

# Santa Fe Conservation Trust





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\* Cover photo: Wetlands in Jacona, NM placed under conservation easement in 2015 (see page 9). Photos of Jacona by Unique Places, LLC

View of the pond in the courtyard of the historic National Park Service building at the 2015 Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner. Photo by Linda Carfargno.

## Dear Conservation Enthusiasts,

The Santa Fe Conservation Trust benefits from an engaged board and a dedicated and impassioned staff. We are a tenacious organization that pulls more than our own load. In our 23 year history, we have cultivated a well-earned reputation for successful land conservation and extensive collaboration with an eye to the future and our community. Our work in 2015 with the Railyard Park & Plaza and the Grand Unified Trail System are dramatic evidence of these qualities in action.

As we appreciate and celebrate all of our past accomplishments, we look to the new opportunities that await us in 2016 and beyond. We will continue to work to ensure that we live up to our promise to protect the land you love and enhance sustainable recreational opportunities. With your continued support, together, we will do great things.



Railyard Park & Plaza (see page 8). Photo by Don Usner



Grand Unified Trail System (see page 11)

All the Best,

Melissa Rardeahton Houser Interim Executive Director









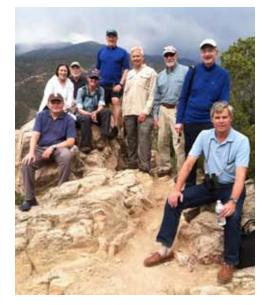
Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner (see page 13). Drawing by Pat Oliphant.



Local trail-users tests the newly constructed bridge near Calle Lorca Park.



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



Visiting representatives of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA) atop Picacho Peak.

January

February

March

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May

June

## February 16

Re-construction of Southridge Park bridge with SFFTS

## February 18

"Vista del Freeway" Trail Work Day

#### March 6

Dale Ball Day celebration at Sierra del Norte Trailhead, with guided hike to Dale Ball Trails



March 9 - 10
SFCT hosts the
Banff Mountain Film Festival

## March 25

SFCT acquires Railyard Park and Plaza conservation easement from the Trust for Public Lands



#### March 26

SFCT acquires Thornton-Wells conservation easement from the Trust for Public Lands

## April - May:

Construction of Flow Trail, La Tierra Trails, with SFFTS

## April 22

SFCT Earth Day Celebration

## May - November:

Conservation easement property monitoring visits

## May 2

SFCT leads visiting LTA dignitaries on hike in Dale Ball Trails

## May 9

South Side Community Cruise

## **May 15**

Bike-to-Work Day celebration at the Railyard

## May 19 - 20

SFPS Field Trips to Dale Ball Trails

#### June 6

National Trails Day, Railyard Community Cruise



A fourth-grader from El Camino Real Academy takes in the view at Two-Mile Pond.



Property manager Rowdy Robinson at the Udall Dinner. Photo by Linda Carfagno.



**Exuberant Santa Fe Public Schools students** on a field trip to La Tierra Trails.

July

## August

## September

## October

## November December

June - July:

Field Trips for City Summer Campers

June - Oct.:

Dale Ball Trail Work Days



August 27 SFCT recorded the Galisteo **Basin Preserve Conservation** Ranch #1 conservation easement

## September 14

14th Annual Stewart Udall Dinner

## September 19

SWAN Park opening, cross town **Community Cruise** 

## September 26

National Public Lands Day, Atalaya Trail Work Day

## October 8 - 10

Land Trust Alliance Rally in Sacramento, CA

## October 16

Tierra Contenta Trail Work Day with Capital HS Outdoors Club

## October 27

SFCT records a conservation easement in Jacona

#### October - November:

SFPS Field Trips to La Tierra **Trails** 

## October - December:

Atalaya, La Tierra Trail Work Days

## **November 11 - 13**

SFCT participates in the 2015 Quivara Coalition Conference

#### December 1

SFCT's annual party and volunteer celebration at the Santa Fe Women's Club

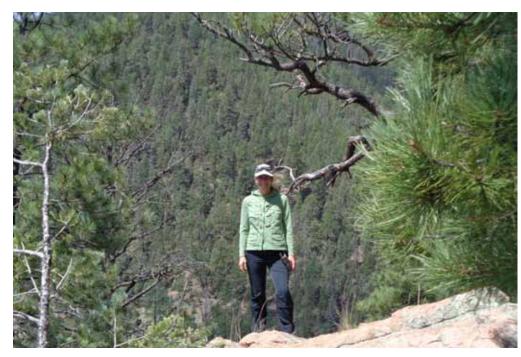


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## **STEWARDSHIP**

A perpetual relationship

onservation easements are permanent and, as such, SFCT responsible for ensuring that the conservation values of each property as set forth in the deed of conservation easement are protected forever; including, but not limited to: agricultural, cultural, and historical resources, wildlife habitat, scenic open space, and public recreation. Stewardship Program assures that the landowner's wishes, the land trust's responsibilities, and the public trust can be defended in a court of law. This is accomplished in a variety of ways:



Melissa on a 2015 monitoring visit to a conservation easement in Pecos

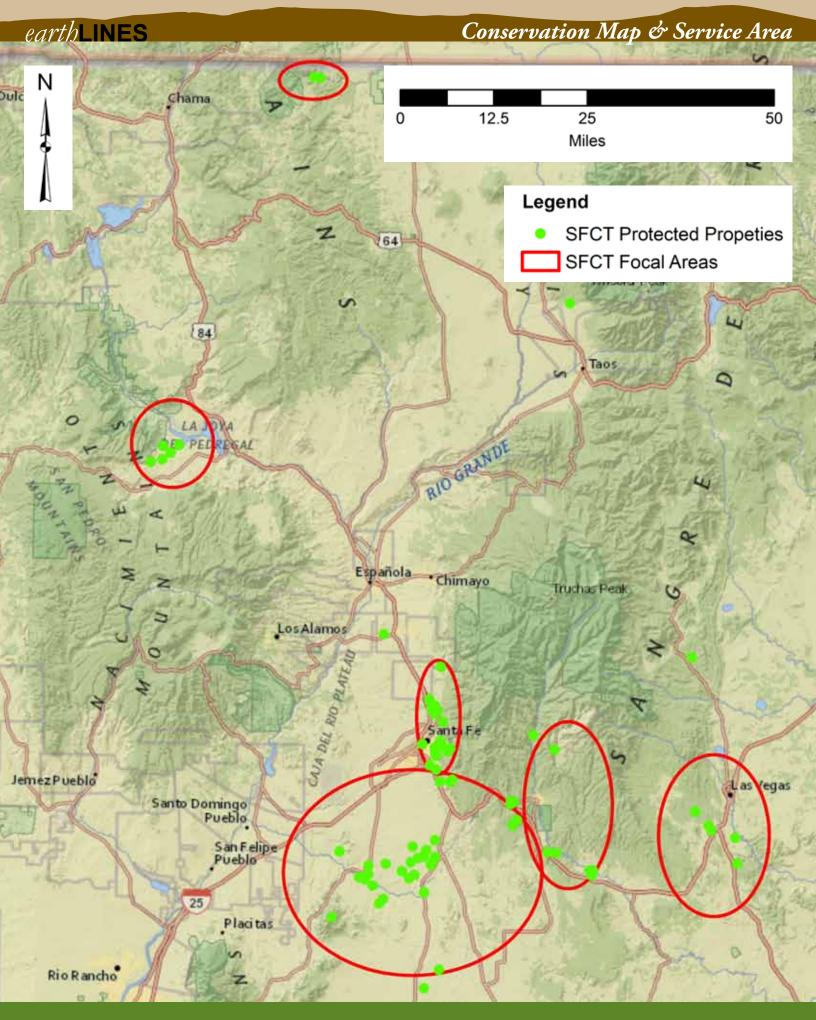
- Annual monitoring of each conservation easement is conducted by SFCT staff and dedicated volunteers. The current status of the property and any changes are documented in a detailed report, GPS, and photos. While it is our largest commitment of time and resources as an organization, it provides an opportunity to answer landowner's questions, provide critical information and share the successes.
- Our stewardship and conservation coordinator, Melissa Houser, maintains regular contact with landowners throughout
  the year and builds on her relationships with them. This includes addressing questions and concerns, interpretation of
  and their ability to exercise any rights they may have reserved, such as building a residence or a wildlife drinker. Many
  landowners undertake projects that enhance the quality of their lands such as agricultural and habitat improvements,
  ecological restoration, and forestry management.



Flowers blooming in the Galisteo Basin

- SFCT complies with the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation standards and practices, the Internal Revenue Service's 990 reporting requirements and NM charitable organization requirements, reassuring landowners and supporters that SFCT operates at the highest standards to maintain the public trust.
- A Stewardship and Defense Restricted Fund is also maintained through contributions from landowners and other donors. This fund helps to defray some of the costs associated with monitoring the various easements and, should it become necessary, would be used to help legally defend the conservation easements. This is critical to ensuring that the conservation easements truly are perpetual.

It is a privilege to work with so many landowners and property managers who are committed stewards of their land. Our annual visits give us a chance to learn more about their history, family stories and plans for the future on these beautiful places we have preserved together.



#### **Conservation Easements**

Conservation easements are one of the most powerful, effective tools available for the permanent conservation of private land. The use of conservation easements has successfully protected thousands of acres of property in New Mexico - keeping land in private hands and generating significant public benefits. Each conservation easement is unique to the specific property, protecting values and intentions as directed by the landowner. Those conservation values or purposes may be scenic, open space, educational, wildlife habitat, unique natural or geological areas, recreational, cultural or historic. For example, a conservation easement on property containing rare wildlife habitat might prohibit all development whereas a conservation easement on a farm could allow continued farming and the possible addition of agricultural structures. These easements may apply to all or a portion of the property, restricting any construction on the easement in its entirety or containing it to one portion of the property, known as a building envelope. Once the deed of the conservation easement is recorded, SFCT assumes a legal responsibility for ensuring that the terms of the conservation easement as set forth in the deed are followed by the current and future owners, thus protecting that land in perpetuity.



## Railyard Park & Plaza

15.7 acres in downtown Santa Fe



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 assumed 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. 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 help ensure that the Railyard Park and Plaza are maintained in perpetuity as a park and community gathering place, in a dynamic, multi-organizational structure that also includes an active rail line and multi-use rail trail.

## **Thornton Wells**

45 acres in the Galisteo Basin



Located in the Galisteo Basin, this 45 acre conservation easement was historically part of the larger Thornton Ranch. Because of its unique location, the property is prime habitat for large mammalian species including mule deer and pronghorn antelope as well as medium sized mammals such as coyote, gray fox and bobcat are common in the area. Small mammals such as rabbit, gophers and woodrat are also widespread, as are native avian and reptilian species. Arroyos in surrounding areas serve as significant wildlife corridors as animals migrate across the Galisteo Basin.

## Jacona Wetland

13.4 acres in Pojoaque

Preserving this wetland and irrigated pasture along the Rio Pojoaque in perpetuity was the dream of the landowners, who donated this 13.4 acre parcel to the Santa Fe Conservation Trust in October, 2015. The surface diversion water rights from the Acequia Ancon de Jacona are permanently tied to the property, protecting these water rights forever. Wetlands make up only about 0.6% of land area in New Mexico. However, up to 85% of all species depend upon these ecosystems at some point during their life span. These wetland ecosystems provide



numerous benefits for the human population as well, helping to lessen the impacts of floods and droughts, thus stabilizing water supplies, improving water quality by filtering out pollutants and sediment, recharging aquifers and wells, providing opportunities for recreation, hunting, and fishing, opportunities for education, and even serve places of spiritual and cultural significance.

## **Conservation Ranch 1**

321 acres in the Galisteo Basin

Historic resources on this 321-acre conservation easement include a well-preserved section of the New Mexico Central Railway bed, also known as the Kennedy Line, which runs north and south and bisects the property. The New Mexico Central Line ran from 1903 to 1929 and was an important connection between Torrance and Santa Fe. The Kennedy Depot was located just southwest of the property where the railway bed intersects the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway.



The New Mexico Central Rail bed area on the property will eventually be developed as part of a larger regional trail system for hiking, bicycling, equestrian, and other non-motorized uses. Such trail development will preserve the historic rail corridor and open the area for recreational users.

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## SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST TRAILS PROGRAM

Trails and public access to conserved lands have been a focus of the Trust since our earliest work in the foothills east of Santa Fe. This focus has developed into a Trails Program that today includes "Trail Volunteer Coordinator" services to maintain, promote, plan, and build natural surface trails for the City of Santa Fe; coordinating the development of a Grand Unified Trail System (GUTS) with a wide variety of public and private partners in the Santa Fe area; adopting the Atalaya Trail to maintain on behalf of the Santa Fe National Forest; and implementing a "Passport to Trails" program with support from the City, the S.L. Gimbel Foundation, and the Lineberry Foundation, to get local youth out on our wonderful trails.



Tim Rogers, Trails Program Manager



Trail volunteers Steve Washburn and Mike EauClaire on Dale Ball Trails.

## TRAIL MAINTENANCE

In 2015, SFCT staff organized and supervised 30 trail maintenance events on the Atalaya Trail or on City Trails, including Dale Ball Trails, La Tierra Trails, Tierra Contenta, and other city trails and parks, drawing from a volunteer base that includes members of the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe as well as specific trail user groups and school groups. The Trails Program Manager coordinated 25 more work days led by Santa Fe Fat Tire Society to build the one-mile-long La Tierra Trails "Flow Trail" in April and May of 2015. Additional volunteer time at promotional events and carrying the "Google Trekker" camera on our area's trails - on behalf of TOURISM Santa Fe - brings the grand total to over 1,600 hours of community labor coordinated by SFCT for the year.

## PASSPORT TO TRAILS

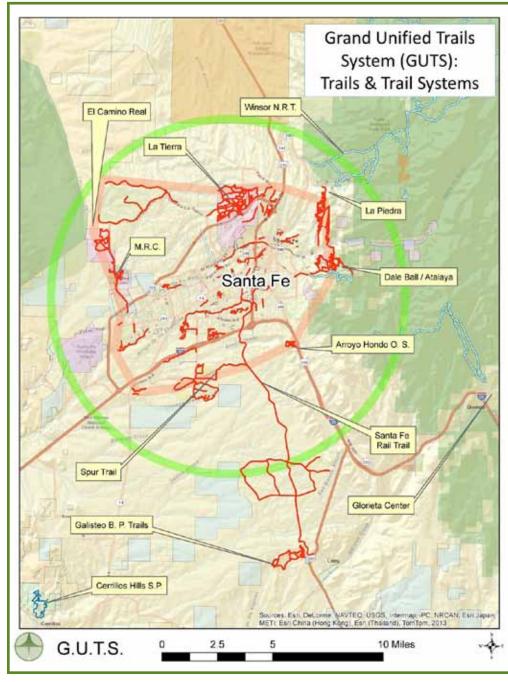
SFCT's efforts to promote our area's trails under the full rollout of the "Passport to Trails Program" in 2015 included eighteen field trips to Dale Ball and La Tierra Trails for 4th and 5th Graders and for City Summer Campers. Add in parents and teachers from El Camino Real Academy and Nina Otero Community School, and a trail work day for Capital High School's "Outdoors Club," and the number of participants reached over 360 in 2015 - nearly tripling the previous year's level, thanks primarily to new support from the Lineberry Foundation. SFCT also organized and led ten community hikes, bicycle rides, and other celebrations in 2015 to showcase our area's wonderful trails and open space.



"Passports to Santa Fe's Foothill Trails" in hand! Photo by Sara Castillo.

## **GRAND UNIFIED TRAIL SYSTEM**

SFCT also provides assistance with planning and design for City trails in particular as well as for the development of a "Grand Unified Trails System" (GUTS) in the greater Santa Fe area. By year's end, the GUTS planning effort enjoyed the endorsement of over a dozen partners, including user groups, land managers, volunteer organizations, and public health, pursuing a shared vision of an inter-connected network of natural-surface trails around Santa Fe. Working closely with the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society and the National Park Service's River, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, SFCT coordinates the GUTS effort through the financial support of the Larsen Fund.



**GUTS Conceptual Map - May-2015** 

## Thank You 2015 Trail Volunteers!

Margaret Alexander David Arbuckle Brent Bonwell Carol Branch Kerry Brock Pat Brown Reid Burgess

Capital High School Students (10)

Paul Cooley Mike EauClaire John Evaldson Mickey Fong Russell Fory Tim Fowler

Dean Fry Gretchen Grogan Anna Hargreaves Dimid A. Hayes

Kenneth Howard Jeff Hyloh Bill Johnson Henry Lanman

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#### **Committee Members**

Margaret Alexander, *Trails*Brad Holian, *Land*Frank Katz, *Governance*Stephen Post, *Land*Laurel Savino, *Development*Christopher Thomson, *Land*Steve Washburn, *Trails* 

## **Staff**

Melissa Pardeahton Houser Interim Executive Director

Tim Rogers *Trails Program Manager* 

Mary Pat Butler Executive Assistant

McAllister Yeomans *Office Manager* 

## Office Volunteers & In-Kind

A-1 Self Storage, Murray Brott Max Jacobsson Jules Wheaton

## **Lucas Conley**

SFCT's newest board member

An attorney with a decade of experience as a journalist and author, Lucas moved to Santa Fe in 2006 and immediately fell in love with the culture, geography, and climate of New Mexico. An avid trail runner, backpacker, and skier, it was only a matter of time before he began volunteering with the Trust's trails subcommittee and the local Trails Alliance, writing articles about trails for the Santa Fe New Mexican, and promoting laws and policies that



benefit outdoor recreation throughout New Mexico. While he spends the majority of his free time with his wife, native Santa Fean Laura Comeau, he spends the rest of it backpacking through the National Forests and Parks.

## Stewart Udall Dinner Volunteers & In-Kind Donors

This event couldn't happen without you. Thanks so much!

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## STEWART UDALL LEGACY DINNER

Honoring the landowners who preserve the land we all love

The fall air was warm, with L the waning Santa Fe sunlight reflecting off the adobe walls as 250 guests filtered into the courtyard of the National Parks Service Building. And so began the 14th Annual Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner held September This year the Santa Fe 13, 2015. Conservation Trust acknowledged our many landowners and honored the ranch hands and property managers who provide so many behind-thescenes services, acting as the eyes and the ears of the Trust in between our annual stewardship monitoring visits.





Specialty cocktails by Santa Fe Spirits, craft beer from Second Street Brewery, barbeque fare by Cowgirl Catering, pre-dinner music by David Geist and post-dinner foot-stomping tunes by Half Broke Horses added to an enchanting and unforgettable event.

All photos of the 2015 Stewart Udall Legacy Dinner are by Linda Carfagno.

## Many Thanks to our Sponsors:

Strickling Ranch Partners, LLC Anne and Michael George Lannan Foundation David and Pam Fleischaker Thornburg Investment Management Charmay Allred Peter & Honey Chapin Land Rover Santa Fe Los Alamos National Bank Rogoff Dental Group Linda Saurage Rothstein Law Firm **Bob and Connie Bright** Century Bank First National Santa Fe Leatherwood Foundation Carson and Marsha See Sylvan/Laureate Foundation Lore Thorpe John W. and Cecelia A. **Norman Family Foundation** 

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## BEST OF LUCK CHARLIE!

Tn 2008, the Santa Fe Conservation ▲Trust contracted Charlie O'Leary as a part-time Conservation Program Coordinator and by the end of 2010, he assumed the position of Executive Director of the organization. In the span of seven years, he led the organization to new heights. Twenty eight new conservation easements were secured, Land Trust Accreditation was achieved, the La Piedra Trail was negotiated and constructed, the Passport to Trails field trips for Santa Fe school children was implemented and the Grand Unified Trails System initiative was launched. In his affable manner, Charlie touched the lives of all the staff, volunteers, conservation landowners, supporters, partners, and board members in a unique and meaningful way. We wish Charlie all the best as he embarks on his next adventure-- O'Leary Built Bicycles.



"Charlie O'Leary brought to the Santa Fe Conservation Trust a new level of professionalism and purpose. In his matter of fact, good-natured style, he instituted enduring levels of support for the Trust's admirable mission. It was a true pleasure working on the Board of an organization he ran. I wish him all the best in the future."

~ Tom Simons, Former SFCT Board Member

"Charlie has been a source of pride for those of us who have worked with the SFCT. He represented the Trust with confidence and a clear vision. His smile and easy manner will be missed both at the Trust and in the Santa Fe community. I wish him the very best with his new adventure."

~ Connie Bright, Former SFCT Board Chair

"Charlie has a way of making a difficult project seem possible: don't get impatient or discouraged, just keep plugging along until it happens. This occurred over and over again as we planned and advocated for trails whether it was building new ones or maintaining old favorites. Charlie's even-tempered outlook kept us on track, without making tempers flare. He's not in a hurry, which turns out to be the fastest and easiest way to get a project completed."

~ Margaret Alexander, Former SFCT Board Member, Trails Alliance of Santa Fe

"Charlie has followed in the footsteps of our founder, Dale Ball, & has led the Trust in growing our network of local trails."

~ Bill Johnson, SFCT Board Member, Trails Committee Chair

"It was always very comforting having Charlie at the helm of the Trust. His confident, intelligent leadership, and the energy he brought to the task, left me feeling totally assured that we were on the right track and things were under control."

~ Richard Hughes, SFCT Board Member, Land Committee Chair

"Throughout our collaboration with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Charlie distinguished himself as a consummate professional. A passionate and effective advocate for land and community values, Charlie pursued his work with intelligence, grace and humor. His skill and service to the conservation community of northern New Mexico will be long-remembered and celebrated!"

~ Ted Harrison, Commonweal Conservancy



## SUPPORT OUR WORK

Ways to Give

As a community-based nonprofit, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust depends almost entirely upon the support of individuals, businesses, foundations and volunteers. Donors to the Santa Fe Conservation Trust provide essential support for our stewardship of land, protection of wildlife habitat, streams, forests, rivers, grasslands, night skies and trails—and help us inspire a new spirit of stewardship throughout our northern New Mexico communities. We are not a membership organization, but we do strive to make every donor experience the joy of being part of something significant. Every nickel, every in-kind donation, every word of support and every minute of volunteer time benefits the present and future of our conservation work.



photo by Billy Johnson

#### Checks, Money Orders and Credit Cards:

Checks and money orders can be sent to us at Post Office Box 23985, Santa Fe, NM 87502-3985. Credit cards may be used by either clicking the "Donate" button on our website (www.sfct.org) or by calling the SFCT office at (505) 989-7019.

Small monthly gifts can have a significant impact to protect the places you love! A small monthly gift can add up and make a big difference. You can choose to participate in a monthly gift program and have a monthly donation automatically processed—completely tree-free! It's convenient, it reduces paperwork and it reduces our cost which means more of your donation goes to our programs.

#### **Matching Gifts:**

Many corporations and businesses will match donations made by their employees (both current and retired). Matching gifts can often double, or even triple, the original value of the gift. If you are interested in pursuing a match from your company, please check with their human resources department or personnel office for details.

#### Gifts in Kind:

Individuals and businesses have been very supportive of SFCT's mission by offering products, discounted goods, services and other in-kind gifts that have been of great value to SFCT's day-to-day operations, special events and care of our properties.

#### Gifts of Land:

Giving your land to the Santa Fe Conservation Trust is among the most generous legacies you can leave to future generations. It can provide you with many benefits as well. Donating land can:

- Ensure permanent protection of your property through the use of a conservation easement;
- Provide you with a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the land (read detailed information on tax incentives for donating land);
- Eliminate capital gains tax on appreciated value, otherwise payable if you sold the land;
- Remove the property from your taxable estate;
- Release you from the expense and responsibility of managing the property; and
- Provide long-term financial support for SFCT.

#### **Planned Giving:**

Perhaps you choose to live in New Mexico or spend time here because the land inspires you. Maybe you feel connected to the land through family memories, a hiking trail, or the view of uninterrupted forest from your favorite mountain peak.

As you think about the past and ponder your vision for the future, you may be considering how you can make a significant difference in conserving what makes New Mexico so special—its picturesque landscape and its cultural heritage.

While planned gifts take many forms, they are the result of careful planning and an intention to make a lasting gift. These could include bequests made in a will, naming SFCT as a life insurance beneficiary, or using tax-wise giving options such as charitable gift annuities or remainder trusts. We suggest that you talk to your tax advisor or attorney as an important first step in the planned giving process.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these giving options or if you would like to make a donation, please contact:

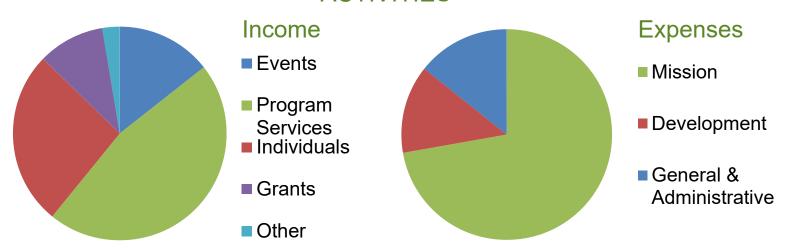
#### **Melissa Houser**

Interim Executive Director Phone: (505) 989-7019 Email: melissa@sfct.org The Santa Fe Conservation Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Contributions are deductible to the full extent of applicable tax regulations. Please be sure to consult with your financial and legal advisors regarding your donations and estate planning.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	Dec. 31, 2015	Dec. 31, 2014		
Current Assets				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	158,988	427,937		
Receivables	16,333	35,849		
Other Current Assets	11,752	9,959		
Total Current Assets	187,073	473,745		
Property & Equipment				
Fee Land	7,947	7,947		
Fixed Assets	25,411	34,939		
Accumulated Depreciation _	-9,218	-16,011		
Total Property & Equipment	24,140	26,876		
Other Assets				
Deposits	1,784	1,784		
Investment Account	669,086	122,875		
Board Restricted Defense Fund	0	188,585		
Stewardship & Monitoring Fund	230,954	262,088		
Total Other Assets	907,570	575,332		
TOTAL ASSETS	1,113,237	1,075,953		
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS Liabilities	Dec. 31, 2015	Dec. 31, 2014		
Accounts Payable	5,579	9,704		
Other Current Liabilities	15,591	15,395		
Total Liabilities	21,170	25,099		
Net Assets	,	,		
Restricted/Designated	540,329	450,673		
Unrestricted	510,526	578,434		
Net Income	41,212	21,748		
Total Net Assets	1,100,067	1,050,854		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	1,113,237	1,075,953		

## **ACTIVITIES**



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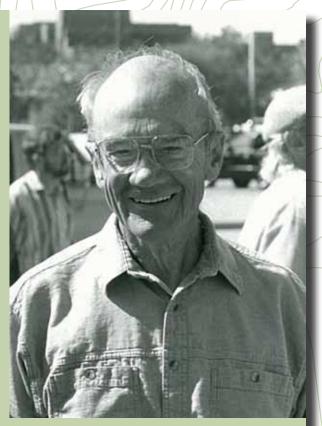
Dale was known for his talent as an articulate and masterful negotiator who was stunningly successful at turning his ideas into reality by collaborating with others to achieve his visionary goals. As the first Executive Director of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, from 1993-1999, he closed on almost 30 conservation easements, preserving 18,112 acres - a total land area greater than similar land trusts in Texas and Arizona combined. Arrangements were made for more than a dozen miles of a Rail Trail paralleling the train tracks running from downtown Santa Fe to the village of Lamy. Key segments of the Historic Santa Fe Trail were protected. Plans for trails near the new bypass Highway 599 were laid.

"What Dale Ball has accomplished in six short years is nothing short of amazing. He deserves the thanks of the entire community."

~ Stewart Udall

Reflecting on his work with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust and the Dale Ball Trail System, Dale said:

"I had a dream that Santa Fe would become a hiking center."



Dale Ball, circa 1998