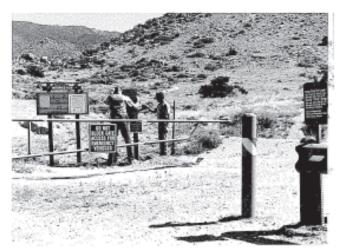


A Quarterly Newsletter of the Open Space Division and the Open Space Alliance

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## IN THE BEGINNING... TALES FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF OPEN SPACE

Tony Barron, Assistant Open Space Superintendent and long time Open Space employee relates stories of the Division's humble origins to Open Space Planner Kent Swanson.



#### PART 2: UP IN THE HILLS....

While hiking, mountain biking, or horseback riding on one of the numerous trails of the Sandia Foothills Open Space, it's easy to forget that this beautiful landscape looked quite different in the early days of the Open Space Division.

Tony Barron, who began working for the City of Albuquerque's Parks and Recreation Department on November 15th, 1982, remembers that before the Sandia Foothills became one of the premier recreational destinations for Albuquerque's citizens, it was a sort of no man's land, open to vehicle traffic and often illegal activity.

When the City of Albuquerque designated the Foothills as Major Public Open Space in the late 1970s and early 1980s,

it was still largely unfenced and unprotected. When the Open Space Division formed in 1984, the mandate at that time was to protect Open Space lands and make them available to the public for low-impact recreation such as hiking and horseback riding. No easy task with just a few employees, a small budget, and limited resources. However, Tony and crew got to work and slowly but surely things in the Foothills started to change.

Tony says that before they were fenced Open Space lands such as the Foothills already had people using them, usually neighbors or people who knew about them from word of mouth. Unfortunately, some of the people used the land in a way that conflicted with the Open Space mission, namely off-road vehicles, alcohol consumption, etc.

So, the first thing Tony and his crew did was to try and block vehicle access to the Foothills. With a pretty limited budget, Tony had to be creative. Boulders and guard rails (donated by the State Highway Department) were the early tools of the Division to start to change user patterns. Additionally, posting Open Space regulation signs along boundaries allowed Open Space Rangers to site violators.

As the Division matured and the City provided more funding, Tony and his staff were able to put in high tensile fencing and other protections. However, in the case of the Foothills, City vehicles could only go so far in the rugged terrain, so the fencing crew had to carry all materials in by hand. This grueling work was rewarded initially with many cut fences. Some people were slow to accept that there were new rules on the lands they once visited without restrictions.

### Managing Albuquerque's Natural Heritage - 25th Anniversary

by Steven Hamp, President, Open Space Alliance





The Open Space Division within the City's Park and Recreation Department has been a prominent program for managing public open space since it was formed in 1984. From the beginning, the Open Space Division has worked to preserve the unique natural features of the metropolitan area. Today, with nearly 29,000 acres currently protected as Major Public Open Space, there is a definite sense of achievement.

Albuquerque is defined by its natural landscape. There is an undeniable aesthetic power of the mountains, river, and volcanoes that gives a strong sense of identity to the urban setting. The preservation of the land gives citizens a collective sense of attainment.

The Open Space Alliance has been an avid partner with the Open Space Division since becoming a non-profit corporation in 1996. The Alliance was organized to promote public awareness and conservation of open space areas, and to educate the public about the natural, historic, cultural, and recreational aspects of open space. Consistent with this role, the Alliance has used its best efforts to promote and assist in the development of Open Space program activities. The Alliance joins with the broader Albuquerque community in celebrating the Open Space Division turning 25!

See the membership form on page 11 to see how you can support the Alliance's mission!

## Celebrate Earth Day

April 18th and 19th at the Open Space Visitor Center



Recycled Art Fair. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Sustainability Workshop, 10:00 am

Children's Beginning Birding. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Space limited. Call 505-897-8831 to register.

Flint Knapping Demonstration: Ancient Tool Making. 12:00 – 4:00 pm Puppet Performance & "Make & Take" art project. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm



Recycled Art Fair. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Yoga for the Earth with Conservation Project. 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Backyard Composting Made Easy. 10:00 am - 12:30 pm. Registration Required Limit 30. Call 897-8831.

The Open Space Visitor Center is located at 6500 Coors Blvd. Please see the calendar of events of page 9 for more events taking place during Earth Day weekend.



## Come One, Come All To the 2009 Summer Series!

~by Bill Pentler

By the time you read this everything should be finalized for the Summer Series, but so far I have a bit of the old, some new and, to steal a statement from Monty Python, I'm attempting to do something completely different.



#### **Saturday Sunset Series**

The Saturday Sunset Series will have old favorites like Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee offering dance, music, and stories; music by the endlessly talented Bonnie Schmader and friends; and Mike Bochnia, an old friend of Open Space, talking about wilderness survival. We also have the return by popular request of Deirdre Kann from the National Weather Service, who last year gave an excellent talk about why we have the particular weather that occurs in Albuquerque.

Middle Eastern and Tahitian dancing will also return, since they were very popular. Plan now, so you don't miss them! For new experiences take in

Kompanye for Klezmer music, Mary Diecker for stories about New Mexico's history of lawmen and outlaws, and Marian Hamburg who will demonstrate and talk about rehabilitating injured and sick birds.

This year is also the 25th anniversary of the Open Space Division and we will be having different events throughout the year to celebrate. For something completely different, on August 8th the Summer Series will be incorporated into our party at the Open Space Visitor Center on the west side off Coors Blvd. where there will be music, talks and hikes. There is no competing with events like this, so it's best to join in. Besides, if you haven't been to our Visitor Center, you're long past due.



#### **Sunday Hikes**

Last year we expanded the Sunday Hikes to include Open Space properties all over town and had a great response, doubling previous participation. New for this year is expanding the hikes further to include areas that are relatively unknown such as our outlying properties in the East Mountains like Placitas, Golden, the Milne/Gutierrez Canyon Property off North 14, and Juan Thomas off South 14. These will be strenuous hikes, not for the weak hearted (or muscled), with limited numbers of people because of transportation and parking issues, so keep an eye out for the listings and put your names in early.

We're also partnering with the City's Animal Wellness Center and other organizations for an "Animal Awareness in Open Space" day at the Visitor

Center. The date, so far, is Sunday September 6th and will involve a Sunday Hike but please see our website for information and possible changes.

We will still be offering bike rides with instructional guidance, bird and Bosque hikes, tracking and outdoor awareness, an agricultural outlook, and of course, the wildflower hike with the incredibly knowledgeable Pearl Burns, so unpack, dust off and break in those hiking shoes, get the cameras and notebooks out, because we have a summer of wonderful activities for the whole family. Please help us in celebrating our 25th anniversary by doing the best thing you could ever do and getting out into Open Space. It's been said before and it's truer now than ever, "There's no place like Open Space"!

A full Summer Series calendar will be available on our website at **www.cabq.gov/openspace** soon. Or call 452-5222 for more information.

#### IN THE BEGINNING...

#### ...Continued from Page 1

"When we first secured an area to protect it as Open Space, we usually faced a lot of cut fences and continued trespass. However, with fencing, regulation signs, and increased police presence, illegal activity began to slow," notes Tony. "Police citations tended to be the best way to educate people initially about what is and is not permissible on Open Space lands."

In addition to fencing and a police presence, community involvement proved key to protecting the Foothills. Most neighbors were happy to see the area protected and the lawless lads and ladies kicked off. Tony notes that some neighbors of the Open Space become vigilant and protective of certain sections of the Foothills. "When the neighbors became aware that the Division was fencing and protecting the land, the calls started coming in reporting illegal activity, vehicle trespass, etc." This early form of community involvement gradually evolved into the Open Space Trail Watch volunteer program, a highly successful program still used today. Trail Watch volunteers enjoy hiking, biking and horseback riding on Open Space lands, and while doing so they can report problems, trail conditions, etc. to Open Space staff.

With strong community participation and increased compliance with Open Space regulations, the Division could then focus on rehabilitation and restoration of vegetation. Old roads and eroding trails were closed and re-vegetated. As the land rested, grasses and native plant species returned.

However, erosion caused during one year of severe rains served as a reminder that the land was still suffering from years of unrestricted use. "The erosion was so bad in the Copper area that year that at one point there was sediment piled up around people's houses." Much of the sediment was coming from adjacent Forest Service lands. So, Open Space, the Forest Service, and AMAFCA (The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority) joined together to solve the problem. The agencies designed simple rock and brush structures to slow water, catch the sediment and allow vegetation to recover. With time the vegetation returned and the water flowed slower over the landscape, absorbing gently into the soil and causing little to no erosion. Tony comments that Dan Lucero, a long time Open Space employee, was instrumental in building many of these structures, which have worked well for many years.

Tony's accounts of these early days provide some excellent insights on how the Open Space Division functions today. Community involvement, through volunteer programs such as Trail Watch and our Adoption Program, and the use simple materials and techniques to solve land use problems are cornerstones of the Division's philosophy. With community involvement and a strong dedication to preserving Albuquerque's natural heritage, the Open Space Division is ready to meet the challenges of the next 25 years.

I asked Tony about the future of Open Space and the management of Open Space lands. "These days we have a much bigger population than in the 1980s, with much higher demand on our Open Space lands. We also have newer forms of recreation such as mountain biking and rollerblading. These changes require us to constantly work with the public to ensure the protection of Open Space lands for the enjoyment of generations to come."

Help protect and preserve your favorite Open Space area during our annual volunteer projects. Remember, it's *your* Open Space!

April Spring Cleanup in the Sandia Foothills. Each Saturday in April. See page 8 for more details. National River Cleanup. May 16th, 2009. The East Side of Central Ave. Bridge. More details on page 5. National Trails Day. June 6, 2009. The Elena Gallegos Picnic Area in the Sandia Foothills. See page 10. 15th Annual Dia del Rio. October 17th, 2009. Location TBA.

### May 16th is National River Cleanup Day 2009





Each May the Open Space Division along with other local organizations host National River Cleanup Day. This year the River Cleanup is taking place on May 16th on the north east side of the Central Avenue bridge. During this one day event volunteers help remove trash from the Rio Grande and its precious cottonwood Bosque.

There are over 50 miles of shoreline in the Rio Grande Valley State Park. During the year, trash accumulates along the banks and in the Bosque and contaminates the water, shoreline and wildlife habitats. This annual event brings our community together to help do our part to clean the river and Bosque.

WHEN: May 16th 2009 from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

WHERE: All activities start on the east side of the river, north side of the Central Avenue Bridge.

#### **OTHER DETAILS:**

Pre-registration for the event begins April 18th at REI. Call 247-1191 to register or stop by 1550 Mercantile Ave. to sign up. Bring work gloves, water, and sun protection. We provide refreshments, a BBQ and a prize drawing at the end of the event.

There will be cleanup activities for all ages around the Central Avenue Bridge including trash pickup and graffiti removal. Kirtland Outdoor Recreation will provide guided rafts that help remove trash from the river starting from Montaño Blvd and arriving at Central in time for the BBQ. Rafts are on a first come first serve basis and space is limited.

People with their own rafts, kayaks, and canoes are also highly encouraged to attend. We will provide shuttles for boaters from Central Ave. back to the launch point at Montaño Blvd. If you plan on bringing your own raft, REI will provide instructions to the launch site when you pre-register. Or you can call 452-5216 with any questions.

Alternatively, if you have a favorite area of the Bosque that you'd like to help clean up, please consider hosting a River Cleanup of your own! The Open Space Division will supply trash bags, courtesy of America Outdoors, and will dispose of the collected trash. Call 452-5216 for more information.

This event is sponsored in part by the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division, Adobe Whitewater Club, West Central Alliance of Neighborhoods (WeCAN), the Rotary Club of Albuquerque, Kirtland Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation, and the Open Space Alliance.

For more information please contact Jim Sattler or Kent Swanson at 452-5200 or email kswanson@cabq.gov.

### The Open Space Visitor Center Presents:

## "Coyote is Part of Our Flathead Salish Creation Story"

~Works by Jaune Quick-to-See Smith (Flathead Salish) and Neil Ambrose-Smith (Flathead Salish)



A Painting and Drawing Exhibit Exploring the Character of Coyote in Southwest Culture.

**Where**: Open Space Visitor Center. 6500 Coors Blvd., NW. (Between Montaño & Paseo del Norte at Bosque Meadows Rd.)

Admission: Free. Contact: Joshua Willis, 505-897-8831, jrwillis@cabq.gov

This unique exhibit at the Open Space Visitor Center will consider the place Coyote holds both in the stories of many Native American peoples, as a mischievous caretaker and bringer of light and wisdom, and as a member of the everyday ecology of nearly the entire North American continent. The show runs through April 28, 2009.

# LAND ART and Open Space









In 2009 a group of New Mexico arts organizations will join together to present LAND/ART, an exciting series of exhibitions, site-specific art works, and lectures exploring the relationships between land, art, and community. The Open Space Division will participate in LAND/ART through several programs in the Summer and Fall of 2009.

Anne Cooper will install an environmental art piece at the Los Poblanos Fields Open Space. The Open Space Division will present a group of temporary outdoor projects at Open Space sites, with a map and hiking tour of the works, and an exhibition in the Open Space Visitor Center gallery. Additionally, the City of Albuquerque Public Art Program plans to issue three separate calls for proposals for land art installations to be completed as part of the City of Albuquerque's Public Art Program. One will be located on or near the City of Albuquerque Open Space Visitor Center on the west side of the city.

See www.landartnm.org for more information about this unique project.

### The More Things Change.....

#### Excerpts from early editions of the "Open Space News" as found by Kent Swanson



While rummaging through some old copies of the Open Space News, I came upon some interesting tidbits that I thought I'd share with our readers. Even though the Division has been around for 25 years, these excerpts show that some things never change...

*Trivia alert* The Open Space News' original title was the "Trail Watch News."

"What happened to winter? It's been a mild winter with warmer and drier than normal conditions. Land management agencies throughout the southwest were hoping for some late winter storms to ease the threat of wild fires, but the moisture that we did receive was not enough to change the

long range weather predictions calling for dry weather through spring."

From the article "Fire Danger Expected to be Extreme," by Jim Sattler. The Open Space News, Volume 2, Issue 2, March-July 1999

"During this time of City budget constraints and cutbacks, more than ever, divisions and departments will depend on volunteers and affiliated nonprofit friends groups to help supplement their programs. Volunteers may assist with operation of facilities and programs, be the frontline in Visitor Service, or take one new tasks as necessary. Nonprofit friends groups will be a vital source of alternative funding for programs and projects. I call on our local citizens to help keep our home, or city strong during its fiscal shortfall by volunteering."

From Mayor Martin J. Chávez's "Mayor's Message," Vol. 3, Issue 2, April-June 2002

#### OTHER "ODDS AND ENDS" FROM THE PAST ....

"Open Space Trail Watch volunteers Yvonne and Don Hueszel spend most of their trail watch hours hiking in the Sandia Foothills, entering through the Copper Gate. They listen to complaints, ENCOURAGE dog owners to use leashes, provide information on other Open Space areas and answer questions. Most trail users enjoy and seem to be appreciative of the Open Space Division and feel that the land set aside for such use is one of more fortunate and important projects accomplished by the City of Albuquerque."

From Vol. 1, No. 1, Oct-Dec 1994

Trail Watch Highlights: "Found Internal Parts." In September, a visitor to the area reported that she found internal body parts. The parts were discovered in the Forest Service areas and it was determined to be the internal parts of a deer.

From Vol. 2, No. 1, Jan-March 1995

## Trash Cleanup or Treasure Hunt? The Open Space Spring Cleanup in the Foothills Offers a Little of Both!

Join us for our annual *Spring Cleanup in the Sandia Foothills* every Saturday in April from 9:00AM to 1:00PM. Tasks include trash cleanup, graffiti removal, and trail maintenance. Meet at the following areas and bring water, work gloves, and dress for the weather. Arrive early for snacks and registration. Call 452-5200 or email kswanson@cabq.gov for more information about the event.

April 4 - Copper Trailhead

April 11 - Embudo Canyon (Indian School) Trailhead

April 18 - Menaul Picnic Area.

April 25 - Piedra Lisa Open Space (south of the east end of Candelaria)

#### Announcing the First Ever MYSTERY TRASH CONTEST!

Over the years with your help we've cleaned up tons of trash from the Sandia Foothills including car parts, water heaters, broken glass, voodoo chickens and various interesting and unidentified objects. Sometimes we have to pause and wonder, "How did that get here?". Take a moment to look over these photos and see if you can identify the objects found during previous Spring Cleanups. Then tell us how or why these objects found their way to Open Space. Email your answers to jsattler@cabq.gov by midnight May 1st. Your responses will be judged by a panel of experts in the field of Garbology and the most original and creative answers will receive a special prize.

Mystery Trash #1

Mystery

Trash #3



Mystery Trash #2

Mystery Trash #4

#### **APRIL 2009**

**ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM.** *Guided Bosque Nature Walk.* Open Space Visitor Center. A 1.5 hour guided walk into the riverside forest. Drinks and snacks after the hike provided by the Sunflower Market. FREE. Space is limited to 20 people, 7 years old and above. Call 897-8831 to register. Registration is recommended one month in advance.

**Every Saturday, 9:00 AM - 10:30AM.** *Tai Chi Chuan.* Open Space Visitor Center. Tai Chi Chuan will take place outdoors on the plaza overlooking the fields and mountains. Please dress in layers. \$15.00 donation. A portion of the donation benefits the Open Space Alliance. Call 261-9686 to register.

**Every Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am.** *Yoga with a View.* Open Space Visitor Center. Yoga with instructor Jenny Dominque. \$15.00 donation. A portion of the donation benefits the Open Space Alliance. Call 897-8831 for more details.

Through April 28th. Coyote is Part of Our Flathead Salish Creation Story. Open Space Visitor Center. Paintings and drawings exploring the nature of Coyote. Call 897-8831 for more details. See page 6 for more information.

April 4th, 9:00am-1:00pm. April Cleanup in the Sandia Foothills. Copper Trailhead. See page 8 for more details.

April 5th, 9:30am-11:00am. *Urban Coyote Presentation*. Open Space Visitor Center. A slideshow and presentation about urban coyotes by Nick Pederson of The City of Albuquerque's' Environmental Health Department.

April 11th, 9:00am-1:00pm. April Cleanup in the Sandia Foothills. Indian School Trailhead. See page 8 for more details.

April 18th, 9:00am-1:00pm. April Cleanup in the Sandia Foothills. Menaul Trailhead. See page 8 for more details.

April 18th, from 1pm - 4pm. Monotype Demonstration. Open Space Visitor Center. Judy Just will host a class demonstrating the art of Monotype, at the Open Space Visitor Center. Limit 12 people. Call 897-8831 to register.

**April 18-19.** *Earth Day Celebration*. Open Space Visitor Center. A variety of activities for all ages to celebrate Earth Day. See page 2 for a complete event description.

**April 18th, 9:00am - 3:00pm.** *Shred Fest.* Sandia Foothills Copper Area (U-Mound). Bouldering competition and cleanup. Call 341-2016 for details.

April 22nd and May 2nd, Times TBA. *Introduction to Volunteer Trail Maintenance*. In collaboration with REI. Learn about building and maintaining multi-use trails. Includes a classroom and a field session. Call 505-247-1191 for more information.

April 25th, 9:00am-1:00pm. April Cleanup in the Sandia Foothills. Piedra Lisa Open Space area. See page 8 for more details.

#### **MAY 2009**

ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. Guided Bosque Nature Walk. See April listing.

Every Saturday, 9:00 AM - 10:30AM. Tai Chi Chuan. Open Space Visitor Center. See April listing

Every Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am. Yoga with a View. Open Space Visitor Center. See April listing.

May 2nd, Times TBA. Introduction to Volunteer Trail Maintenance. See April 22nd listing.

May 16th, 8:00am - 1:00pm. National River Cleanup. Northeast side of the Central Avenue bridge. Volunteer cleanup projects in the Bosque and Rio Grande Valley State Park. See page 5 for more details.

#### **JUNE 2009**

ONGOING: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:30 AM. Guided Bosque Nature Walk. See April listing.

Every Saturday, 9:00 AM - 10:30AM. Tai Chi Chuan. Open Space Visitor Center. See April listing

Every Sunday, 9:00am-10:30am. Yoga with a View. Open Space Visitor Center. See April listing.

June 6th, 8:00am - 1:00pm. *National Trails Day*. Elena Gallegos Open Space. Choose from over 10 different projects that help preserve the Elena Gallegos Open Space and Forest Service areas. Enjoy a donated picnic lunch and prize drawing! See page 10 for more details.

### Auf Wiedersehen Chris von Huene



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Trail Watch Volunteer Chris von Huene. Chris was an outdoor enthusiast who enjoyed hiking, mountaineering, camping, skiing and rafting.

His appreciation of the natural environment led him to volunteer for the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division, the Sandia Ranger District, and the New Mexico Natural History Museum.

Chris enjoyed sharing his knowledge and love of the outdoors by leading nature hikes for the Sandia Ranger District. As a docent for the New Mexico Natural History Museum he taught visitors about southwest geology and paleontology.

As a volunteer for Open Space Chris spent untold hours hauling out trash from remote areas of the Sandia Foothills and just last year commented, "My back isn't what it used to be, I could only carry out 50 pounds of trash last time I went hiking". He was a regular at Open Space cleanup projects and took great satisfaction in scrubbing graffiti off boulders and picking up broken glass. His energy and enthusiasm will be missed.

## National Trails Day 2009

Get ready, the 17th Annual National Trails Day (NTD) event is coming soon! The Trails Day theme for 2009 is "Take in the Outdoors." This is our invitation to the citizens of Albuquerque to come out and join us in our celebration of the outdoors and outdoor recreation. Good trails are an essential part of our recreational heritage, and the Sandia Foothills provide some of the best multi-use trails in New Mexico!



**EVENT DETAILS:** The event takes place June 6th at the Elena Gallegos Open Space in Albuquerque starting at 8:00am and lasting until about 1:00pm. Volunteers will work on over 10 different projects. The Elena Gallegos Open Space is located east of Tramway at the end of Simms Park Rd., just north of Academy.

Bring a hat, water bottle, snacks, sunscreen, work gloves, and lots of enthusiasm! The Sandia Ranger District and Albuquerque Open Space will provide tools and instructions. At the end of the event, we reward our volunteers with lunch and lots of prizes donated by our generous sponsors! Pre-registration is at Recreational Equipment Inc (REI) and starts in May. Call 247-1191 or stop by 1550 Mercantile Ave. (I-25 and Montano).

### Volunteer Opportunities at the Elena Gallegos Picnic Area

If you are a regular visitor to the Elena Gallegos please consider helping us keep a closer eye on our Open Space by staffing the entry booth for a few hours during the day. Duties include greeting visitors, providing trail maps, giving directions and answering questions. Our visitation has jumped significantly due to the mild weather this winter and we expect it to continue climbing over the next few months. We will especially need your help starting in May when our picnic reservation season begins and on weekends during our summer series events. Weekday and weekend shifts are available; we will work around your schedule

Contact Jim Sattler at 452-5213 for more information.

## Open Space 25th Anniversary Trivia FOOTHILLS EDITION!

- 1. Name three locations in the Foothills that have springs or seeps on Open Space managed land.
- 2. Who portrayed Garbo Trashofsky in the acclaimed 2001 GOV 16 TV Spring Foothills Cleanup Promo?
- 3. Which Foothills Open Space area is often confused with a Forest Service area of the same name?
- 4. What are slickensides and where in Open Space can you find them?
- 5. Which of the following items have not been found during Open Space trash cleanups; A dead body, a parking meter, a gum ball machine, a bag of money stolen from a bank?
- 6. What comedy team does Jim S. reference in his tool safety talks prior to volunteer trails projects?
- 7. A hiker, a biker and a horseback rider are using the same trail. Which of these statements of proper trail etiquette is true? **a.** The horseback rider stops and allows the hiker and biker to pass; **b.** The biker speeds up to pass the rider and the hiker quickly so he doesn't lose momentum on the trail; **c.** Upon hearing an announcement from the biker that he is about to pass, the hiker moves to the right of the trail

#### **TRIVIA ANSWERS:**

.7	c. Upon hearing an announcement from the biker that he is about to pass, the hiker moves to the right of the trail
.6	Тhе Тhree Stooges
.6	A bag of stolen money
	An indication of fault activity. Found in the Sandia Foothills.
·t	Geologic features of polished rock caused by two rock surfaces moving across each other in close contact and under pressure.
	Service area known as Piedra Lisa is located near Placitas.
.8	Piedra Lisa. The Piedra Lisa Open Space area is located south of the east end of Candelaria at Camino de la Sierra. The Forest
	Dr. Matt Schmader
١.	Near the south end of Camino de la Sierra, Piedra Lisa, the canyon north of Casa Bonita, the Elena Gallegos

## Get involved in the Open Space Alliance *today* and contribute to the future of YOUR Open Space!

Your generous contribution to the Open Space Alliance supports OSA's mission of enhancing our quality of life through: heightening public awareness of Open Space lands; building and strengthening partnerships with groups who share Open Space values; promoting conservation, acquisition, and stewardship of Open Space lands; strengthening volunteerism and community outreach programs, and providing financial support.

For information about our current activities, contact Steve Hamp, OSA Board President, at <a href="mailto:shamp7@comcast.net">shamp7@comcast.net</a>, or 247-2523.

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