

7th Annual Rio Chama Congreso: Snow in our Changing Watershed

Abiquiu Rural Events Center

In Person with some speakers via Zoom

April 29-30, 2022

Agenda

Friday, April 29, 2022, | In-Person and Virtual All-Day Meeting

- 9:00 am Registration
Coffee and Pastries
Provided by Rio Grande Restoration
Open House for Exhibits and Table Displays
Virtual Zoom Room Opens at 9:30 am
- 10:00 am Welcome, Agenda Review, Introductions, Logistics
Rosemary Romero, Facilitator
Venue Introduction
Donald Martinez Jr., Rural Events Center
Partnership Introduction
Claudia Reynoso, San Juan Chama Watershed Partnership (SJCWP) Chair
Congreso Background
Steve Harris, Rio Grande Restoration & SCJWP Congreso Chair
Virtual Meeting Coordination Introduction
Mary Stuever, NM State Forestry & 2022 Congreso Virtual Meeting Host
- 10:15 am Kickoff Remarks
Laura McCarthy, NM State Forester
- 10:30 am Producers and Their Role in Our Changing System
Toner Mitchell, Trout Unlimited
Norman Vigil, East Rio Arriba Soil and Water Conservation District
- 11:30 am Rio Chama Comprehensive River Management Plan
Steve Harris, Rio Grande Restoration
Bjorn Fredrickson, Santa Fe National Forest
- 12:00 pm Lunch
Please bring cash for a food truck that will be on site.
You are welcome to bring your own lunch as well. Small snacks and refreshments will be provided by the Chama Peak Land Alliance.

Open House for Exhibits and Table Displays
Networking Time

- 1:30 pm Science Up and Down the Watershed – Panel
Facilitator:
Emma Kelly, Bureau of Reclamation
Panelists:
Adrian Marziliano, University of New Mexico
Ari Posner, Bureau of Reclamation
Rebecca Braz, Bureau of Reclamation
Brother Bead Bissonnette, Christ of the Desert Monastery
Gabriella Coughlin, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
- 2:30 pm Break
- 2:45 pm Rio Chama San Juan Regional Conservation Partnership Program: Successes and Lessons Learned
Facilitator:
Norman Vigil, East Rio Arriba Soil and Water Conservation District
Panelists:
Sarah DeMay, Landowner
James Harmon, Landowner
Fred Thronas, Landowner
- 3:45 pm Rio Chama Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program
Sandra Dingman, US Forest Service
- 4:00 pm Talking Stick Session
Rosemary Romero, Facilitator

Group sharing session on this year's Congreso. We want to hear your thoughts on what was good, bad, and ugly! Who was missing from the conversation? What should next year's theme be?
- 5:00 pm Field Trip Announcements & Adjourn
Rosemary Romero, Facilitator

Saturday, April 30, 2022 | Dispersed Field Trips

Field Trip #1: Navajo Headwaters Snow Science Tour

Description:	Join us in a tour of the Navajo Headwaters to investigate various scientific initiatives in the region to help inform policy makers and land and water managers.
Meeting Location:	Chromo, CO – Old Post Office Coordinates: 37.035247, -106.839100
Meeting Time:	9:30am – 2pm
Trip Leader:	Emma Kelly, Bureau of Reclamation
Trip Leader Contact Information:	ekelly@usbr.gov 505-615-9959
Activity Level:	Light to Moderate
Lunch:	Provided by the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District

Field Trip #2: Explore Abiquiu Dam and Play Wave

Description:	Steve Harris and the US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the dam's outlet works, fishery, new play kayak wave, and boater friendly fencing
Meeting Location:	Abiquiu Dam Visitor's Center (at Abiquiu Dam on HWY 96)
Meeting Time:	10am – 12pm
Trip Leader:	Steve Harris, Rio Grande Restoration
Trip Leader Contact Information:	steve.harris39@gmail.com 575-770-2502
Activity Level:	Light

Field Trip #3: Forestry Treatment Tour on Whittaker Ranch

Description:	Join NM State Forestry's Mary Stuever as she discusses forest treatments in the woodlands at Whittaker Ranch.
Meeting Location:	Antique Store Parking Lot, HWY 84, between mile markers 235 and 236 Coordinates: 36.439528, -106.473250
Meeting Time:	2pm – 5pm
Trip Leader:	Mary Stuever
Trip Leader Contact Information:	mary.stuever@state.nm.us 575-408-6055
Activity Level:	Light to Moderate

Field Trip #4: Women Owning Woodlands Chainsaw Workshop (2-day event)

Saturday, April 30, 2022, 9am – 4:30 pm

Sunday, May 1, 2022, 9am – 4:30pm

Description:	Women Owning Woodlands of northern New Mexico is offering a two-day safety workshop to build proficiency for beginning women chainsaw users. They will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal protective equipment from head to toe
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parts of the saw, safety features, and saw maintenance • Methods for safely starting and handling a chainsaw • One-on-one instruction on limbing, bucking, and basic cutting techniques • Answers to your burning chainsaw questions! <p>Take advantage of this supportive learning space and connect with other women forest stewards!</p>
Meeting Location:	Trout Stalker Ranch (access provided to registered participants only)
Meeting Time:	Saturday, April 30, 2022, 9am – 4:30 pm Sunday, May 1, 2022, 9am – 4:30pm
Trip Leader:	Mary Stuever
Trip Leader Contact Information:	mary.stuever@state.nm.us 575-408-6055
Activity Level:	Moderate
Lunch:	Provided by registration fees