
5th ANNUAL
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Recreation in the San Juan – Chama Region

February 29, 2020
Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, NM

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- 8:00 AM** **Registration and Breakfast**
Coffee and pastries available
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome and Introductions**
Ghost Ranch staff
Mary Stuever, *Chair, San – Juan Chama Watershed Partnership*
- 9:20 AM** **Keynote Speaker**
Axie Navas, Director, New Mexico Office of Outdoor Recreation
- 10:00 AM** **Regular Congreso Fire and Water Season, Previous Congreso Updates**
Fire Season Update
 Mary Stuever, Chama District Forester, NM State Forestry
El Vado Sediment Management Proposal
 Dr. Mark Stone, Civil Engineering Professor, University of New Mexico
Water Season Update
 Carolyn Donnelly, Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office
El Vado Corrective Action Plan
 Carolyn Donnelly
- 10:45 AM** **Break**
- 11:00 AM** **Panel: Outdoor Recreation 1, Hunting and Fishing**
Moderator:
 Toner Mitchell, NM Water and Habitat Program Manager, Trout Unlimited
Panel members:
 Hunting - *Dick Ray, Lobo Outfitters*
 Fishing - *Kerrie Cox Romero, Executive Director, NM Council of Outfitters and Guides*
- 11:45 AM** **Housekeeping**
Lunch tables information
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch**

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- 1:30 PM** **Panel: Land Based Communities and Recreation**
Perspectives on recreation in land based communities
Introduction and Moderation:
 Rosemary Romero, *Rosemary Romero Consulting*
Panel members:
 Gerald Chacon, *Rancher in Rio Arriba County*
 Norman Vigil, *Landowner*
 Antonio Manzanares, *Owner of the Shephard's Lamb*
 Arturo Sandoval, *Center of Southwest Culture, Inc.*
- 2:30 PM** **Panel: Outdoor Recreation 2, Water and Winter**
Moderator:
 Toner Mitchell
Rafting:
 Steve Harris, *Executive Director, Rio Grande Restoration*
Non-motorized Recreation:
 Austin Phippen, *Log River Ranch*
Snowmobiling and Snow Management:
 Adam LaDell, *Winter Sports Coordinator, Carson National Forest*
- 3:15 PM** **Break**
- 3:30 PM** **Highlighting Recreational Issues in the Region**
Moderation: Caleb Stotts and Emma Kelly
Youth Education and Opportunities
 CPLA Education Initiative: PRIME
 Brittany Wallace, *Ranch Manager, Troutstalker Ranch*
 RiverSource
 Richard Schrader, *Director, RiverSource*
 Escalante High School
 Claudia Reynoso, *Teacher, Escalante High School*
Forest Closure Impact on Recreation
 Adam LaDell, *Winter Sports Coordinator, Carson National Forest*
Wild and Scenic River Designation
 Trish Dominguez, *Office of Senator Martin Heinrich*
Impact of CDT in the Region
 Teresa Martinez, *Executive Director, Continental Divide Trail Coalition*
- 4:30 PM** **Talking Stick**
Opportunity for each participant to briefly tell us their final thoughts from the day
- 5:00 PM** **Adjourn**

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LUNCH TABLE TOPICS

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| 1 | Chama Flows Project | Steve Harris, <i>Rio Grande Restoration</i> |
| 2 | Oil and Gas | Bill Clarke, <i>Rio Arriba Concerned Citizens</i> |
| 3 | Forest Restoration | Caleb Stotts, <i>Chama Peak Land Alliance</i> |
| 4 | Fire Management (HM 42) | Mary Stuever, <i>NM State Forestry</i> |
| 5 | Meet Your District Rangers | Angie Krall, <i>Carson National Forest</i> |
| 6 | Youth Education and Outreach | Brittany Wallace, <i>Troutstalker Ranch</i> |
| 7 | Future Conditions in the Basin | Dagmar Llewellyn & Emma Kelly, <i>Bureau of Reclamation</i> |
| 8 | Recreation and Economic Development | Toner Mitchell, <i>Trout Unlimited</i> |
| 9 | Recreation Art and Economy | Devon Hoffman, <i>Eyes of Time Project</i> |
| 10 | Volunteerism in Our Region | Jared Daniels, <i>SJCWP AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer</i> |
| 11 | Growing Hemp | Jesus Maes |
| 12 | Collaborative Resource Management | Page Buono, <i>Mountain Studies Institute</i> |
| 13 | Biomass | Bill Trimarco, <i>Archuleta County FireWise</i> |
| 14 | El Vado Sediment Management | Dr. Mark Stone, <i>University of New Mexico</i> |

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WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

Mission

The mission of the San Juan - Chama Watershed Partnership is to protect and enhance the watershed health and water supply conditions of the Rio Chama from headwaters to the confluence of the Rio Grande, and the tributaries (Navajo River, Little Navajo River, and Rio Blanco) that contribute to the New Mexico Bureau of Reclamation's San Juan – Chama Diversion Project.

Vision

We envision collaborative decision making and implementation partnerships to help manage a landscape prepared for water shortage and wildfire. We envision a landscape that is both protected and productive for local communities within our region, and stewardship that provides adequate natural resources for downstream users.

The Partnership works to provide collaboration between relevant local, county, state, tribal and federal agencies; non-government organizations; and local individuals to convene education and outreach initiatives on behalf of stakeholders throughout the region. The partnership also provides an inclusive platform to collaborate on ecosystem-wide consideration, planning, and implementation of restoration practices and projects in the Chama (and tributary) basins.

Goals (Principles & Objectives)

- Sponsor efforts to achieve collaboration across a spectrum of community members, business owners, and land managers.
- Encourage and participate in effective outreach to reach potential and active participants that represent diversity geographically, institutionally, economically, and socially.
- Prepare for, raise awareness of, plan for, and take actions that, on a landscape level, promote sustainability of resources that honors and sustains economic, ecological and social systems.
- Enhance regional economic viability and use of forest products.

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