interested, please contact Mike at mbremer@fs.fed.us or at 505-438-7846.

SITE STEWARD DINNER MEETINGS

The popular Site Steward dinner meetings resumed this fall and are being held the first Wednesday of each month.

A different format is being initiated—meetings are scheduled at the Center for Museum Resources, 725 Camino Lejo, Museum Hill, Santa Fe, upstairs in the group meeting area. Participants may bring a brown bag dinner at 5:30, share a provided dessert and socialize with other stewards and guests. Speakers present from 6:30 to 7:30.

In October, Mike Bremer and Anne Baldwin gave an excellent and informative presentation on the Garcia Canyon area and the Rio Chama. Anne has held annual Passport In Time Project in the Garcia; Site Stewards have regularly participated in the weeklong outings. November 1, Tim Maxwell, retired Director of OAS, presented on Casas Grandes in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Speakers and topics are being arranged and will be posted on the List Server. Dates of future dinner meetings are December 6, January 10, and February 1.

INTERESTING

ARCHAEOLOGY LINKS

Albuquerque Archaeology Society
web site @
(<http://www.abqarchaeology.org>)

Southwest Archaeology Today, a free moderated email news service for those interested in archaeology, anthropology, history and historic preservation in the American Southwest. To subscribe, visit the Center of Desert Archaeology web @ www.cdarc.org/pages/library/sat.php

Southwest Seminars
www.southwestseminars.org

Society for American Archaeology
www.saa.org

Archaeological Conservancy
www.americanarchaeology.com/aawelco.me.html

SITE WATCH SITE

STEWARDS' CONFERENCE

December 9th—10th, 2006
Open to ALL Site Stewards

Multi-purpose room, Museum of Natural History, 1801 Mountain Rd., Albuquerque.

Speakers include: SHPO Katherine Slick, State Archaeologist Glenna Dean, State SiteWatch Coordinator Phil Young; Mary Estes, Arizona State Stewards Program; Joe Watkins, John Fryar, and other invited guests.

Outdoor Skills Panel on Backcountry / Wilderness Safety, Search & Rescue, Mapping and GPS.

Other programs include: Volunteer Training; Growing Your Program & Lessons Learned, Rock art for site stewards, NM Ceramic Identifications, tours to local archaeological sites.

For further information and to pre-register, please contact Site Watch Director Phil Young at phillip.young@state.nm.us