

Education, Innovation, Restoration... One Acre at a Time

HOT OFF THE WEB!

We have completely redesigned our website -- www.quiviracoalition.org!

Thanks to the QC Staff and our new Santa Fe-based server, Studio X, we have a redesigned website that we think you'll love. Not only is it easier to navigate, but its expanded features include:

- An Interactive Map of projects and products around the region
- An extensive archive of newsletters, articles, books and essays
- On-line registration for up-coming events
- New Ranch Network, Rowe Mesa Grassbank, Land Health Updates including Profiles in Stewardship
- Recommended Readings
- An On-Line Store and Photo Gallery
- And MUCH MORE!

Go to www.quiviracoalition.org and let us know what you think. And, don't forget to visit www.newranch.net to find out what's happening in the New Ranch Network.



Wendell Berry to speak at Sixth Annual Conference!

The Quivira Coalition is very pleased to announce that famed author and agrarianist Wendell Berry will be speaking at our Sixth Annual Conference, which takes place January 18-20th, 2007, at the Albuquerque Marriott (note change of location). Entitled "Fresh Eyes On The Land: Innovation and the Next Generation," the Conference will highlight innovative ideas, practices, and relationships that give hope to, and receive inspiration from, the next generation.

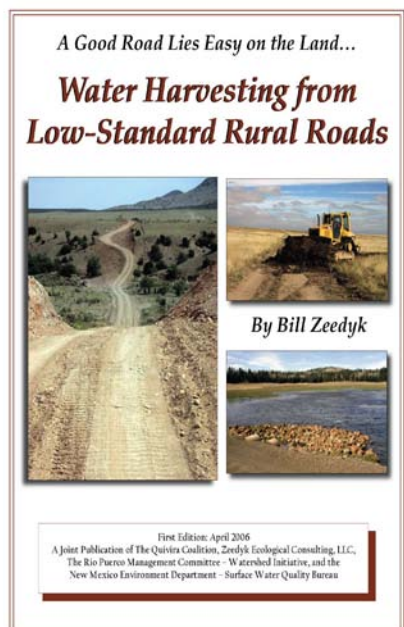
Don't miss Wendell Berry! Mark your calendars now for this special event.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!

A Good Road Lies Easy on the Land...Water Harvesting from Low-Standard Rural Roads by Bill Zeedyk.

For those of you who have, manage or maintain low-standard rural dirt roads, have attended one of Bill Zeedyk's Roads workshops, or are just interested in getting more water on the groundthis book is for YOU!

This 46-page book is available free of charge. You can pick up a copy at the office or you can order from The Quivira Coalition office for a small shipping fee. E-mail admin@quiviracoalition.org, call 505-820-2544 Ext. 0# or order through our new & improved website: www.quiviracoalition.org.



Discovering New Ranch Dollars through Nature

Harding County is introducing "Experiential Tourism" at a Field Day on August 11th in Bueyeros, NM entitled "Discovering New Ranch Dollars through Nature". The event targets rural businesses, community development folks, and progressive ranchers.

Inspiration came from The Quivira Coalition's Annual Meeting in a presentation entitled "Experiential Tourism in the Texas Prairie Rivers Region (TPRR)". Remelle Farrar, TPRR Director, and Bob Rogers, Wildlife Biologist, told how Canadian, Texas scored on an asset that folks often take for granted – their natural surroundings. The TPRR team are highlighting the August 11th program.

Using nature as their ace card, TPRR expanded wildlife habitat development. A premier audience of 70 million birders in the U.S. is drawn to rural areas like Canadian, TX. TPRR is based on PARTNERSHIPS which include federal, state, and local agencies working together to develop a healthy ecosystem, which in-

creases wildlife and draws nature lovers to the area.

Their 15-county region draws 60,000 annual visitors to enjoy abundant wildlife and see best conservation practices. Privately owned land is highly productive and the economy turned from severely depressed to thriving with new jobs, businesses, and downtown renovation.

Harding County folks are students with open minds eager to take in this new knowledge and share it with other rural communities. The gorgeous landscapes surrounding us can become the trump card in our hand to provide the quality of life and sustainable rural economy we desire in Harding County and wish for in other rural areas of the State.

For more information, please call 505-673-2267. There is no charge for the educational outreach program; however, the chuck wagon cooks require registration for preparing lunch. Seating is limited so please register early.



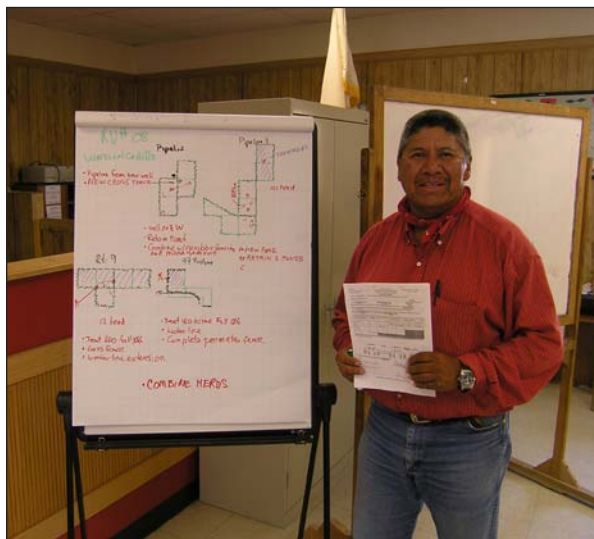
A contingency from Harding County visits the Texas Prairie Rivers Region.

New Ranch Network - Ojo Encino

We have now held two Planned Grazing Workshops with the Ojo Encino Ranchers' Committee supported by the PNM New Ranch Network Grant. The first workshop was held in April and taught by Kirk Gadzia. The Rio Puerco Management Committee helped the Ranchers' Committee treat 10,000 acres of sage in 2004. These areas have been deferred for two years. Watson Castillo, President of the Ranchers' Committee spear-headed the sage treatment program and the workshop to promote better grazing management. The results of the sage treatment and erosion control practices implemented by Committee members is impressive. The Ranchers' Committee consists of 15 ranch units and over 25 members. Kirk Gadzia taught a two-day introduction to planned grazing in April and started the process of developing individual range unit management plans. Craig Conley followed up in June with a refresher and development of more individual management grazing plans. With support from both PNM and the RPMC, we will continue working with the Ranchers' Committee until managed grazing plans are developed for all 15 ranch units.



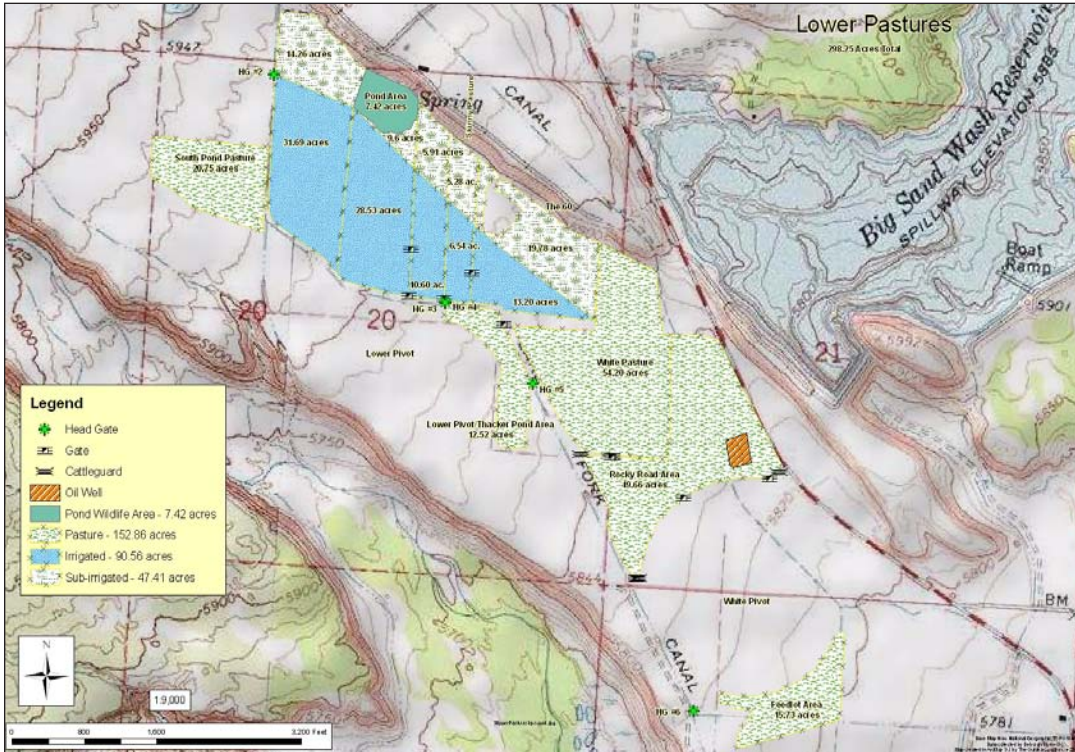
Ojo Encino Chapter House, Cuba, NM



Watson Castillo, Ojo Encino

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Land Health Services: Mapping



The Quivira Coalition can produce a GIS map of your ranch, property, restoration project or any other area. We can use your data, or collect it for you, and develop base maps using satellite imagery or USGS topo maps. We can add additional map layers that show fences, water improvements, roads, wetland areas, etc. Maps can be printed in a variety of sizes from 8.5" X 11" to 4 feet wide or custom sizes. For additional information and pricing, contact Deborah Myrin at mapping@quivira-coalition.org or at 505-820-2544 Ext. 5#.



Rowe Mesa Grassbank

On June 3rd, The Quivira Coalition passed an important milestone when forty-nine heifers were delivered to the Rowe Mesa Grassbank. Thanks to an innovative partnership with ranchers Jack and Pat Hagelstein, The Quivira Coalition purchased the heifers and is now officially in the cattle business. It is part of our reorganization of the Grassbank – and thanks to the hard work and diligence of Craig Conley and Michael Moon, we believe we are on the way to financial self-sustainability on the mesa. Of course, the recent rains help too!

In other news...the Rowe Mesa Volunteer Range Rider Program was officially initiated on Saturday, June 10th at the Seco Pens. The morning was spent orienting folks to the Mesa (it's easy to get lost as there are few landmarks), reviewing low-stress livestock management techniques, and basic safety issues. In the afternoon, volunteers, with a little guidance from Michael Moon, Grassbank Ranch Manager, worked the newly arrived heifers through a series of moves around the holding pens. By the end of the afternoon, cattle, horses and riders were working together like pros.



"Greenhorn" Range Riders help move cattle on the Rowe Mesa Grassbank, June 2006,

"Ranching in a Changing Environment"

Thursday, October 12, 2006

1:00-5:00 PM

In conjunction with the 17th Annual Lincoln County
Cowboy Symposium at the Ruidoso Downs Race Track

This program will address creative and innovative programs for ranching in a dynamic environment within New Mexico and the western United States. Speakers will describe coping with and adjusting to, changing grazing, educational, rural and business environments, and our changing climate.

Joel Brown - "Our Changing Climate"

Stepanie Bestelmeyer - "Science Education Programs for Students in a Global Environment"

Derek Bailey - "Managing an Altered Forage Environment"

The Chessers - "Changing a Traditional Livestock Operation into a Guest Ranch"

Jack Wright - "Conserving a Changing Rural West"

Registration is \$25 per person and includes Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 & Ray Price Concert Ticket. For reservations or more information, contact Janis Rowe at 505-378-4142.



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- ◆ Look at the address label on this bulletin. If the phrase: "QC Member" appears above your name, your annual membership is current.
- ◆ If nothing appears, your membership has lapsed or you have not joined.

Why become a member ?

- ◆ A vibrant membership roll is a sign of a healthy non-profit organization. Potential donors review it.
- ◆ Members receive the newsletters and discounts to the Annual Conference.

How to become a member?

- ◆ On our website home page, click on "Join & Donate". You can use a credit card or print the form and send it with a check.
- ◆ Or, call or e-mail to the contact information below.

As always, all or part of contributions are tax deductible.

If you have questions please contact Sheryl at admin@quiviracoalition.org or call 505-820-2544, ext 0#. Thank you for your continued support!

Check out the new website for
up-coming events! Just click on our
Workshops & Events button.

- **Grass-Finished Beef Tasting**
~ August 25th ~
- **Comanche Creek Work Weekend**
~ August 26-27 ~
- **Low Stress Livestock Handling
Clinic**
~ September 15-16 ~

Celebrate Local Beef! Meet the Ranchers, Taste New Mexico's Finest Flavors, and Learn how you can enjoy local beef at home! Grass-fed, Grass-finished, Organic, Natural...what it means, why you should care, and how it affects the taste. Friday, August 25, 2006 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Santa Fe Women's Club. Sponsored by Slow Food Santa Fe, SWGLA and The Quivira Coalition. Tickets are \$10.00. Register on our new website: www.quiviracoalition.org.

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