



Message from the Chair

So far, this summer's rains have been a blessing. Can't complain when we haven't had huge fires. From what I hear, a few stewards have had to change plans when roads were wet or rutted; the most recent time we monitored on the Garcia, we kept an eye on approaching dark clouds, making it back to Los Alamos just as the rain started.

As usual, the message is to enjoy yourselves and take care. Be in touch with your ATL when you leave home and return. Most of you probably learned from a message Mike Bremer sent that there have been a couple of incidents involving explosives. These devices were capped bottles. Jemez ATL John Morris recommends being attentive to trash you might want to remove. Check it out before you touch it. Leave any bottled liquids. He says it's also good to have a short "tailgate safety" review at your vehicle before you set off.

The annual meeting committee chair, Will Dearholt, arranged an organizational scouting trip to Paliza Group Campground recently. Mike Bremer, Jason McInteer, Jan Stone, Nancy Cella, Nancy Hudson, Beth Parisi, and her sidekick poodle, Mimi, discussed activities, talks, logistics, then drove a couple of miles to see one of the Sunday

sites, a large adobe pueblo. Due to arsenic in the local water, Mike will arrange to bring a water buffalo but campers should have a few gallons of their own handy, too. Also, please remember to bring a garbage bag. We'd like to pack out as much as possible since this facility is normally closed and will need special waste pickup service. Bring a stove, chili and/or side dishes for Saturday lunch, snacks and drinks for happy hour, and something for the silent auction. There's no fee this year so whatever funds we raise go to the Site Steward Foundation and its programs. Dates are Friday, 9/12, for setup and those who want to camp that night; Saturday, 9/13, for the business meeting, chili cook off, and talks; and Sunday morning for two short hikes. See story below for directions and more details.

Have a great time on your site visits and we'll hope to see everyone at Paliza Group Camp in September. You can come for one or both nights or on Saturday. It's a great chance to meet stewards from other areas and learn more about Jemez archaeology from the presentation.

—Irene Wanner

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The editors thank you



Annual Meeting Committee visit Paliza Group campground.

From left: Jason, Irene, Mike, Jan Will, Nancy, Beth and Mimi

-Photo by Nancy Cella

Annual Meeting, Annual Meeting, Annual Meeting

Late Friday afternoon and early evening on September 12, site stewards will begin preparations for our annual meeting at Paliza Group Campground. No fee, free chili potluck lunch, excellent speakers, silent auction, awards, site tours on Sunday, good companions, very nice campground – please join us!

Paliza Group Campground is located in the beautiful Jemez Mountains. From Highway 550, turn north at San Ysidro onto State Route 4, travel northward past Jemez Pueblo to SR 290, turn east and continue through the village of Ponderosa until it enters forest lands and becomes Forest Road 10. The group campground sign and turnoff are 8.4 miles from SR 4 (the last 1.7 miles on dirt), south of the public campground; a site steward sign will alert you to a right turn up the hill toward the group campground. If you are traveling south on FR 10, turn left a bit south of the end of the public campground, which is closed.

You may join us on Friday to set up camp (no big yellow tent this year!) and enjoy socializing around the fire (bring your own dinner). The Saturday morning events start at 9 a.m. with registration details and arranging your silent auction items. At 10 a.m., Council Chair Irene Wanner will convene the meeting, followed by a short business meeting, brief ATL reports, and the State of the Forest presentation by Mike Bremer.

Plenty of time will be allowed for the always welcome **chili cook off lunch**. Assorted accompaniments (crackers, cheese, etc.), plates, bowls, napkins, and such will be provided. Stewards are asked to bring any chili dish, as well as salads and desserts. Please also bring camp stoves and serving utensils. If you have some extra firewood, bring it along, too.

The Saturday afternoon speakers' topic and round table discussion will focus on Jemez area archaeology. Jeremy Kulisheck and Mike Elliott are scheduled to give talks; representatives from Jemez Pueblo are invited for a panel discussion. Even if you are somewhat familiar with Jemez archaeology, you will surely hear something new.

Following the presentations, it will be time to browse the silent auction and make your final bids. And then it's time for the awards for outstanding site steward contributions to our organization. Awardees are given our grateful thanks and a gift. Sometime during this interval, we'll have happy hour.

You will need food for breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning, as well as Sunday lunch. Please also bring snacks and beverages to share at happy hour after the Saturday afternoon presentations. Saturday's chili lunch usually suffices through the dinner hour.

Because the campground is closed to the public, the Forest Service will open it for our meeting, but there will be no power. The Forest Service will provide either portable restrooms or open one restroom near the group area; a water buffalo will be adjacent to the group area, but for convenience, you may wish to bring your own water supply for your campsite. Be prepared.

You may wish to attend Saturday only; for those camping, the sites are nicely situated on a slope near the covered group area. Most sites have at least two tables and parking for several vehicles – it is, after all, a group campground!

The site tours on Sunday will be coordinated by the Jemez Area Team, ably led by ATL John Morris. One site has been selected, Pejunkwa, an impressively large group of mounds that represent several room blocks and kivas (photos next page)



The covered group area at the top of the hill (campground is down slope). Please bring your camp stoves to the grill and serving area; silent auction items will be set up under the roof.

Annual Meeting (cont.)



Left:: Surface remains of a kiva at Pejunkwa.

Below: Will, Jason, Jan, Beth and Mimi explore one of several house block mounds at Pejunkwa.

-Photos by Nancy Cella



Think Outside the Pod!

Our annual Chili Cook Off and Tasting will be held at the Santa Fe National Forest site steward annual meeting on Saturday, September 13, from noon–1:30 p.m. at the Paliza Group Campground in the Jemez Mountains. Once again, we will enjoy lunch after the annual business meeting by sharing our favorite chili recipes with each other.

Here's how it works:

- Any Chili Can Play: New Mex, Tex Mex, or Mex Mex. Red, green or white. Hatch, jalapeño, habaño, poblano or serrano. With or without meat or beans. Hot or cold, side, appetizer or main dish. It just has to have chili in it. If your dish requires heating, bring it in a pot or pan that can be heated on a camp stove. Also, bring a camp stove if you have one, and an appropriate serving utensil: spoon, fork, spatula, whatever. A hot pad or oven mitt is a good idea, too.
- A few non-chili salads would be nice.
- Condiments to accompany any chili dish will be provided or bring your own.
- Bowls, plates, eating utensils, and napkins will be provided.

Bring a big appetite!

This event is *muy delicioso!* We are looking forward to tasting everyone's dishes again this year and thanks very much.

(Thanks to Shelley Thompson for authoring the original text.)

Bid Once, Bid Twice, Bid Often

An annual feature, the **silent auction** is a way to find a treasure (or two) as well as fund many site steward activities. Past offerings have included jewelry, paintings, pottery, posters, handiwork, event tickets, whatever strikes your fancy.

Nancy Hudson has volunteered to spearhead this event; please bring your items to the tables in the covered group area before the morning meeting, the morning break, before, during and after lunch. We will provide bid sheets and pens. The auction will close sometime after the afternoon talks.

Bring a Treasure, Take One Home

Summary of Council Meeting, July 26, 2014

The regular quarterly meeting of the site steward council met at the Forest Service Santa Fe office conference room on Saturday, July 26. Council chair Irene Wanner presided. After minutes of the previous meeting were amended and approved, Beth Parisi reported that the actual amount of funds available as of June 30 is \$2,224, which includes total expenditures of \$203 during this fiscal year.

Old business included a summary of the 2014 training session, chaired by Lois Haggard. It was a grand success; 19 new stewards have been added to our roster, 13 of whom were assigned to the Pecos team.

Will Dearholt reported on the progress of planning for the annual meeting; Jan Stone has been added as a committee member.

Off-road access permits were handed out to areas and teams previously identified as needing them.

John Morris reported that he and Mike Bremer met with Chris Toya, archaeologist with Jemez Pueblo. Presently in the planning stages are the details of monitoring of ancestral Jemez sites west of SR 4. Mike Bremer held a training session with 26 prospective Jemez Pueblo stewards, but yet to be resolved is which sites should receive monitoring and who is to be assigned. These stewards will follow the same rules that pertain to forest stewards. John Morris will do the field training.

Will Dearholt and Mike Bremer are following up on monitoring prospects on Bandelier National Monument.

Paul Leo continues working on the never-ending job of updating the list serv and the topic was added as a regular subject for review at every council meeting.

New business: The council voted unanimously to approve Caja area steward Clint Coffman and Gallina area steward Carol McKee for certification, following a positive recommendation by ATLS Gary Newgent and Jo Douglas.

Mike Bremer reminded the council, and thus all stewards in the field, to be alert to hazards, e.g., roadway spikes, jars filled with flammable

liquid, and anything that looks really out of place. Report any such hazards to your district forest office and Mike Bremer.

Beth Parisi described the Site Steward Foundation-sponsored rafting trip on the San Juan River as very successful (see the spring 2014 *Site Lines* story). The southeast Utah tour, scheduled for October 16-18, was pending BLM approval (and subsequently postponed until March 2015).

Communications Committee: Nancy Cella reported that our website has been updated; the next *Site Lines* deadline is August 15; and that the 2014 trainees are being added to our list serv roster.

The 2013-2014 Wednesday evening lectures (October 1, November 5, February 4, March 4, and April 1) are a work in progress. Thank you, Gail Bryant, for selecting outstanding speakers for these presentations. Watch list serv messages for speaker names and topics.

Irene Wanner reported for Ann White that the Archives Committee is continuing to winnow the paper files and will soon begin scanning documents.

Field Operations: John Morris reported that newly designed site signs have been ordered; these will replace badly damaged old signs and be placed at new sites as needed. He reiterated the caution to watch out for potential hazards; he reported that cables or wires have been stretched across a few bicycle trails in the Sandia Mountains. He urged all site stewards to practice "tailgate safety" in the form of regular reminders to all team members to wear proper shoes, use safety hats when appropriate, carry gloves, sufficient water, be prepared for potential hazards, etc.

Area Team Leaders reported on new team members, orientation progress, field conditions, etc.

The next council meeting will be held on Saturday, October 25, at 9 a.m. in the Santa Fe Forest Service office. All site stewards are invited to attend.

—Nancy Cella

Site Steward Foundation Report

The foundation had a booth at the recent Pecos Conference in the Abajo Mountains near Blanding, Utah, August 8–9. The meeting was well attended with more than 300 attendees and about a dozen booths in the vendor tent. Research papers were presented on recent archaeological work in the Four Corners area with field trips to nearby sites and rock art.

The foundation tour of San Juan County, Utah, has been rescheduled for March 19-21, 2015. The trip consists of easy to moderate day hikes visiting three to four sites per day. Lodging in Blanding or camping is available. The number of participants is limited to 12 plus two guides. At this time, the trip is pending group activity application approval by the Monticello BLM office. More information, costs, and sign-up times for this tour will be announced as soon as BLM approval is obtained.

The foundation has scored another benefit for membership; it's called AmazonSmile. Amazon will now donate 0.5% of the price of your eligi-

ble AmazonSmile purchases to the Site Steward Foundation Inc. when you shop at AmazonSmile. Go to this website, <http://smile.amazon.com> from your computer or mobile device. You can use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile – your shopping cart, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping.

If you are not a member of the Site Steward Foundation, please consider joining today. The foundation now accepts debit and credit cards for membership dues and donations on our website, www.sitestewardfoundation.org. If you would like to be notified of foundation tours and activities, please subscribe to the email list on the foundation website. If you are a current or past foundation member you may already be on the email list.

-Gary Newgent, President

News from the Field

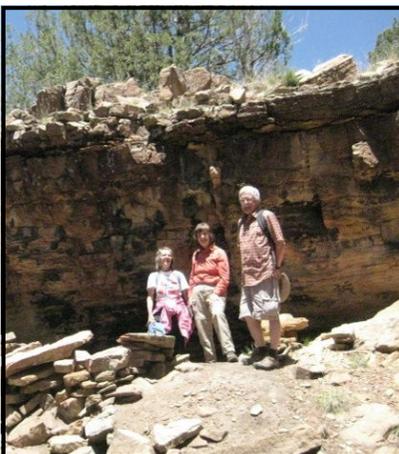
From the Pecos Area: It has been a busy summer on the Pecos. Thirteen new stewards have been in field training for sites on Glorieta Mesa, Anton Chico, and Commissary Creek: **Rick Colman, Joyce Hayes, Richard Martinez, Tom Mayer, Edel Mayer, Kimberly MacLoud, Steve Morse, Sharon Paris, Ross Pope, Felicia Probert, Joslyn Werner, Ron Whatley, and Steve Wright.** Ten of these stewards attended the training held in May, while three others attended earlier training sessions.

All have been assigned to their new teams and sites and will be on their own in the near future. A big welcome to them all!

Right: New site stewards Joslyn Werner and Ross Pope



-Photo by CathyGates



Left: New site steward Steve Wright (at right) with Gail Bryant and Cathy Gates

-Photo by Annmarie Kmetz, Archaeologist, Pecos District

The long-awaited vehicle permits for off-road use have been issued and many of the Pecos sites were visited this summer for the first time in more than a year. Only one area was seriously disturbed since last year: the hunting blinds on the east side of Glorieta Mesa. There are seven hunting blinds situated around a playa that was filled with water as recently as 2007 but is now dry. The land in and around the playa has been recently

News from the Field (cont.)

used for rock hunting, wood cutting, and general recreation, including a makeshift target practice location that was littered with spent shells and a well-riddled target board. Vehicle tracks crisscross the playa where trucks and/or ATVs have traveled. Many of the seven rock structures were disturbed and stones removed from the sites. One structure was almost totally destroyed. Obviously, road closures are not deterring the rock thieves or adventure seekers.

This year's heavy rains have complicated the already deeply-rutted roads throughout the Pecos. Many site visits were postponed and several were aborted because the ground was so soft and the ruts so deep. One road, however—the infamous nine-mile forest road to Commissary Creek—has actually been improved with some grading and clearing. Stewards who monitor that site were very pleased indeed!

-Cathy Gates, ATL

Garcia Area News: Irene and I had a good trip on August 9 to the Garcia Mesa sites. We parked at the usual place just off the south wall of the mesa, hiked up the usual steps in the tuff and east onto the mesa top. We continued eastward along our usual mesa/sites and then dipped down into the next saddle and up the next piece of the mesa going east. We never did find a fence as far as the east point on the easternmost mesa we walked along. The sites on both mesa tops look fine—we encountered one horned toad and a set of large bear tracks in the saddle between the mesas.

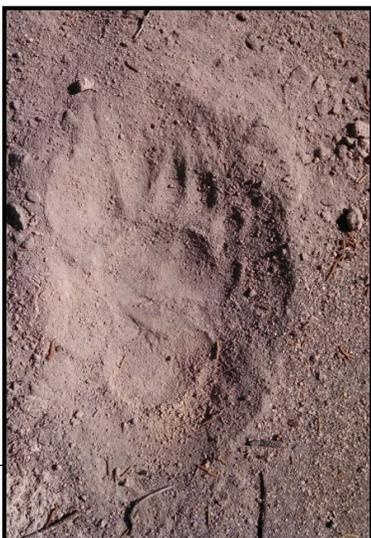


There is getting to be a fairly distinct motorcycle track along the saddle we walk up into above the place we park. It swoops up out of Corral Canyon to the saddle just west of Garcia Mesa and back northwest toward Corral Canyon again.

Right:
The new motorcycle track.
-Photo by Will Dearholt

Not much else new in the Garcia; the usual cows, poop, and pieces of the beanfield trick tank blowing around. We had a nice hike and avoided rainstorms; it was a nice morning to be out. The road down into Garcia Canyon from Chupadero and across the Garcia Canyon drainage is passable in the Jeep but a longer truck would be pretty hard now. If you go back in there, take the smallest 4wd high-clearance vehicle you have available. The rocks and ruts are bad. I suspect that the road into Garcia Canyon is on its last legs.

—Will Dearholt, ATL



Left:
Bear track on Garcia Mesa
-Photo by Will Dearholt

2014 Hunting Schedule

Big game hunting for 2014 in the Santa Fe National Forest begins with bow hunting September 1 and continues with rifle hunting through November and December in areas monitored by site stewards.

As you plan your site visits, we encourage you to be especially aware of your surroundings. Stewards should wear some international orange clothing article and avoid typical big game colors such as white, black, tan, and brown. Note that legal sporting arm hunts for elk and deer start on a Saturday and end on Wednesday at sundown. Thursday and Friday are not hunting days except for bear and bow hunting. Hunting is most intense during early morning hours and late afternoon, so midday hikers are less likely to encounter hunters.

Caja del Rio, Garcia, and Rio Chama - all included in Game Unit 6C

Deer: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Sept. 27-Oct. 1 (muzzleloaders); Oct. 11-15, Nov 1-5 (any legal sporting arm)

Elk: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Oct. 4-8 (muzzleloaders); Oct. 11-15, 18-22, 25-29, Nov. 22-26, Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Dec. 26-30 (any legal sporting arm)

Turkey: Sept. 1-30 (bow hunting); Nov. 1-30 (any legal sporting arm for turkey)

Bear: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Sept. 23-Nov. 15 (any legal sporting arm)

Gallina - included primarily in Unit 5B with a few sites in Unit 5A

5B: (Llaves area and east to Chama R.)

Deer: Nov. 1-5, Nov. 26-30 (any legal sporting arm)

Elk: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Oct 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29, Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Dec. 13-17 (any legal sporting arm)

Bear: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Sept. 23-Nov. 15 (any legal sporting arm)

5A: (Continental Divide and points west)

Deer: Sept.1-22 (bow hunting); Nov. 4-10 (any legal sporting arm)

Elk: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Oct. 4-8, 11-15, 18-22, 25-29 (any legal sporting arm)

Bear: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Sept. 23-Nov. 15 (any legal sporting arm)

Jemez - included in Game Unit 6A

Deer: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Sept. 27-Oct. 1 (muzzleloaders); Oct. 11-15, Nov. 1-5 (any legal sporting arm)

Elk: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Oct. 4-8 (muzzleloaders); Oct. 11-15, 18-22, 25-29, Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Dec. 26-30 (any legal sporting arm)

Turkey: Sept. 1-30 (bow hunting); Nov. 1-30 (any legal sporting arm for turkey)

Bear: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Sept. 23-Nov. 15 (any legal sporting arm)

Pecos - included in Game Unit 43

Deer: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Sept. 24-30 (muzzleloaders); Oct. 18-22, 25-29 (any legal sporting arm)

Elk: Sept. 20-24 (any legal sporting arm)

Bear: Sept. 1-22 (bow hunting); Aug 16-31; Sept. 23-Nov.15 (any legal sporting arm)

This is a summary of the state's big game hunting proclamation for the areas we monitor. For the official proclamation and maps of hunting units, go to: <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/publications/documents/rib/2014/sections/bgrib.html>

—Lee Borduin

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Stacey Lundgren, Interim Archaeologist,
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-Photo by Nancy Hudson

This summer the Jemez District had an interim archaeologist, Stacey Lundgren. She came to our district from the Oconee National Forest in Georgia. She has been with the USDA Forest Service for around 15 years, serving in many different sites. She happily admits that she is an "island girl," in as much as she has enjoyed those assignments on islands the best.

On August 11, 2014, Stacey accompanied Kelly Aldridge and Nancy Hudson for a site visit to both areas of Boletsakwa. Besides the fact that this field work got her out of the office and away from files and meetings, she was really blown away with the site and the petroglyphs.

Stacey returns to Georgia when she leaves the Jemez on Aug 28. Thanks, Stacey, for helping us out this summer!

-Nancy Hudson

Save the Dates

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| September 12-14 | Annual Meeting, Paliza Group Campground in the Jemez |
| October 1 | Wednesday lecture; speaker and topic to be announced. 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 for brown bag supper. Santa Fe National Forest Santa Fe office conference room. |
| October 25 | Quarterly council meeting, 9 a.m., conference room, SFNF Santa Fe office |
| November 5 | Wednesday lecture; speaker and topic to be announced |
| March 19-21 | Site Steward Foundation trip to Southeast Utah |

Observe, Document, Report