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Santa Fe Conservation Trust Staff and Board members at our February, 2018 retreat at the Pecos River Ranch. We are honored to have a distinguished board of professionals who work hard to protect our natural environment and create connections between people and the land.
To meet more of our board members, go to sfct.org/about/board-of-directors.

SFCT WINS THE MAYOR'S SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Mayor Javier Gonzales's last public ceremony took place on November 9, 2017 at La Fonda, where he gave out his Sustainability Awards. SFCT won first place in the Environmental Resilience category. With close to 40,000 acres under protection in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and San Miguel Counties, the environmental benefits of our work are worth mentioning.

Preserved open space improves air quality because trees and plants give us oxygen to breathe and clean the air of harmful pollutants. The forests and grasslands of natural lands can have a positive impact on climate change. The vegetation serves as a "carbon sink," pulling CO₂ from the atmosphere through photosynthesis. Ground cover and shade also reduce temperatures to keep us cooler. Conserved lands also help improve our water quality because the vegetation slows runoff and reduces erosion so that our precious rain can sink into the ground and replenish our aquifers. By slowing runoff, streams and streambeds are protected, and the amount of pollutants entering receiving waters is reduced. Open lands improve and protect biodiversity and wildlife habitat. Wildlife and plants depend on undisturbed land for their food, shelter and reproduction. In return, they protect us from invasive species and unchecked species taking over. A diverse biology of plants and animals feeds us, helps pollinate our crops, and improves our enjoyment of nature when we hike, camp, fish, bird watch or photograph in our area. Preserved lands also help people act and think greener. The more people hike or bike our trails, for example, the more likely they are to use the trails as transportation routes for commuting or shopping.

On behalf of all of us at the Trust, thank you Mayor Javier Gonzales and the members of the Mayor's Sustainability Commission for recognizing the environmental benefits of our work!

Cover Photo: Pichacho Peak from Cerro Gordo, Santa Fe, NM. Photo by Don Usner

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2017 felt as if we'd gone back to the Industrial Revolution in some ways. The current administration is working to reverse years of bipartisan effort at the federal level to protect our air, water and land. For them, profits derived at the expense of our natural environment are more important than leaving a legacy of clean air, water and land for the next generation. This means that we all have to work harder locally to be sure New Mexico's land and all the heritage associated with it is preserved for future generations to enjoy. In this issue, you can read about presidents of the past and their commitment to conservation. Let's celebrate and bring their wisdom forward as we continue to preserve the landscapes that we all love!

At its April 2018 board of directors meeting, SFCT agreed to the transfer of five conservation easements from the Forest Trust. This, after months of due diligence on the staff's part to ensure that these easements and their conservation values were enforceable in perpetuity. From the foothills in Tesuque, to a lovely trail off Hyde Park Road, to a majestic peak in the Galisteo Basin, SFCT is thrilled to announce the addition of these conservation easements to our portfolio of protected lands. Our stewardship staff now oversees close to 40,000 acres on 90 properties. You can read more about these new conservation easements in this edition.

Our trails work continues to make a difference in providing pathways to nature for all of us to enjoy. GUSTO (the Grand Unified Santa Fe Trails Organization), which SFCT is leading with over 20 partner organizations, made two key trail connections in the past year as we work to identify and build trails that will connect our existing trail systems to one another. The Dog Park Connector is a new trail from just north of the Dog Park all the way to 599. And the Cerro Gordo Connector makes a long-awaited connection to the north and south sections of the Dale Ball Trails without having to walk on the street! 2018 will be the year that GUSTO planning goes public for feedback, as we continue to expand the connectivity of our wonderful trails.

2017 was also a year in which we deepened our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in our work. In 2017 our Passport to Trails program had introduced 1500 students since 2014 from south side schools to our trail system. And we have just launched our newest program, Vámonos: Santa Fe Walks, which is a series of in-town walks throughout our community on the flatter, ADA accessible trails around Santa Fe's parks. Vámonos is intended to reach out to anyone who wants to walk with us, but especially the transportation limited, frail, elderly, or physically challenged members of our community who could benefit from being in nature and taking a walk. You can read all about these great programs in this issue.

To all of you who have supported our work in the past, thank you! If you are new to SFCT, please consider joining our growing list of conservation lovers by making a donation today. SFCT must be here for the long term to protect our land, water and air while connecting people to nature and improving the quality of life for all of us through our trail work. We need your generous support. Use the envelope inside and make a donation today!

Sincerely,



Sarah Noss
Executive Director



Sarah Noss, Executive Director

What is the Santa Fe Walking Collaborative?

Last August 2017, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust asked many community partners to join in an effort to improve public health, expand the use of city parks and public trails, and encourage and facilitate regular outdoor exercise by providing residents with knowledge and connections to existing walking and trail resources. At first, we weren't sure if the effort would result in the resurrection of a project called Prescription Trails. There was definitely interest, but the health care providers wanted something a little easier to implement, so we started focusing on a national program called "Walk with a Doc." To augment Walk with a Doc, SFCT organized additional walking tracks. The combined effort has resulted in a series of walks from May through October 2018 called VAMONOS: Santa Fe Walks.

Members of the Santa Fe Walking Collaborative include the convener Santa Fe Conservation Trust, the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico Department of Health, Southwest Care Center, CHRISTUS St. Vincent, La Familia Medical Center, Presbyterian Health Service, The Railyard Park Conservancy, and Prestidigital Media. Thanks to you all for partnering with us to develop this program!

If YOU care to support this program, we need your help to promote it, to pay for the administration of it, and to provide water, sunscreen and other resources to those who walk. Please write VAMONOS on your check and send it in today!



THE SCHEDULE 2018

Walk with a Doc

with Southwest CARE Center

First Tuesday of every month, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Santa Fe River Trail, in front of Southwest Care Center Clinic on W. Alameda St. in the Casa Solana Center.

May 1 Dr. Ken Stewart, MD

June 5 Dr. Laurence Shandler, MD

July 3 Dr. David King, DO

Aug 7 Dr. Michael Chartrand, MD

Sept 4 Dr. Laura Dwyer, MD

Oct 2 Dr. Sarah Fatland, DO

Walk with a Notable Local

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
Plaza Contenta, 6009 Jaguar Drive (across from Cesar Chavez Elementary School) to the Tierra Contenta Arroyo de los Chamisos Trail towards Swan Park

May 22 The Honorable Alan Webber

June 26 Councilor Roman Abeyta

July 24 Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler

Aug 21 Rey Gonzales, Fire Marshall

Sept 25 Julie Ann Grimm, Editor, SFR

Oct 23 Mariah Runyan, Prin., Capital High

Walk with a Community

Health Worker

Third Tuesday of the month, 5:30 - 6:30 pm
(se habla español)
Plaza Contenta, 6009 Jaguar Dr., to the Tierra Contenta Arroyo de los Chamisos Trail

May 15 Alondra Hernandez

June 19 Evelyn Rios

July 17 Alondra Hernandez

Aug 28 Marisol Santiago

Sept 18 Marisol Santiago

Oct 16 Christie Horowski

ADA/Seniors Walks

Third Friday of the month, 10 - 11 am
At the tennis courts behind the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center at Bicentennial/Alto Park (1121 Alto Street)

May 18 Hope Reed

June 15 Anthony Alarid

July 20 Victoria Buckingham

Aug 17 Victoria Buckingham

Sept 21 Victoria Buckingham

Oct 19 Monica Montoya

Family Walks

Second Saturday of the month, 9 - 10 am
Railyard Park Community Room to Acequia Trail, unless otherwise noted

May 12 Tammy McLellan

June 9 Tammy McLellan

July 14 Tammy McLellan

Aug 11 Anne Nelson

Sept 8 Anne Nelson

Oct 13 Anne Nelson

Walk with the Faith Community

Second Wednesday of the month at 7 am
At the tennis courts behind the Mary Esther Gonzales Senior Center at Bicentennial/Alto Park (1121 Alto Street)

May 9 Carolyn Silver

June 13 Rev. Harry Eberts

July 11 Rabbi Neil Amswych

Aug 8 Rev. Blaine Wimberley

Sept 12 Rev. Gail Marriner

Oct 10 Rachel Ryer

Walk with a Doc

with CHRISTUS St. Vincent

Third Thursday of the month at 5:15 pm
CHRISTUS Campus Trl. (St. V) or Arroyo de los Chamisos Trl. at Villa Linda Park (AC)

May 17 Lauren Sims, DO (St.V)

June 21 Matt Jackson, MD, (AC)

July 19 Michael McKinney, MD (AC)

Aug 16 Martin Ruiz, MD (St. V)

Sept 20 Luis Rigales, MD (AC)

Oct 18 Jennifer Chittum, MD (St. V)

Sign up for the free walks at sfct.org/vamonos



GET YOUR BODY MOVING. COME WALK WITH US!

What's not to like about walking? It's free, easy, doesn't require any gear except shoes. It's easy on your body. You can go as fast or slow as you like. And walking is good for you; it is always good to get some fresh air and be outside. Walking can lower your blood pressure and your cholesterol. It improves your mood. It can help you strengthen your heart, increase circulation, oil your joints, and strengthen your bones and muscles. And why aren't you doing it? Maybe afraid to walk alone? Don't know anyone else who might join you? Don't know where would be fun to walk?

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust and its partners have solved all those problems for you by implementing a six-month pilot walking program in 2018 that will lead people on walks around the ADA accessible City park trails. This program, called VÁMONOS-SANTA FE WALKS, will be implemented May-October 2018.

First, so you can't say, "dang, I missed that one," the program will include a series of 42 free one-hour walks on ADA accessible paved trails, each headed by a walk leader. Southwest Care Center and CHRISTUS St. Vincent will be participating in the national "Walk with a Doc" program where a doctor will lead the walk and offer a brief (5 -8 minute) introductory talk on a health related topic. SFCT will fill in with other walks to be led by community leaders or knowledgeable residents such as members of the local faith community, the mayor, city councilors, firemen, etc. Some walks will be aimed at specific groups such as families with kids and seniors and/or people with disabilities. La Familia's bilingual Community Health Workers--who are health navigators for the County-- will lead walks in both English and Spanish. Miss one? Come to the next one. You have 42 chances to walk with some interesting people.

Second, so you can't say, "I'm not in good enough shape to walk," YES, YOU ARE! This is an urban, in-town walking program, so the trails we'll be traversing near City parks will be flatter and ADA accessible. There will be park benches and places to rest if you need to. And, if you buy in to walking with us as often as you can, over time you'll notice your stamina improving. You'll be improving your health without even noticing it.

From a health perspective, walking is a no brainer. According to a 2017-2019 Community Health Needs Assessment, heart disease is the leading cause of death in Santa Fe County and diabetes the sixth leading cause of death. In New Mexico, the percentage of adults who are obese, based on telephone survey data, has more than doubled since 1990. Today, 54% of Santa Fe County adults are obese or overweight. Excess weight also contributes to the development of arthritis, a chronic disease that is the leading cause of disability in New Mexico. Regular walking, combined with being outside in nature, has many proven health benefits including lowering the risk of heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure and providing help with weight loss, depression and many other health related disorders.

Third, you might think, "I don't walk because I don't want to walk on the street and don't know anywhere else to go." VAMONOS walks take place on some of the meandering park trails and public trails right in town! We'll meet you at shady spots along the Santa Fe River or show you parts of the Arroyo Chamiso Trail that not many people know about. You'll meet others who know about Santa Fe's trails, and lots of people you could walk with on your own.

Want to walk with others in your community? Want to find someone who could be a walking buddy? Want to meet interesting people, be outside and get the blood moving? Join us on a VAMONOS walk!

"It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still here. So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, the lovely, mysterious, and awesome space."

- Edward Abbey

WHY DOES LAND CONSERVATION MATTER?

For many people, the most important argument for land conservation is not a matter of aesthetics, economics, or history. Instead, it is purely self preservation! The land is our life-support system. It provides our air, water, food, and natural resources. We need the land for vibrant sustainable communities that are resilient economically, environmentally, and socially. We need the land for good physical and mental health. We need places to play and explore, to keep fit and to let go of the pressures of daily life. We need the magnificence of the land to inspire us.

Land conservation is a never-ending process, one that requires commitment and constant work. Finalizing a conservation easement is only the beginning of our relationship with a landowner. Conservation easements are forever, making long-term stewardship of the land a critical part of our work. We are committed to defending and enforcing each and every one of our conservation easements, which in 2017 grew from 85 to 90 properties, protecting close to 40,000 acres!

For the past twenty-five years, we have worked hard to be a faithful advisor to landowners, and we are most honored to have earned the respect of our landowner partners who trust us with perpetual protection of their heritage. Together, we have protected many places in northern New Mexico. From the bustling city center of Santa Fe with the Railyard Park and Plaza to the majestic peaks of the Ortiz Mountains. From the cool waters of the Pecos River to serene wetlands in Jacona. From working ranches in Las Vegas to irrigated orchards in Tesuque.

While the outcome of land conservation is gratifying, it requires a lot of hard work, expertise, and ongoing commitment to ensure that the conservation values are upheld forever. That is why you, our supporters, are so significant to moving our mission forward at the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. Thank you for your generous support that helps us protect the majesty of our landscape for future generations to enjoy!



Left: Anne and Reese Fullerton, landowners
Right: Melissa Houser, Land Program Manager

LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

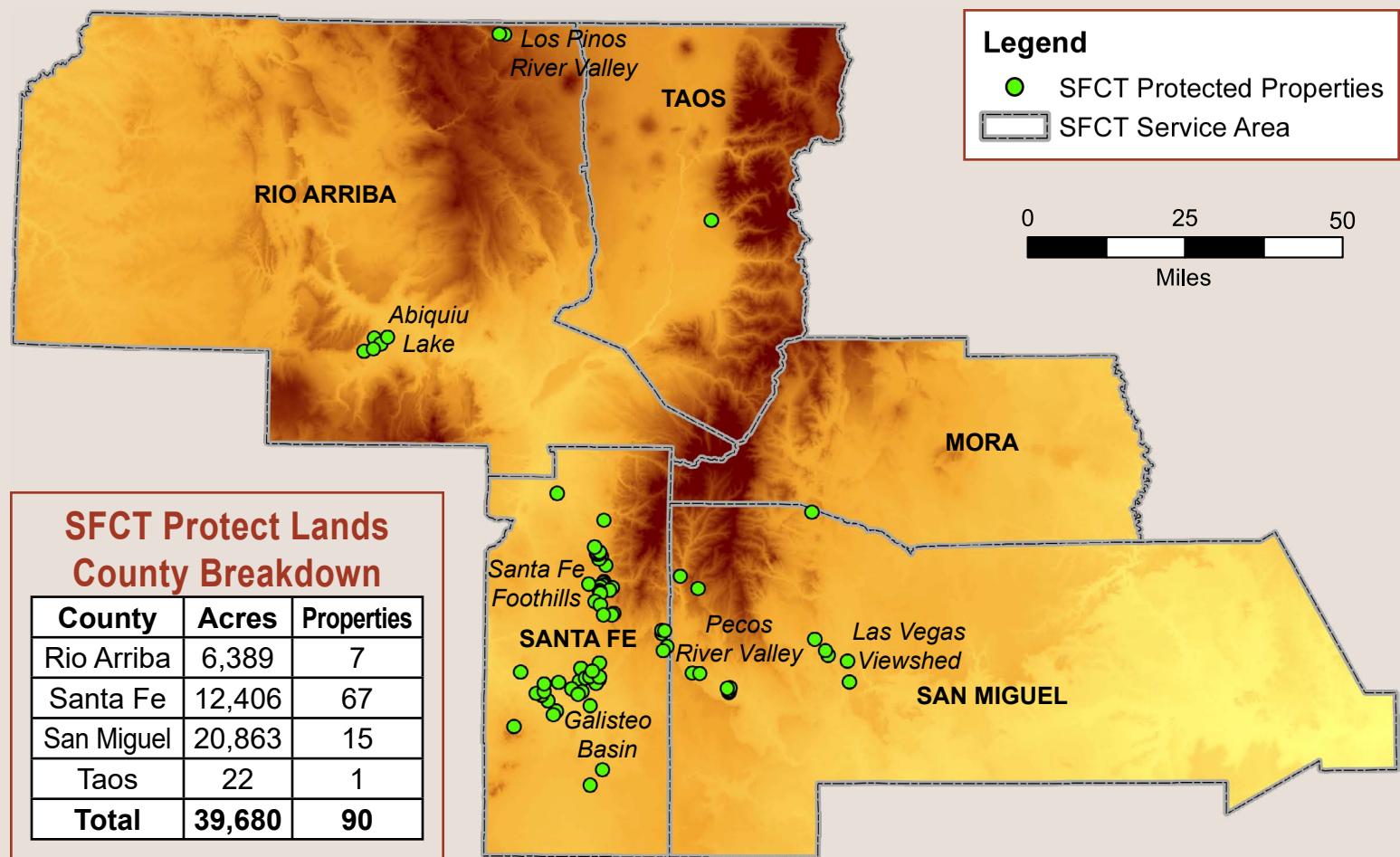
Our conservation work in 2017 was largely focused on the transfer of five conservation easements from the Forest Trust to SFCT. These five CEs join the 85 other properties held by SFCT and will boost from 36,000 to almost 40,000 acres under conservation easements stewarded by the Santa Fe Conservation Trust.

What this means for you is that SFCT will be protecting more of the highly visible Tesuque foothills from development. The wonderful little trail at the bottom of Nun's Curve on Hyde Park Road will be ours to preserve and yours to enjoy forever. The glorious southern face of the Placer Peak in the Galisteo Basin will remain a scenic view that can be seen from miles around. Also, more than 240 acres of quickly disappearing open space on Richards Avenue will be defended against development and continue to be home to public trails, wonderful scenery and abundant wildlife for all to enjoy.



Pecos Chipmunk - Phil Howes

Santa Fe Conservation Trust PROTECTED PROPERTIES & SERVICE AREA MAP



Here's a description of the five conservation easements we worked on in 2017 and were just approved for assignment at the April 2018 Board of Director's meeting.

LITTLE TESUQUE CREEK OPEN SPACE

with partners Santa Fe County

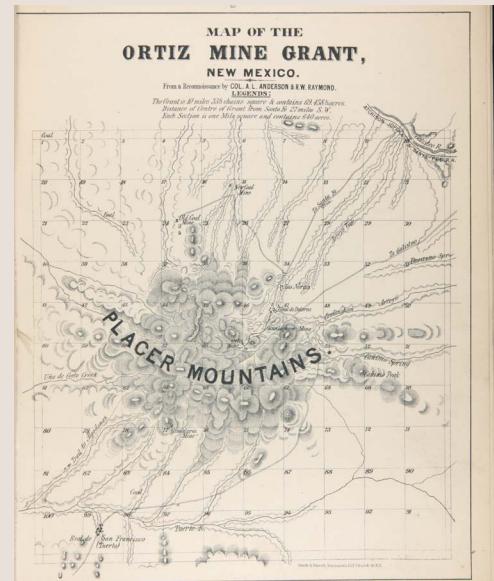


The Property is the scenic view to the north of what locals know to be Nun's Curve. The conservation easement protects 51 acres with public access to a nice little trail just off Hyde Park Road at the bottom of Nun's Curve. The conservation easement preserves the natural, ecological, scenic and open space values of the property, which has a diverse range of vegetation. The riparian plant community includes alder, narrow and broadleaf cottonwoods, and willows. A piñon-juniper woodland is found on most south facing slopes. Two grassy meadows consisting primarily of native blue grama grass occur in the valley bottom next to the Little Tesuque creek. Ponderosa pine woodlands, with occasional douglas fir, grow on the north facing slopes. Yucca and a variety of cacti are found throughout the property. This diverse vegetation supports a range of wildlife including deer, raccoon, bobcat, mountain lion, porcupine, black bear, a variety of foxes, coyote, cottontail and jackrabbit, skunk, weasel, a variety of squirrels, chipmunks, hawks, owls, piñon jay, songbirds, and many reptiles. The property can be seen from nearby County and SFNF trails as well. A very small shelter is located next to the Little Tesuque Creek near the confluence of the major south to north flowing arroyo. This was an old USGS stream gage that has records from 1935-1941.



ORTIZ MINE GRANT

This large conservation easement is on the southern face of Placer Peak of the Ortiz Mountains. It covers 3,029 acres and preserves the scenic, open space, and natural habitat of the property. The Ortiz Mine Grant is one of the oldest mining areas in New Mexico and in the United States. The entire Ortiz Mine Grant, and the Ortiz Mountains in general, are supported by underlying Tertiary period monzonite containing volcanic breccia pipes and porphyry plugs, dikes, and sills. (In other words, the peak is the result of ancient volcanic activity.) These features intrude into sedimentary rock that are part of the Ortiz Porphyry Belt that includes not only the Ortiz Mountains, but the turquoise-bearing Cerrillos Hills and the nearby San Pedro Mountains. (In other words, there was quite a bit of mineralization here, which resulted in the geologic creation of both base and precious metals, all of which have been mined for centuries in the area.) Three endangered plants have been discovered within the property: Wright's fishhook cactus (*Mammillariawrightii*), Santa Fe milkvetch (*Astragalusfeensis*), and daggerthomcholla (*Opuntiaclavata*). A variety of vegetation flourishes within the conservation easement, including ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, white fir, Rocky Mountain juniper, piñon pine, one-seed juniper, broom snakeweed, four wing saltbush, gambel oak, yucca, cane cholla, prickly pear, western wheatgrass, galleta, mountain muhly, wolftail, hairy grama, muttongrass, side oats grama, black grama, foxtail, junegrass, pine dropseed, rockspiraea, chokecherry, mockorange. The wildlife is extensive with mule deer, coyotes, badgers, black bears, bobcat, mountain lions, lynx, fox, various mouse and rat species, chipmunks, squirrels, western fence lizard, rattlesnake, wandering garter snake, western fence lizard, New Mexico whiptail, mountain short-horned lizard, tree lizard, rufus-sided towhee, Bewick's wren, piñon jay, scrub jay, ash-throated flycatcher, house finch, mountain chickadee, white-breasted nuthatch, Stellar's jay, western wood-peewee, plain titmouse, rufous-sided towhee, jay mountain chickadee, red-breasted nuthatch, white-breasted nuthatch, Townsend's solitaire, American robin, common raven, golden eagle, red-tailed hawk, great-horned owl, flammulated owl, Cooper's hawk and sharp-shinned hawk. New Mexico Highway 14 has been designated a National Scenic Byway route, "The Turquoise Trail Scenic Byway," and receives a significant amount of local and tourist traffic. Travelers heading north on Highway 14 will have a direct view of the conservation easement area for approximately 13 miles, from the San Antonito area to north of the village of Golden. The area is also visible from the Sandia Peak recreational area, at a distance of 14 miles, and from the Stanley area 15 miles to the southeast.



JUAN DE GABALDÓN GRANT

Two conservation easements, officially called Fullerton I and Fullerton II, protect a total of 37 acres on five parcels owned by three families in the Tesuque foothills near Bishop's Lodge. These easements preserve the scenic, biological, agricultural, historical, and educational values of the property. Juan de Gabaldón, a resident of Santa Fe, petitioned Governor Tomás Vélez Cachupín for a grant covering a tract of vacant agricultural land situated on both sides of the Tesuque River in 1752. The properties are a small portion of the 11,000 acre Grant along its southern boundary. The properties contain piñon-juniper forest covered hills and rock outcroppings that contribute to the natural open space and scenic enjoyment of the general public along Bishop's Lodge Road (State Highway 590) and other points from within the Santa Fe National Forest and Santa Fe County Open Space. They contain mature stands of piñon and juniper trees with a few stands of ponderosa and douglas fir. The wildlife community that is supported by these parcels includes deer, bobcat, mountain lion, black bear, a variety of foxes, coyote, cottontail and jackrabbit, skunk, raccoon, weasel, porcupine, a variety of squirrels, chipmunks, hawks, owls, piñon jay, songbirds, and a variety of reptiles.



PETCHESKY CENTER

The Petchesky Center is home to our colleagues at the New Mexico Land Conservancy. The conservation easement covers 240 acres of agricultural land on Richards Avenue and protects the scenic, biological, agricultural and recreational values of the property. The property is mainly a piñon juniper savannah. It includes blue grama, black grama, side oats grama, New Mexico muhly, needle and thread grass, chamisa, fourwing saltbush, mountain mahogany, NM olive, and broom snakeweed. Wildlife include rabbits, gray fox, coyote, striped skunk, deer mice, squirrels, chipmunks, woodrats, badger, porcupines, Clark's nutcracker, piñon jay, mexican jay, western scrub-say, Steller's jay, western bluebird, mountain bluebird, Townsend's solitaire, and American robin. The Arroyo Hondo and the Arroyo Hondo Trail runs through the property. This area will provide open space to neighboring subdivisions. The property provides recreational opportunities to the general public and consists of the Arroyo Hondo Trail, which travels through its central portion. A trail easement was provided to the County of Santa Fe for additional trails. Low impact recreational activities such as hiking, horseback riding, biking, and bird watching are permitted on the property. Off-road vehicles are not permitted.

photo courtesy of New Mexico Land Conservancy





Organ Mountains, New Mexico

NATIONAL IMPACTS ON CONSERVATION

Are we going forward or backward?

by Sarah Noss

It is hard to be in the conservation field and not talk about the decimation of environmental protections that seems to be underway in Washington, DC. In the history of the US, there has been bipartisan effort at the federal level to protect, preserve and clean up the environment, but the current administration seems intent on easing regulations that protect our air, water and land. It feels as if we have returned to a time where those in Washington feel that the country's natural resources are endless, ripe for harvesting and generating profit. But variations of today's attitude in Washington were routinely questioned over the past hundred years by other presidents who cared about preserving the land and its resources for future generations.

As far back as 1864, Republican Abraham Lincoln signed into law a bill setting aside the Mariposa Grove and Yosemite Valley to be administered by

"Of all the questions which can come before this nation, short of the actual preservation of its existence in a great war, there is none which compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us"

- Theodore Roosevelt

the state of California for "public use, resort, and recreation."

Teddy Roosevelt, a Republican, used his authority to protect wildlife and public lands by creating the United States Forest Service. He also established 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, 4 national game preserves, 5 national parks, and 18 national monuments (in-

cluding El Morro, Chaco Canyon and Gila Cliff Dwellings). During his presidency in the early 1900s, Roosevelt protected approximately 230 million acres of public land, setting a standard for stewardship of the natural world that impacted many Presidents throughout the 20th Century.

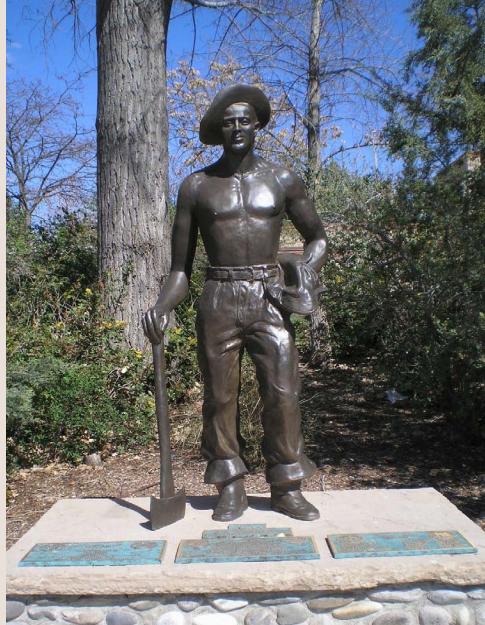
Republican Benjamin Harrison, who was followed by Democrat Grover Cleveland, used the Forest Reserve Act of 1891

to preserve 13 million acres of forests. Cleveland went on to add 13 new reserves in the last days of his presidency, as well as the Act to Preserve Birds and Animals in Yellowstone National Park.

Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat in office between 1913 and 1921, created the National Park Service in 1916, and the Grand Canyon National Park, Col-

orado's Rocky Mountain National Park and Alaska's Mount McKinley National Park.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt's most impactful conservation achievement was the creation of the Civilian Conservation Corp, which put three million Americans to work during the Depression building national parks, forest



CCC Worker by Sergey Kazaryan, Santa Fe, NM

roads and planting billions of trees. Their efforts reduced soil erosion on 84 million acres of farmland.

Presidents Kennedy and Johnson in the 1950s and 60s, also had a passion for conservation, guided by Stewart L. Udall, their Secretary of the Interior and founder of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. Before Kennedy was assassinated, he supported the creation of the Youth Conservation Corps to "preserve our forests, stock our lakes and rivers, clear our streams and protect America's abundance of natural resources," he said. Kennedy also had proposed legislation to establish the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a program that reinvests offshore oil and gas lease royalties into public lands conservation. It was signed into law by his successor, Lyndon B. Johnson, who went on to establish the National Trails

System and the first Endangered Species Preservation Act.

Before Republican Richard Nixon resigned the Presidency, he was well known for his efforts between 1969 and 1974 to clean up the nation's air and water, and set up protections for endangered species and marine mammals. In 1972, he said,

"Each of us, all across this great land, has a stake in maintaining and improving environmental quality: clean air and clean water, the wise use of our land, the protection of wildlife and natural beauty, parks for all to enjoy. These are part of the birthright of every American. To guarantee that birthright, we must act, and act decisively. It is literally now or never.... The environmental agenda now before the Congress includes laws to deal with water pollution, pesticide hazards, ocean dumping, excessive noise, careless land development, and many other environmental problems. These problems will not stand still for politics or for partisanship.... The time has come for man to make his peace with nature. Let us renew our commitment. Let us redouble our effort. The quality of our life on this good land is a cause to unite all Americans."

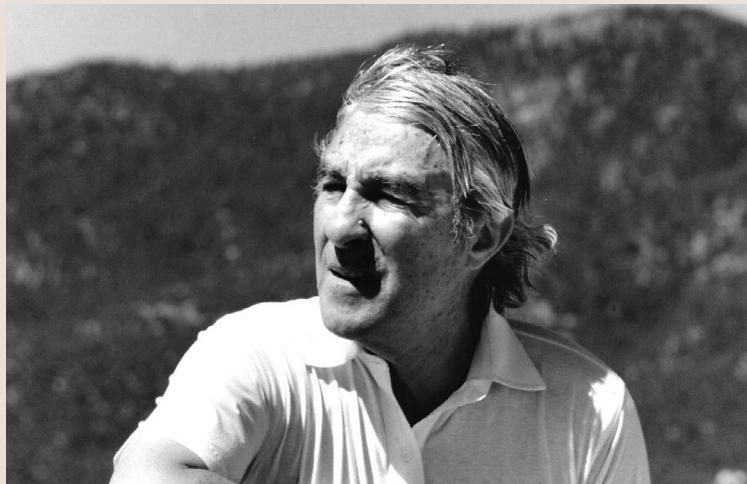
Jimmy Carter designated 15 new national monuments in Alaska and signed the Endangered American Wilderness Act. The bill added about 1.3 million acres in 10 Western States to the wilderness areas of our country, representing the largest single addition to the wilderness areas of the US since 1964, and it brought the total acreage under protection to 15.7 million acres. "This bill is critical in preserving areas that are a vital part of our national heritage and that will be enjoyed by our American people in this generation and in generations and centuries to come," Carter said.

The Reagan era was when the bipartisan protection of nature veered off course. Later, under the administration of George W. Bush, when the Safe Water Drinking Act came up for renewal

in 2005, Vice President Dick Cheney inserted the "Halliburton loophole" allowing an exemption for the Halliburton energy firm, his former employer that invented fracking in the 1940s, to use proprietary chemical formulas in its fracking operations. The loophole also stripped the EPA of its ability to regulate hydraulic fracturing. This began a series of rollbacks of regulations put in place to safeguard our air, water, and natural environment.

Barack Obama is also considered a stalwart conservationist president. He used the Antiquities Act to expand or establish 34 national monuments. He worked hard to reduce emissions from coal-fired power plants under the Clean Air Act; he created a rule to reduce methane pollution from oil and gas operations on public lands. Perhaps in response to those efforts, current EPA administrator Scott Pruitt has stated he is at war against "the regulatory state," which means he wants to reverse decades of bipartisan protection of the environment. There is a feeling in Washington, DC, that using our natural resources for profit at the expense of our air, water, rivers, land and wildlife is what counts, and that somehow this makes us a great nation.

The prescience of those who came before, and the wanton disregard of their advice now, is painful to experience. Teddy Roosevelt in the early 1900s said, "We have become great because of the lavish use of our resources. But the time has come to inquire seriously what will happen when our forests are gone, when the coal, the iron, the oil, and the gas are exhausted, when the soils have still further impoverished and washed into the streams, polluting the rivers, denuding the fields and obstructing navigation."



SFCT founder, Stewart L. Udall, 1920 - 2010

SFCT's founder, Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, in a 1964 address at the White House Conference on Conservation, described the past, which now feels like our present:

"From the outset, Americans were obsessed with the idea that nature's bounty was super-abundant, that our land was a storehouse so rich that the land husbandry experience of other continents and other peoples could be ignored with impunity. Governments, or so the national attitude went, should dispense, and not protect, natural resources, and the view was widely held that any enterpriser who harvested resources was part of the forward march of progress no matter how profligate or rapacious his activities might be in terms of the long haul. The result was that for nearly a century, we waged a ruthless attack on the resources of this continent. We conducted a single-minded raid on wildlife and timber and grass and even on the soil itself—before we awoke to the fact that we were squandering the birthright of our children."

"We are prone to speak of the resources of this country as inexhaustible; this is not so," said Teddy Roosevelt. And as if foreseeing what has come to pass, he said, "I recognize the right and duty of this generation to develop and use the nat-

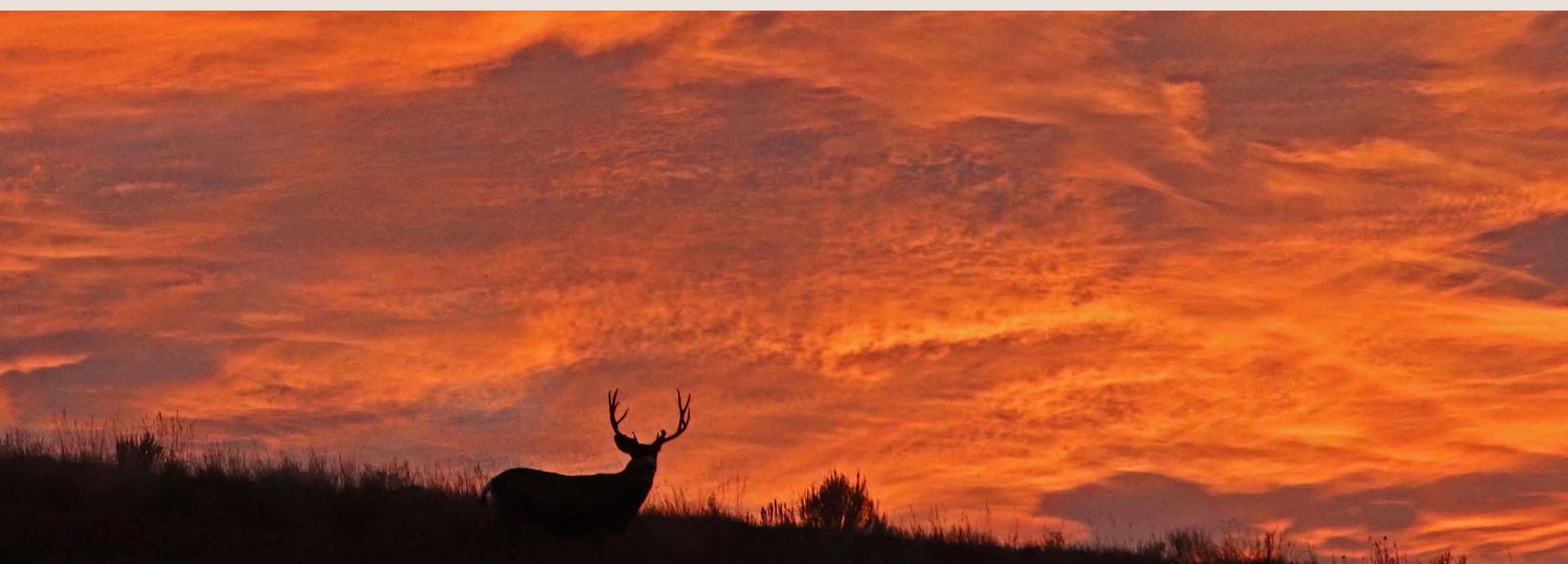
ural resources of our land; but I do not recognize the right to waste them, or to rob...the generations that come after us."

Did any of our conservation forefathers have advice for where we find ourselves now? Stewart Udall did. In his 1964 remarks to the Conservation Conference at the White House, he said,

"We need to be realistic about the nature of our association with the conservation community. Each of us has some paramount interest in the natural environment we are committed to protect. Yet ours is an age of inevitable competition for resources. An increased population enjoying a higher standard of living will intensify the inherent conflict among various conservation values...Controversy between, for example, park enthusiasts and hydroelectric power advocates; dam builders and salmon fishermen; industrial needs and scenic values, etc.—all of these will become more frequent and more divisive unless we adhere to a higher order of conservation statesmanship...Conservation does not mean economic loss, but not all national forests would stand the test of a cost-benefit ratio...and a secluded glade will not produce income, or taxes, on par with high rise apartments or a filling station. It is time for the American people to assume the burdens of maturity. Social values must be equated with economic values; the overriding need of people for an environment that will renew the human spirit and sustain unborn generations requires some sacrifice of short term profits...It is time to reverse the flow of investment. The affluence which grew out of the land must now supply the means for repairing and sustaining it."

The current effort to rollback environmental regulations and protections thankfully takes time. Stewart Udall's call for the American people to assume the burdens of maturity reminds us that we need to do all we can to encourage the powers that be to adhere to a higher order of conservation statesmanship where the respect for the land is equally as important as respect for profits derived from it.

Pecos Buck at Sunset - Phil Howes



IGNITING YOUR PASSION FOR NATURE

When you go out and walk, hike or bike any of Santa Fe's wonderful dirt trails, you probably don't notice much about them in particular, other than the spectacular landscapes they lead you to. That's because SFCT's Trail Manager, Tim Rogers, led over 600 hours of trail volunteer work in 2017 – for the fourth year in a row – as the City's Trail Volunteer Coordinator, to keep our trails in tip-top shape. With over 50 miles of dirt trails to maintain for the City and its partners, Tim does a fantastic job keeping our soft surface trails in good shape with the assistance of scores of volunteers. Tim also recruited even more volunteers for six promotional events and oversaw additional trail maintenance activities by the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society for a total of 60 outings and 740 hours of volunteer work in 2017. Highlights of our 2017 work included our continuing stewardship of Santa Fe National Forest's Atalaya Trail, plus we had our first organized work day on the Sun Mountain Trail.



Dale Ball Trails - The Masters Program students moving waterbars and sign posts

If you are interested in joining us on these kinds of outings and want to learn about volunteer opportunities on the trails, be sure to sign up for notifications on our website, www.sfct.org/contact/#subscribe.

If you like to hike and enjoy our wonderful trail system here in Santa Fe, please consider a donation today. You can help us keep our trails in good shape for everyone to enjoy. And a gift also helps us cover the cost of the tools we share with the Fat Tire Society, the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe and others, as well as the storage facilities to house them.

In addition to leading 26 field trips for our "Passport to Trails" program, we helped organize ten additional outings in 2017, including Take a Kid Hiking Day at Dale Ball Trails, Bike-to-School Day at Alto Park, a "Seed Ball" throw on the River and Acequia Trails, and six community bicycle rides. Tim Rogers, a history nut, especially around our historic rail lines, included the popular Magical History Cruise, which retraces a variety of significant, early 20th Century travel ways including historic Route 66 (Pre-1937 Alignment), the New Mexico Central Railroad, the Denver & Rio Grande – Western Railroad (Chili Line), the Bruns Army Hospital Rail Line, and even some portions of the original AT&SF Railroad (Lamy Spur).

There might have been a time when you couldn't quite make out the wayfinding signs on the Dale Ball Trails, as they had become illegible after having been touched and poked over so many years. As such, we've been making a concerted effort to fill in the gaps over the last few years, replacing worn signs and installing new ones where they are needed. In 2017, we completed Dale Ball Trails wayfinding signage in the County's "Talaya Hill" area, with help from students from The Masters Program, and laid the groundwork for two new trail connections to improve access to La Tierra Trails from the south and the east.



River and Acequia Cruise,
with Melissa McDonald of Santa Fe City

GUSTO: GOING STRONG



Removing trash at the Dog Park Connector site

SFCT's trail planning work in 2017 included continued coordination of a regional trail building effort that got a new name at the beginning of 2017 – the Grand Unified Santa Fe Trails Organization, or “GUSTO.”

With more than 75 miles of soft surface trails throughout Santa Fe and the County, GUSTO’s goal is to create connections between the existing trails so that no matter where you live, work or play, you can access a trail within minutes of your doorstep. We continue working with the City, the County, and 20 other local partners who have signed on to develop an interconnected system of natural-surface trails around Santa Fe. By 2018 we will have completed five GUSTO demonstration projects and a GUSTO Plan of specific priorities to develop a more complete and connected trail system in the coming years.

PASSPORT TO TRAILS

Creating the next generation of conservationists

SFCT hit an amazing milestone in 2017: we took our 1,500th school kid out on the trails, as well as more than 250 adults since 2014! Our Passport to Trails program is designed to expose elementary and middle school students to the vast trail system that we have at our doorsteps. The program shows Santa Fe kids that hiking on trails is an accessible and fun activity, doesn't cost any money, and doesn't require any fancy or expensive equipment.

SFCT conducts an average of 30 field trips a year in the Spring and Fall. In 2018, we continue to work with fourth and fifth graders on Santa Fe's south side from Nina Otero Community School and El Camino Real Academy. We also take students from the Capitol High Outdoors Club and The Masters Program out as trail maintenance volunteers along with fun hiking or bike outings. What's great about the program is that the kids also introduce their mothers, fathers, siblings, and friends to our growing trail system, making this amazing asset known to more and more people in our community!

We are working to save land for you and future generations to enjoy. Studies show that the most direct route to caring for the environment as an adult is participating in outdoor activities before the age of 11. Passport to Trails encourages kids to care about the land by simply getting them out on it. The more time in nature they can spend, the more they will want to protect it as adults.

If you'd care to support this program, funding is needed to pay for buses, cover the administration of it, and to give any student who hikes four trails a hydration back pack.

Thanks go to the City of Santa Fe, the Lineberry Foundation, the Frost Foundation, donations from individuals, and over 100 individual volunteers for making SFCT's contribution to promoting, planning, building, and maintaining local trails possible.



Fossils are cool

STEWART UDALL LEGACY DINNER

16th annual dinner honored Ted Harrison of the Commonweal Conservancy

photos by Linda Carfagno

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN...

Wind, cold temps and the rain. Oh, the rain! There was some boasting in the days ahead of the 16th annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner on September 23rd that it had “always” been sunny and warm in the National Park Service courtyard where the event took place for a number of years. There was nothing to worry about! As set up of the day progressed, we scrambled to borrow as many pop-up tents as we could find to protect as much of the courtyard as possible from the rain. We ordered last-minute heaters to place under the portals for guests as the wind kicked up and the temperatures dropped.

Our wandering wolf-guest, Forest, from Wild Spirit Wolf Sanctuary didn’t mind. And you know what? Neither did any of our 200 human guests who braved the impending weather to sip brew from Second Street Brewery, cocktails from Santa Fe Spirits and wine from La Casa Sena Wine Shop – while



Ted Harrison (third from left) is introduced to Forest the wolf

being entertained by David Geist on the piano. Other than getting our feet a little wet to get to the Cowgirl’s tent to fill our plates with their bounty, the buoyant mood of the crowd remained unaffected by the storm. Rather, more comments were heard about the shoulder-to-shoulder “intimacy” under the portals, a feeling of high-spirited unity and goodwill among the guests.

Mayor Javier Gonzales and Sarah Noss



We dialed up some elegance during dinner with enchanting harp music by Claire Breitinger and then followed by honoring Ted Harrison from the Commonweal Conservancy – SFCT’s second largest landowner partner. In partnership with Ted and Commonweal, SFCT protects and preserves almost 4,000 acres in the beautiful Galisteo Basin Preserve.

The Udall Dinner and SFCT Raffle grossed over \$60,000. Thanks to all who came to the dinner, purchased raffle tickets, and to our sponsors and in-kind donors who so generously support us.

SAVE THE DATE!

SFCT’s 25th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for:

**Saturday, September 15
at Milner Plaza on Museum Hill**

Help us celebrate a quarter century of successful conservation!



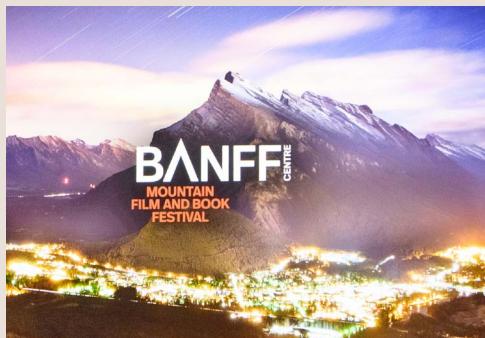
2018 Banff photos by Tony Bonanno

BANFF ROCKED!

The Scene: A March night in Santa Fe...no, two March nights...in the Lensic with a sold-out crowd. Lights dim and the familiar intro music blasts into the theater. The voice over says, "Deuter," as part of the introduction of national sponsors. Snippets of amazing feats flash across the screen. Everyone becomes mesmerized by the music and images. The bustling and commotion from the Lensic lobby and people in the theater are immediately silenced by anticipation of a thrill ride, or some epic human achievement, and the sheer joy of being entertained by an evening of mountain sports, culture and wild adventure films that seem both unreal and impossible. Welcome to the 23rd annual BANFF Mountain Film Festival!

Thanks to YOU and our BANFF sponsors this year, SFCT was once again able to present 16 different films over the course of two nights. From a one-armed climber/comedienne challenging the idea of being "disabled" to an insane kayaking & kite skiing mission in Greenland – the films were a mix of fun, adrenaline, mountain culture, and incredible wildlife. This year, six of the films featured women and girls exclusively; we think that's pretty cool! What's more exciting than kayaking over massive waterfalls to the sea? What's more touching than watching a 90-year-old woman's love of figure skating, and her determination to compete over time despite challenges? Or watching a skier traverse the rooftops, cart tops, handrails and stairs of Nelson, British Columbia? The Banff Mountain Film Festival once again entertained and inspired us!

We are so grateful to the local businesses who donated our generous prize drawings. And we send our thanks to the volunteers who worked to make both nights flow so smoothly. Everyone's participation helped SFCT raise \$39,000 to help fund our land conservation and trails work. Banff lovers like you have helped SFCT protect our precious landscape, protecting scenic views and wildlife corridors, streams and watersheds, cultural resources and public access to nature. You're participation also helped us build and maintain more than 75 miles of trails—along with our partners, of course—that provide our community with unsurpassed recreational opportunities close to home.



SAVE THE DATE!

Banff Mountain Film Festival is coming to Santa Fe again:

**MARCH 11 & 12, 2019
at the
Lensic Performing Arts Center**



SFCT WELCOMES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We thank Janet Stoker and Bill Johnson who finished their board terms in 2017. Janet served for seven years and Bill for a cumulative 16 years on our board! Their time and devotion to our organization means so much to all of us! Meet our newest board members who were elected at our annual meeting in December 2017.

Jackson Blagden

Jackson is a native Santa Fean who has returned home after an impressive education and work career that has taken him not only across the country, but around the world. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in Business Administration, both with an international focus, and has worked in the field of real estate since 2005. Jackson has held real estate licenses in the states of Missouri and Arizona and currently holds his Broker's License in his home state of New Mexico.

Jackson's background working with large public projects – and the wide variety of properties and interests those projects impact – have helped him to develop an incredible base of knowledge regarding real estate that provides the perfect background for the special properties and people with whom he now works as an Associate Broker with Sotheby's International Realty. His consulting work and background has also provided him with innumerable opportunities to hone his negotiation and communication skills. Since Santa Fe is Jackson's hometown, he knows the city inside and out and he is happy to be back with his family, both immediate and extended, and his friends. Jackson speaks three languages and is very well traveled, having lived abroad in Mexico, Spain and, most recently, Peru.

Jackson serves on SFCT's Marketing Committee.



Quinn Scott Simons

Quinn was born and raised in Santa Fe and is a fourth generation New Mexican. After attending undergraduate school at Colorado College (B.A. 1997), Quinn, an avid mountain climber, attempted an unclimbed route on a remote, 25,245' peak in the Tibetan Himalayas. Due to an unexpected storm and highly technical climbing conditions at high altitude, Quinn suffered severe frostbite, costing him his fingers and feet. Undaunted by the challenges and adversity that ensued, Quinn started and ran a successful construction company in Santa Fe for several years, before moving to Kentucky to train horses.

After years in the horse business, Quinn reunited with his high school girlfriend, Veree, and chose to settle down and raise his family in Santa Fe. Quinn attended the University of New Mexico School of Law (J.D. 2013), and now maintains a successful law practice focused on construction and real estate law and litigation, general business law and litigation, insurance law and DUI/DWI Defense. He is licensed to practice in both New Mexico State and Federal courts with an emphasis on trial practice.



Quinn still spends his free time with Veree and their three children, riding horses and enjoying the mountains.

Quinn will add his expertise to SFCT's Trails Committee.

BOARD PROFILE: BILL JOHNSON

by Adam Vincent

In 2017, Bill Johnson finished an epic 18-year cumulative stint on SFCT's Board of Directors. He started in 1996, served 12 years during which time he served as SFCT's Board president, then took some time off and came back to the Board in 2011 for another six years, this time to lead the Trails Committee. Here's a look back at his time at SFCT.

When Bill Johnson became Santa Fe Conservation Trust's board president in 2000, he had some big shoes to fill. He followed in the footsteps of the legendary Stewart Udall, who served as its Board Chair from 1999-2000. Stewart Udall was a giant of conservation, serving as the Secretary of the Interior in both the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. "Stewart Udall, more than any other single person, was responsible for reviving the national commitment to conservation and environmental preservation," former Arizona governor Bruce

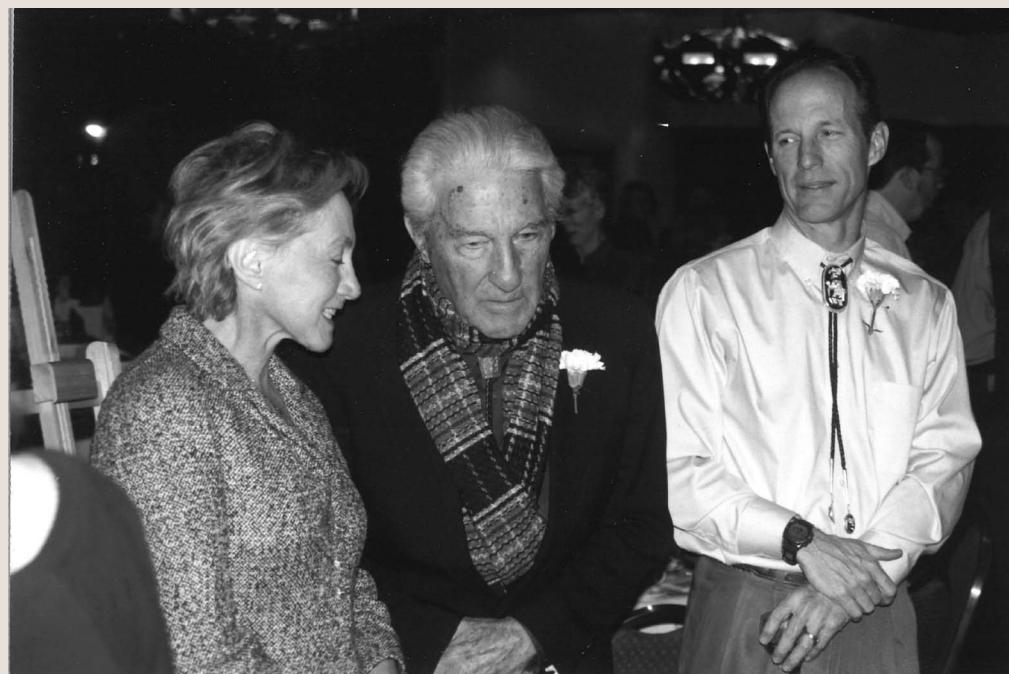
Babbitt, who was President Bill Clinton's interior secretary, said in 2006. But for Bill, succeeding Udall as board president was a fitting transition, seeing as Udall was among Johnson's inspirations for protecting the planet.

"His classic book, *The Quiet Crisis*, which traces American environmental attitudes and practices, was one of my inspirations to become green," Johnson said in a recent interview.

While Udall and his conservation ethic were an inspiration, land preservation has always been in Bill's blood. When he was growing up in Maryland his family had a conservation easement on its land. "I grew up really appreciating open land that was home to a wide va-

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From left to right: Jill Cooper-Udall, Stewart Udall, Bill Johnson, circa 2002



Bill Johnson, former Board Member of SFCT

riety of wildlife and so many birds," he said. Bill organized his high school in a celebration of the first Earth Day in 1970, an event that took place in two

thousand colleges and universities, roughly ten thousand primary and secondary schools, and hundreds of communities across the United States. More importantly, it "brought 20 million Americans out into the spring sunshine for peaceful demonstrations in favor of environmental reform," said Jack Lewis in his book, *The Birth of the EPA*.

Johnson moved to Santa Fe with his family in 1992, setting up his psychiatry practice and enjoying the outdoors on his mountain bike.

Stewart Udall and Dale Ball formed the Conservation Trust in 1993 partly in response to development that was threatening open space in the Santa Fe foothills. Chief among the threats was a proposed home being built high up Atalaya by a certain famous actress.

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Arroyo Hondo Open Space. Photo by Laurel Savino.

Bill met Dale Ball at a public hearing about the home where Bill was a speaker and afterward approached him to join the board. The rest, as they say, is history.

Not only did Bill join the Board and eventually become the Board president, he was the first head of the Trust's trails committee, an important step in the growth of the organization.

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His work (along with many others, of course) helped turn Santa Fe into a world-class outdoor destination. Dale Ball Trails, La Tierra, Galisteo Basin, Spur Trail, Arroyo Hondo Open Space and more offer a massive variety of lo-

cal trails that are well-built and easily accessible to outdoor enthusiasts.

Bill was involved in getting a conservation easement for the beautiful Arroyo Hondo Open Space, saving it from being developed into four large homesites. As a neighbor to the nearby open space himself, Bill urged the County to purchase the land at a reduced price from the landowner, Al Reed, who is a current SFCT Board member, and raised money to help purchase the property. Today, the Arroyo Hondo Open Space has about three miles of trails, big views, and is particularly popular with local dog walkers.

"The views are so stunning and this place has such an interesting history," he said. In 1912, construction on a dam began on the site to divert water to agricultural land to the south. A massive rainstorm, however, destroyed the unfinished dam, and the project was abandoned. But runoff still flows through

the little valley in wetter years making this trail system a wonderful bird habitat. Depending on the time of year and the amount of water in the arroyo, Bill said, it can be home to dozens of bird species: ravens, hawks, yellow rumped warblers, black phoebe, jays, robins, Townsend's solitaires, ducks and different species of bluebirds.

Since he retired from the board in 2017, Johnson has been enjoying more time on his mountain bike and enjoying watching a new generation take on the mission of the Conservation Trust.

"The Trust is going to continue to have a major role in land preservation and trail building. Projects like GUSTO will ensure the Trust has a great future ahead of it."

JAY & DENISE SESSIONS

Helping SFCT Launch Its Planned Giving Program (The Legacy Circle)

Sometimes you just never know what will come out of a volunteer thank you party. This year, we were thrilled to learn that SFCT volunteers Jay and Denise Sessions had included SFCT in their estate plan. Jay and Denise moved to New Mexico in 1988 to work at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Jay, an exercise physiologist, worked initially with the Lab's 350 security personnel to physically prepare them for any kind of emergency. He did that so well that they moved him into administration until his retirement last year. Denise is a technical writer, and she still writes and edits for the Lab when she's not outside enjoying northern New Mexico with Jay. When they first arrived, they lived in White Rock followed by a short stint in Juneau, Alaska. "But we always wanted to be in Santa Fe," Jay said, so in the late '90s, they made the move. Denise, originally from North Carolina, grew up mostly in the flatlands of Amarillo. She met Jay at the University of Utah, where he had been raised. Jay had already cultivated a love of the mountains, but when Denise got there and went skiing, her love of the land kicked in, too.

Once they got to Santa Fe, Jay said it was the Dale Ball Trails that made them realize they wanted to support SFCT. "They had been built while we were in Alaska," Jay said, "and we couldn't believe how great they were!" He was extolling the trails to one of his work colleagues, Portia Blackman, who informed him that Dale Ball was her father. "All these connections!" Jay said. "Portia turned me on to being a trail volunteer, in fact, and every week I went up there to take care of my section of Dale Ball north."

Recently the couple were going through the process of estate planning. "We think the Santa Fe Conservation Trust is just a great organization," Jay said. "There are so many places to give to, but we love the outdoors and we love Santa Fe. We used the trails regularly for years and have watched all these recreational trails being built throughout the City. What an amazing asset we have here! So supporting the Santa Fe Conservation Trust for us is the perfect way to give back to this community."



Denise and Jay (center) at the 2018 volunteer appreciation party with Brad and Kathy Holian.

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Does your connection to the land sustain, enrich and inspire you? You can join our Legacy Circle by letting us know that you have included SFCT in your will or estate plan. Including SFCT in your will is easy to do and will ensure that your love of the land, trails and skies of northern New Mexico will endure and benefit future generations. As Legacy Circle members, you'll be invited to an annual lunch for insider updates on our work and, if you wish, be acknowledged in our publications for making a lasting and powerful impact on the preservation and enjoyment of our extraordinary home.

For more information, contact Sarah Noss at sarah@sfct.org.

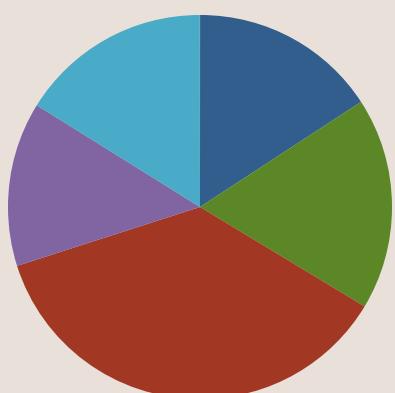
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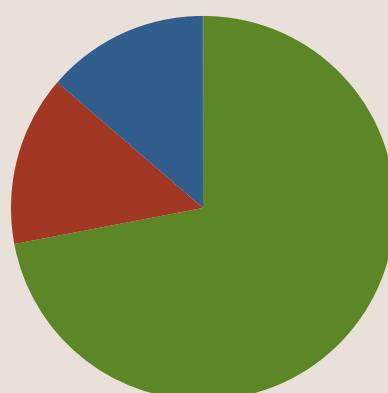
ASSETS	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Cash & Cash Equivalents	164,812	88,949
Accounts Receivable	13,500	8,333
Fixed Assets	1,140,330	1,144,735
Operating & Stewardship Reserve	804,478	767,616
Stewardship Endowment	219,763	218,313
Other Assets	18,530	13,507
TOTAL ASSETS	2,361,414	2,241,453
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,668	1,704
Other Current Liabilities	18,194	14,621
Total Liabilities	19,862	16,325
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,530,330	488,682
Restricted / Designated	694,799	603,384
Net Income	116,422	1,133,062
Total Net Assets	2,341,551	2,225,128
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	2,361,413	2,241,453

ACTIVITIES

INCOME	EXPENSES
Contributions	198,031
Grants	75,240
Fundraising Events	85,970
Program Services	97,263
Investment Income	87,794
TOTAL INCOME	544,298
	Mission Programs
	Development
	General & Administrative
	TOTAL EXPENSES
	427,875
	NET INCOME
	116,422



- Contributions (36%)
- Grants (14%)
- Events (16%)
- Program Services (18%)
- Investment Income (16%)



- Mission (72%)
- Development (14%)
- General & Administrative (14%)

Thank you for your support! Because you care, our land, trails and skies are protected for future generations. The Santa Fe Conservation Trust deeply appreciates the generous support of our donors. There are almost as many variations on ways to make a donation as there are needs to be met. And every gift is appreciated and needed. Please use the envelope provided and send in your support today!



Rainbow in Santa Fe by Brooks Bollman.

TYPES OF GIVING

Outright Gifts

SFCT accepts donations in the form of cash, checks, stocks, bonds, mutual fund shares, real estate and personal property. Please contact the Trust at (505) 989-7019 for stock transfer instructions.

Sustaining Member Gifts

Become a sustaining member of the Trust by making a reoccurring monthly gift. Starting at just \$10 a month, spreading your support over time is easier on your budget. Plus it gives the Trust the security of a steady, reliable stream of operating support.

Here's how easy it is to become a Sustaining Member:

- Choose the amount that you want to contribute every month.
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It's that easy. If your life changes, you can choose to increase, decrease or suspend your monthly gift. All you have to do is call us at 505-989-7019 or go online to sign up: sfct.org/support/donate.

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Your gift can be paid over one year or several years. You can specify when payments will begin and the frequency of payments (i.e., quarterly, semi-annually or annually).

Matching Gifts

Many companies offer a Matching Gifts Program as a way to encourage employees to contribute to charitable organizations. Ask your company's personnel department if they offer such a program. If they do, submit their form with your donation.

In-Kind

We also accept in-kind donations. Please contact us for a list of needs.

Volunteering

If you'd like to make a donation of your time, we have many volunteer opportunities. Please contact us.

Gifts of Real Estate

Gifts of property to SFCT can provide you with a charitable income deduction for the full market value of the property over time. You can eliminate or avoid capital gains tax on appreciated value, reduce your estate tax liability, and pass on the expense and responsibility of managing the property to SFCT. We'll market it and use the proceeds to support conservation work.

Planned Gifts

If the work of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust represents your values and priorities, please remember us in your estate plan to ensure that the support you gave over your lifetime can continue, and that future generations will benefit from your generosity. If you have already included SFCT in your estate plans, please let us know so that we may acknowledge and honor your gift.

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Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner

September 23, 2017



Ben Strickling (right) of Strickling Ranch Partners, with Sarah Noss (second from left), SFCT Executive Director. Photo by Linda Carfagno

Banff Mountain Film Festival

March 12 & 13, 2018



Jason Bass (left) of Subaru of Santa Fe. Photo by Tony Bonanno

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PONDER THIS, AND SAVE THE DATE!

The 2017 Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner happened on the date of Santa Fe's last significant rainfall. With the exception of a few flurries over the winter in town, September 23rd was our last big moisture event, despite the few showers we had recently. Here's our conclusion for the good of the community: we better have more parties!

Save the date for the **25th Anniversary Celebration – September 15th** at a new location – Milner Plaza under a big white tent! We send our thanks to the National Park Service, where SFCT founder Stewart Udall had his office, for generously hosting us in their courtyard, now under renovation, for so many years.



Forest the Wolf. Photo by Linda Carfagno.