

August 29, 2003 Memo to Río Puerco y Río Jemez Steering Committees

The documents currently being reviewed are the *Draft Río Puerco Sub-Regional Scenario: 2003-2050*, *Draft Río Jemez Objectives & Actions* and the *Draft Public Involvement Program* report, all of which were sent out in June. There were some revisions made to the Program report, which were handed out on August 19, and are reflected in the *Revised* report. The plan is to have a Draft Río Jemez Sub-Regional Scenario: 2003-2050 drawn from the Objectives and Actions, as well as revisions incorporated into the other two by September 6th so that the packet of final drafts can be sent out shortly thereafter.

The comments on the final drafts will be the main subject of the meeting on September 16. When I send out the packet, I will ask that you send in comments prior to the 15th, so that I can compile them for presentation. Hence, you can see how important it is to get your comments in now on the initial set of drafts.

A week ago, I sent an information packet on public welfare and invited suggestions as to what a draft might include. Comments and suggestions need to be compiled for inclusion in the packet. Hopefully, we will be able to address this subject as well on the 16th. Also, please include your thoughts on whether to make one chart for the two basins or two.

I have been asked about including additional items in the appendices. My feeling is that if someone wants to prepare and present a piece, that is certainly appropriate to bring before the Steering Committees. It might be an article on the importance of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the La Jara Geographical Priority Area (GPA) Proposal, the Jemez Water Users Coalition's activities (with \$1.5 million or so for watershed restoration and hydrology studies), the Río Puerco Management Committee's activities, the Forest Services, CS&WCD's, the Cattle Growers' the Sierra Club's, and so forth. Perhaps one of the best uses of the planning process and the plan itself may be to act as a clearinghouse of information, and thus an ability to leverage what's out there already. Even if we don't include the entire proposal, a list of activities would be super. I invite each and every one of you to send me such a list and I'll try to include it in the draft sent out. A matrix of these would be good to work on as potential sources of funding.

As you know, the agenda is ambitious. Now is the time for all of us to work on the plan together. If there is to be a subregional plan submitted, we need to complete our work on September 16. Thus, I ask for your assistance in ensuring that the tasks are completed in a timely manner.

So, please, get your comments in as soon as possible. Those which come in by next Wednesday will be incorporated into the final draft. Those which come in after Wednesday may or may not get incorporated prior to sending out the packet, but will be brought to the meeting for discussion. I also ask that you share this message and the documents sent earlier with anyone else on the Steering Committees who do not have email.

Thanks and have a great weekend!