

THE QUIVIRA COALITION

Since our founding in 1997, over 1 million acres, at least 25 linear miles of riparian drainages and over 10,000 people have benefited from The Quivira Coalition's partnerships with over 40 organizations through:

- 10 land health and riparian restoration demonstration projects
- over 115 educational events around the region
- 50 publications
- 8 Clarence Burch Awards
- 3 Quivira Coalition Radical Center Awards
- 3 CARLY Apprentices and 2 Interns

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The mission of The Quivira Coalition is to build resilience by fostering ecological, economic and social health on western landscapes through education, innovation, collaboration, and progressive public and private land stewardship. We accomplish our mission through improving land health, diffusion of knowledge and innovation, building local capacity, promoting the concept of conservation with a business plan, and strengthening diverse relationships. We do this through three program areas:

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Since our founding, The Quivira Coalition's principle work has been educational. Over the years, we have focused on finding 'teachable' moments for diverse audiences through our outdoor classrooms, workshops, demonstrations projects, tours, lectures, conferences, publications and awards. In each, we strive to disseminate innovation as widely as possible while maintaining our reputation for quality and integrity.

Southwest regional events

- An annual conference (2002-present)
- Upcoming 2010 Annual Conference: *The Carbon Ranch: Using Food and Stewardship to Build Soil and Fight Climate Change*
- Riparian and rangeland health workshops, capacity-building trainings on riparian restoration and improving rural roads for water harvesting

Publications

- *The New Ranch Handbook*
- *Forging a West that Works*
- *Bullseye!: Targeting Your Rangeland Health Objectives*
- *A Good Road Lies Easy on the Land: Water Harvesting from Low-Standard Rural Roads*
- *Let the Water do the Work: Induced Meandering, an Evolving Method for Restoring Incised Channels*
- journals and bulletins
- field guides on planned grazing; Induced Meandering; riparian and upland restoration techniques; and erosion control

The New Ranch Network. We have assisted numerous landowners, grazing associations and other community organizations through a small grants program and a network of consultants and specialists.

The Clarence Burch Award. Over the past 8 years (2002-2009) \$130,000.00 in award monies have been given to individuals and groups that explore innovative ideas in ranch management and build bridges between ranches, environmentalists, public land managers, scientists and others with the goal of restoring western rangelands collaboratively.

The Quivira Coalition Recognition Awards. This annual award is dedicated to the "four legs" of The Quivira Coalition's original "chair" – ranchers, conservationists, civil servants, and researchers. We recognize those individuals in each category who have shown remarkable and enduring leadership in the difficult job of working in the radical center.

Websites

- The Quivira Coalition (www.quiviracoalition.org)
- Comanche Creek (www.comanchecreek.org)
- New Ranch Network (www.newranch.net)

LAND AND WATER

Our Land & Water Program represents our commitment to land health, restoration and progressive stewardship of natural resources. Over the years, we have been engaged in a variety of work ranging from Induced Meandering projects to grassbanks to local food production. Today our work concentrates geographically on north-central New Mexico, our Red Canyon Reserve, and the Santa Fe area. Additionally, we participate in various committees and coalitions that are also committed to implementing land health projects.

Current land health and riparian restoration demonstration projects throughout New Mexico:

- Comanche Creek (Carson National Forest)
- Dry Cimarron River (Folsom)
- Mesteño Draw (Mountainair)
- Mora River (Watrous)
- Ponil Creek (Cimarron)
- Red Canyon Reserve (Magdalena)
- Valle Grande Ranch (Pecos)



San Juan Ranch. Site of CARLY apprenticeships.

CAPACITY BUILDING AND MENTORSHIP

Part of The Quivira Coalition's philosophy is to encourage mentoring and capacity building opportunities for landowners, ranch-based collaboratives, and community organizations. To this end, we have formalized our Capacity Building and Mentorship Program. Within this program, we have implemented our Conservation and Ranch Leadership and Youth (CARLY) program, which has placed two young agrarians in year-long apprenticeships at a New Ranch, and two summer Interns in a short-term program with The Quivira Coalition and Earth Works Institute. In addition, through the Capacity Building and Mentorship Program we have helped the Ojo Encino Chapter of the Navajo Nation build ecological and economic resilience on their land located west of Cuba, New Mexico. Both projects are good examples of leveraging resources for the benefit of the land and the next generation of land stewards.

Conservation and Ranching Leadership and Youth Program (CARLY)

There are few challenges more important at this moment in time than encouraging the next generation of leaders in conservation and ranching, and few are more daunting than creating the opportunities they need to learn from mentors and put new knowledge to work.

The Quivira Coalition has created the CARLY program to offer on-the-ground training opportunities to apprentices and interns. CARLY is principally a leadership development program where apprentices and interns are mentored in either land health management or New Ranch management. Both CARLY programs are designed with a balance of mentorship activities and self-directed initiatives, with ample opportunities given to attend workshops, classes, and conferences that support apprentice/intern learning. The program currently supports two apprentices under the mentorship of Julie Sullivan and George Whitten, co-owners of San Juan Ranch. In the summer of 2009, CARLY welcomed two land health management interns that were jointly hosted by The Quivira Coalition and Earth Works Institute.

Ojo Encino Partnership

The Ojo Encino Chapter of the Navajo Nation is located west of Cuba, New Mexico, in the heart of Navajo country. Our work is focused on building local capacity and creating new strategies that make land-based activities economically viable and resilient. Ojo Encino is rediscovering a land ethic through restoring land health, reconnecting people to land, creating new land management systems, feeding the community, maintaining traditions, re-engaging youth, and caring for the elderly.

Current projects include:

- ♦ proactive feral horses management
- ♦ 4-H youth leadership training
- ♦ erosion control and summer youth employment
- ♦ flood water farming site restoration
- ♦ managed livestock grazing
- ♦ management and maintenance of road drainage infrastructure

FUNDING SOURCES

Annual memberships and tax-exempt public donations, private foundations, fundraising events, and state and federal project contracts.

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

The support and participation of over 1,000 diversified members that include ranchers, land managers/owners, federal/state employees, tribal entities, the general public and conservationists.

AND through the hard work and dedication to the mission of 7 very busy Quivira Coalition staff, and 12 Board of Directors.

The Quivira Coalition is a nonprofit organization which relies on contributions from public and private individuals or organizations.