

SITE LINES

FEBRUARY, 2003

SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST SITE STEWARD PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

IKE EASTVOLD PRESENTATION

About 25 members of the SFNF Site Steward Program enjoyed the February 5 presentation by **Ike Eastvold**, speaking on "Rio Grande Style Rock Art With an Emphasis on the Santa Fe River Canyon."

The presentation included recollections of interactions with local Native American elders as they visited sites with Ike as well as an inspirational slide show. This was a very well presented and appreciated program.

2002 ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY THE SFNF SITE STEWARD PROGRAM

Total Volunteer Hours for 2002 – 2033 Hours!

Approximate value \$30,495

	<u>Field</u>	<u>Administrative</u>	<u>Educational</u>
Caja del Rio	40	10	20
Gallina	99	437	115
Garcia	64	10	126
Jemez	191	200	20
Pecos/Las Vegas	336	70	20
Rio Chama	80	175	20

- Recruitment, training, orientation and assignment of 12 new site stewards completed.
- Area Team Leaders, with the enormous help of Wayne Nelson, completed Site File assembly for all sites being monitored.
- Caja del Rio now has coverage by four new stewards.
- GPS/Compass/Mapping class led by Mike Bremer
- Four Newsletters and numerous general membership communications
- Development of Photo ID program which is in progress.

FEBRUARY SITE STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING

The SFNF Site Steward Council met in Santa Fe on February 15:

- In response to the interest of 20-25 people for being trained as Site Stewards, a **Spring Site Steward Training** is scheduled for May 10 (all day), May 14 (7-9 pm) and May 17 field training (all day). The evening session is added to provide a venue for more interaction between steward candidates and facilitators. Input from the 2002 training survey is being incorporated in the preparation for training. Interest / information please contact Candie Borduin @ Borduin@att.net or 455-2882.
- Mike Bremer, Anne Baldwin and Wayne Nelson will conduct a second **GPS / Compass / USGS Map Training Class** at Poshuouinge on March 22 for active Site Stewards. Please RSVP by contacting Mike @ mbremer@fs.fed.us or call 438-7846. The class assists Stewards in becoming more familiar with definitions of townships, bearings, declinations, UTM's and how to use the information in field exercises. This is a very worthwhile class and site stewards are encouraged to attend. For those who do not own a GPS, extra units will be available for practice. Bring a bag lunch, dress for the weather and meet in the Poshuouinge parking lot at 9 am.
- A **SFNF Site Steward Annual Meeting** is being planned for September. Details will be provided later but this likely will be a full week end (camping optional) event with educational programs and site tours in addition to the Annual Meeting. This will be a great opportunity to meet other stewards and access the

tremendous knowledge resource this group possesses among the members.

- Site Stewards have expressed interest in making site visits to other areas. Please indicate interest to the Area Team Leader and arrangements will be made to invite those stewards on area visits.
- Several long term stewards have expressed an interest in being assigned to different sites / areas. Please indicate desire to your Area Team Leader.
- We regret to report that John Mott has resigned as long time Area Team Leader of the Garcia Region. John cites commitments at work and in the construction of his new home as taking priorities for now. He will continue as a Site Steward in the Garcia and Gallina Region as time allows. John was one of the original Site Stewards to receive training for service on the Santa Fe National Forest. Thanks John for your many years of hard work and good leadership for the program.
- The Site Steward Program is moving toward establishing it's non-profit status and solicits participation from members who have experience in grant writing for future planning.
- Almost all active Site Stewards now have a signed **Forest Service agreement** and their **Photo ID Card**. Site Stewards who do not have either of these documents should contact their Area Team Leaders.
- Next SFNF **Site Steward Council Meeting**, Saturday, April 26, 11-2:30 at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture Training Room, Santa Fe

FRIENDS INTERESTED IN PROGRAM?

Those interested in Site Steward Training may contact Mike Bremer @ mbremer@fs.fed.us or call 438-7846 or Curt Hawley @ askibum@aol.com or 474-3397

2003 SITE STEWARD PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

(in addition to above listed agenda items)

- Define new areas and teams based on expanded steward membership
- Submit grant application for Site Steward Program funding as a 501C3 non-profit organization
- Secure funding and develop Site Steward Signs to be posted at monitored sites.
- Continue Site Lines quarterly, educational programs and other program notices.
- Select ATL's for the Caja del Rio and Garcia

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Village Above the Muddy River

By Jeanne Gozigian

"Poshu", a Tewa ruin, is one of the Rio Chama Area sites that are very accessible to the public. Unlike Tsi'pin, featured in the last newsletter, which is closed for visiting except by permit, a Forest Service sign points to the trailhead for Poshu, just before the village of Abiquiu.

The ruin is on the south side of the Chama River. It overlooks the river and must have presented a beautiful view, as well as being strategically placed to spot trouble. There were two plazas, two room blocks, two kivas, and about 170 rooms; 130 of which were excavated. The buildings were two to three stories high, adobe on stone foundations.

The ruins were initially documented by the Escalante expedition in the 18th century. This means that Poshu has been studied for 200 years.

The people were farmers. River flood plains afforded garden areas of probable high production. Terraced and grid gardens were also employed. Documentation of irrigation is lacking, but it seems probable.

It appears that the village, which thrived in the 1400's, may have been hastily abandoned. Large pieces of pottery were not evident during excavation. Can we guess why?

The challenge of Poshuouingue is to protect the site from "overgrazing" by the public and the relentless force of erosion, at work at all times.

Do you have *creative urges* with an
archaeological twist?

We welcome contributions to **SITE LINES**

Affiliated Volunteers and a Request for Assistance

By Mike Bremer

As the Site Steward Council articulated the roles for the Santa Fe National Forest Site Steward program it became obvious that the program needed a brand of volunteer to complete administrative and organizational tasks of vital importance to the organization but not of general interest to the field-going site steward. The Council developed the concept of an Affiliated Volunteer to address this need. The Council recognized there are individuals in the community who may not be able to participate in the field activities because of physical limitations or other reasons. We wanted to give all interested parties the chance to participate in the program and the concept of an Affiliated Volunteer seemed to fit the bill.

It may not be obvious to many of us who volunteer for the fieldwork aspect of the program that a fairly complex bureaucracy underlies the program. This includes keeping

track of site visits, organizing site files in the Forest Supervisor's Office, organizing and tracking training, developing educational opportunities, developing funding opportunities and the nonprofit organization, coordinating Council meetings and documentation, recruiting new stewards, copying steward materials, assisting with the newsletter, coordinating with the State Site Watch program, and coordinating with the Forest. Much of the collection of these materials falls to the Area Team Leaders (ATLs) and the Council but the Site Steward program has grown large enough to form its own paper trail and now needs the expertise and guidance of interested Associate Stewards who may or may not be certified Site Stewards.

As Affiliated Volunteers will not be involved in fieldwork, they do not need to complete the entire training session required for Certified Site Stewards. They are, however, required to complete the first day of classroom training for Site Stewards and invited to participate in the entire class. Also, any existing site steward can request to be considered an Affiliated Volunteer if interested in the work.

The Council especially needs someone who is capable and interested in working on development of a nonprofit arm of the organization and in developing a fund raising program once the nonprofit organization becomes a reality. The Forest cannot solicit funds for the program other than those appropriated by Congress for the day-to-day operation of the Heritage Program on the Forest. The nonprofit would be able to solicit funds that could be used on the Forest through the Site Steward program to accomplish a variety of Heritage goals including stabilizing sites, providing for reimbursement of site steward field expenses for travel and site documentation, providing additional training for site stewards and other volunteers on the Forest, and purchasing equipment to be used by the Site Steward program.

If you or a friend may be interested in participating as an Affiliated Volunteer please contact Mike Bremer at (505) 438-7846 (mbremer@fs.fed.us) or George Gozigian at (505) 986-1623 (gozigian@att.net).

UPCOMING ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVENTS

- **GPS Training:** Mike Bremer and Wayne Nelson at Poshuouingue on March 22 for active Site Stewards. Please RSVP with Mike @ 438-7846 or mbremer@fs.fed.us
- **Spring Site Steward Training Session** – May 10 (all day), May 14 (7-9 pm) and May 17 Field Training
- **Southwest Seminars "Voices From the Past"** weekly program at Hotel Santa Fe, Mondays at 6 p.m. through April 14 <http://www.southwestseminars.org>
- **Friends of Archaeology Winter 2003 Lecture Series; "New Mexico at Spanish Contact"**, Fridays through March 21. Call 827-6343 to RSVP
- **GPS Training offered by REI** in Albuquerque; 2nd Saturday of Month 505-247-1191
- **School of American Research Lecture Series** www.sarweb.org/members/lecturespresent.htm
- **SWNF SITE STEWARD COUNCIL MEETING** – April 26, 2003 at MIAC from 11am to 2:30pm. All Stewards are welcome.
- **2003 Pecos Conference**, August 14, 15, 16, 17 2003. INAH Centro Cultural Paquime, Casas Grandes, Chihuahua. www.swanet.org