



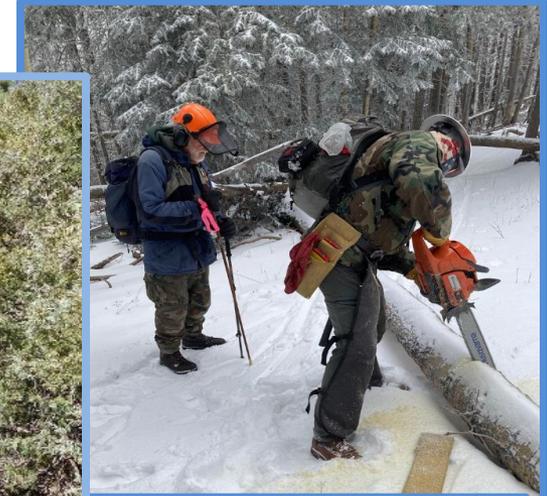
New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors Overview

May 2022





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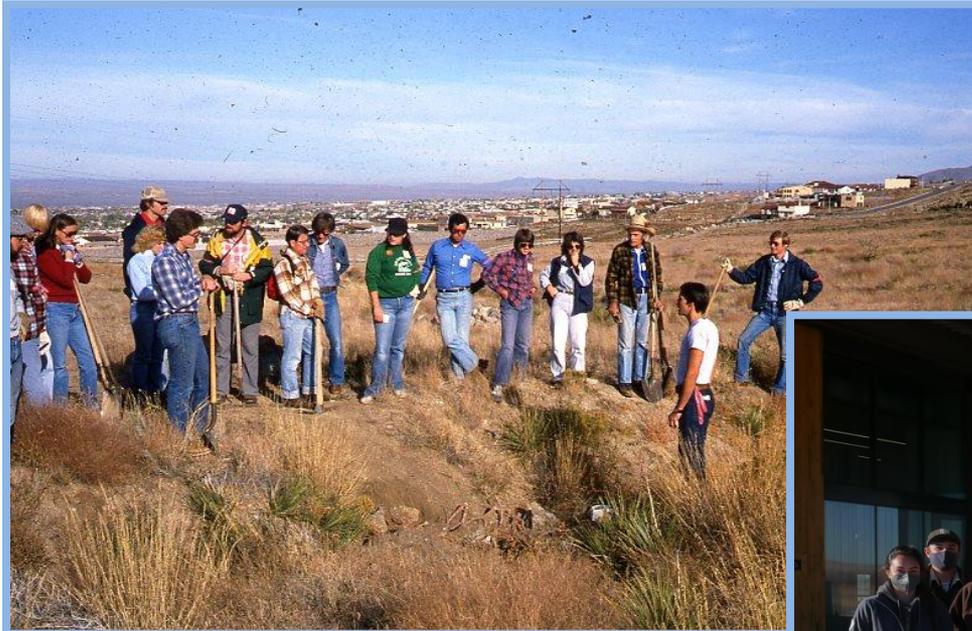


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Embudo Canyon, 1982

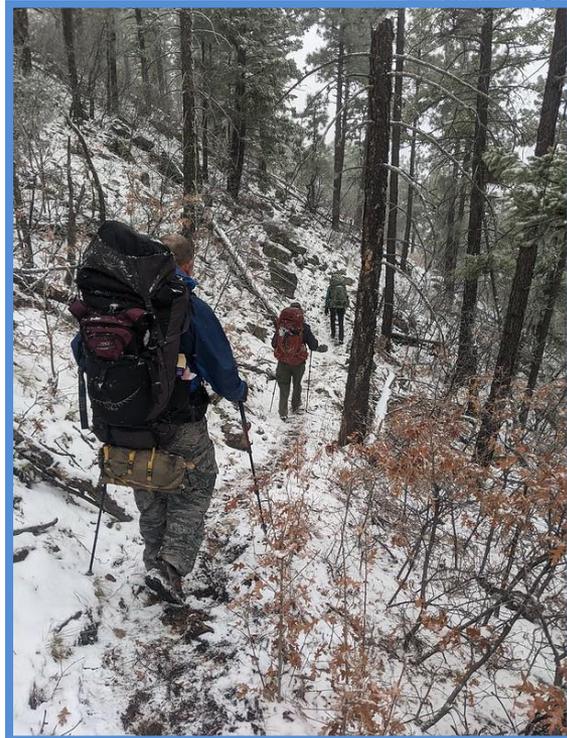
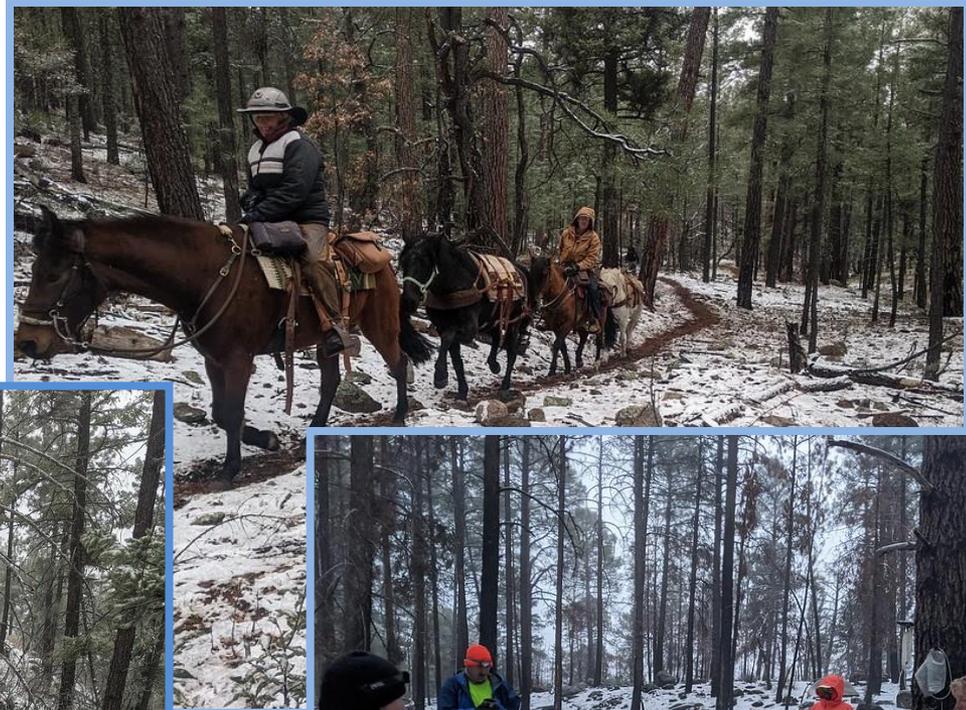
Valle de Oro NWR, 2022





Rain (Snow) or Shine

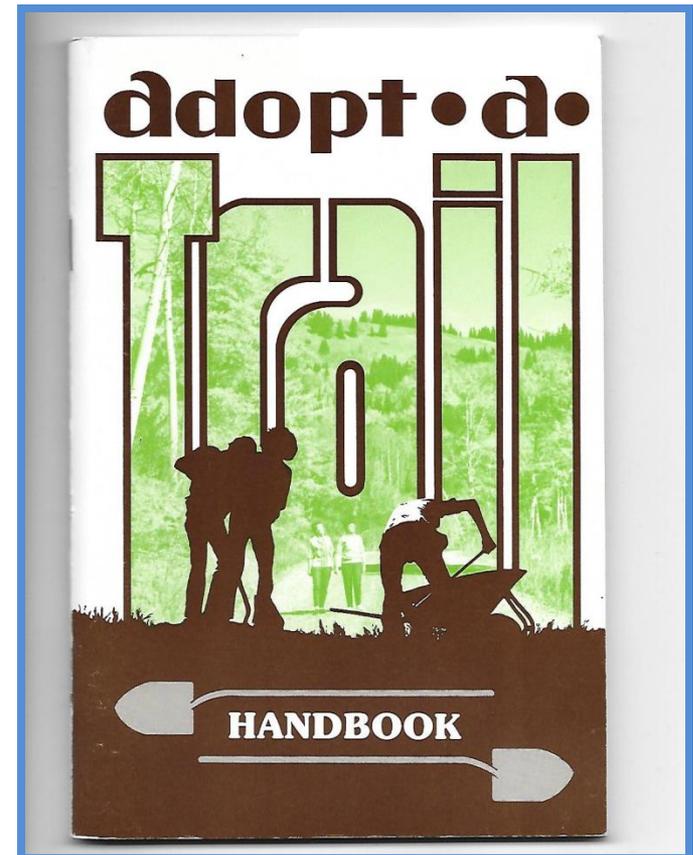
**Sycamore Canyon Trail
CDT Alternate
Gila NF, Joint Project
NMVFO, Gila BCH, CDTC
March, 2022**





NMVFO History

- ❖ **Founded 1982**
- ❖ **Part of the National Volunteer Project**
 - **Appalachian Mountain Club Initiative**
 - **Richard King Mellon Foundation Grant**



Issued 1984 – Writer/Editor – Guess who?



NMVFO History

*NMVFO history (1982 – 1985) by Larry Benson
available for download at nmvo.org*



APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
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MINUTES

AMC National Volunteer Project Meeting
Thursday, April 23, 1982
Mesa Verde Community Center, Albuquerque

Attending:

G. E. Barr	N.M. Ski Touring Club
Sam Beard	N.M. Ski Touring Club
Mike Brown	State Parks and Rec. Dept.
Carla & Mickey Chirigor	N.M. Ski Touring Club
Rex Funk	Open Space Task Force
Barbara Hussey	Audubon Society
Tom Martorelli	Appalachian Mt. Club
Roger Moore	Appalachian Mt. Club
Wendell Nelson	N.M. Mountain Club
Nick Nicholas	Sierra Club
Jack Pardee	Volunteer Trail Coordinator
	Sandia Ranger District
Don Schauerte	N.M. Mountain Club
John Southwick	Volunteer Coordinator
	Sandia Ranger District
Dan & Cece Thompson	N.M. Ski Touring Club

The meeting began with introductions of all present.

Tom and Roger explained the background of the AMC project and distributed an outline which described it in more detail. They were quick to point out that the AMC is not planning to design a grand effort and try to implement it in New Mexico. The goal is to work with the existing groups and volunteers to plan and implement the type of program they feel is needed. The AMC will provide all the assistance it can and help locate any assistance it can't provide.

The goal of the meeting was to identify the need and to brainstorm various ways to meet the need.

Steering Committee mtg, 4/23/82

New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors



NMVFO
Celebrating 40 years of service
on New Mexico public lands



NMVFO's Formative Years

Commemorating the 40th anniversary of New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors in 2022 is an opportunity to look back at how NMVFO came into being and began its mission to help maintain and improve New Mexico's public lands. Its formation was jump-started by a century-old association headquartered 2,000 miles away on historic Beacon Hill in Boston. That was the home of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), the nation's oldest and most active outdoor recreation and conservation organization. The AMC had a long history of successfully conducting conservation and recreational programs, especially in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service in the White Mountains of New Hampshire during an era when such close relationships were uncommon elsewhere. With tightening federal budgets for recreation and land management in the early 1980s, some at AMC headquarters, notably Executive Director Tom Deans, recognized the potential benefits of such partnerships to promote stewardship of public lands in other parts of the country. This led to establishment of the National Volunteer Project (NVP), funded with an initial \$625,000 grant from the Richard K. Mellon Foundation, to foster the establishment of new volunteer groups.



Our Mission

NMVFO is:

- ❖ **an inclusive**
- ❖ **all-volunteer**
- ❖ **action-oriented**
- ❖ **non-political**
- ❖ **nonprofit organization**

We promote involvement and education of the public in the maintenance, improvement, and stewardship of New Mexico's public lands.

We specialize in constructing and improving trails and other outdoor facilities to increase outdoor recreation opportunities in New Mexico for all, as well as enhancing wildlife habitat and protecting the environment.



Challenges

❖ Attended Central Rockies Wilderness Volunteer Workshop

- Our issues and challenges are similar to other volunteer organizations
 - Attracting and retaining members and volunteers
 - Continuity of operations
 - Spreading the workload
 - Fundraising

❖ Meeting the Challenges

- Strategic Plan Goals: 2020 - 2023
 - Strengthen our membership
 - Improve our business operations
 - Improve our field operations
 - Renew and expand our partnerships



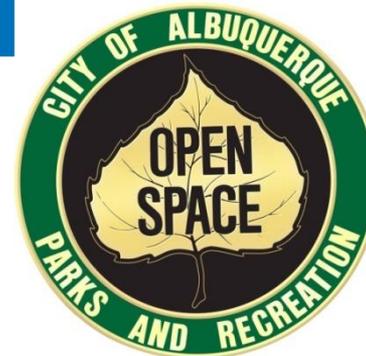
NMVFO Supporters



... and most importantly our Volunteers, our Members, and Viewers Like You



Who We Work With





NMVFO Collaboration Initiatives



Heart of the Gila



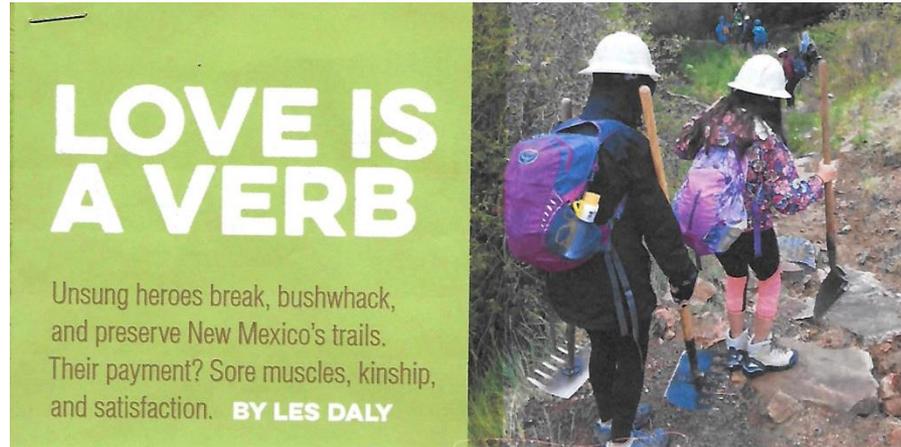
Working with Furman University Cougar Project in the Aldo Leopold

- ❖ ***Conducted trail survey***
- ❖ ***Cleared 70+ trees on Spud Patch Trail***



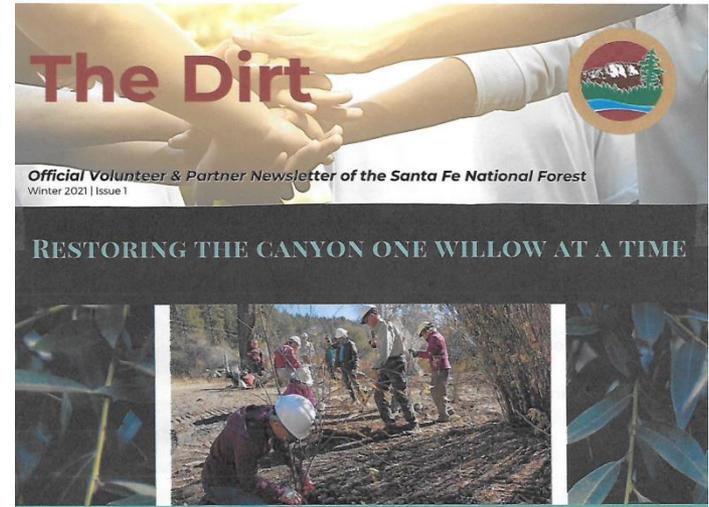


NMVFO in the News



El Palacio (Winter edition, 2018)

Puerto Nambé Project (August 2019)



In late October, a group of 11 volunteers with New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors convened at the Dalton Canyon Recreation Site to plant native willows and spread native seeds on disturbed areas. The work was part of the Dalton Canyon Restoration Project, which has been damaged by post-fire flooding and



Rain doesn't dampen diva's concert at Santa Fe Opera
REVIEW, A-4



Volunteers at work
Many step up to maintain trails amid funding shortfalls
ADVENTURE, A-7

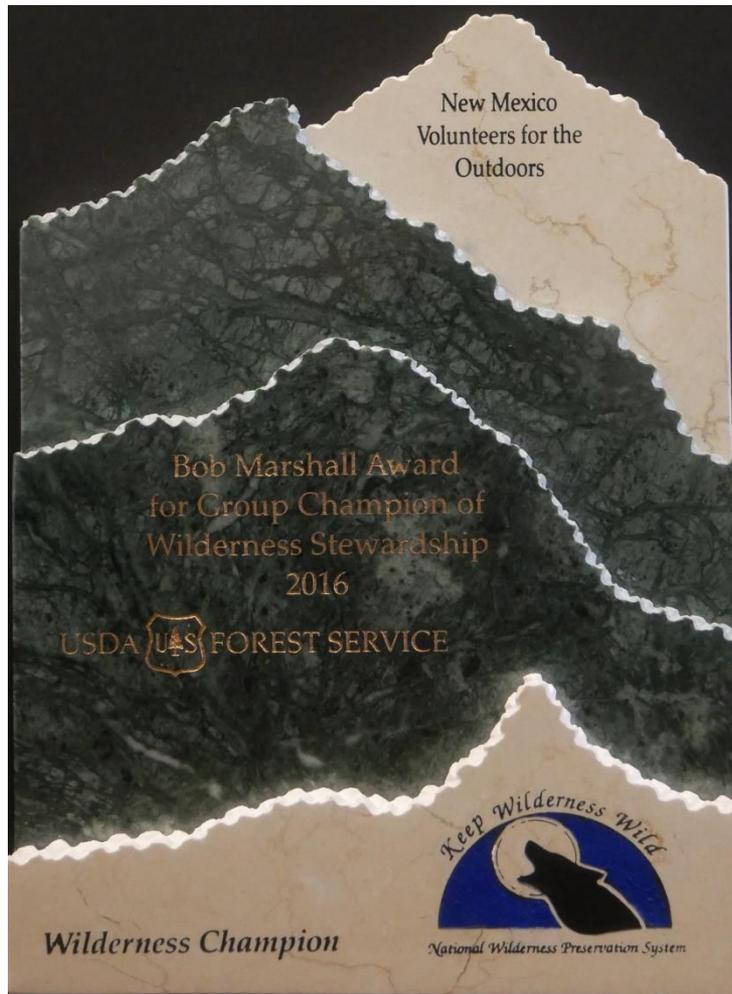
Dalton Creek, SFNF
October, 2021

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Locally owned and independent Monday, August 12, 2019 santafenewmexican.com \$1.50



Recognition



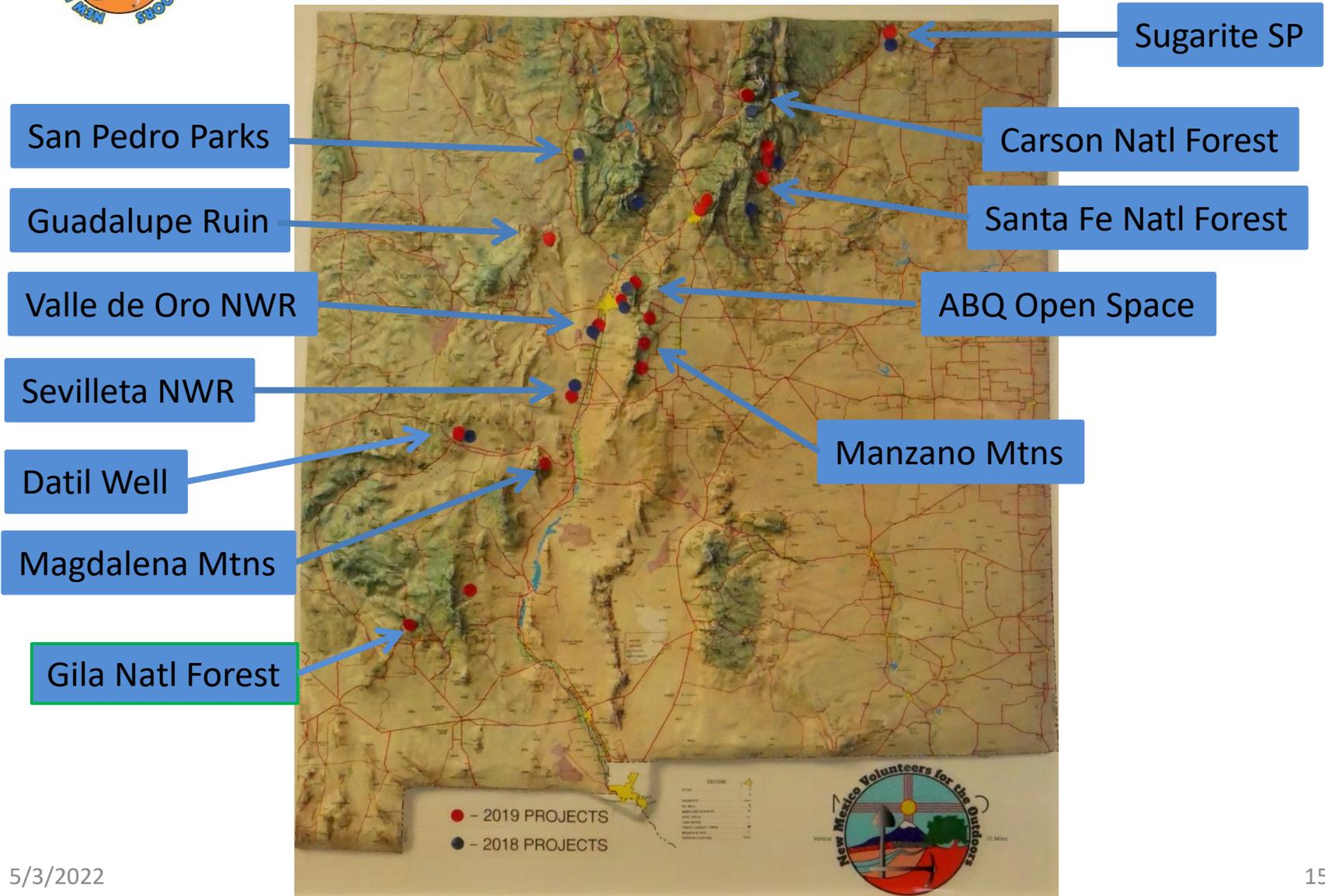


We Strive for Project Diversity





Where We Work

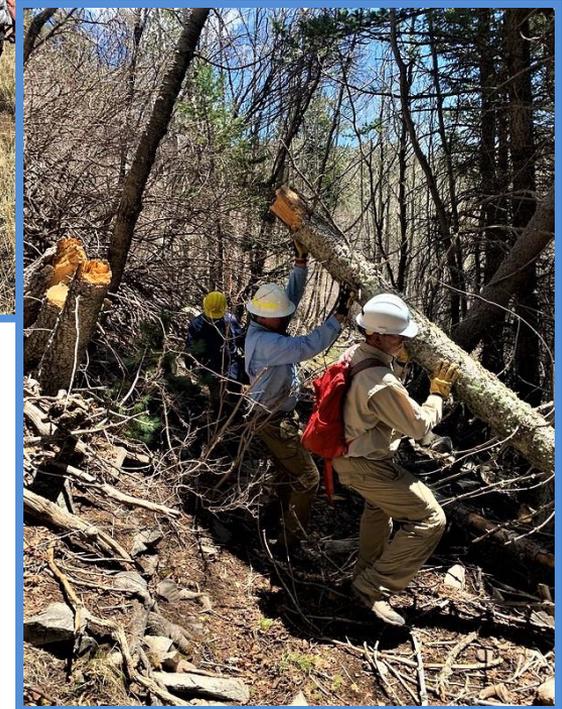
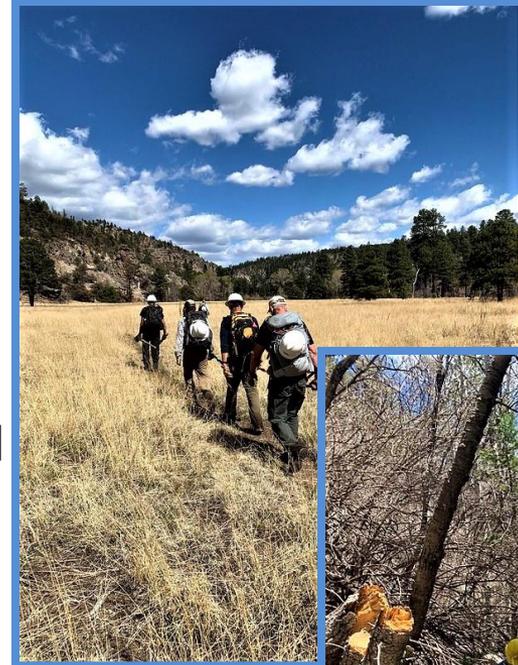




2021 – Year in Review

❖ Completed 32 Projects

- 33 miles of trail maintained
- 1.5 miles of new trail
- .75 miles of trail closed
- 700 deadfall removed from trails
- 16,000 ft² native grass seed spread
- 300 trees planted
- Jemez campsites cleaned
- Improved Perea Nature Trail
- Reconstructed a wildlife viewing shelter



❖ 149 volunteers

- 82 new volunteers
- 4758 hours – equivalent to apprx. \$129.4K
(Reference: *Independentsector.org*)



2021 – Year in Review

- ❖ Our board and team leaders volunteered 1358 hours (\$37K) for planning, administration, logistics, and other tasks to sustain the organization.
- ❖ 18 volunteers attended our 2-day classroom and hands-on field training workshop.
- ❖ 20 participants earned Wilderness First Aid certification taught by USFS staff.

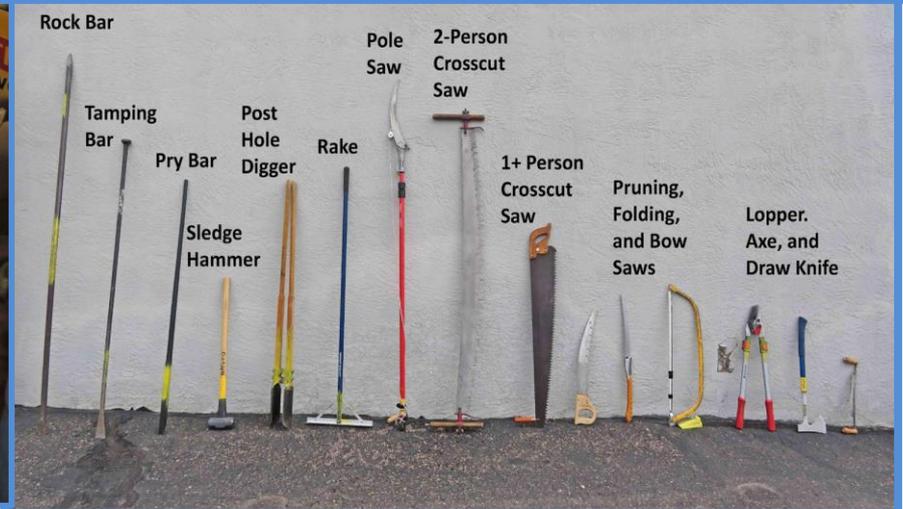
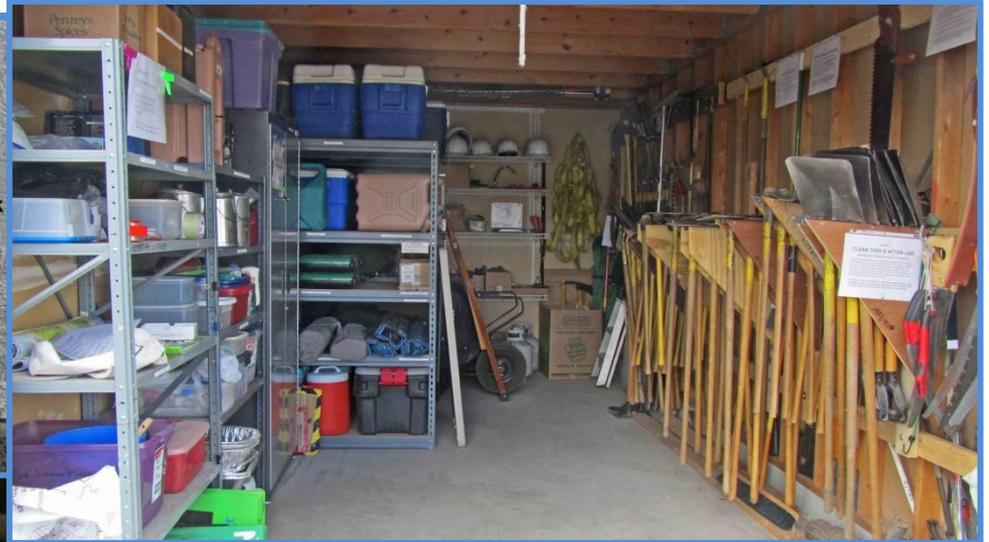


5 volunteers attended our Women's Trail Workshop on ABQ Open Space trails





We Provide Equipment





We Provide Training

Classroom Trail Workshop and Field Trail Workshop

Completed March 2022 with ABQ Open Space

To be scheduled:

- ❖ Women's Trail Workshop
- ❖ Wilderness First Aid & CPR
- ❖ Sawyer Classes





2022 Project Schedule



- ❖ *Eight projects and two workshops completed as of April '22*
- ❖ *17 additional projects planned through October '22*
- ❖ *'Add-on' projects allowed*





2022 PROJECT SCHEDULE

Check nmvfo.org for the latest 2022 Volunteer Project Opportunities



Volunteer Opportunities
New Mexico Volunteers for the Outdoors
2022 Project Season



April 2022

<p>North Field Loop Trail (Valle de Oro NWR) ▲</p> <p>Saturday, February 26</p> <p>Leaders: Ed DiBello, edibello@nmvfo.org Jim Sells, jsells@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Level and define tread, clear debris and invasive vegetation</p>	<p>Quarat Mission Trail (Salinas Pueblo Missions NM) ▲</p> <p>Saturday, April 2</p> <p>Leaders: Ed DeBello, edibello@nmvfo.org Don Lemke, d.lemke@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Lopping, drainage improvement and adding wood chips to tread</p>
<p>Trail Workshop - Outdoor Classroom (CABQ OS) ▲</p> <p>Friday, March 11</p> <p>Leaders: Jenny Blackmore, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org Larry Benson, lbenson@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Learn guidelines for trail building and maintenance</p>	<p>Mesa View Trail (Sevilleta NWR) ▲</p> <p>Saturday, April 9</p> <p>Leader: Larry Benson, lbenson@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Trail improvements and replacing wood or rock steps</p>
<p>Trail Workshop - Field (CABQ Open Space) ▲</p> <p>Saturday, March 12</p> <p>Leaders: Larry Benson, lbenson@nmvfo.org Jenny Blackmore, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Hands-on training in trail construction, maintenance, and repair</p>	<p>Osha Trail 1 (Mountainair RD) ▲</p> <p>Saturday, April 23 thru Sunday, April 24</p> <p>Leader: Don Lemke, d.lemke@nmvfo.org Co-leader: Uwe Schroeter, uschroeter@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Remove downed trees and build new tread</p>
<p>Sycamore Canyon Trail Backpack (Gila NF) ▲</p> <p>Friday, March 18 thru Monday, March 21</p> <p>Leader: Melissa Green, m.green@nmvfo.org Co-leader: Jim Sells, jsells@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Horse supported. Brushing and tread work on an alternate of the CDT, with the Back Country Horsemen Gila Chapter and GDTIC</p>	<p>Valles Caldera Wetland Restoration (NPS) ▲</p> <p>Friday May 6 thru Saturday May 7</p> <p>Leader: Jenny Blackmore, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Build rock dams along a spring fed channel and small creek</p>
<p>Galisteo Basin Preserve ▲</p> <p>Friday, March 25</p> <p>NMVFO Coordinator: Jenny Blackmore, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Remove barbed wire fence to help free up wildlife corridors</p>	<p>Cafoncito Trail (Sandia RD) ▲</p> <p>Friday, May 13 thru Sunday, May 15</p> <p>Leader: Jenny Blackmore, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Construct a connector trail to a water source and build a fence</p>
<p>San Lorenzo Canyon (BLM Socorro) ▲</p> <p>Saturday, March 26</p> <p>Leader: Jim Sells, jsells@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Build new trail and install signage on the south rim of the canyon</p>	<p>Middle Fork Backpack (Gila NF) ▲</p> <p>Thursday, May 26 thru Tuesday, May 31</p> <p>Leader: Melissa Green, m.green@nmvfo.org Coordinator: Jenny Blackmore, j.blackmore@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Brushing and tread improvement along a CDT alternate route, with CDTIC and the Back Country Horsemen, Gila Chapter</p>
<p>Rabb Park Trail Backpack (Gila NF) ▲</p> <p>Thursday, March 31 thru Sunday, April 3</p> <p>Leader: Anna Flessner, a.flessner@nmvfo.org Co-leader: Melissa Green, m.green@nmvfo.org</p> <p>Horse supported. Tread work, brushing, and removing downed trees with the Gila Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen</p>	<p>Veterans: Cave Creek Trail (Santa Fe NF) ▲</p> <p>Friday, June 3 thru Sunday, June 5</p> <p>Leader: Mike Timmer, m.timmer@nmvfo.org Co-leader: Cecily Strayer, cstrayer@nmvfo.org</p> <p>A project for veterans of the armed forces, clearing corridor and removing downed trees along Cave Creek Trail in the Pecos</p>

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Santa Fe NF >>>

August 28

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September 19 ??? >>>

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Continental Divide Trail

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September 25

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Work (FWS) ▲

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October 9 ???

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CDTC in the Burro

work, rock work.





Benefits of working with us



Dockweiler Trail, Santa Fe Nat'l Forest

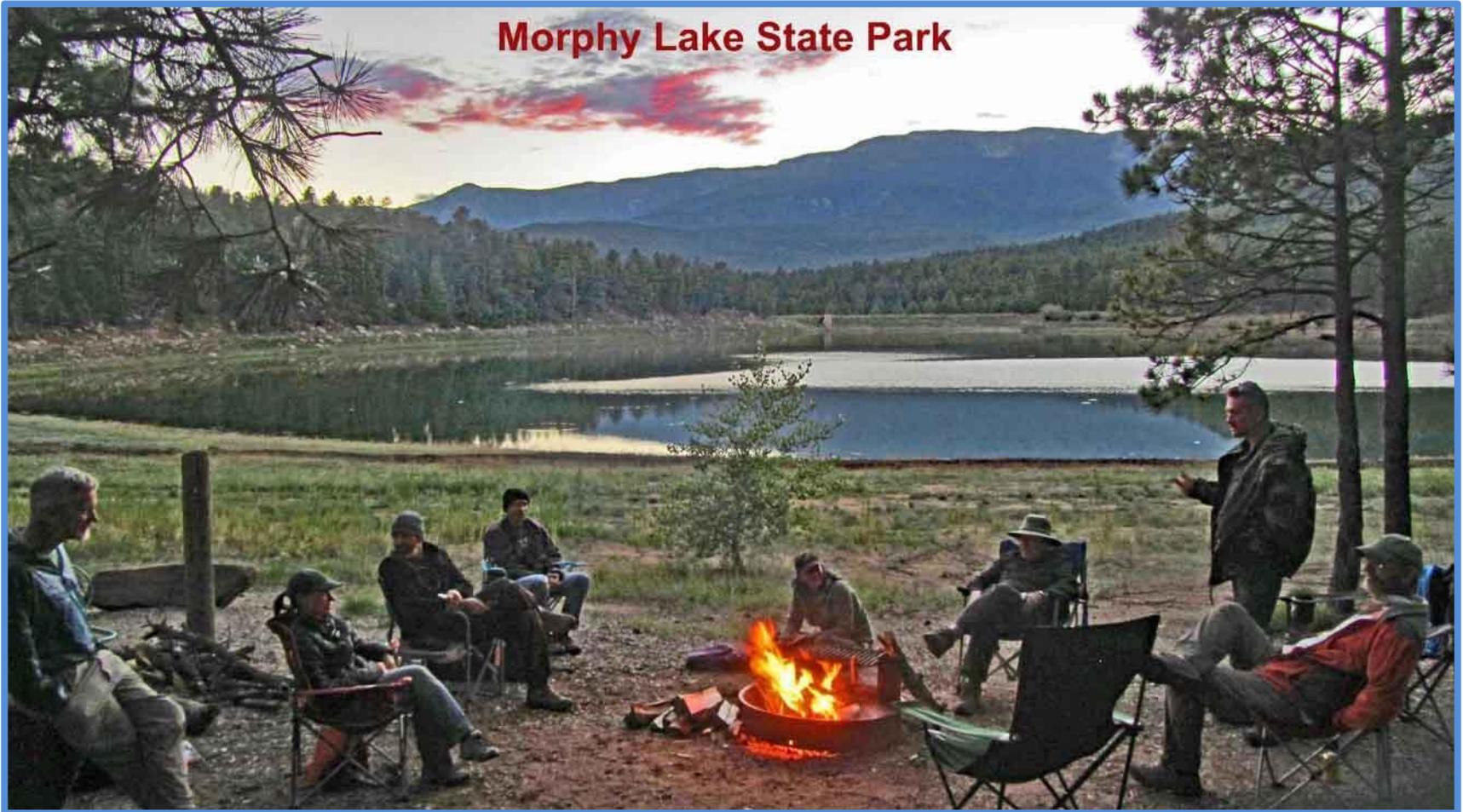


GRADUATION FLATS, JEMEZ MTS.

Eating hearty meals prepared by camp cooks ...



...relaxing around a campfire at sundown





Some Closing Thoughts....

Thank you for the opportunity to tell our story
Volunteers always welcome

Need Older Volunteers

HAVING JUST returned from a week on a Volunteers for the Outdoors trail crew in the Pecos, I was gratified to see the coverage of this activity in July 10 Journal ("Volunteers Saving Trails in Pecos").

However, one statement is misleading. The program is not just for "teen-age" volunteers. Older volunteers, particularly those with outdoor experience, are vitally needed.

Anyone who enjoys hiking, backpacking and similar activities in our wilderness areas would find the experience to be enjoyable and very rewarding.

Those interested should contact Volunteers for the Outdoors or the Pecos Ranger District.

PETE PANKUCH
Albuquerque

7/14/83



Try 'our' beer



Questions????



....and Finally....



Start doing your Monsoon Rain Dances!!!