

BOSQUE LANDSCAPE ALTERATION WORKSHOP

May 25, 2004

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome, Marilyn O'Leary, Director, Utton Transboundary Resources Center, Susan Kelly, Workshop organizer.
- II. Roadmap of the day, Chris Garcia, Facilitator
- III. Presentation of proposal for Bosque Landscape Alteration by Cliff Crawford and Sterling Grogan
- IV. Initial discussion of proposal by all participants
- V. Breakout groups on:
 - Fire reduction (Yasmeen Njami)
 - Water depletion (William Fleming, Ross Coleman)
 - Bosque restoration (Sterling Grogan)
- VI. Breakout groups report back
- VII. Identification of a meaningful set of objectives, requirements and approaches that all present basically agree on and can endorse.

This report contains:

- A summary of Cliff Crawford and Sterling Grogan's presentations of their "Proposal for bosque landscape alteration that will reduce fires and conserve water." The proposal was distributed in hard copy at the Workshop and to most participants electronically in advance.
- The notes from the opening and closing plenary sessions of the Workshop. These were gleaned from the flip-charts and from the very able notes taken by three student reporters, Brian Eagan, Geoff Klise, and Paul Bossert, whose efforts are much appreciated.
These comments, whenever they were made, are grouped by topic under the headings of the Proposal Outline that framed the discussion (See Crawford presentation). Comments received via e-mail in response to the mailing of the first draft of these notes are also included here, identified by an italicized *comment on draft*: Thank all of you who took the time to make these thoughtful observations! Reclamation's comments were received after the final Notes were ready for circulation. These valuable comments have been incorporated in the notes below, but were not available, and therefore not considered, when the Outline was rewritten. However, a number of the Reclamation issues were raised by others and addressed in the revision.
- The notes for the three break-out groups, taken from their flip-charts, reports to the plenary session, and notes taken by the reporters, who each joined one breakout group.

Attached to this e-mail are:

The original Proposal for Bosque Landscape Alteration

The Workshop's Product—"Bosque Landscape Alteration: Revised Outline of Basic Principles," that attempts to incorporate the comments of Workshop participants.

The Utton Center, Cliff Crawford and Sterling Grogan thank all those who spent May 25th making this a Workshop in the real sense of the word, and those who responded to the initial mailing with such rich commentary. We feel the revised outline is an important product with many valuable uses.

NEXT STEPS

In the initial distribution of these notes, recipients were asked if they could endorse the Outline of Basic Principles. The responses to this request were thoughtful and insightful, and have enriched the revised Outline. However, it became apparent that *endorsement* is a political and legal action that involves considerations beyond the scope of this Workshop, which does not seek to achieve any binding agreement, but simply to present a widely-shared view. The Utton Center thanks those who did endorse the Outline, as well as those who identified the changes that would have to be made before they could endorse the document. Workshop sponsors considered all of these comments and attempted to be responsive to them in the revision of the Outline. However, it should not be implied that the revisions answer all of the needs of the commentors. The revised Outline of Basic Principles will be made available to policy-makers, educators, administrators, and the public as a widely-accepted, though unofficial, statement of the views of professionals regarding bosque landscape alteration policy. The intent is to clarify, enlighten, and inform New Mexico's ongoing bosque policy development. Participants are welcome to use it in this manner as well. The Workshop's product is already being put to use in this fashion:

- At the Workshop, the Corps of Engineers expressed its intention to use the Outline of Basic Principles to help structure its Bosque Revitalization Project.
- The MRGCD intends to use the Outline of Basic Principles as guidelines for its joint management activities with the City of Albuquerque in the Rio Grande Valley State Park.

The Workshop sponsors continue to welcome any discussion of these issues. The revised Workshop notes will be posted on the Utton Center website, <http://uttoncenter.unm.edu> and additional comments will be added from time to time.