Buckman Direct Diversion Project

A joint regional project of the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County to build a reliable and sustainable water supply.

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 07, 2013

To: Buckman Direct Diversion Board

From: Erika Schwender, Interim BDD Facilities Manager ES

Subject: **Update on Volunteer Clean-up event in the Buckman Bosque Restoration Project area on February 23, 2013**

On Saturday, February 23, the New Mexico Wildlife Federation with the help of local sponsors (TogetherGreen, Audubon New Mexico, Sierra Club, and the City of Santa Fe) organized the second voluntary and very successful clean-up event of the Buckman Bosque Restoration Project area. Approximately 30 volunteers provided their time, energy, and enthusiasm, while the sponsors of the event provided tools (gloves, trash bags, shovels, rakes, trowels), shade & chairs, beverages & lunch, portable toilet, and volunteer incentives (hats, t-shirts).

In spite of the realization of how much neglect and abuse this beautiful and inspirational area has experienced, the mood was festive and energized as glass, cans, diapers, tires, and other rubbish began to disappear, revealing the underlying integrity of the Rio Grande and its riparian forest. By 3:30 pm all the garbage in the ½ mile project area along the Rio Grande was gone and the full sized dumpster, provided by BDD, was ¾ full of some rather remarkable things including: a sofa bed, rugs, blankets, and tires. Despite the fact that the bulk of the garbage was found in the form of broken glass, we were able to recycle two full bins of unbroken bottles and ¾ of a bin of aluminum cans.

Having finished early because of the great turn out and the infectious inspiration that seemed to keep everyone motivated and working hard, many sat around in the warm afternoon sun laughing, telling stories, pointing out birds, landmarks, and different hikes in the area. There was a definite sense of satisfaction having re-claimed this beautiful place through such good intentions and hard work.

We would like to thank the volunteers and sponsors of this event for their hard work and dedication to improve the quality of the wonderful and valuable Buckman Bosque Restoration Project area!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Help us clean up the Buckman Bosque Restoration Project site!

Saturday, February 23, 2013
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

We need your help to remove trash before we can replace native species, restore habitat and improve recreational opportunities at the historic Buckman town site. Many hands make light work!

Partners include TogetherGreen, Audubon New Mexico, the City of Santa Fe, the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club, and YOU!

Sponsors will provide the tools (gloves, trash bags, shovels, rakes, trowels), shade & chairs, a portable toilet, beverages & lunch, and some volunteer incentives (hats, t-shirts).

Volunteers provide your time, energy, and enthusiasm, including your own weather-appropriate work clothes, boots, and hat.

For more details and to reserve a spot on the team, contact Steve Cary at 505-983-4609 x 27 or scary@audubon.org.

Where: At the end of Old Buckman Road (CR77) where it meets the Rio Grande, northwest of Santa Fe. If you want to carpool (recommended), meet at 9:00 AM at parking area on Camino La Tierra 1/4 mile northwest of SR 599.

This event is sponsored by:

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