

The mission of The Quivira Coalition is to foster ecological, economic and social health on western landscapes through education, innovation, collaboration and progressive public and private land stewardship.



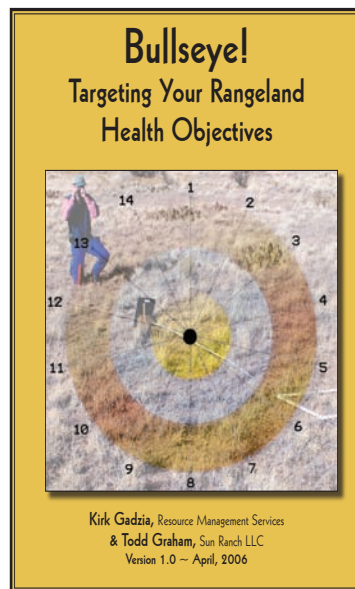
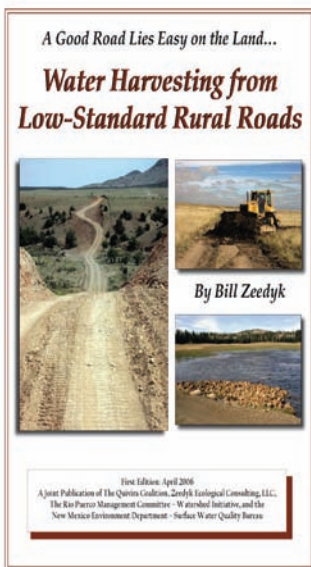
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The Quivira Coalition's BULLETIN

Quivira Up-dates: Publications

This year is already going full speed. We have two new publications that will soon be available on our web-site.

- 👉 Bullseye! Targeting Your Rangeland Health Objectives by Kirk Gadzia and Todd Graham.
- 👉 A Good Road Lies Easy on the Land...Water Harvesting from Low-Standard Rural Roads by Bill Zeedyk. (Hard copies of the book will be available by the end of April.)



Volunteer Events:

This year we are focusing our restoration efforts and workshop events on two rivers, Cedro and Comanche Creeks.

Cedro Creek is part of an EPA Wet Meadow Restoration Grant and we will be restoring about 9 miles of the creek over a 3 year period. Cedro Creek is located on south 337 in Tijeras Canyon east of Albuquerque. We will be holding a public work day on Earth Day, April 22, to restore a reach located close to the Sandia Ranger Station. We call this our X-Stream Makeover project that also involves local school children who have come out to help make a difference on Cedro Creek!



Students from Van Buren Middle School (MESA Program) help remove the invasive Bull Thistle from a section of Cedro Creek, March 16, 2006.

Also, our Field Guides have been updated and reprinted in COLOR! We now have available the 2nd edition, of Introduction to Erosion Control by Bill Zeedyk and Jan-Willem Jansens and the 3rd edition of An Introduction to Induced Meandering: A Method for Restoring Stability to Incised Stream Channels by Bill Zeedyk. These two guides can also be downloaded as pdf files from our Comanche Creek Website (www.comanchecreek.org).

We are currently updating our website (www.quiviracoalition.org) and it is scheduled to be on-line by the end of June.

Our work on **Comanche Creek** will continue this summer. We will be finishing the elk-exlosures and installing more vanes to protect eroding banks along the lower and middle reaches of Comanche. We have two public workshop dates to choose from: Friday-Saturday, July 7-8 and Saturday-Sunday July, 15-16. We accomplished so much last year and hope to do the same in 2006. We truly appreciate all our restoration volunteers! For more information on all our 2006 educational events, go to our website: www.quiviracoalition.org.

The New Ranch Network (NRN) Small Grants Program

The NRN Small Grants Program provides assistance to landowners, associations and communities in making changes through collaboration. The grants are primarily to support education and outreach activities. The Small Grants Program is a pilot effort to establish the need for and potential effectiveness of providing small grants to individuals and communities for education and planning assistance. The current funding level is modest but hopefully will grow over time as successes accumulate. Listed below are examples of the types of activities that can be supported by the NRN Small Grants Program.

- Hire a **Coach** to assist in goal-setting for a community.
- Hire a **Mentor** to work with a permittee or grazing association.
- Hire a **Specialist** to assist with a particular community need.
- Organize and conduct:
 - ◇ a planned grazing seminar
 - ◇ a low stress livestock handling clinic
 - ◇ herder training
 - ◇ a range school for a local community
 - ◇ a tour of a regional ranch
 - ◇ range health workshops
 - ◇ monitoring workshops
 - ◇ riparian restoration workshops
- Provide support for GIS maps or related resource planning management support.
- Link community members to specialized resources.

The basic criteria for project funding are:

- \$ The project or activity involves a community that has a Forest Ranger District and is dependent on National Forest System lands for economic & community stability.
- \$ Has a connection with the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) e.g., through a right of way.
- \$ Projects require a 1:1 cash or in-kind match. Travel to and participation in workshops or events does not count for match.

Grants range in size from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Preference will be given to applications that show the greatest potential for leveraging the initial grant into larger projects or programs.

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Conley at 505 820-2544 ext. 2# or admin@quiviracoalition.org. Your feedback is appreciated.

Current funding for The New Ranch Network is provided by:

The USDA Forest Service
Environmental Defense
Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) and
the Thaw Charitable Trust
We appreciate their support!



You are cordially invited to attend 2 workshops near Springerville/Eagar, Arizona and hosted by Wink Crigler of the X Diamond Ranch, September 15-16-17, 2005

Riparian and Rangeland Monitoring for Management

September 15 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Monitoring Presentations by Public Lands Ranchers, Consultants, and Al Medina from the Rocky Mountain Research Center.




Low Stress Livestock Handling Clinic and Working Cow Dog Demonstration with Guy Glosson,
Ranch Manager of award-winning Mesquite Grove Ranch
September 16 - 17

Using low-stress livestock handling methods learned from legendary Bud Williams, Guy Glosson will demonstrate how to move and train cattle without introducing fear, therefore lowering stress levels. And the same principles can be applied to all livestock—goats, sheep, horses, etc.

"What are the advantages of this method?"
Healthier immune systems
Better response to vaccines and medications when needed
Less shrinkage during transport
Fewer people accidents from nervous animals
Less damage to pens, corrals, and trailers

During this two-day workshop, participants will spend time working in the arena where each person will have the opportunity to try these techniques, and indoors for discussions on the art and science of this method of low-stress livestock handling. (No horses required.)

These workshops are sponsored by the Upper Eagle Creek Watershed Association in Partnership with The Quivira Coalition, Greenlee County Cattle Growers, Arizona Cattle Growers, and Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests.

The X Diamond Ranch is located 7 miles west of Eagar, AZ. Please see the enclosed map or visit the X Diamond Ranch website at xdiamondranch.com. To register or for more information about these workshops, contact:
Chase Caldwell at 480-529-2624 or e-mail chase.caldwell@cox.net.

Example of a NRN Workshop Flyer

Pre-application Form* New Ranch Network Small Grants Program

New Ranch Network Small Grants are intended to support local efforts to provide training, seminars, workshops, hire specialists, provide technical services, support tours and other activities related to rangeland management and restoration.

Project Title: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Location of Project/Activity: _____

Project Description:

Project Objectives:

Total Project Cost: \$ _____ Funds Requested: \$ _____
(1:1 match is required for all funds requested.)

Cash Match: \$ _____ In-Kind Match: \$ _____

Likely date of event: _____

Check those that apply.

- The project involves:
- Forest Service land _____
 - Forest Service permittees _____
 - Community with strong Forest Service connection _____
 - Public Service Company of New Mexico _____
(through ROW easement, etc.)

Contact Name : _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Complete this application form on-line at www.newranch.net or send this form to
The Quivira Coalition 1413 2nd St. Suite #1 ~ Santa Fe, NM ~ 87505

*** Grant funding is limited. All requests will be kept on file.**

“Agua Es Vida”

Video/DVD Series

This excellent educational video series from the Water Research Technical Assistance Office and the Los Alamos National Laboratory Environmental Stewardship Division (Santa Fe, NM) examines concepts in surface and groundwater hydrology and sustainability. The series is intended to appeal to a broad audience including students, land use planners, decision makers, and those involved in water resource conservation.

Videos include: 1) *Ground Water & Sustainability*, 2) *Wells - How they Work*, 3) *Water Research Technical Assistance Office*, 4) *Los Ojos (The Springs)*, 5) *Anatomy of a Watershed*, 6) *Watershed Management Concepts* and 7) *Acequias del Norte*. Running times vary from 14-45 minutes.

You can receive these videos from The Quivira Coalition for a suggested donation of \$10-15, depending on the video.

For more information contact Sheryl at 505-820-2544 ext. 0# or e-mail admin@quiviracoalition.org.



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(If you aren't really sure, you are not alone.)

How to tell:

- ◆ 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 Us”. 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!

Coming Soon!

New Quivira Coalition
T-Shirts
(short and long sleeve)
and Quivira Caps...
just in time for the
workshop Season.
Watch the website for
prices and sizes!



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Calling all e-mail addresses!

We would like to make better use of e-mails to send flyers, notices, even bulletins and newsletters. It is cheaper, more environmentally-friendly and some people prefer it. Please help us update our lists by sending an e-mail to admin@quiviracoalition.org. Also let us know which publications you would like to receive by e-mail. Thanks!