



**MIDDLE RIO GRANDE BOSQUE INITIATIVE
BOSQUE IMPROVEMENT GROUP
CONFERENCE/field trip
National Hispanic Cultural Center of
New Mexico
1701 4th street sw
Albuquerque, new mexico**

Agenda

Tuesday, May 14, 2002

- 8:30-9:00 am Registration
- 9:00-9:30 am Welcome – Dr. Thomas Chavez, Executive Director, National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico
- Introductions – Cynthia Abeyta, Middle Rio Grande Coordinator/
 Hydrologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Presentations by RIO: Recognize Its Ours –
 Conversations con el Rio, James Aranda
 To Asdzaan, Coleen Gorman
- History of the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Initiative – Dr. Cliff Crawford,
 Professor Emeritus/Research Professor, University of New Mexico
- 9:30-9:50 am Opening remarks – Anne-Kathryn Ziehe, Senior Counsel for Land and Water Issues, U.S. Senator Pete Domenici's Office
- 9:50-10:10 am Overview of MRGBI Projects funded during FY01-02 – Cynthia Abeyta
- 10:10-10:20 am Walking tour of the Middle Rio Grande Bosque Initiative Website – Jennifer Follstad Shah, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

10:20-10:30 am BREAK

Research Panel

- 10:30-10:40 am Bosque Hydrology Group – Paul Tashjian, Hydrologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- 10:40-11:00 am Middle Rio Grande FLO-2D Model Development and Calibration – Jim O'Brien, Tetra Tech ISG
- 11:00-11:20 am Water use by Middle Rio Grande Phreatophytes, Monitoring the Contributions of Russian Olive, Salt Cedar and Cottonwood – Dr. James Cleverly, University of New Mexico
- 11:20-11:40 am Jardines del Bosque Research Station: Urban Ecology on the Rio Grande – Carlos Vasquez, Director of Research and Literary Arts, National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico
- 11:40 am-12:00 Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Project (BEMP) – Dr. Cliff Crawford

- 12:00 -1:00 pm LUNCH (on your own)
Local restaurants within walking distance: La Fonda del Bosque (located at the Center), Barelas Coffee House, El Model, Taco Riendo
- 1:00-1:20 pm Implementation Plan/Update, Middle Rio Grande Ecosystem: Bosque Biological Management Plan – Deb Hibbard, Middle Rio Grande Coordinator, Rio Grande Restoration

Restoration/Fuels Reduction Panel

- 1:20-1:40 pm Salt cedar removal, control, and maintenance – John Taylor, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
- 1:40-2:00 pm Socorro Save Our Bosque Task Force/Fire Breaks on Flood Plain of Rio Grande – Doug Boykin, District Forester, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
- 2:00 -2:25 pm Fuels Reduction Project in the Middle Rio Grande – Yasmine Najini, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Ondrea Linderoth Hummel, City of Albuquerque, John Taylor, Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
- 2:25-2:45 pm Questions/Discussion
- 2:45-3:00 pm BREAK
- 3:00-3:20 pm Bosque Education Guide/Update and Educator's Training/Support – Mary Stuever, Seldom Seen Expeditions
- 3:20-3:30 pm Wrap-up and briefing for Wednesday's field trip
- 3:30-5:00 pm Guided tour of the Jardines del Bosque Research Station and Educational Center, Visit the National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico (on your own)

Wednesday, May 15, 2002

- 8:30-9:00 am Field trip briefing (meet at the National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico)
- 9:00-10:30 am Sandia Pueblo Restoration Project – Sandia Pueblo, Beth Janello, Mona Aragon
- 10:30-12:00 San Antonio Oxbow – City of Albuquerque/Open Space Division, Ondrea Linderoth Hummel
- 12:00-12:30 pm Lunch at Tingley Beach (bring your own lunch, beverages will be provided)
- 12:30-1:30 pm Bosque Restoration Demonstration Project – Tingley Beach, Rio Grande Restoration, Deb Hibbard
- 1:30-3:30 pm Los Lunas River Park Project – Tree New Mexico, Inc., Sue Probart
- 4:15 pm Return to National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico