



2010 Forest Health Monitoring Workgroup Meeting

January 25-28, 2010

Albuquerque, NM

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS INFORMATION

Overview

The one-of-a-kind character of Albuquerque is the result of many different forces, perhaps none as important as the centuries of history that have shaped the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting with the Native Americans who have lived here for thousands of years and continuing through Albuquerque's official founding in 1706, the city has grown into a multi-cultural metropolis of nearly 800,000 people. Recognized as one of the most culturally diverse cities in the country, Albuquerque's ethnic tapestry is reflected in its architecture, artwork, cultural centers and cuisine. The city of Albuquerque lies a mile above sea level and has a high-desert climate that allows you to experience the contrast between desert and forest all under a vast blue sky.

Hotel

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque
330 Tijeras Ave. N.W.
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Phone: + 1 505 842 1234
Toll Free: + 1 800 233 1234
FAX: +1 505 843 2710

Web: <http://albuquerque.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

Hotel Reservations:

There is a block of 110 rooms at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque being held for the meeting at the federal per diem rate of \$81 per night until **01/8/2010**. When making your reservation, indicate that you would like one of the rooms being held for the "US Forest Service - FHM" in order to get this rate. Please make your reservation as soon as possible to ensure a room at the meeting site. Please contact Valerie Cooper (v: 919.549.4014, email: vcooper@fs.fed.us or fax: 919-549-4047) for additional information.

Meeting Registration Information:

Western Forestry and Conservation Association (WFCA) is managing registration and collecting fees for this meeting. Attached is a non-fillable registration form that can be either mailed, faxed or phoned into WFCA along with your registration fee in check or credit card. A secure on-line registration page can also be accessed by clicking on the following link:

www.growthmodel.org/wfca/login.asp?theevent=Forest%20Health%20Monitoring%202010%20Workgroup%20Meeting&eventregistrationurl=./events/foresthealthmonitoring.asp

If you have questions with on-line registration please contact Michele at 888-722-9416 or 503-226-4562 or Richard @westernforestry.org.

Information about the meeting is available at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/fhm/>



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Transportation Options from Airport to Hotel:

There is no free shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. Taxi cabs and shuttles are available at the airport:

Sunport Shuttle (independently operated) \$11.00 one way first person, \$5.00 second person. (\$20.00 Round Trip, \$5.00 second person each way). Visit kiosk in Baggage Claim area or call 505-883-4966 for advanced reservations. <http://www.sunportshuttle.com>

Albuquerque Cab Co. approximate cost \$18.00 to \$20.00 one way from the airport.
505-883-4888

Yellow Cab Co. approximate cost \$18.00 to \$20.00 one way from the airport.
505-247-888 or 505-243-7777

If using a rental car, directions from the airport to the hotel are: Exit on Sunport Blvd onto North I-25. Travel I-25 North to Martin Luther King exit 224 B. Turn left on Martin Luther King and travel west to 5th St. Turn left on 5th to Tijeras Ave. Turn left on Tijeras- Hotel and Front Drive are on the right side To access parking garage continue on Tijeras, turn right on 3rd St and right on Copper. Garage is located on Copper- right hand side. Total distance is approximately 6 miles.

Parking

The hotel has provided us with special pricing for parking for this event at \$ 7 per day.

Local Transportation

ABQ Ride: <http://www.cabq.gov/transit/>

NM Rail Runner Light Rail (service from Albuquerque to Santa Fe and Belen):
<http://www.nmrailrunner.com>



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Dining: There is dining within the Hyatt hotel and plenty of nearby restaurants in the Downtown area. Restaurants in Old Town are about a 1 ½ mile walk or cab ride away. Here is a sampling of the city's Offerings:

SLICES - a unique style pizza joint Fourth St. Mall 102 Fourth St. N.W. Phone: (505) 843-9999	Isabella's Ste. 210 200 Third St. N.W. Phone: (505) 244-9461	Teriyaki Kitchen Co. 508 Central Ave. S.W. Phone: (505) 766-9405
ABQ.Nick's Crossroads Cafe (Corner of 4th & Central Ave) 400 Central Ave SW Phone: (505) 242-8369	Library Bar & Grill, The 312 Central Ave. S.W. Phone: (505) 242-2992	Tucanos Brazilian Grill 110 Central Ave. S.W. Phone: (505) 246-9900
Thai Crystal -Thai Cuisine 109 Gold Ave. S.W. Phone: (505) 244-3344	Duran Central Pharmacy (Old Town) 1815 Central Ave. N.W. Phone: (505) 247-4141	Maloney's Tavern 325 Central Ave N.W. Phone: (505) 242-7422
Antiquity Restaurant (Old Town) 112 Romero St. N.W. Phone: (505) 247-3545	Casa de Ruiz - Church Street Cafe (Old Town) 2111 Church St. N.W. Phone: (505) 247-8522	Seasons Rotisserie & Grill (Old Town) 2031 Mountain Rd. N.W. Phone: (505) 766-5100
AI's NYPD 215 Central Ave SW Phone: (505) 766-6973	Garcia's Kitchen 312 Central Avenue SW Phone: (505) 247-2533	The Library Bar & Grill 312 central Ave SW Phone: (505) 24202992

Information on Some Area Attractions:

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center (<http://www.indianpueblo.org/>)

2401 - 12th St. N.W.

Phone: (505) 843-7270

Toll Free: (866) 855-7902

Hours of Operation: Mon – Sun, 9:00-5:00

The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center showcases the distinctive art, history and culture of New Mexico's 10 pueblos.

The National Hispanic Cultural Center (<http://www.nhccnm.org/>)

1701 Fourth St. S.W.

Phone: (505) 246-2261

Hours of Operation: Tue-Sun, 10-5

The National Hispanic Cultural Center is dedicated to preserving the rich artistic and cultural heritage integral to the Hispanic community worldwide.



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Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum

(<http://www.balloonmuseum.com/>)

9201 Balloon Museum Dr. N.E.

Phone: (505) 768-6020

Hours of Operation: Tue – Sun, 9am -5pm

A museum dedicated to the art, culture, history, science and sport of lighter-than-air craft.

National Museum of Nuclear Science & History (<http://www.nuclearmuseum.org/>)

601 Eubank Blvd. S.E.

Albuquerque, NM 87123

Phone: (505) 245-2137

Hours of Operation: Daily, 9-5

The nation's only Congressionally chartered museum of nuclear science and history.

Historic Old Town (<http://www.albuquerqueoldtown.com/>)

This site of Albuquerque's founding in 1706 is noted for Pueblo-Spanish style architecture.

Visitors stroll the brick paths to more than 100 stores, galleries, restaurants and distinguished museums.

Albuquerque Biological Park (<http://www.cabq.gov/biopark/>)

2601 Central Ave. N.W.

Albuquerque, NM 87104

Phone: (505) 768-2000

Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway (<http://www.sandiapeak.com/>)

FROM I-40: Exit 167: Tramway Blvd., take Tramway Blvd north approximately 9 miles to

Tramway Rd. Take Tram to The Peak where High Finance Restaurant is located.

The world's largest single-span aerial tramway transports visitors above deep canyons and breathtaking terrain via a 2.7 mile cable to the serenity of the mountain's 10,400 foot peak for a view that encompasses up to 11,000 square miles.

Petroglyph National Monument (<http://www.nps.gov/petr/index.htm>)

Petroglyph National Monument is located on the Westside of Albuquerque, New Mexico. From Interstate 40 take the Unser Blvd. exit (#154) and proceed north 3 miles to Western Trail. Turn left or west onto Western Trail and follow road to the visitor center. From Interstate 25 take the Paseo del Norte exit (#232) and proceed west to Coors Road exit south. Proceed south on Coors Road to Western Trail. Turn right or west onto Western Trail and follow road to the visitor center. For a printable color version of park map [Click Here](#).

The monument contains the world's largest accessible collection of prehistoric rock art. More than 20,000 ancient petroglyphs are carved into the remnants of dormant volcanoes on Albuquerque's Westside.



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American International Rattlesnake Museum in Old Town

(<http://www.rattlesnakes.com/core.html>)

202 San Felipe St. N.W. Suite A

Phone (505) 242-6569

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri: Noon-6pm.

Golf (<http://golf.itsatrip.org/>)

The Albuquerque area features fourteen affordable nationally acclaimed golf courses that are among the best in the country. From desert links to parkland to mountain course Albuquerque offers arguably the most diverse golf experience available in one area.

Balloon Rides (<http://www.itsatrip.org/balloon/>)

Don't pass up the chance to sail the sunny, blue skies of the world's hot air ballooning capital.

Local Arrangements Coordinator: Stephanie Sandoval: stephani.sandoval@state.nm.us

Note: The average January temperatures for Albuquerque are 47°F for the high and 23°F for the low. The average humidity is 55% and the possibility for sunshine is 88%.



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FIELD TRIPS

Optional Field Trips (Monday afternoon, 1-6pm) For those of you who may arrive early on Monday there will be no formal “group” tour offered on Monday afternoon. There are a few self guided walking tours that you can learn about by accessing the following web-site: <http://www.itsatrip.org/activities/tours-day-trips/default.aspx> . The most popular of these is the historic Old Town section of Albuquerque about 1 ½ miles from downtown Albuquerque.

Optional Field Trip (Thursday afternoon, 11am-6pm) Please join us for an afternoon fieldtrip near Albuquerque focusing on two areas - Rio Grande bosque and East Mountain pine forests. This is where wildlife and people co-exist and educating students, teachers, landowners and the public about managing sustainable, healthy forests.

In New Mexico, the Spanish word for forest — “bosque” refers to the gallery forests along rivers. Today’s bosque is very different from the forest that evolved here over several hundred thousand years. For example, between 1935 and 1989, the valley lost over 50% of its wetlands. What had been a flood-driven ecosystem that exhibited a patchy mosaic of forest stands, wetlands, marshes, shrub fields and grasslands that sprawled across the valley floor has become a homogenous cotton-wood forest confined to a narrow strip along the river and stretching for 200 miles. Dozens of agencies and organizations are involved in bosque restoration projects. Major threats to the ecosystem include fire, invasive plants, and disconnected hydrological processes.

In the early 2000’s, the New Mexico Tree Farmers worked with New Mexico State Forestry Division to develop “Demonstration Forests”. The goal was to develop outdoor “classrooms” highlighting various forestry practices on properties where landowners are willing to share lessons with visitors. Demonstration forests show to local residents what they could expect their property to look like after defensible space was performed or thinning that include 40, 60 and 80 square feet of basal area per acre treatments. Seven demonstration forests have been developed to date throughout the state.