

# High Voltage Transmission Line Proposed

by Patrice Brasie

A proposal to construct an energy transmission system through portions of New Mexico and Arizona was introduced to the public through a series of scoping meetings recently conducted by the New Mexico State Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The BLM is in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement

(EIS) for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, which could affect several New Mexico counties including Lincoln, Socorro, Sierra, Dona Ana, Luna, Grant and Hidalgo.

The purpose of the EIS is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts caused by the erection of a 460-mile, overhead, 500-kilovolt transmission line across federal, state and private lands. The EIS will be used by the BLM

to form its decision on the issuance of rights-of-way permits for the proposed transmission lines.

The proposed route of the transmission line would be from a substation in western Lincoln County to southwest of Socorro, then south past Elephant Butte and Truth or Consequences and down to Deming. The lines would then run west to Lordsburg and on into Arizona.

During a July 8<sup>th</sup> scoping

meeting in Carrizozo, Realty Specialist and Project Manager for the BLM, Adrian Garcia, told *The News* that portions of New Mexico are very well suited for the generation of wind and solar energy, and the proposed transmission lines would eventually carry primarily power generated by renewable resources. The lines would be used to deliver energy to portions of Arizona and southern California, he said.

Jan Calkins, Public Affairs representative for the Phoenix, Arizona, consulting group Copper State and representing SunZia at the Carrizozo meeting, said that the sub-

station in western Lincoln County would eventually connect to wind generators in the northern part of the state. Another substation would likely be located somewhere east of

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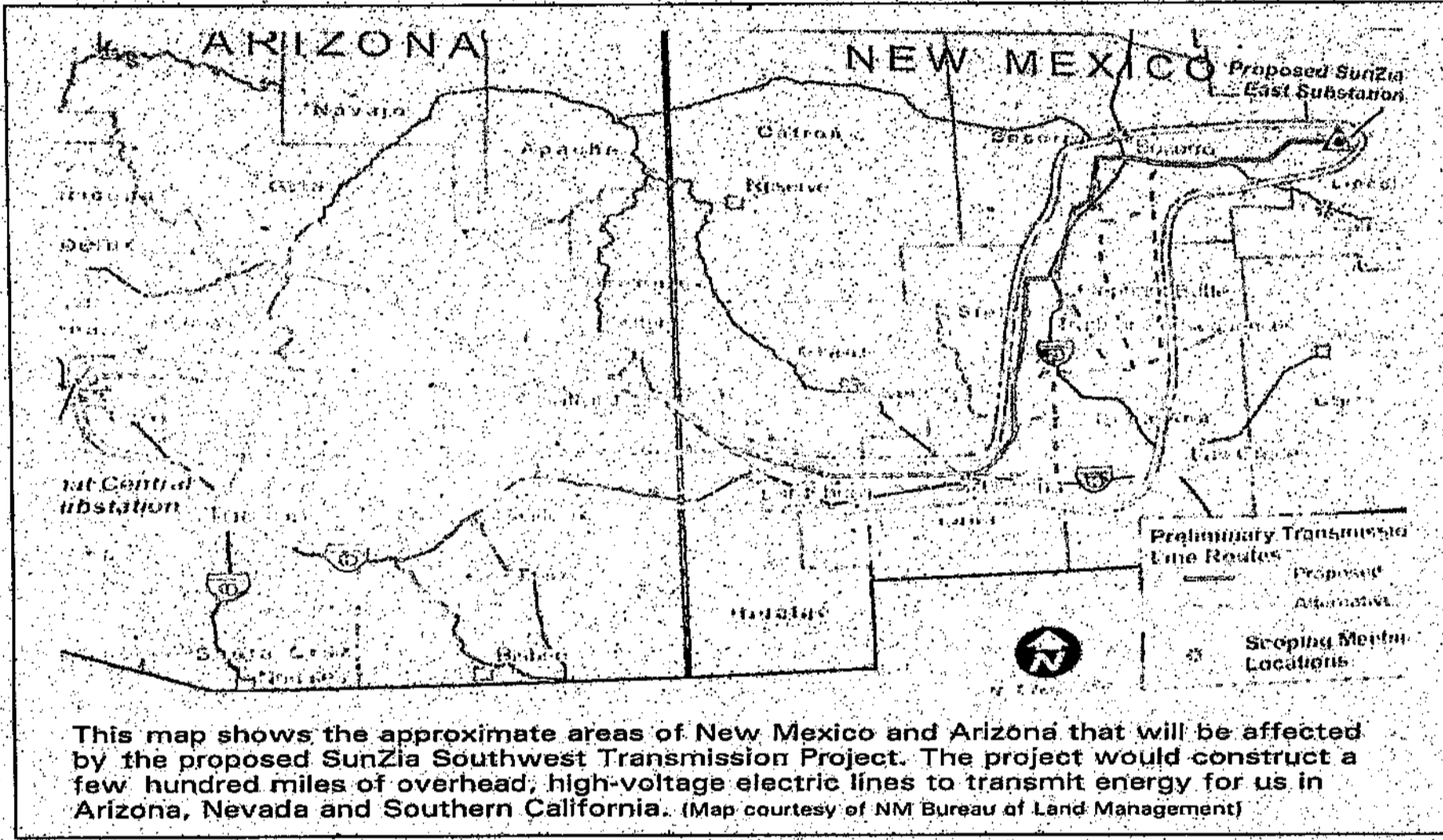
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This map shows the approximate areas of New Mexico and Arizona that will be affected by the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Project. The project would construct a few hundred miles of overhead, high-voltage electric lines to transmit energy for us in Arizona, Nevada and Southern California. (Map courtesy of NM Bureau of Land Management)

## County Opts Out of Hotline Agreement

by Patrice Brasie

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, in May, heard a request for funding from an organization called Nurse Advice New Mexico that wanted some help with paying for a 24-hour telephone hotline. The hotline service, started in 2006 and based in Albuquerque, connects people having a medical question, at any time of the day or night, with a nurse who may be able offer advice.

According to former county indigent healthcare coordinator Rhonda Burrows, currently a member of the Access to Care Committee of the Community Health Council, and Connie Florenzo, program director for Nurse Advice New Mexico, most healthcare insurance programs provide access to nurse advice through toll-free hotline services. Funding from Lincoln County would help cover the cost of providing the service to the uninsured, they explained.

The county commissioners agreed in May to fund the organization up to \$20,000 in the first year, but a few contractual issues had to be worked out before the agreement could be signed.

The contract with Nurse Advice New Mexico was again discussed during the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the county commissioners, but those contract issues still hadn't been resolved.

County manager Tom Stewart began the discussion of last week by explaining that the contract with Nurse Advice New Mexico was unacceptable for several reasons. Under the agreement, Nurse Advice New Mexico would not indemnify the county from issues that might arise because

of advice provided by that organization. Also at issue was a change in the original offer to let the county base funding on a per-call charge rather than a flat rate of \$20,000 per year.

Stewart said that former Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) administrator, Jim Gibson, had suggested that the hotline would likely not receive enough calls from Lincoln County to justify the \$20,000 cost and, based on a charge of eight dollars per call, the county should spend less than \$10,000 per year for the service.

"The attorney and I are recommending that you not approve the contract with the nurse advice hotline and that instead we consult the new Presbyterian LCMC administrator," Stewart said.

County attorney Alan Morel said that the nurse group's unwillingness to indemnify the county was a big problem.

"If you're sued for having provided this service, you're not going to be indemnified and held harmless," Morel said. He continued by explaining the problem with the \$20,000 annual funding amount.

"(Jim Gibson) highly recommended that we go with the \$8.25 per call option rather than the \$20,000 cap because he didn't think we'd come any where close to that the first

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## County to Set Road Review Policy and Fees

by Patrice Brasie

During the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners, Duane Williams of the Lincoln County Road Committee reported on four separate requests to close or vacate roadways within Lincoln County.

Such requests are not uncommon and often result in the county's legal abandonment of roads or alleys that have been platted years ago but never actually constructed. In cases where the county has actually expended funds for road improvements like grading, graveling, installing culverts, cattle guards and low water crossings, questions have been raised regarding possible contradictions of anti-donation issues when those roads are given back to property owners through the process of road vacation or abandonment.

Those issues are going to be reviewed and policies regarding the official abandonment of roads will likely be written in the near future.

In the not too distant past, the board of county commissioners has agreed to vacate roadways that most certainly included improvements paid for by taxpayers. In one instance a few years ago, the vacated roadway amounted to about three acres of land for which the county received no compensation. The culverts, gravel and cattle guards were simply given away as well.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, county attorney Alan Morel explained the need to update the county's policies and methods of dealing with requests for vacating roads.

"Pursuant to a request of this commission several meetings ago, you asked that I look into the legal ramifications of vacating and abandoning roads that may have some value to the county that we need to take into consideration so as not to violate the anti-donation clause," Morel said.

The attorney cited a case from western New Mexico that he said had been going on for about 10 years. He said the case involved a state highway that the state decided it didn't want anymore. The highway was given to the New Mexico Department of Game

and Fish, which also decided it did not want the road, so it was then passed on to the county, which didn't want the road either, Morel said.

"Ultimately, the road was just abandoned and vacated," he said. "The land owners that used to have access to federal and state lands for fishing and hunting filed suit and, to make a long story short, in 10 years of litigation there is a case that says you need to at least take into consideration what the value of the land is and that there are certain processes and procedures that you need to go

through in addition to the Road Review Committee to abandon and vacate lands.

"In that case, I think the amount was \$2,000," he added. "If the amount in question was less than that, then it could be abandoned and vacated with a certain procedure. If it's more than that, it may need an appraisal. I think we need to look at adopting a policy to determine what, if any, value there is in the land that's being vacated. There needs to probably be a fee for consider-

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### Thank You . . .

To everyone at the Valencia County News-Bulletin in Belen for the excellent help provided us during our stay there.

All good things usually end and this was one of those good things that sadly has run its course . . . made some good friends along the way and for that we are extra grateful.

Adios,

## Lincoln County News

## Capitan Public Library First Friday Adult Lecture Series

The free First-Friday adult lecture series at the Capitan Public Library for August will be held Friday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Herb Brunell with a photographic tour of New Zealand.

Herb Brunell will take us on a photographic trip of his travels in New Zealand. We will learn what he DID learn about this interesting country, AND what he should have learned, but didn't. Mr. Brunell is a self-taught photographer. As he shares about his travels he will teach us his approach to photography and the techniques he uses. First Friday Adult Lectures are sponsored by Capitan Public Library and are free of charge.

The public is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of learning and a time to get to know others in this area. If there are questions, call the library at 354-3035.

# County to Set Road Review

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ation to actually go out and do these road reviews," Morel said.

He asked the county commissioners to consider establishing a per-acre or per-square-foot fee for land abandoned by the county, and for the issuance of a quit claim deed to adjacent property owners.

"I think there needs to be a plat. I think there needs to be a legal description. I don't think it's fair for the county to have to go out and survey something before it can give away something to an adjacent

property owner," Morel said. "If the commission determines that the road is of such minimal value, we can still probably go ahead and vacate without any great fanfare, but if there's any existing improvement there, like a roadway, pavement, gravel, then I think that the commission has a duty to look at those improvements and take them into consideration when they abandon and vacate," he said.

The first of the four requests heard on July 21<sup>st</sup> was to abandon and vacate a portion of land within the right of way of Prospect Loop, a county maintained road in the Valley East Estates subdivision. A structure was built within the right of way many years ago, and the request was for the county to vacate the portion of the right of way on which the building sits, an area of less than 900 square feet in size.

The road review committee and Albert Hernandez, Lincoln County Road Supervisor, determined that the Prospect Loop right of way owned by the county was large enough to accommodate the property owner's request and still have enough land to widen the road, if traffic in the

area ever grew enough to justify doing so. The county commissioners agreed and approved the request.

The county commissioners also heard a request to close a portion of County Road EO43, Las Palas Road, near Arabela. Closing a road is different from vacating a road in that the county still owns the road after it has been closed, and can reopen the road in the future if a need is found to do so. In this case, the portion of the road requested to be closed lies entirely on private property and provides no access to other lands. The road passes by a private cemetery located on private property; the land owner agreed to provide an easement for access to the cemetery. The county commissioners approved the closure.

The third request heard by the county commissioners on July 21<sup>st</sup> was for the vacation of a road platted in White Oaks but never constructed. That request was also approved.

The final request presented by Williams was to vacate Sparrow Hawk Court in the Gavilan subdivision.

"The request was made to limit unauthorized traffic in the area at the end of Sparrow Hawk," Williams said. "I guess there's vandalism, parties, things of that nature that the owner, a developer, would like to limit."

The road in question is used to access five other lots within the subdivision, two of which would become isolated if the road were to be closed, Williams said.

"We did not see any reference to a revision of the subdivision plan to incorporate elimination of the road," Williams commented. "The road review committee recommends denial of this requested vacation."

Attorney Mike Runnells, representative of property owners in the Gavilan subdivision, said that all of the property owners on Sparrow Hawk Court requested the road be vacated so that they

could put up a gate to control access.

"Sparrow Hawk Court is an already platted road easement on the subdivision plat. We're not going to close the road to the property owners," Runnells said. "The property owners want this road to be in their control. The people at the end of this road have valuable livestock that they feel could be threatened by unauthorized access. The plat will simply convert from a county road to a private road," he said. "It's a short little cul-de-sac, but it's right off Gavilan. The kids go up there and party."

Morel said that vacating Sparrow Hawk Court would impact access to underground utility services along the road.

"I think that closure of the road would accomplish what you want," Morel told Runnells. "Maintain jurisdiction in the county. There is no easement that has been prepared to be filed in place of the vacated road so there would technically be no access. If we abandon and vacate it, it's no longer going to exist as an access," he said. "I believe, at the very least, if this is abandoned and vacated, there needs to be an easement providing access to those properties filed at the same time, so as not to land-lock anybody. A closure of the road would allow them to put up a gate with the county maintaining jurisdiction of the road," Morel explained.

Runnells said that he would have to consult with the property owners and requested that the item be tabled until the next meeting of the county commissioners.

The board of county commissioners agreed to table discussion of Sparrow Hawk Court.

## Bess Truman Persona Visiting Ruidoso Public Library on August 5th

Ok, not the REAL Bess Truman, but definitely the closest we will get to the persona of Bess Truman. On Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Archive Room at the Ruidoso Public Library, the public can meet Bess Truman, portrayed by Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlman.

The Chautauqua, which is an accurate portrayal of an historical persona, is called *Wild about Harry* and promises to delight the audience with Bess Truman's unconventional character.

An honest peek into the life of Bess Truman, from her Victorian "proper society" girlhood, through the determined pursuit by a farm boy named Harry for her hand in marriage, the performance relives high points through the Trumans' 50 years of marriage.

The Trumans visited New Mexico several times and the tales of their visits the audience will find relevant. The audience first meets Bess in 1918 sending Harry off to war. Then, the audience sees Bess 35 years later as she is in the White House the last week as First Lady.

The performer, Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlman, has created historical plays and one-woman shows since 1989. Kuhlman moved to New Mexico full-time in 2007. She currently is on the faculty at New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, but actually lives here in Ruidoso.

Enjoy the lunch hour with the exuberant and entertaining Bess Truman. The entertainment starts at noon, Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> in the Archive Room. Please feel free to bring your brown-bag program to enjoy during the program.

This Chautauqua is made possible by the New Mexico Humanities Council and the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs.

For information on the program, call the library at 258-3704. The Ruidoso Public Library is located at 107 Kansas City Road.



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 104th year of being in existence (1905-2009), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following article appeared in the Lincoln County News.

Thursday, August 16, 1962

## Rancher Objects to Farm & Livestock Bureau Proposal

NEW MEXICO FARM and LIVESTOCK BUREAU

To: Members of the Public Lands Committee and Grazing District Advisory Board Members  
Subject: Resolution Regarding Taylor Grazing Act Fees.

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution which was adopted at the meeting held by the Public Lands Committee of the N.M. Farm and Livestock Bureau and attended by members of the Grazing District Advisory Boards. This resolution is known as the Lee-Brownfield proposal and was adopted at the meeting held Tuesday, July 31 at the Alvarado Hotel in Albuquerque, and was later approved by the Board of Directors of the N.M. Farm and Livestock Bureau at their meeting.

In connection with the Farm Bureau action as taken, please note that Sec. 161713 (e) (14) of the Federal Range Code provides that local district boards may make recommendations on any recommendations made by local associations of stockmen in the district.

Sincerely,  
Powhatan Carter, Chairman

### PROPOSED RAISE IN TAYLOR ACT GRAZING FEES

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior is considering raising grazing fees, primarily for increased range improvement purposes, and

WHEREAS, From long use, experience and observation by many of our members, it is our conclusion that a more complete coverage and lasting results can and may be accomplished if a method is adopted which allows a division in the work as between the Bureau of Land Management, the Soil Conservation Service and the permittees

THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND That any raise in grazing fees be allotted to improvements, and developed in the following manner:

- 1.) The amount assessed against each permittee be expended by that permittee only on the federal land allotted for use as provided in the permit for range improvement and conservation work.
- 2.) That the Bureau of Land Management provide over-all guidance and supervision.
- 3.) That a memorandum of agreement be entered into between the Bureau of Land Management and the Soil Conservation Service whereby the Soil Conservation Service may provide all technical service.
- 4.) That the permittees do the kind of range improvement work each year prescribed by the Bureau of Land Management which meets the requirement, and covers the fee for that year, and each year thereafter.
- 5.) Where no range improvement is determined to be necessary, that the permittee pay the range improvement fee in cash.
- 6.) If these methods are put in effect, or similar ones, whereby the permittee may pay the raise in fee by doing range improvement work on his ranch unit, we make no objection to a raise in fee (equal to the annual grazing fee, or some other fixed fee, so long as it does not exceed the annual grazing fee.)
- 7.) Furthermore, we point out by obtaining assistance from the Soil Conservation Service all types of land, particularly State and fee grazing lands may be included in planning for beneficial and lasting results. And by using this method large expensive structures necessary to accommodate a watershed can be financed from the Secretary's range improvement fund and appropriated Soil and Moisture funds.

LETTER FROM L. D. MERCHANT OBJECTING TO F.B. PROPOSAL

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 -Corona Public Library story hour 4:00 p.m.

**THURSDAYS**  
 -Gambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mescalero. For information call Mike at 575-682-6200.

**FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS**  
 -Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**THIRD SATURDAY of EACH MONTH**  
 -American Legion Post #11 Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo 9 a.m.

**EACH FRIDAY**  
 -Al Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon at Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Bring lunch.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**  
 -Ruidoso Village Council workshop 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**  
 -Corona Library Board meeting 9:00 a.m.  
 -Portrayal of Bess Truman at Ruidoso Public Library 12 noon, bring your lunch.  
 -Lincoln County Planning Commission 1:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7**  
 -Free first Friday adult lecture at Capitan Public Library 7:00 p.m. Herb Brunnel photographic tour of New Zealand.

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Deiming, and would allow for other renewable energy sources to tie into the system in southern New Mexico.

A third substation is proposed near the New Mexico-Arizona state line. The fourth substation, at the end of the proposed transmission line project in western Arizona, would tie into the high-voltage grid connecting to Phoenix, Las Vegas and southern California.

SunZia is at the beginning of the process of acquiring access to land and rights-of-way for the project, a process which will probably take at least two years to complete.

"We're right now seeking permits in order to

construct the project," Calkins said. "We're seeking permits from the BLM, but that's just one part of the process. We'll also have to seek a permit called a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the New Mexico Public Regulatory Commission and the Arizona Corporations Commission," he said. "Then, of course, you get into other federal agencies and different permits that we're going to have to seek. We're crossing a number of counties, cities and towns, so you've got zoning issues and dozens and dozens of different types of permits, so when you add it all up, it's a very rigorous process," Calkins said.

The BLM will continue to seek public comments regarding the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Pro-

ject. Comments can be emailed to NMSunZiaProject@blm.gov. Garcia can be reached at (505) 438-7424.

## Recovery Projects for Forest Facilities and Trails Scheduled

The Lincoln National Forest is scheduled for local projects funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for Forest Facilities and Trails.

The projects are:

\$615,000 for phase I of the Mexican Canyon Trestle restoration project in Otero County. The funding will be used to complete restoration of half of the Mexican Canyon Trestle. This will include the replacement of rotted and missing timbers and the stabilization of six additional bents of 22 total bents. A bent is one section of the trestle comprised of vertical posts and the associated cross members supporting the track.

\$2,075 million for phase II of the Mexican Canyon Trestle restoration project in Otero County. Funding will complete restoration of the Mexican Canyon Trestle and construction of all elements of the Trestle Recreation area and viewing deck.

\$350,000 for the Lincoln National Forest Trail maintenance backlog. Funding will allow the forest to maintain 50-70 miles of trail and

install new or improved trail signs on all three ranger districts.

More than 178 million people visit the National Forests each year, while generating additional tourism and stimulating local economies.

Trail maintenance includes protecting soils and reducing erosion, along with clearing vegetation, controlling invasive species, and removing downed trees. Repairs and upgrades to trail head and parking areas will improve access and safety for trail users. All of this is labor-intensive work requiring skilled workers to be hired under ARRA.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act also directs the Forest Service to improve, maintain and renovate public and administrative facilities. As with the roads and trails system, there is currently a large backlog of maintenance needs for public facilities. Maintenance needs were identified through extensive studies of specific public facilities needed to support the primary outdoor activities that are best provided on the National Forests and grasslands.

Workers hired under ARRA will maintain facilities so that they contribute to safe, high quality outdoor experiences for citizens. Once work is completed these buildings will be more energy efficient, use less water, have a smaller environmental footprint and save taxpayer money.

Information on other Forest Service ARRA projects and related economic recovery can be found at: [www.fs.fed.us/economicrecovery](http://www.fs.fed.us/economicrecovery).

Please visit our website [www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln).

### LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Public Hearing during the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 6:00PM, City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the purpose of:

- Ordinance No. O2009-01 Increase in Judicial Education Fee.
- Ordinance No. O2009-02 Alarm System Ordinance
- Ordinance No. O2009-03 Nuisance Ordinance (Code Enforcement)

An agenda will be posted a minimum of 24 hours before the regular meeting.

Leann Weibrecht, CMC  
 Town Clerk/Treasurer  
 Town of Carrizozo

Posted: July 20, 2009  
 Time: 2:00PM

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### LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN 12TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. CV-09-276

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION OF ROBERTA L. FRANCK

FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF THE MINOR CHILD, DALTON J. HUTTO

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND NOTICE OF HEARING

COMES NOW the Petitioner and hereby gives notice that a Petition for Change of Name was filed in Lincoln County, New Mexico, on the 17th day of July, 2009, requesting that the Petitioner's minor child's name be changed from Dalton J. Hutto to Dalton J. Vega.

Furthermore, Petitioner hereby gives notice of a hearing on the Petitioner's Petition for Change of Name, which shall be held before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons at 1:15 p.m. on the 3rd day of September, 2009 at the County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, whereby the Petitioner will request the Court to sign the final Order changing the minor child's name from Dalton J. Hutto to Dalton J. Vega.

ROBERTA FRANCK  
 P.O. Box 411  
 Carrizozo, NM 88301  
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## Public Comments Requested On Forest Plan Amendment

The Lincoln National Forest is currently seeking public comments on Chapters 1 and 2 of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed Amendment to the Lincoln National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) for Unplanned Ignition for Resource Benefit.

The purpose of the amendment is to meet current Federal wildland fire management policy, direction, and terminology. As part of this proposal, forest management direction and both forest-wide and management area specific standards and guidelines would be amended to reflect changes in policy, direction, and terminology.

The amendment would apply to National Forest System lands within the proclaimed boundaries of the Lincoln National Forest in Lincoln, Otero, Chaves, and Eddy Counties, New Mexico.

If adopted, the amendment would change the current management options when addressing unplanned ignitions for resource benefit. The amendment allows for a broader application of this resource management tool in certain management areas. Unplanned ignitions are defined as being the initiation of a wildland fire by natural causes such as lightning and/or unauthorized and accidental human-caused fires.

Though the existing Forest Plan allows for un-

planned ignitions within many management areas, the current direction is too restrictive to allow for these types of fires to play an effective role as a natural disturbance regime influencing forest and woodland ecology and growth. The amendment would give forest and fire managers more flexibility in using natural caused fires in appropriate situations to reduce the build up of fuels, thin dense stands, improve wildlife habitat, and restore ecosystem function to the forest.

Copies of the environmental documentation are available at all four offices for the forest including: the Supervisor's Office, 3463 Las Palomas Road, Alamogordo, NM 88310, the Smokey Bear Ranger District, 901 Mechem, Ruidoso, NM, 88345, the Sacramento Ranger District, 4 Lost Lodge Road, Cloudcroft, NM, 88317, and the Guadalupe Ranger District, Federal Building Room 159, Carlsbad, NM, 88220. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call (575) 434-7200. The Lincoln National Forest website, at <http://www.fs.fed.us/lincoln> can also be accessed for copies of the environmental documents.

Comments are invited on this proposed amendment. This 15-day informal comment period ends August 8, 2009. Comments must be submitted to Jacqueline A. Buchanan, Forest Supervisor,

Lincoln National Forest. Comments may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and

hypertext markup language (.html) to [comments-southwestern-lincoln@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-lincoln@fs.fed.us). Comments may also be hand delivered weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the above stated address for the Supervisor's Office. Names and addresses of those who comment will become part of the public record.

After a review of the comments, it is anticipated that, a final EA, Decision Notice, and a Finding of No Significant Issues (FONSI) will be issued for the amendment sometime during September 2009. In compliance with the June 30, 2009, Northern District of California court ruling enjoining the Forest Service from implementing the 2008 Planning Rule, and the direction from national headquarters regarding which planning rule to move forward under (Deputy Chief's letter dated July 15, 2009), we will continue to work on this amendment using the procedures of the 1982 Planning Rule, as allowed by the transition language in the 2000 Rule. After a decision is made, the Forest will establish a 45-day administrative appeal period as described in the "Optional Appeal Procedures Available during the Planning Rule Transition."



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# Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Electronics Change Press Room

By Ruth Hammond

Think back 45 years to when computers were a dream but not a reality. Pencil and paper were the common ways to compute back then. Newspapers 45 years ago also had antiquated ways of doing things. Photos were taken with a large camera, often a Graflex type, film was developed and prints made, black and white of course, and when the photos were placed in newspapers they had to go through a process called screening. A screen similar to a window or door screen was placed over the photo and a picture was taken with the result being a series of dots that then could be printed in a newspaper as a photo. Not so today. Nowadays the electronic age has changed many things.

Electronics have invaded our entire lives, not just at work but at home as well. Vehicles have brains that tell when to check engine. Microwave ovens are a staple not a luxury in most homes. TVs have graduated from the old black and white sets that received signals from antenna stuck on roof tops. Desks at work hold computers and all sorts of electronic gear. And life continues to beep at us.

Maybe you haven't advanced with the computer age, as many of us haven't, but the electronic age is here. The new computers not only talk back to us, too often they refuse to obey simple commands. A similar situation is happening here in the News office. This issue contains the last of the old way of inserting screened photos. The new electronic process is a different learning experience.

Perhaps you were able to sit down at a computer and absorb all that was needed to learn new programs. If so, we congratulate you. Not everyone can do that quickly.

One person keeps telling us that it can't be that hard to learn a new computer program. Evidently that person has not faced a complete about face from the way things were done and have to develop new strategies and procedures.

Readers will not be aware of any differences in the News, because the end result will be much the same. The front page will contain photos, electronically placed, and the inside pages will not indicate the problems we have as we try to figure out how to get text and ads to be where we want them to be. If you are near the News office you might hear yelling and (\*&^#%\$ words, but that is all.

Although it will be a new procedure for us, about the only thing that can be said is that there is a drastic change in the press room. Electronics will prevail. The former dark room will no longer be a busy place on Wednesdays. Negatives will no longer be used. Opaquing will become a lost art. And paste up boards will be long forgotten.

Learning new things can be fun, as children in school know. Learning new things can also be frustrating until new skills are developed. However, letting go of some of the old ways of doing things can cause nostalgia and a few tears at times. Beware the electronics invasion..

EARL...



"HE SAYS HE SAVES GAS DOING HIS FARMING THAT WAY... BUT BY THE TIME HE MAKES A COMPLETE ROUND THE WEEDS HAVE ALREADY STARTED TO SPROUT"

Big Dry Syndicate



## WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The forecast for the upcoming week is daily chance of showers and thunderstorms at all elevations. Expect north winds 10 to 25 mph at all elevations.

Forecast for Carrizozo, the high plains of Lincoln County and the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, July 30, the 211<sup>th</sup> day of 2009  
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 88, breezy, with a north wind 20 to 25 mph becoming east 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 61, east wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday, July 31  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 91, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Saturday, August 1  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 94, night: Partly cloudy, with low around 62.

Sunday, August 2  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 93, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Monday, August 3  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 93, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Tuesday, August 4  
A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 89, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:  
Today, Thursday, July 30, the 211<sup>th</sup> day of 2009

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 78, north wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 55, south-east wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, July 31  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 81, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Saturday, August 1  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 54.

Sunday, August 2  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 82, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Monday, August 3  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a high near 83, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Tuesday, August 4  
A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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## Inside the Capitol

by JAY MILLER, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- As predicted here early this month, the state's public employees were denied a request for a temporary injunction prohibiting public employers from adding an extra 1.5 percent increase in their retirement contributions.

The 2009 Legislature, early this year, decided to cut public employer contributions to employee retirement and add it on to employee contributions. It will save the state around \$43 million this year.

The legislative action affects all 57,000 public employees at the state and local levels of government, including education employees in public schools, colleges and universities. Their pay for next year will be 1.5 percent less.

It seemed evident when the hearing on the temporary injunction was postponed from its June 29 setting that the state district court didn't see a need for temporarily stopping the pay cut that would begin on July 1.

The actual hearing on the merits of the case will be scheduled for a later date. Although the public employee unions involved in the suit can point to some constitutional questions the legislative raises, Judge William F. Lang indicated he feels the proper place to resolve the differences is the Legislature.

That's a good indication of how the hearing on the merits of the case is likely to be decided. Public employees have heard that message and are gearing up for some heavy-duty lobbying of lawmakers.

Don't be surprised to see an effort made to get it on the agenda for the possible special session of the Legislature this fall. The session will be necessary if August revenue projections indicate revenues sagging even more than anticipated during last winter's regular legislative session.

It is widely expected that will happen, however at this point legislative leaders are said to be shying away from a special session, possibly because so many special interest groups are applying pressure to put additional items on the agenda.

A monkey wrench thrown into the works following the hearing on the preliminary injunction has been a news release from the Attorney General's office announcing that Judge Lang granted the attorney general's motion to dismiss the case entirely.

During the two days following the attorney general's announcement, I have been in contact with the office seeking a clarification of the statement.

As of the time this is being written, there has been no clarification or retraction of the announcement. I understand that other news sources are now in contact with the attorney general's office so that may get clarified by the time you read this.

The public employees make the point that they are being subjected to discriminatory treatment because employees in the private sector are not subject to the pay deduction. While that is true, no public employee has been subject to a job loss, furlough, wage cut or loss of benefits as have many private sector workers.

That would seem to put public opinion on the side of the lawmakers who decided on the pay cut. But lawmakers are due some embarrassment themselves. They neglected to cut their own retirement contributions by the state and add it on to their contributions. That's an

issue that is likely to arise the next time they meet.

As for the public employee cuts, lawmakers said it is the least painful alternative to find another \$40 million to balance the state budget. The state employees' union has constantly advocated that twice as much revenue can be gained from making big out-of-state corporations pay their fair share in taxes to the state.

Because New Mexico doesn't require something called "combined reporting," these companies can hide their New Mexico income by reporting it in states that charge a lower corporate tax.

Maybe docking public employees is less painful than disappointing big corporate lobbyists but it shouldn't be. Local businesses are hurt too. Maybe some of the \$80 million the state should be getting from the big boys could be used to lower taxes on local businesses.

## Wool Growers Elect New Officers at Annual Meeting

New officers were elected to lead the New Mexico Wool Growers, Inc. (NMWGI) for the coming two years at the association's recent annual meeting held in Ruidoso in mid June.

The slate of officers includes: president Jim Cooper, Arabela; first vice president Marc Kincaid, Pinon; second vice president Leroy Cravens, Encino; and secretary/treasurer Punk Cooper, Mayhill.

"We will do our best on behalf of our organization and the industry as a whole," Cooper said. "I want to thank outgoing president Joan Kincaid for all she has done to support the Wool Growers as long as I have known her, but especially in the past two years during her term as presi-

dent. Joan is a great spokeswoman and advocate for our state's sheep producers."

Cooper acknowledged that the sheep industry is facing its share of obstacles, but remains optimistic. "There are many things that impact our operations that we can't control - like markets and the rain we need so badly. But, there are a lot of things that we can work on, and I'm looking forward to seeing what we can get done that will help our membership."

During the annual meeting NMWGI addressed several issues including predator management, public perception and image, stability on state and federal lands were addressed.



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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, located in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

**June 27**  
 9:50 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Reindeer in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

10:51 p.m. Welfare check requested at business located at intersection of Hwy 380 and Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

**June 28**  
 12:35 a.m. Alarm reported at Carrizozo school on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

3:46 a.m. Disturbance/loud party reported at South Fork Campground on Bonito Lake, deputy dispatched.

4:27 a.m.

Disturbance/loud party reported at residence on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:41 a.m. Agency assistance requested at mile marker 3 on Hwy 42 in Corona, deputy dispatched.

10:25 a.m. Dog reported running loose on East Sagebrush in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

3:02 p.m. Accident reported at Fox Cave on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

6:26 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Indian Divide Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

7:30 p.m. Fire reported at location on Wagon Road in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

9:43 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hale Lake Road in Glencoe,

deputy dispatched.

**June 29**  
 5:55 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at mile marker 18 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

7:56 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hale Lake Road in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

9:15 a.m. Dog reported running loose on White Cat Road in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

9:35 a.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

9:47 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on Deer Park Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:36 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Rawhide in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.

4:55 p.m. Harassment

reported at location on Pfingsten in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

6:00 p.m. Drivers test requested at location in Corona, deputy dispatched.

6:47 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 106 on Hwy 54 in Oscuro, deputy dispatched.

**June 30**  
 1:24 a.m. Alarm reported at Carrizozo School, police dispatched.

1:52 a.m. Information report at business located at the intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:29 a.m. Drivers test requested at location on Ancho Road in Artocho, deputy dispatched.

10:12 a.m. Medical call at location on Swayback in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

10:12 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at location on Wingfield Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:20 a.m. Disturbance reported at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

2:31 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

8:53 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Ski Run Road, deputy dispatched.

9:17 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at location on High Mesa Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

**July 1**  
 12:24 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Sanctuary in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:00 a.m. Civil dispute reported at location in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

10:02 a.m. Breaking & Entering (B & E) reported at location on Little Creek in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

3:16 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

3:13 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:02 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 220 and Hwy 48 in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

4:48 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 220 and Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:49 p.m. Medical call at residence on Don Pablo Lane in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

7:09 p.m. Medical call at residence on Little Big Horn in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.

## DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

**Monday, July 27**  
 8:30 a.m. Glynis Racine v. Village of Capitan et al; CV-2008-103 (Mtn/Amend Response) Leonard/Cook  
 9:00 a.m. Cree Meadows CC v. Patricia Williams; CV-2008-171 (Merits) Hawthorne/Prelo  
 1:15 p.m. Telephonic - Estate of Robert Canning; PB-2006-01 (Presentment) Craig/Leighton/JRB/Hulbert  
 2:00 p.m. Telephonic - Estate of Thomas Fish; PB-2004-13 (Judicial Inquiry) Leonard/JRB  
 2:30 p.m. Kelly & Joanne Trapp v. Rick, Black & Black Mountain Excavating; CV-2008-69 (Mtn/Dismiss R.B.) JRB/R. Hawthorne  
 4:00 p.m. Tinnie R. Bullock v. Jerry Bullock; DM-2008-63 (Mtn/ Amend MSA & Enforce Parenting Plan/Grant first right of Refusal) Beauvais/Pro Se

**Tuesday, July 28**  
 Grand Jury - Large Court Room  
 Judge Parsons in Ruidoso  
 8:05 a.m. JQ-2009-02. Adjudication  
 Juveniles - 9:00 a.m. - Disposition  
 Emmanuel P.; JR-2009-14/20  
 Zane L.; JR-2008-62  
 Ryan D.; JR-2008-07  
 1:00 p.m. Bench Trial - Martin K.; JR-2008-64  
 2:00 p.m. Chris Salas v. James Salas; CV-2009-182 (TRO) Gruentinger/Wilson  
 3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening  
 4:30 p.m. Drug Court  
 Darrell Brantley - Small Court Room  
 10:00 a.m. DV-2009-43  
 11:00 a.m. DV-2009-55

**Wednesday, July 29**  
 8:15 a.m. In the Matter of Wassil Estate; PB-2007-46 (Revised Mtn for Inventory, accounting, Sch of Distribution/Final Disposition/closing of estate) Jennings/ProSe  
 9:00 a.m. Telephonic - Billy Page v. Ruidoso Municipal School & Kyle Flack; CV-2009-162 (JI Re:Order of Dismissal) Haw/Underwood/Peyton  
 4:00 p.m. Champions Run et al v. Kelly et al; CV-2005-233 (Presentment) Cervantes/Pitts/Eaton/JRB

**Thursday, July 30**  
 8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Deutsch Bank v. Jody Huff et al; CV-2009-47 (MSJ/Default) Little/C.Haw/Griffin  
 1:15 p.m. Bradley Chambers v. MVD; CV-2009-145 (Merits) Pro Se/Belles  
 4:00 p.m. Eric Castleberry v. David and Julia Christopher (MSJ/Def Mtn to Dismiss MSJ) CV-2008-136 Olsen/R.Hawthorne

**Friday, July 31**  
 8:30 a.m. Julia Lucero DM-2003-62 (Mtn for Summer Visitation) Holmes/S-Cook  
 9:00 a.m. First Appearance  
 David Curtis; CR-09-98  
 Randy Fietek; CR09-100  
 Jose Valenzuela; CR-09-95  
 Dean Johnson; CR-07-51  
 Sharla Ryan; CR-08-230  
 Brandy West; CR-08-209  
 Max Miller; CR-07-33  
 Norman Waites; CR08-22  
 Anselmo Cardenas; CR-08-231  
 Change of Plea  
 Rory Apachito; CR09-48  
 Jennifer Burgess; CR-08-175  
 Sentencing  
 Robert Egans; CR-08-10  
 Joey Edwards; CR-07-18  
 Competency/Other  
 Julia Gonzales; CV-09-263  
 Fred Berry; CR-09-34  
 Gil Sarinopoulos; CR-08-286  
 JI Re: J & S  
 Faustino Miranda; CR-08-192  
 Candelario Pedroza; CR-08-181  
 Rogelio Lopez; CR-08-188  
 Melvin Frank; CR-08-37  
 1:30 p.m. Todd Dentler; CR-2008-265 (Mtn Dismiss/Suppress)  
 4:00 p.m. Jacob Scott; LR-2009-02 Trial De Novo

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## Church Directory

<p><b>MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY</b></p> <p><b>Nogal Presbyterian Church:</b>              E.W. "Bo" LEWIS, Pastor              Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.              Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:</b>              Worship . . . . . 9:00 a.m.              Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Corona United Presbyterian Church:</b>              Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.              Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b></p> <p><b>HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor</b>              314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM              848-2858 (Church) or 848-2107              Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m.              Worship Service . . . . . 10:55 a.m.              Sun. Evening . . . . . 8:00 p.m.              Wednesday, Sept. - April              AWANAS . . . . . 8:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>RUIDOSO DOWNS FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH AT OLD LINCOLN CHURCH</b>              Rev. Zach Malott / 575-973-0560              Senior Circuit Preacher              Dr. Randy Wildener, Ph.D / 575-937-2086              Senior Pastor              Sunday Service . . . . . 2:30pm</p> <p><b>Carrizozo Assembly of God</b>              Corner 13th &amp; C Ave.              Barbara Bradley, Pastor              Children's Ministry and Nursery Available              Worship Service . . . . . 10:00 a.m.              Youth Service . . . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Santa Rita Catholic Community</b></p> <p><b>FR. FRANKLIN, Pastor</b>              213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853</p> <p><b>DAILY MASS / Santa Rita . . . . . 8:30 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>SATURDAY:</b>              Capitan Sacred Heart . . . . . 5:00 p.m.              Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . . . 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>SUNDAY:</b>              Capitan Sacred Heart . . . . . 8:30 a.m.              Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . . . 10:30 a.m.              Corona St. Theresa . . . . . 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Anglic Church of the Nazarene</b>              'Serving All of Lincoln County'</p> <p><b>RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 336-8032</b>              Southwest Corner of Hwy. 48 &amp; 37 Junction              Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM</p> <p><b>Sunday:</b>              Sunday School for all ages . . . . . 9:30 a.m.              Morning Worship and Children's Church . . . . . 10:30 a.m.              Family Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b>              Community dinner . . . . . 6:00 p.m.              Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kids Klub . . . . . 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>St. Matthew Episcopal Church</b>              Rev. d Canon Peter Sanderson,              Priest-in-Charge              Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM              Ph. 505-257-2356              Holy Eucharist . . . . . Sunday 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>White Oaks Community Church</b>              Non-denominational</p> <p>Sunday Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Clarech Community Church</b></p> <p><b>TONY SCACCIA, Minister</b>              849-1402</p> <p>Second Sunday of Each Month . . . . . 9:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>United Methodist Churches</b></p> <p><b>JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor</b>              1000 D. Ave. 848-2893 / 648-2848              Carrizozo, NM 88301</p> <p>Sunday School (All Ages) . . . . . 10:00 a.m.              Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.              Choir Practice (Tuesday) . . . . . 6:30 p.m.              United Methodist Women              Every 3rd Wednesday . . . . . 2:00 p.m.              Fellowship Dinner on 4th Sunday of Month . . . . . 12:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>CAPITAN:</b>              Adult Sunday School . . . . . 8:30 a.m.              Worship Service . . . . . 9:15 a.m.              Children's Sunday School . . . . . 9:30 a.m.              Fellowship Time . . . . . 10:15 a.m.              Adult Sunday School . . . . . 11:00 a.m.              Choir Practice (Tuesday) . . . . . 7:00 p.m.              Fellowship Dinner . . . . . Every Third Sunday              Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday . . . . . 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Christ Community Fellowship</b></p> <p><b>ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter-denominational)</b>              514 Smokay Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM</p> <p>Sunday School . . . . . 9:30 a.m.              Sunday Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Capitan Church of Christ</b></p> <p><b>LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister</b>              5th &amp; Lincoln / 336-4627</p> <p>Sunday Bible Study . . . . . 10:00 a.m.              Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.              Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.              Wednesday Bible Study . . . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Trinity Southern Baptist Church</b></p> <p><b>MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530</b>              Phone 354-2044              Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)</p> <p>Sunday School . . . . . 9:30 a.m.              Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church of Corona</b></p> <p><b>GAL WES?, Pastor / 848-7875</b></p> <p>Sunday School . . . . . 10:00 a.m.              Worship Service . . . . . 11:00 a.m.              Wednesday Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.              Fellowship Dinner . . . . . 1st Sunday of Month</p> <p><b>Sunday</b>              Sunday school for all ages . . . . . 9:30 a.m.              Morning Worship . . . . . 10:30 a.m.              Children's Church . . . . . 10:45 a.m.              Evening Worship . . . . . 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b>              Teen dinner and games . . . . . 6:00 p.m.              Teen Bible Study . . . . . 7:00 p.m.              Prayer Meeting . . . . . 8:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Grace Fellowship Church</b>  <b>TERRY AIELLO, Pastor</b>              849-0105              Corona, NM              Worship . . . . . 9:30 a.m.</p>
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**Jerry & Lanita Rasak**

**LaGrone Funeral Chapel**

*In Memory of*  
**BILL WINKLER**

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*Have A Great Day!!*

**THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU, IS NEVER AS GREAT AS THE POWER BEHIND YOU.**



BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. EPHESIANS 6:10

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen"

# County Opts Out of Hotline

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year," Morel said. "That was an option at one time and apparently now it's not an option."

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

**EDITOR** -- Have you read the health care bill before the US House of Representatives? No wonder the congressmen don't read these bills before they sign them, it's subsection this and subsection that, the pages become twisted and helter skelter, the meaning is lost from page to page. It's no wonder when our government becomes involved, lines form and prices rise. Have you ever seen the Government do anything efficiently? Good luck with that.

This bill is not friendly to any of us. It is going to hurt this country in many ways. Because of the increase in taxes to pay for this health care debacle, small employers will cut jobs. Estimates of 1.6 million jobs will be lost because of new small business taxes, mandates and bureaucracy according to The National Dederation of Independent Businesses. As time goes on over the next 10 years this government takeover of health care will cost 4.7 million jobs according to Dr. Christina Romer, the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors. Since we are in the worst recession since the great depression, how can this government expect its citizen tax payers to put up with this?

This is another bill that the President wants to be hurried along. Stop, look and listen, don't be caught up again in the spur of the moment. It has not worked for the country so far. That \$787 billion stimulus bill that was to create jobs, bring the economy back, hasn't. Let's be smarter this time, send the message to our servants we do not want the same mistake made this time. Call your servants!

**BETTY FRETTEM**  
Las Cruces, NM 88011

The attorney said that he believed the services provided by the nurse hotline are worthy of consideration, and suggested that the contract be provided to Presbyterian Healthcare Services and the LCMC administration for consideration.

"The county doesn't provide healthcare services, we contract out for those services," he said. "We do believe that it's probably more appropriate for that contract to be entered into with (Presbyterian Healthcare Services) rather than the county."

County commission chair Tom Battin said that, while he recognized that the hotline provided a valuable service, he also had concerns with the county becoming a healthcare service provider.

The board of county commissioners voted unanimously to deny approval of the contract with Nurse Advice New Mexico and to refer the request for funding to the county's healthcare services provider.

## Avoid Having College Boomerang Children

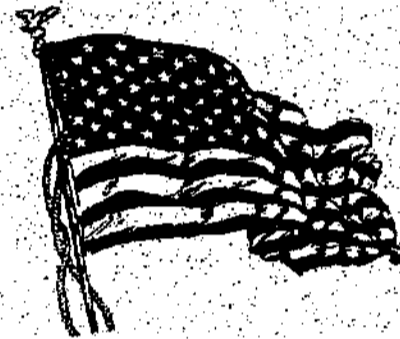
Parents want to avoid a "boomerang" college kid? Your son or daughter leaves home and enters college for the first time after months of gushing about the fun experiences they anticipate on campus and the new friends they will meet. A week later, they call to say they are homesick. They're coming home.

One of the biggest mistakes parents make is to rush to campus and bring them back home for the weekend. That can set up a pattern of more frequent weekend visits home, and the student not getting fully integrated into college life and social activities where they can make friends. Parents should reassure their kids that they love them and that things at home are the same as they've always been.

Using electronic media is the best way to stay in touch with college students and help alleviate the fears of living many miles away from home. Open up Facebook accounts, send e-mails, or text messages. Using those tools will provide assurance to the student, but not exacerbate the homesickness.

This is not to say every kid is cut out for campus life. Parents should look for signs that tell them it really is time to bring them home.

Parents should be concerned if phone calls from their son or daughter are not decreasing over time, or if they are not seeing signs that their kids are forming friendships through course work, clubs or activities. They should also look for signs of social isolation, depression, consistent alcohol abuse, and significant mood changes. Those are the emotional red flags that should tell parents the campus isn't the right place for their son or daughter or it isn't the right time for them to be away at school.



## Obituary

### MICHELLE DRISTIN ONSTEAD-ING

Michelle passed away on July 13, 2009 near Whitesboro, TX. She was born on August 31, 1975 at Holloman Air Force Base, NM to Sherri Johnson Vega and Michael Vega. Michelle loved hunting, fishing, camping and horseback riding.

Survivors include her husband, Dean Ing of Gainsville, TX; parents Jimmy Onstead of Aubrey, TX and Sherri Onstead of Sandusky, TX; three sisters, Dawnnett Thompson of Whitesboro, Lacy Knoss of Sandusky and Bianca Vega of Santa Fe, NM; two brothers, Chad Onstead of Dallas, and Doug Onstead of Frisco; grandmother, Della Vega of Carrizozo, John and Juanita Johnson of Chrooke, TX, and Jack and Alene Onstead of Iowa Park, TX; aunts and uncles Willie Vega of Denver, CO, Rick and Renae Vega of Alamogordo, Tommy and Diana Vega of California, Denise Vega Hill and Buddy Hill, Randy Vega and Dominic Vega all of Carrizozo, several aunts and uncles all from Texas; and two nieces and one nephew.

Pallbearers were Larry Dickerson, Kevin Ing, Wade Jones, Charles LeFlore, Keith Williams and Otis Drain.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather Willie Vega, and her father Michael Vega.

Honorary pallbearers were Brett Rogers, Brent Onstead, and T.J. McWhorter.

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# "Looking Back"

Through Old 'NEWS' Files

(Continued from Page 2)

Capitan, New Mexico  
July 26, 1962

Mr. Powhatan Carter, Chairman  
Public Lands Committee  
N.M. Farm & Livestock Bureau

Dear Mr. Carter:

I regret that I will be unable to attend the meeting as scheduled of the seven N.M. District Federal Grazing Board representatives, for discussion and recommendation of grazing fees and other matters of concern by the Bureau of Land Management.

On August 1 the Bureau of Land Management, through the Roswell District office has called a meeting of the local advisory board members for official recommendation, also concerning the grazing fee to be decided and to become effective for the ensuing year.

My opinion at this time cannot represent the reactions of the individual board members, nor the reaction of the membership of the South eastern Grazing Association which I represent as president, and, it is at this time to be noted that my personal opinions do not in any sense reflect or obligate either of the organizations, for a free and open expression of personal opinion is to follow.

As a member of the N.M. Farm and Livestock Bureau I have believed that policies of the Bureau, and particularly of public lands administration were best calculated to be in the interest of all segments of agriculture, and at this time should be a most welcome intervention into the field of public lands. Most certainly not alone the public lands to be affected, but the entire national economy and the very life-blood of the State of New Mexico.

Let us not misunderstand the statement just made: It might appear to reflect resentment of control and regulation of use of the public lands. It should be recognized that federal control and authority are the only means capable and adaptable to so highly responsible an undertaking as the livestock industry and the heritage of our children to be protected.

It would be nigh impossible to over estimate or to exaggerate the fact and importance of these circumstances. Criticism of a newly formulated policy and immediate practice of multiple use of all public lands of every status, and lands in private ownership included, would be premature, but most certainly at this early stage, create speculation in a fast-moving area of change: Of modernization, of the principle of democracy, in our pride of free enterprise, in our ability and determination to stand before a respecting and admiring world of nations and peoples.

How can we now reconcile a policy of recreation for all in all walks of life, which says in effect, ours is a position of security from impending dangers and in a push-button-age where all our dreams come true with no ride awakenings to the hard facts of life and the apparent happy assurance that the great government of this, the greatest of all governments, so created in legend, provides all with the least of effort and with the greatest measure of security.

How do we, and particularly we who live with the land and by the land, and we who believe in and love the land, now reconcile the prospect of becoming subjects rather than proud citizens of this government, to accept without opposition and struggle a position of a welfare state, where all likely profits accruing from our savings and labor with our investments, be virtually confiscated with our own agreement in order that an army of uniformed government police may absorb all potential profits and that we, whose fortunes and future will have been dissipated and consumed in a socialistic state, may become unsuspecting victims of communism.

After 28 years of regulated and controlled grazing of the public lands, and with millions of dollars of expenditures by permittees for better use and protection of the lands, it is now found to be necessary that a great army of school boys and technicians and experts and scientists and crackpots and politicians take over the operation of our ranches and definitely prescribe the total operation of farm lands in private ownership, while the executive and legislative departments of our government search the furthest corners of the earth for investments of diplomacy and good will.

The nation's economy, and the value of our currency as determined by our gold supply now diminishing, and a national debt ever growing, and in the cause of national defense, must surely be playing into the hands of the arch-conspirator who awaits our downfall.

Under the guise of cooperation by advisory boards for determination of fees necessary to carry on the proposed program of conservation of public lands, our experience with certain other remind us that much of so-called conservation is often mostly con-versation.

While our patriotic inclinations and our concern for the heritage of our children continues to dominate our innermost concern should we not first attempt to evaluate the worth and the cost and the practicability of under writing an enormous project of near impossibility, learned from

SEE MORE ON PAGE 8

# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE

### VILLAGE OF CAPITAN MUNICIPAL COURT FEE ORDINANCE ORDINANCE 2009 - 01

#### AMENDING SECTION 1-9.4, CORRECTION FEES, JUDICIAL EDUCATION FEES, AND COURT AUTOMATION FEES.

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 State Legislature amended state statute 35-14-11, which increased the amount assessed for the Judicial Education fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the governing body of the Village of Capitan wishes to amend the section of the municipal court and penalty assessment section of the 2002 codification.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VILLAGE OF CAPITAN, NEW MEXICO:

Section 1-9.4 of the Capitan Municipal Code is amended to read: 1-9.4.- CORRECTION FEES; JUDICIAL EDUCATION FEES AND COURT AUTOMATION FEES:

- A. Short Title: This section shall be known as the MUNICIPAL COURT FEE ORDINANCE.
- B. The Municipal Judge shall collect the following costs:
  - (1) A corrections fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00).
  - (2) A judicial education fee of three (\$3.00).
  - (3) A court automation fee of six (\$6.00).

D. The fees are to be collected upon conviction from persons convicted of violating any ordinance relating to the operation of a motor vehicle or any ordinance that may be enforced by the imposition of a term of imprisonment.

E. All money collected pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of this section shall be deposited in a special fund in the municipal treasury and shall be used for:

1. municipal jailer or juvenile detention officer training;
2. the construction planning, construction, operation and maintenance of a municipal jail or juvenile detention facility;
3. paying the cost of housing juveniles in a detention facility;
4. complying with match or contribution requirements for the receipt of federal funds relating to jails or juvenile detention facilities; Ordinance 2009-01 Page 2 of 2
5. providing inpatient treatment or other substance abuse programs in conjunction with or as an alternative to jail sentencing;
6. defraying the cost of transporting prisoners to jails or juveniles to juvenile detention facilities; or
7. providing electronic monitoring systems.

H. A municipality may credit the interest collected from fees deposited in the special fund pursuant to Subsection D of this section to the municipality's general fund.

I. All money collected pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection B of this section shall be remitted monthly to the state treasurer for credit to the judicial education fund and shall be used for the education and training, including production of bench books and other written materials of municipal judges and other municipal court employees.

J. All money collected pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection B of this section shall be remitted monthly to the state treasurer for credit to the municipal court automation fund and shall be used for the purchase and maintenance of court automation systems in the municipal courts. The court automation systems shall have the capability of providing, on a timely basis, electronic records in a format specified by the judicial information systems council.

K. As used in this section "convicted" means the defendant has been found guilty of a criminal charge by a municipal judge, either after trial, a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere.

PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of July, 2009.

Sam Hammons  
Sam Hammons, Mayor

ATTEST:  
Kay Strickland  
Kay Strickland, Village Clerk

Published July 30 and August 6, 2009.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will hold Public Hearing beginning at 1:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 18, 2009. The Public Hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM 88301. The purpose of the Public hearing is to consider the following:

#### ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO PROMOTE THE SUPPLY OF WIND ENERGY SITING IN SUPPORT OF NEW MEXICO'S GOAL OF INCREASING ENERGY PRODUCTION FROM RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN.

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**BILLIE JO GUEVARA**  
Administrative Assistant/  
Human Resources

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-1226-CV-200800151  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.  
Plaintiff,

v.  
LAURA P. LINDSEY, AKA LAURA LINDSEY; GARY D. LINDSEY; OCCUPANTS WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GARY D. LINDSEY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURA P. LINDSEY AKA LAURA LINDSEY,  
Defendants.

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on August 25, 2009 at 9:00 AM, front entrance of the Lincoln County District Court, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 1, Block 6 of Forest Heights Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County New Mexico, as shown by the amended plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, September 20, 1973, in Tube No. 495. The address of the real property is 200 Alpine Village, Ruidoso, NM 88345.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 2, 2009, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$203,176.32 plus interest from November 15, 2008, to the date of sale at the rate of 6.5000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair.

Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of the sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and

unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: 7/16/2009

Peter Baca, Special Master  
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawarski  
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Denver, CO 80202  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### VALLE DEL SOL

#### IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** of the intent to form the Valle Del Sol Improvement District ("District") pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 33, NMSA 1978 and Resolution No. R2009-07, adopted on March 10, 2009 (the "Formation Resolution" a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A to this Notice and is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Notice).

The land comprising the District is identified on the plats of the Valle Del Sol Subdivision filed in the records of the Lincoln County Clerk. The legal description for this subdivision is attached as Exhibit B.

The General Plan of the District is attached as Exhibit C to this Notice and is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Notice.

The hearing will be held at the Carrizozo City Hall on September 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

The estimated cost of the improvement, or maintenance of the district is \$12,000.00 per Phase, annually.

The boundary of the District will include all Phases of Valle Del Sol Subdivision.

The routes of the improvements by streets or location of the improvements are as shown on the plats of Valle Del Sol subdivision, filed in the records of Lincoln County. The Town of Carrizozo has assumed maintenance of Phases I and II, and will assume each additional Phase from the Developer as each Phase reaches a 50% sold to an end user within that Phase, thereby starting the fifteen year assessment period for that Phase.

All tracts within the proposed District will be assessed and those properties adjoining the subdivision Valle Del Sol, if their only access is via subdivision property.

The assessment period shall be fifteen years upon assumption of maintenance of the Phase, at which point, the Town of Carrizozo will assume maintenance in accordance with regular subdivision standards.

The amount of the assessment for each tract is \$100.00 annually.

The Developer will receive a waiver for his consideration of constructing and maintaining the improvements for a period of fifteen years.

The amount of cost to be assumed by the municipality is any cost over the estimated assessment.

This Notice is recorded pursuant to Section 3/33-154 NMSA 1978.

Executed effective the 14th day of July, 2009, at Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Mayor Bob Hemphill

ATTEST:  
Leann Welhbrecht  
Town Clerk

Due to the length of Exhibits A, B and C, they are not being published herein. However, the documents can be viewed at the Town of Carrizozo City Hall during the normal business hours.

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# Sheriff's Report

(Con't. from P. 5)

9:28 p.m. Disturbance reported at location behind Dulce Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

10:26 p.m. Medical call at residence on A Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

July 2  
9:25 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Sun Mountain Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:47 p.m. Disturbance reported at Blue Hole in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

9:14 p.m. Disturbance reported at 11th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

July 3  
8:09 a.m. Traffic hazard reported at location on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

8:34 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Antler in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:54 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

1:25 p.m. Burglary reported at location on Smokey Bear Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

7:29 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Altamira in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

7:33 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from mile marker 15 on Hwy 220 in Ft. Stanton, deputy dispatched.

7:50 p.m. Fire/burning without permit reported at location on Old Bridge Road in Bonito, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.

8:03 p.m. Verbal assault reported at location on Crockett Canyon Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

9:07 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Barney Luck Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:43 p.m. Illegal fireworks being discharged reported at location in Capitan, police dispatched.

10:14 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on 11th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

11:27 p.m. Alarm reported at Carrizozo High School, police dispatched.

July 4  
12:23 a.m. Domestic battery reported at business located on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:57 a.m. Medical call at residence on Ironwood in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

8:04 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Quail Covey in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

10:32 a.m. Fire reported at location on Valley View in Capitan, police, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

10:39 a.m. Medical call at location on Nogal Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

12:38 p.m. Welfare check requested at mile marker 56 on Hwy 380 west of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

1:51 p.m. Medical call at location on South Sage Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

2:50 p.m. Report of shots fired near 12th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

2:57 p.m. Accident reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:09 p.m. Medical call at residence on Aspen Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

9:16 p.m. Discharge of illegal fireworks reported at location on Buena Vista Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:17 p.m. Agency assistance requested at Valley of Fires campground, Carrizozo ambulance and deputy dispatched.

9:49 p.m. Accident reported at location on Valle del Sol in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

10:11 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Screaming Eagle in Alto, deputy dispatched.

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# "Looking back . . ."

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long and hard experience, and the fallacy of the desert blooming over night, through the application of scientific principles and theories which must continue to be stymied by conditions of weather and precipitation, always to revert to a state of drought even with the best of care made possible by man.

We do believe in a practice conservation of natural resources and we are definitely conscious of results of misuse and overgrazing, and we must be resentful of the implication that after a lifetime of ranching and so well appreciate the fact that we have the full responsibility in the long run in caring for the land, that we are constantly reminded that our careless misuse and greed are being summarized in one word "overgrazing".

The land department now approach the fee question from an angle which 28 years ago with Ferry Carpenter as grazing service director with 14 men and no back ground of experience and decidedly limited funds for expenditure, organized the 10 public land states with 58 districts, and with an unfriendly Washington department, and an unconvinced public of the feasibility and the possibility of bringing the public lands under control, no doubt set an all-time record of accomplishment on so grand a scale.

Time and space are not sufficient to enumerate the passing of the open range and the advantages made possible by a man of courage and foresight, and we would only add to that account, it was yet made possible through the cooperation of those who grazed the public lands.

It is regrettable and distinctly unfortunate that existing circumstances no longer pertain as in those former years. From a standing start from the grass roots level, Carpenter's accomplishments with a handful of men would now be a physical impossibility, yet at this time we are asked to produce amounts in increased grazing fees and to underwrite millions without number for expenditure, not alone for future generations but to create employment at constantly-increasing wage levels and to absorb the earnings of legitimate ranching operations, and to eventually force the livestock industry into bankruptcy and at the same time be regulated out of business through federal control.

Why not call things by their right names and say the things in which we believe. We stand for our government and high aims and ideals for accomplishments, the high sounding phrase, "the greatest good for the greatest number of people" might well stand unchallenged, and near sacred rights of priorities be violated and discarded always in the interest of the people. But, we stop to consider what are the best interests of the people in instances in which we are all more or less familiar.

We must agree that increased grazing fees are inevitable and it is our just responsibility to comply without hesitation. From a beginning of 5c per acre per animal unit the fee has gradually increased to 22c and the following year to 19c, and at this time a substantial increase is expected, and the district advisory boards so very recently having been designated as having no authority but yet in instances having assumed pretended authority and at least being guilty of having violated the spirit and the substance of the Taylor Grazing Act, are being flattered with publicized accounts of their importance and are expected to assume a position of prominence comparable to former years of administration, and in fact to again become the balance of influence and power for the accomplishment of the public lands over all project.

I would close my remarks with the unqualified statement, that in any event the grazing fee and the proposed improvement fee should in an instance exceed the actual or potential earning power of livestock to be grazed on the public lands. I would further stipulate that any loss or inconvenience, or operation occasioned by the practice of multiple use of the lands be the responsibility to the Bureau of Land Management.

And finally in closing, the department has from the first, and will continue to base the potential or actual carrying capacities of federal lands arrived at by technical surveys and inventories of forage growths and always with full account of weather and precipitation as recorded by the official weather bureau.

In that connection we have ordinarily found the surveys to be near accurate and highly satisfactory with varying weather conditions. The original reports are available and in regular use and we do operate under the conditions of the surveys.

We cannot agree that the potential can be materially increased by theory or edict of authority as a basis for future or immediate consideration.

We would agree to accept existing surveys, and in addition to forage growth calculations, fees to be charged not to exceed a total amount as determined by responsible authority to be a practical limitation of expense within the earning potential each succeeding year or season. We submit that the State University with the Agricultural Department at Las Cruces, is not alone equipped to handle a matter of such research, but has in fact produces highly technical as well as entirely practical information covering the cost angle.

Doctor Gray of the College has already such a service in connection with other land matters, and we can take just pride in having a man of his qualifications and his research projects upon which we can rely.

L. D. Merchant

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# Weather Report

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mostly cloudy, with a high near 80, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 49.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to [www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/) on the internet. This website is up-dated every four hours.

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road constructions/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and go from there. You can also get up to the minute, in-depth, construction updates by logging in to [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) for any area of the state.



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