

WORKING ON THE RAILYARD

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The Santa Fe Depot,
circa 1910-1920. Photo courtesy of
the Palace of the Governors

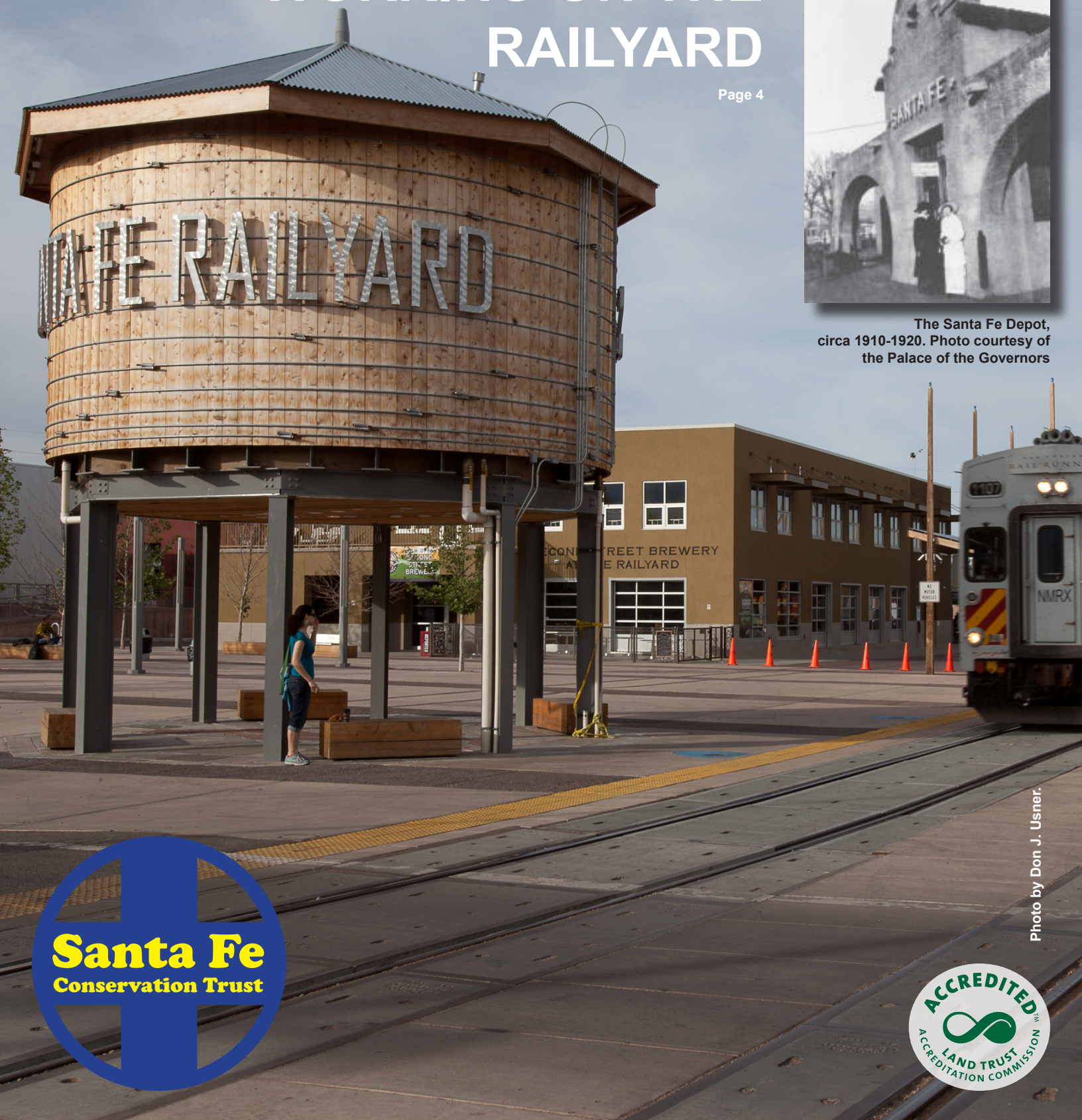


Photo by Don J. Usner

Santa Fe
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The Santa Fe Southern train passes by a crowd at the opening of the Santa Fe Railyard Park and Plaza.
Photo by Andrew Neighbor.

GIVING BACK TO THE LAND

Making a pledge to protect Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico

As I complete my fifth year as Executive Director, the Trust is poised to take on some meaningful tasks that will not only deliver to the community high impact conservation projects, but also the certainty of a sustainable organization. We cannot have one without the other. SFCT was awarded national accreditation in 2014. We continue to deliver projects that significantly impact the public – public access to trails on beautiful lands either in the Galisteo Basin or the foothills of the Sangre de Cristos here in our backyard. In 2014 we began taking public school children out on the Dale Ball Trails for the first time in our 20 year history.

As you will read in this edition of Earthlines, we continue to collaborate with other non-profits and public agencies to make your donations work even harder for land conservation in northern New Mexico. From the Railyard Park and Plaza conservation easement that we recently acquired from the Trust for Public Land, to assisting Santa Fe County with master planning of Thornton Ranch Open Space lands, to laying the groundwork for a new trail system around the city of Santa Fe that will require working closely with multiple government agencies and trail users groups, SFCT is deepening its roots in Santa Fe and northern New Mexico.

We will continue to conserve important lands, build and maintain trails, and encourage dark skies – for



Conservation planning at Santa Fe County's Thornton Ranch Open Space project on Petroglyph Hill in the Galisteo Basin, a joint project of Santa Fe Conservation Trust and the Design Office.

the benefit of all of us. With over 80 conservation agreements in place on over 35,000 acres of urban, suburban and rural landscapes, we are not only conserving the big landscapes so important to preserving our cultural heritage, but smaller iconic lands that are near and dear to the heart, and contribute to our sense of well-being. Each of these is a part of our growing portfolio of conservation lands.

With a capable and dedicated board of directors, a qualified and passionate staff, and a community that cares deeply about the land – we have the right ingredients to help shape the future of our landscape/community.

This year we are launching our most ambitious fundraising campaign to date – to allow us to

bring more land under conservation status. With success will come additional resources to keep land in its natural state. Achieving this goal contributes directly to cleaner air and water, conservation of wildlife habitat; protection of migratory pathways, expansion of outdoor recreation opportunities for the public to get out on the land as part of a healthy lifestyle.

I hope you'll join me and make a pledge to our landscape in northern New Mexico. There is no better time than now to roll up our sleeves, dig deep, and help give back to the land by supporting the Santa Fe Conservation Trust in 2015.

Charlie O'Leary
Charlie O'Leary
 Executive Director

WORKING ON THE RAILYARD

Santa Fe Conservation Trust Accepts Railyard Park & Plaza Conservation Easement

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust recently accepted the transfer of a 15.7 acre conservation easement from the Trust for Public Land. In an agreement reached between the two entities, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust will assume the responsibility for the protection of the Santa Fe Railyard Park and Plaza conservation easement, preserving scenic and open space, and natural, historical, and recreational values.

The conservation easement is part of the larger 50 acre Railyard Redevelopment Project that includes retail and gallery spaces, the Rail Runner Express train depot, picnic areas, public walkways and community spaces. The conservation easement itself extends from land bordered by St. Francis Drive and Cerrillos Road on the west side to Montezuma

Avenue and includes the Farmers Market Plaza and landmark water tower, an area that has been home to numerous community events since its completion. A portion of the Santa Fe Rail Trail, which parallels the active Railway line, runs through the easement. In partnership with City, County, State and Federal sources, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust played a significant role in the establishment of this trail which was completed in 2010.

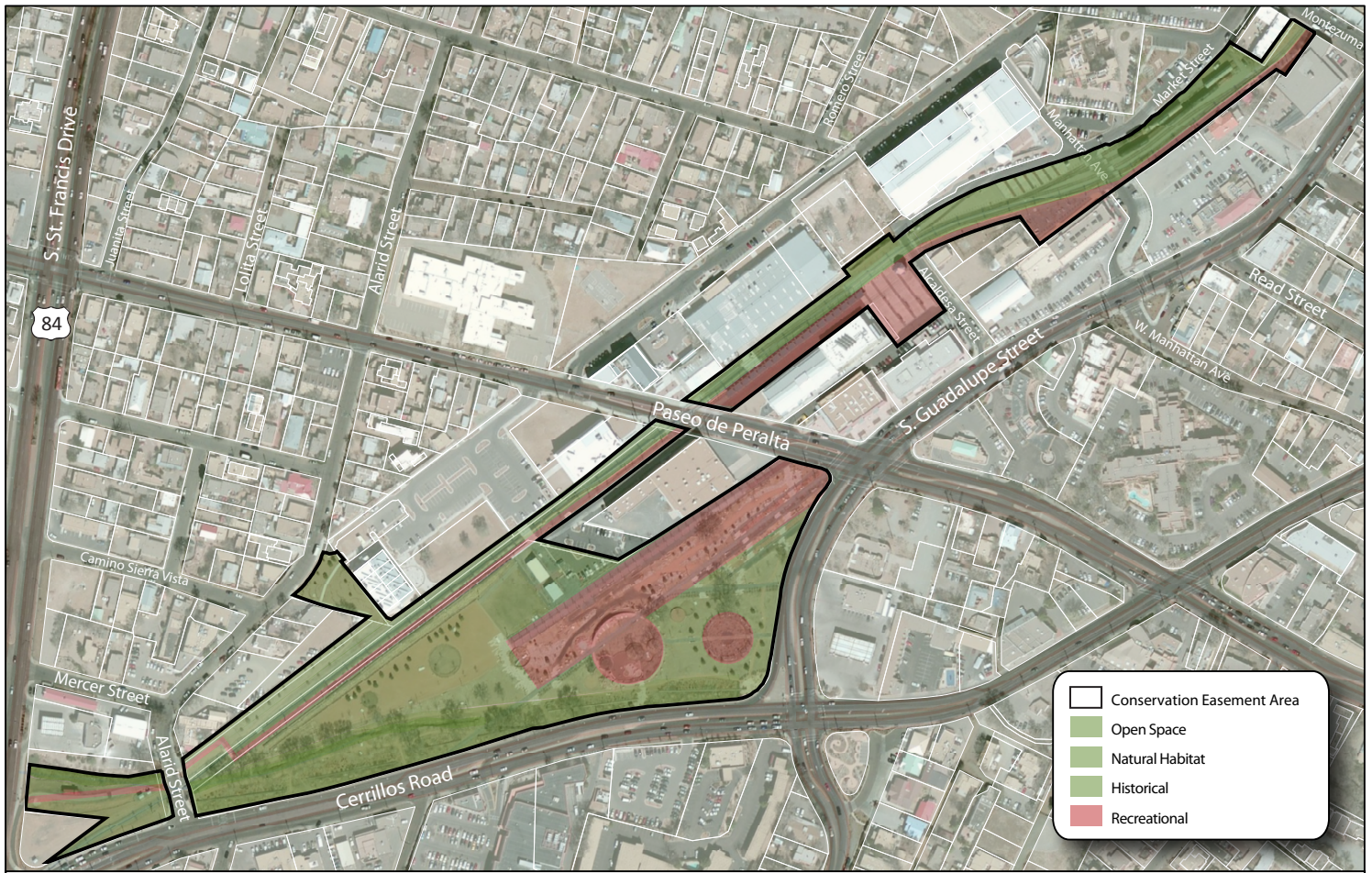
Working in collaboration with the City of Santa Fe, the Santa Fe Railyard Community Corporation, and the Railyard Stewards, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust will ensure that the Railyard Park and Plaza are maintained in perpetuity as a park, open space and community gathering place. The City of Santa Fe owns the Railyard property and

is responsible for the day to day City services on the property in accordance with the conservation easement. The Railyard Stewards support the City of Santa Fe's regular park maintenance by providing specialized care of the park's ornamental gardens, coordinating extensive community outreach program, and maintaining ongoing oversight of the park's horticultural programs and design. The non-profit Santa Fe Railyard Community Corporation provides lease and event management for the entire site, is responsible for the land and commercial space not covered by the conservation easement, and promotes and permits special uses of the park area. Together with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, these three entities will ensure that the park remains a safe, accessible and vibrant part of the Santa Fe community.



The Santa Fe Farmers Market at the Railyard in full steam. Photo by Don J. Usner.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) creates parks and protects land for people, ensuring healthy, livable communities for generations to come. In 1995, when it appeared that Catellus Development Corporation, the real estate landowner that was spun off from the real estate holdings of the Santa Fe Pacific Corporation, was preparing to demolish existing buildings and redevelop the Railyard area - removing the historical warehouses and freight docks and constructing towering multistory buildings - the Trust for Public Land stepped in to offer a conservation strategy for the property.



Santa Fe Railyard Easement Property Conservation Values Map by Michael Scisco, Unique Places.

Along with the City of Santa Fe, TPL brokered a deal to secure the land for public use. As part of the new plan, the City granted a Deed of Conservation Easement to TPL to monitor the compliance of the development and uses for the Railyard Park and Plaza, ensuring that the Railyard public spaces would remain as park land for generations to come. The planning process for the Railyard Park began in 1996 and by 2010 the project was complete and the Railyard Park and Plaza was opened to the Santa Fe community.

The addition of the Railyard Park and Plaza conservation easement brings to 80 the number of conservation agreements held by SFCT.



The Railyard Gardens. Photo courtesy of the Railyard Stewards.

STEWARDSHIP

A photo diary from Melissa Houser, Conservation & Stewardship Coordinator

As the Conservation and Stewardship Coordinator at SFCT, I have the privilege of getting to visit the properties that a diverse group of seventy-three amazing landowners decided to protect in perpetuity. I drive, walk, ride, and fly to monitor all of SFCT's 35,622 acres of land under conservation easement. The CE's range from just under a half-acre parcel in the City of Santa Fe to a 9,148 acre ranch in the rural expanses outside Las Vegas. Coordination with landowners, ranch managers, volunteer monitors, and staff is a big job but well worth it. We visit every property annually to ensure no development occurs where it was retired and to document the wildlife that benefit from the open space. I have been to every property SFCT protects and each is a unique story of place in northern New Mexico and the people who protected it forever.

STEWARDSHIP noun stew•ard•ship \ 'stü-ərd-, ship, 'styü-; 'st(y)ürd-\

The activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something.



Melissa Pardeahnton Houser
Conservation & Stewardship Coordinator
Santa Fe Conservation Trust



Ortiz Mountains Educational Preserve - Los Cerrillos, NM Monitoring Visit 2012
Managed by the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens, owned by the Santa Fe County Open Space program,
and protected by a conservation easement with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust.



Looking into the Tres Lagunas Fire zone of 2013

Thanks to a generous landowner donating the use of his plane and pilot extraordinaire, Andy Wells, SFCT has been able to monitor easements by air.



From left to right: Gary Bates (professional forester), Brad Holian (SFCT Land Committee), Andy Wells (pilot), Christopher Thomson (SFCT Land Committee) 2014



Wildflowers at the Galisteo Basin Preserve
2014

~ 18 miles of Trails are open to the Public.

Check out: www.galisteobasinpreserve.com

FOREST AND WATERSHED RESTORATION THINNING:

The importance of managing our conserved forests in the face of wildfire, drought, insects, and climate change.

By Eytan Krasilovsky, Forest Guild Southwest Region Director

New Mexico's forests and woodlands are unhealthy from the last 120 years of fire suppression, grazing, and logging. Now they face considerable pressures from long-term drought, insects, and wildfire. Additionally, their future as forests and woodlands is uncertain given climate change predictions. Compounding this situation is that during the last 25 years there has been a remarkable expansion of residential homes into areas dominated by fire adapted ecosystems, known as the Wildland Urban Interface. It is equally important to continue to conserve forests and woodlands from expanded housing development and manage the current situation of high fire risk, poor forest health, and many residences.

The Forest Guild began working in the community of La Cueva in 2013 under a grant from the Nature Conservancy's Fire Learning Network. The Fire Learning Network is a partnership between the Nature Conservancy and the USDA Forest Service. Fifty high priority acres were identified across nine landowners. The Heart and Soul Animal Sanctuary was both the largest landowner among the applicants and had the largest acreage prioritized for treatment for the project at 24 acres. It was also the only property under conservation easement.

The landowner, their attorney, representatives from the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Forest Guild, and the thinning contractor, Chris' Tree Service, met in spring 2014 to discuss the project, address concerns about wildlife, and to develop the treatment plan together. The discussion largely

Fire Adapted New Mexico Learning Network

Fire adapted communities are communities that acknowledge the wildfire risk they have and take proactive steps to mitigate and plan for wildfire so that when fire arrives, they can survive and recover.

Working with Santa Fe County and Fire Service Support to identify a high priority community. La Cueva, north of Glorieta, quickly arose to the top due to its high risk rating in the Santa Fe County Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

To learn more about fire adaptation in New Mexico, visit:

www.fireadaptednewmexico.org



Untreated Forest.



Treated forest, slash protecting soils and heavy fuels stacked and ready for use as firewood.



The Heart & Soul Animal Sanctuary in Glorieta. SFCT holds three conservation easements here.

focused on how concerns for wildlife could be addressed. For piñon-juniper and ponderosa pine forest types, we discussed elements of the prescription that would enhance wildlife habitat. These included clumping tree groupings and openings for tree squirrels rather than evenly spaced thinning; leaving some large wood on the forest floor for insects and small mammals; using thinning slash (branches and needles) to protect soils, reduce erosion; and regenerating a grass and flower understory favored by birds, insects, and deer.

Treatments began in late summer and early fall of 2014 to avoid breeding bird and bark beetle season and were completed mid-fall. The main inhabited area of the Sanctuary, and the north-south canyon leading up to it now have a 15 acre treatment wrapping around it from the southwest. Many cords of fuelwood

were removed by the landowner for use on site. A second 9-acre treatment, anchored off of Highway 50 to the south has been established. A primary function of both treatments was to break the continuous tree canopy to limit its potential to carry a crown fire. Now if there is an ignition it is expected that the treated areas will slow a fire and allow it to drop to the ground so that firefighters can safely suppress it.

Fifty acres treated through this grant are just a first step in making La Cueva more fire adapted. In addition to thinning, landowners need to reduce the flammability of their homes by cleaning up roofs, eaves, and soffits from flammable needles and leaves each spring; consider landscaping with fire resistant vegetation; and ensure their homes and structures have safe access for firefighters.

Dear Santa Fe
Conservation Trust,

Re: Eytan Krasilowsky's
Forest Restoration
Thinning

The Heart and Soul
Animal Sanctuary,
located in densely
forested land in the
Sangre De Cristo
Mountains, is grateful
for the work done by the
Forest Guild, Chris' Tree
Service and the Nature
Conservancy.

At first I was concerned
that the thinning
procedure would
adversely affect our
abundant wildlife
such as birds, rabbits,
squirrels and chipmunks.
The "design" of the
treatment, however,
leaves all these
indigenous creatures
contented and happily
visible.

I can see that homes are
being made by small
wildlife inside piles of
logs and branches. The
danger of the continuous
canopy is alleviated
and I have never seen so
many birds!

Thanks to everyone for
your expert, hard work
and thoughtful endeavor.

Best Regards,

Natalie Owings, Director
Heart and Soul Animal
Sanctuary

NEW *Santa Fe Conservation Trust's* **TRAILS PROGRAM**

Trails continue to be a major focus area for the Trust. We (re-) launched a full-fledged Trails Program by bringing on a Trails Program Manager, Tim Rogers, in late January 2014. Under our new Professional Services Agreement to serve as Trail Volunteer Coordinator for the City of Santa Fe, Tim took on city trail maintenance, promotion, and planning activities throughout the year, detailed below.

In line with SFCT's origins and working to preserve the foothills east of Santa Fe, we also adopted the Atalaya Trail on behalf of the Santa Fe National Forest in early 2014. SFCT staff and board members continue to work with Santa Fe County on the La Piedra Trail and the Arroyo Hondo Open Space, and we continue to support and participate in the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, which is a major source of volunteers for our trail work.



Atalaya work day



Camino de Cruz Blanca Trail, construction to fill in gap

SFCT organized over 30 work events for trail maintenance or construction in 2014, including 20 work events on the Dale Ball Trails, six on La Tierra Trails, and four on the Atalaya Trail. Nearly 90 different volunteers pitched in for a total of 664 hours of trail work organized by SFCT. The Trails Program Manager also participated in work on Santa Fe National Forest's Dead Dog Trail and the Winsor National Recreational Trail, in conjunction with the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society (SFFTS) and the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) "Trail Care Crew."

Promotional activities organized by SFCT's Trails Program included a celebration of Dale Ball Day on March 7, 2014, two "Community Cruise" bicycle rides for Bike-to-Work Week in May, and a National Trails Day hike on the Dorothy Stewart Trail on June 7. Later in the Summer and into the Fall, through the support of the City of Santa Fe, the S.L. Gimbel Foundation, and the "Communities in Schools" program, we arranged and guided six field trips to hike on Dale Ball Trails for City Summer Camps and Santa Fe Public Schools.

In the Fall of 2014, we worked with SFFTS and the City to prepare protection of archaeological sites during the future construction of the bicycle "Flow Trail" in La Tierra Trails. The year finished with two rewarding, multi-day construction projects: filling in a gap in the City's Camino Cruz Blanca Trail, in partnership with the City Parks Division, and re-routing a well-known problem section of the Dale Ball Trails south of Upper Canyon Road on land belonging to The Nature Conservancy.



Dale Ball Trails re-route, south of Upper Canyon Rd.



Field trip to Dale Ball Trails (City Summer campers)

See our website: www.sfct.org for more details on all of SFCT's trail events in 2014 and upcoming 2015 trail events. We are also proud of our "behind-the-scenes" trail planning activities working with the City of Santa Fe, the City's Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC), Santa Fe County, the Santa Fe National Forest's Española Ranger District, and the Galisteo Basin Preserve.

Highlights for 2015:

- GUTS: convening a wide variety of planning partners, including SFFTS and the National Parks Service's "River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance" (RTCA) Program, to pursue a long-range vision of an inter-connected "Grand Unified Trail System" for the Santa Fe area, funded by the Larsen Fund / Christopher Larsen
- Passport to Santa Fe's Foothill Trails – a trail guide offering incentives for Santa Fe's children to hike on our wonderful trails, with support of the S.L. Gimbel Foundation, for release this Summer
- Construction of the "Flow Trail" in La Tierra Trails in April with SFFTS under the leadership of IMBA's "Trail Solutions" team *Done!*
- Collaboration with SFNF and the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe to formalize and improve a trail link from the Atalaya Trail to a well-known view point half-way up the mountain
- Collaboration with the Nature Conservancy and the City Water Division to complete a sorely-needed connection of Dale Ball Trails across the Santa Fe River, in Fall of 2015



National Trails Day (Dorothy Stewart Trail)

ALL ALONG THE WATCHTOWER

The story of Atalaya Mountain and Trail: a survivor with the help of heroes

Gasping for air as I walked in a line of trail volunteers on our way up the mountain to perform trail maintenance, I cursed myself for spending so much time in front of my computer at work. Sure, while others were chatting on the way up, I had to stop talking and focus on my breath...but this is Atalaya after all.

The Atalaya Trail, one of Santa Fe's most popular and beloved trails, turns 24 this year. It has only been two dozen years since the trail up Santa Fe's "Watchtower" was officially established in 1991 by the United States Forest Service with critical help from a small group called the Friends of Atalaya. I thought to myself how odd it is that such an iconic and popular trail can be so young... and in one of the oldest cities in the country. I would learn soon that the trail was a true survivor.

Many public trails in the West have a history of starting out as footpaths for accessing high country forests, for gathering wood or utilizing pasture land for sheep and cattle grazing. Trails that now lead into the foothills east of Santa Fe were originally developed for these purposes. Trails can be lost to fencing, private ownership, the construction of new homes or neighborhoods, or the development of roads on, over, or across traditional routes. The result is usually the end of the trail – literally and figuratively, for the public. Atalaya is among the fortunate few that have endured over one hundred years of adversity.

During Santa Fe's discovery and subsequent building boom of the 1980's, the foothills of the Sangre de Cristos experienced a dramatic increase in residential development that gravely threatened access

to Atalaya peak. Fortunately, a group of local trail advocates with some legal muscle among their members negotiated a settlement with landowners to preserve the trail via several re-routes, eventually conveying a formal trail easement from the landowners to the Santa Fe National Forest. If not for the passion and determination of a handful of these friends and the willingness of the federal government to accept liability, there never would have been an official U.S. Forest Service trail leading up the mountain for all to enjoy.

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT), along with our sister organization, the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, has a rich history of playing a key role in the development of local trails in Santa Fe: The Rail, Dale Ball, La Tierra, La Piedra, Arroyo Hondo, Spur Trails. As I began to dig further into Atalaya's history, I learned that if not for the dedication of a few individuals, the trail would surely have been lost. No economic strategy, support from the City council, or protests from neighbors would have saved the trail.

On a recent trip to Albuquerque, I visited with Dale and Sylvia Ball about the Atalaya trail and learned first-hand how vulnerable the then unofficial trail was to "progress."

As the foothills became increasingly popular for hikers and bikers, so too were they becoming a treasure trove for builders. And



Hiking Atalaya Trail: Alan Karp, Margaret Alexander (TAOSF) and Jennifer Sublett (Forest Service)



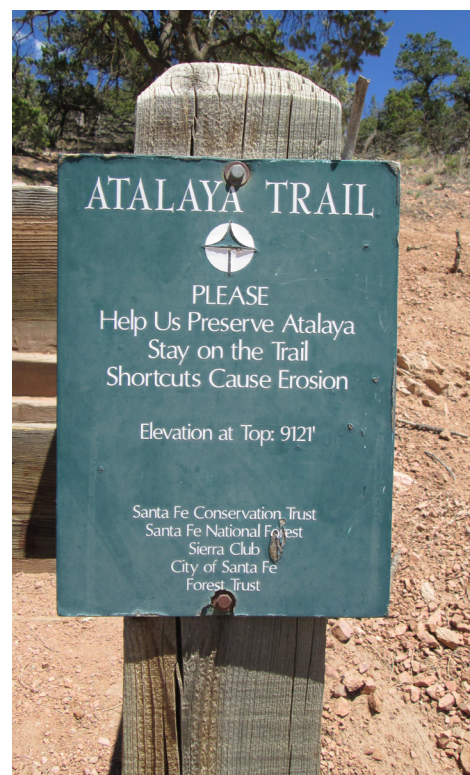
A view from atop Sun Mountain towards Atalaya Peak. Photo by Nancy Cook.

rather than a noticeable single onslaught of mass development, this construction was more selective and exclusive. It allowed for a sort of quiet crisis to emerge, whereby some of these longtime access points and trails were suddenly, and in most cases irreversibly, threatened by the purchase of land, the construction of a dream home, and a winding driveway and gate leading to the most breathtaking home site above the City Different.

This is where the true heroes came into the picture, looking towards the future of our City and taking the concept of public trails and turning it into reality. Without these trail heroes, access to Atalaya

as well as the foothills and the mountains that lay beyond would have been lost forever.

In 2014 SFCT adopted the Atalaya Trail from the USFS to help with maintenance and upkeep—a project to which we continue to be committed. But we can’t do it alone. We need “trail heroes” to lend a hand. Several times throughout the year we organize a work detail of between 6 and 12 volunteers to perform maintenance. If you would like to help, please email us at info@sfct.org.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Cook

Nancy joins the Board with an extensive background in the television business in syndication sales and marketing. She recently created a new company, Bright-Line Distribution, LLC, located here in Santa Fe. She and her business partner are representing produced television shows and hoping to produce new ones of their own. Her experience includes executive sales positions with the Associated Press, NBC Radio, Multimedia Entertainment, Pearson Entertainment and with each of the three networks, ABC, CBS and principally with NBC Universal Television Syndication. In her various positions, Nancy traveled extensively throughout the U.S. Her many outdoor interests include photography, hiking, fishing, skiing, hunting and horseback riding. She currently volunteers at the SF Animal Shelter.



Don DeVito

Don DeVito specializes in complex residential and ranch transactions, utilizing his expertise in land use, water rights, and conservation easements. Don is often called upon as an expert advisor to counsel and guide complicated transactions through his extensive technical knowledge and established network of attorneys, CPAs, and trust advisors. Community involvement is very important to Don. He is most currently serving on the board for the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, and has served on the boards of St. John's College and EarthCare International. Don is a broker with Santa Fe Properties, formerly with Christie's Great Estates, and now affiliated with Luxury Portfolio International. Don holds B.S. in Business from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and an M.S. in Organization Development from Pepperdine University.



Ben Strickling

Ben is President of Patriot Resources as well as Delaware Basin Resources in Midland, Texas. He has 35 years of experience in petroleum engineering and management. In addition to his career and success in the oil and natural gas industry, Ben is owner and manager of Wolf Bone Ranch Partners in Texas and Strickling Ranch Partners in New Mexico. Upon purchasing the Pecos River Ranch near Santa Fe in 2013, he engaged the services of numerous experts as he embarked on extensive restoration projects throughout the property, including but not limited to watershed, river, habitat and forest restoration. Ben is an avid hunter and angler and is a life member of Safari Club International.



Ben and his wife Roxanne at the Pecos River Ranch. Photo by James L. Overton

14th Annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner

September 13, 2015 4:30 PM
National Park Service Building
1100 Old Santa Fe Trail

The 14th Annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2015 in the courtyard of the historic National Parks Service Building. Named in honor and in memory of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall - a founding member of the Trust and one of the nation's most prolific environmental champions - this dinner is one of most exciting events in Santa Fe and is our most important fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from the event support our land conservation efforts throughout northern New Mexico, help us maintain the safety and quality of public trails in Santa Fe, including the popular Dale Ball Trails and the La Tierra Trails, and to promote the use of trails in our community—and much more.

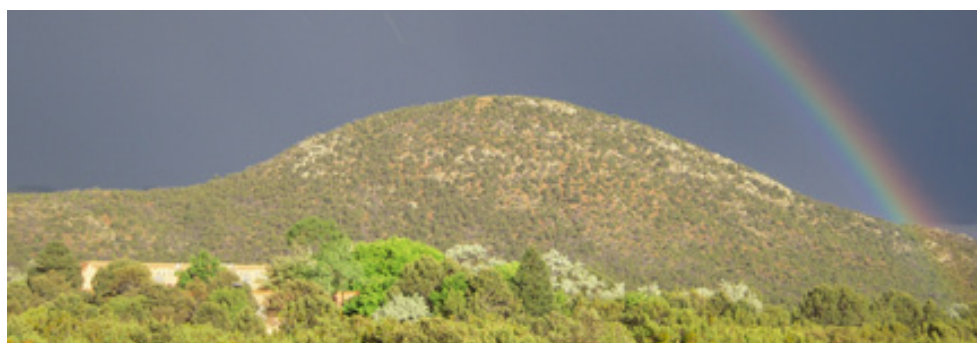
Mark your calendars and make plans to join us for this memorable event. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please call the SFCT office at (505) 989-7019 or contact us via e-mail at info@sfct.org for more information.

\$175 per person

R.S.V.P. by September 1, 2015



Stewart Udall.
 Drawing by Pat Oliphant.



Rainbow over Sun Mountain. Photo by Deborah Post.

WAYS TO SUPPORT SFCT'S MISSION

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust deeply appreciates the generous support of our donors and the difference your gifts make to our mission. There are almost as many variations on ways to make a donation as there are needs to be met—gifts for today and gifts for tomorrow.

HOW TO GIVE:

Outright Gifts: Gifts of cash are always appreciated and are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Use our secure online giving page to put your gift to use right away. It only takes a few minutes! Or, mail your check to the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, P.O. 23985, Santa Fe, NM 87502.

Stocks, Bonds and Real Property: Gifts of securities or other real property provide immediate support to SFCT. Donors receive tax deductions based on the fair market value of the property at the time of the gift and avoid capital gains tax on appreciated property.

Land and Conservation Easements: To date, landowners have entrusted SFCT with land and conservation easements valued at over \$58,000,000 in retired development rights. Gifts of land

or interest in land can often provide the donor with enhanced state and federal tax benefits.

Include SFCT in your Estate Planning: Planned giving is an especially appropriate and thoughtful way for you to reaffirm your commitment to the mission of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. Beyond supporting the SFCT mission and creating a lasting legacy, there are decided tax advantages to making a planned gift. Planned and deferred gifts, through appreciated stock, bonds, real property, bequests, trusts and insurance provide mutually beneficial giving opportunities. Through a variety of options, you can plan for your future and for ours. If you have already included SFCT in your estate plans, please let us know so that we may acknowledge and honor your gift.

Contact us at (505) 989-7019 for more information. **While we cannot offer tax advice**, we will work with your financial planner to help you explore new ways to make a gift that also takes into consideration your personal circumstances and, quite possibly, the needs of your heirs.



SFCT 2014 Timeline

January 23: Tim Rogers starts as SFCT Trails Program Manager

March 7: Dale Ball Day at Sierra del Norte Trailhead (the "Corral")

March 9-10: Banff Mountain Film Festival

May 6: Give Grande NM

May 23: Lowell Observatory Presentation

June 7: National Trails Day - Dorothy Stewart Trailhead

July 19: SFCT staff and board spend a day at Santa Fe Farmer's Market

August 20: Santa Fe Conservation Trust awarded accreditation from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission

September 1: Green Fire Times issue devoted to SFCT

September 1: SFCT partners with 2nd Street Brewery to launch Boneshaker Bitter

September 11: Nathan's Trace, recorded conservation easement

September 14: 13th annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner

September 16-21: LTA Rally Conference

November 12-14: Quivira Conference

December 29: Sun Mountain 2, recorded conservation easement



Tim Rogers, former state "Bike-o-crat"
Photo by Gail Ryba



Dale Ball Day (Charlie speaking, Dale and Sylvia Ball in lower right)



The Banff Film Festival came to Santa Fe at the Lensic Performing Arts Center



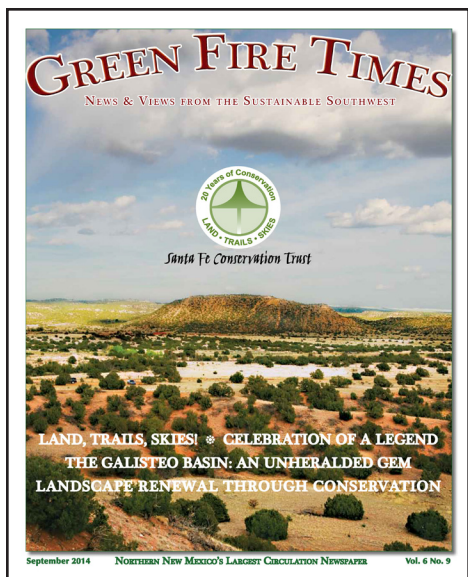
The Santa Fe Conservation Trust was awarded the official seal of accredited land trusts after a two-year application process and approximately five years of preparation.



Nathan's Trace CE in the Galisteo Basin



Sun Mountain II CE in Santa Fe



September 2014 issue of Green Fire Times



2014 Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner at the National Parks Building. Photo by Seth Roffman



Rod Tweet, Brewmaster at 2nd Street Brewery and Charlie O'Leary, Exec. Dir. of SFCT

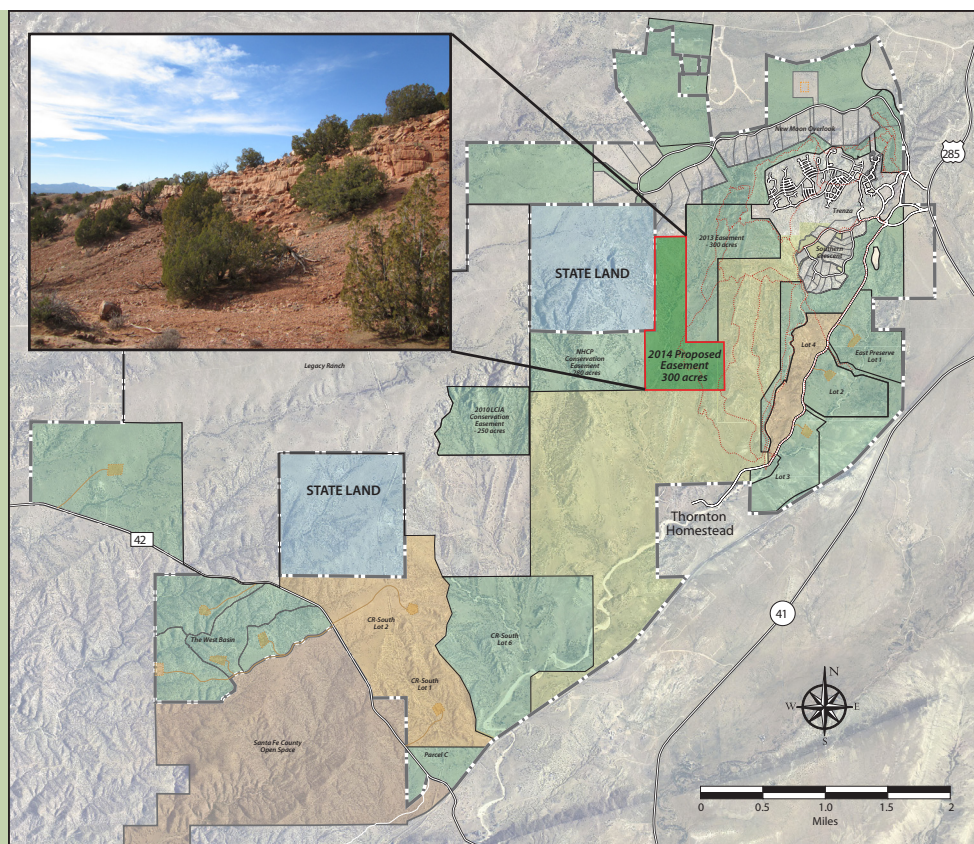


The Land Trust Alliance Rally conference in Providence, RI with newly accredited Land Trusts.

Nathan's Trace

*300 acres in the
Galisteo Basin Preserve*

The Nathan's Trace Conservation Easement is located within the central portion of the Galisteo Basin Preserve, a planned conservation development south of Santa Fe. The conservation easement protects scenic open space, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, and public recreation. The 300 acre conservation easement is situated directly between two existing conservation easements, the 2011 Galisteo Spring and the 2013 Diablo Ridge. Over one mile of public trail is currently on the property with additional trails planned in the future.



Map: the Galisteo Basin Preserve. Visit www.galisteobasinpreserve.com

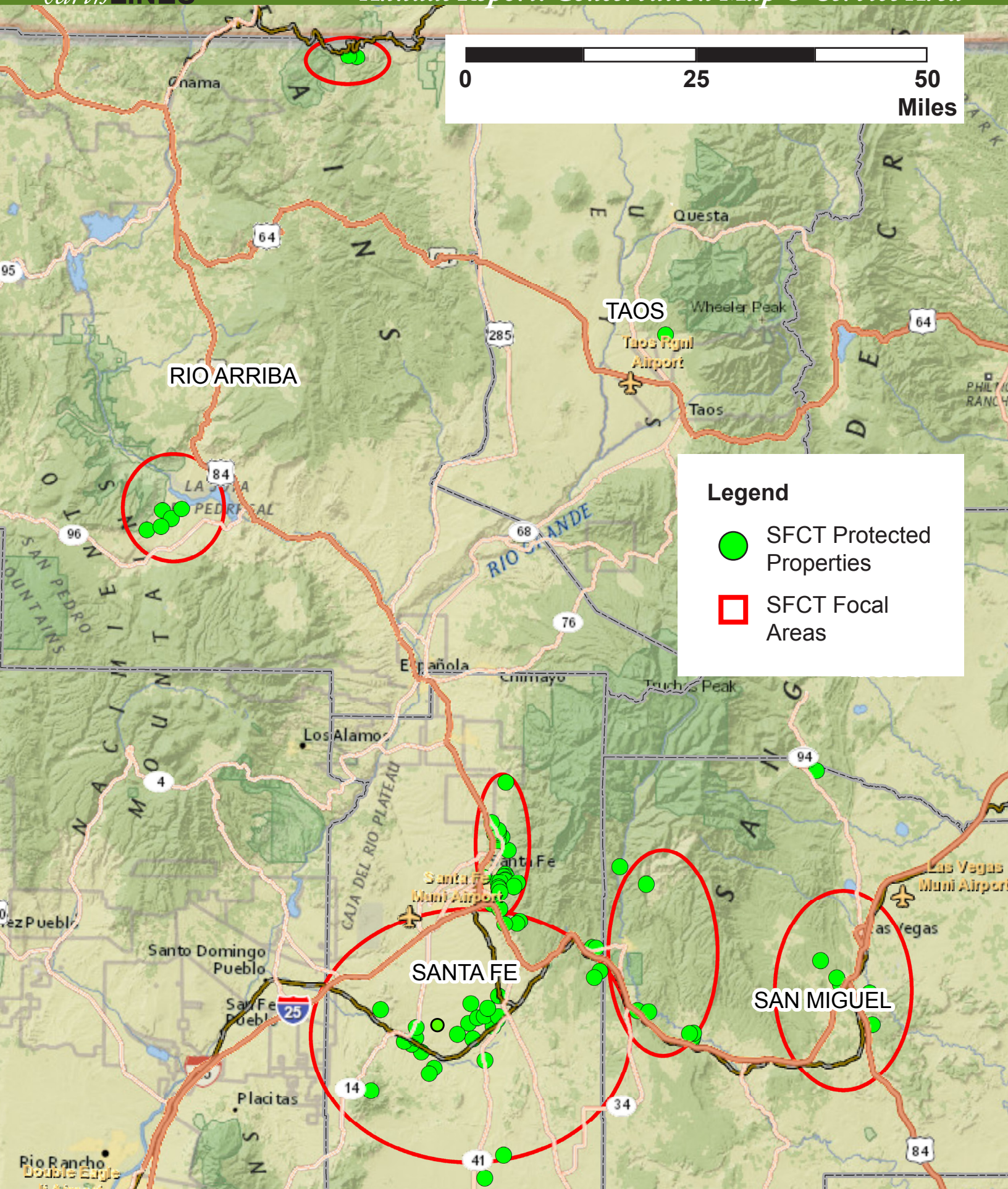
Sun Mountain 2

*10.5 acres in the
Santa Fe Foothills*

Sun Mountain is an iconic summit on the east side of Santa Fe. When a project to fully develop this land was proposed by a local developer in 2009, more than five thousand Santa Fe residents from all over the city signed a petition opposing the project because of its impact on open space and scenic enjoyment. The landowners, the Trust for Public Land, and the community came together to purchase the land from the developer in a campaign known as Save Sun Mountain. With funds raised by the community, TPL donated a conservation easement to SFCT in 2010 and donated the fee to the City of Santa Fe to create the Sun Mountain Community Trailhead. The landowners purchased two lots from the developer that are adjacent to the City trailhead. This portion of the mountain, which would have been heavily impacted if developed to its full potential with approximately 10 homes, is preserved by the conservation easement donated to SFCT by the landowners and restricts the development of these two lots to one home each.



Deer on Sun Mountain. Photo by Gina Phillips-Lohne. Photo upper right by Maggie Muchmore



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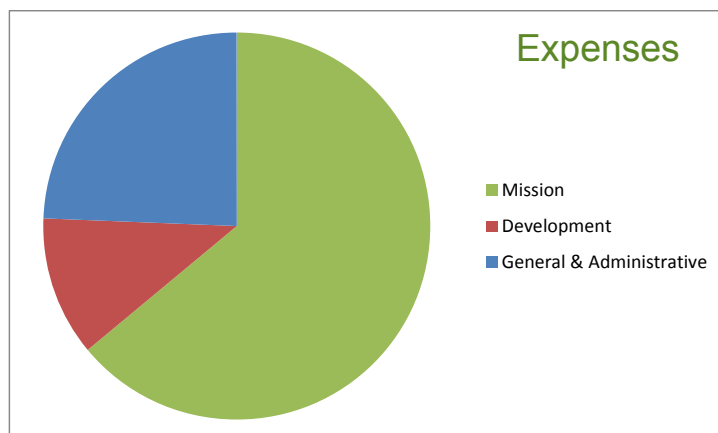
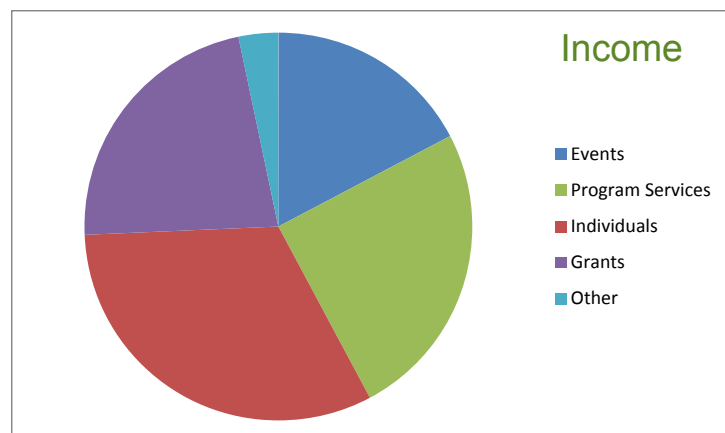
ASSETS

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Current Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	550,812	572,645
Receivables	35,849	32,111
Other Current Assets	11,743	9,888
Total Current Assets	598,405	614,644
Property & Equipment		
Fee Land	7,947	7,947
Fixed Assets	34,939	16,112
Accumulated Depreciation	-16,011	-12,946
Total Property & Equipment	26,876	11,113
Other Assets		
Board Restricted Defense Fund	188,585	140,068
Stewardship & Monitoring Fund	262,088	281,832
Total Other Assets	450,673	421,900
TOTAL ASSETS	1,075,953	1,047,657

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

	Dec. 31, 2014	Dec. 31, 2013
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	9,704	6,738
Other Current Liabilities	15,395	11,812
Total Liabilities	25,099	18,551
Net Assets		
Restricted/Designated	450,673	421,900
Unrestricted	578,434	362,692
Net Income	21,748	244,515
Total Net Assets	1,050,854	1,029,107
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	1,075,953	1,047,657

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