

SW Jemez Mountains Collaborative Forest Restoration Workshop
Introductory Remarks: Round-Robin (Feb. 9, 2010)
What Is Special About Jemez Mountains & What Do We Hope to Achieve?

What is one way the Jemez Mountains is special to you?

- Remarkably beautiful landscape
- Great hunting, fishing, backpacking, and hiking
- The sunshine of the southern latitude and cool summers of the high elevation mountains
- Unparalleled place to understand human use over time
- Lots of diversity and special things going on
- Hiking, skiing and other recreational opportunities
- Biological diversity, inspired me to become a biologist
- Opportunity for work, wood products, and sustainable forest restoration
- Paradise lies right outside Albuquerque's back door
- Has the highest use fishery resources
- Able to burn, reestablish fire's important role in the ecosystem
- Interesting archaeological sites; and highest site density in the U.S.
- Hunting and fishing
- Traditionally/culturally important area
- World-class biological asset on par with Yellowstone NP
- Critical area for wildlife – salamander, wolves, beaver, elk
- Spectacular outdoor laboratory, demonstration area, classroom
- Pristine habitat
- Interaction between climate change, forests, and fire
- Source of comfort, stress relief, and pleasure activities
- Opportunity to demonstrate restoration forestry
- Tribal backyard – important traditional, spiritual, cultural connections
- Remnants of great pueblos; sacred places that still exist today

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- Unusual, diverse mix of landscapes...red rock canyons, forests and aspen, lush streams and waterfalls, geothermal hot springs...
- Historically and pre-historically significant
- Brought together over 50 people today with a strong interest in the area
- Lived and worked there for 30 years
- Intersection with Bandelier wilderness, opportunity to step out of the 21st century
- Birds: avian density and species richness
- Jemez Valley community; special place to live and work
- College connections in training opportunities and outdoor classroom for students
- Jemez Mountains salamander
- Sunset views of Jemez Mountains from Santa Fe/Eldorado
- Scenic, full of biodiversity
- Bioenergy and utilization opportunities
- Something different about the Jemez, has a really peaceful spirit
- High potential for collaborative large-scale restoration process
- Quick and total escape from city life
- Geologic influences on the landscape

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VISION QUESTION: After obtaining the funds and seeing 10 years of implementation of restoration treatments, what would you like to say had been accomplished?

- All interests represented, voices heard, and outcomes enhanced through collaboration of diverse stakeholders
- Fire use rather than suppression would be rule, supported by the public
- Public acceptance of smoke
- Beaver and trout in every stream
- Ecosystems functioning, or moving much closer to functional ecosystems
- Celebrating accomplishments related to health and resilience of forests and economies
- More resilient forests with better watersheds and water availability
- Less difference in landscape conditions across administrative boundaries
- Realized importance of community investments
- Area would be used as restoration model for future projects, and restoration work would continue beyond 10 years
- Although some of us may not be in this after 10 years, we will have built ownership within each organization for newcomers to continue this restoration partnership
- Mitigated some adverse effects of climate change
- 7000 acres of treatment per year, 10 new value added businesses with 50 employees, integration of biomass into communities
- Ongoing collaborative process and social awareness
- Realized benefits from natural resilient ecosystems and carbon sequestration (ie. ecosystem services)
- Goals and objectives of the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program are met
- Grazing regimes addressed, forest plan standards on biomass are updated
- Community involvement, particularly with youth education
- All native wildlife populations maintained or restored

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