



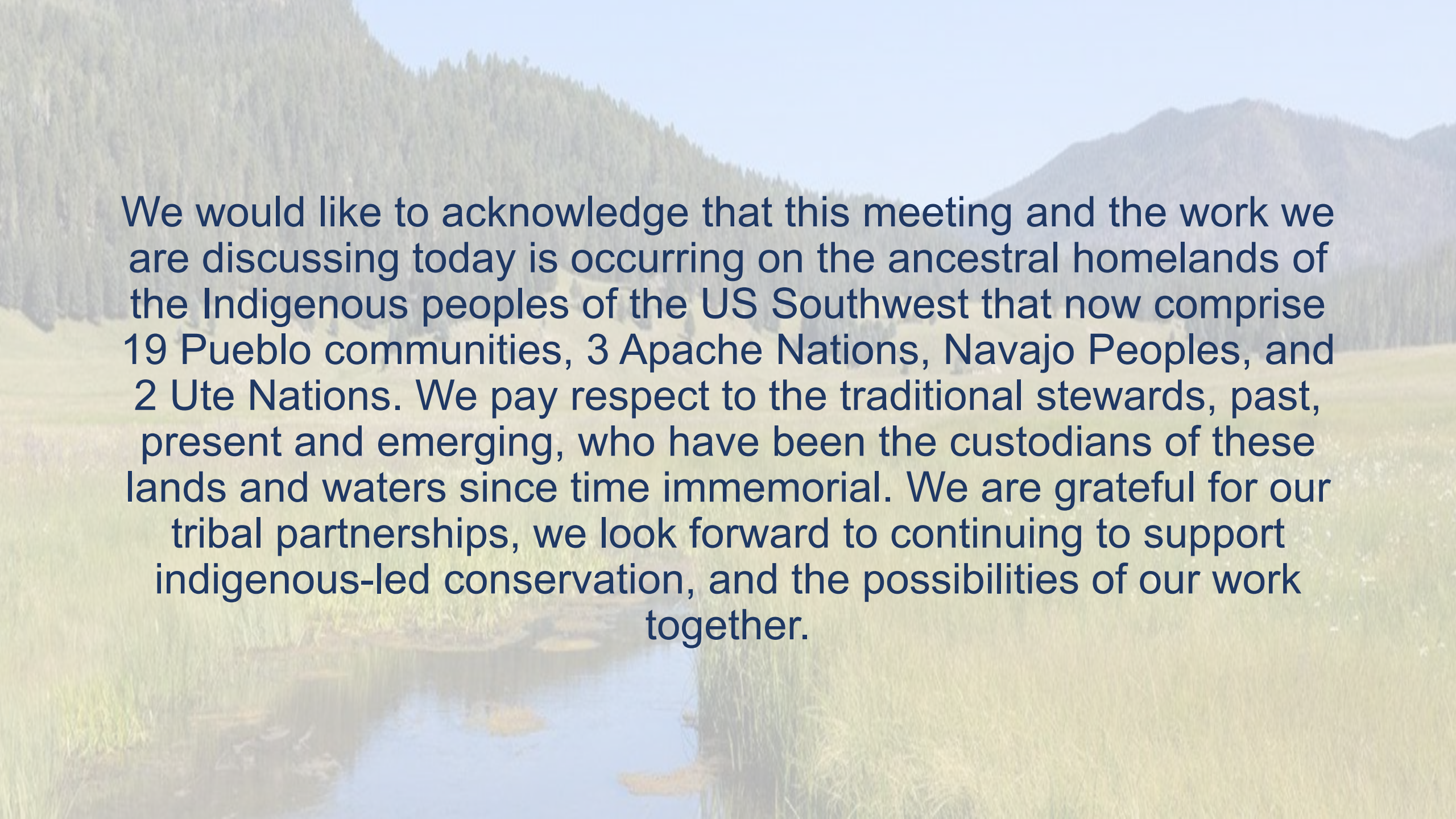
# MEETING THE MOMENT:

**Harnessing Opportunity for Our Water & Forests**

Welcome to the 2023 RGWF Signatories Event

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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We would like to acknowledge that this meeting and the work we are discussing today is occurring on the ancestral homelands of the Indigenous peoples of the US Southwest that now comprise 19 Pueblo communities, 3 Apache Nations, Navajo Peoples, and 2 Ute Nations. We pay respect to the traditional stewards, past, present and emerging, who have been the custodians of these lands and waters since time immemorial. We are grateful for our tribal partnerships, we look forward to continuing to support indigenous-led conservation, and the possibilities of our work together.



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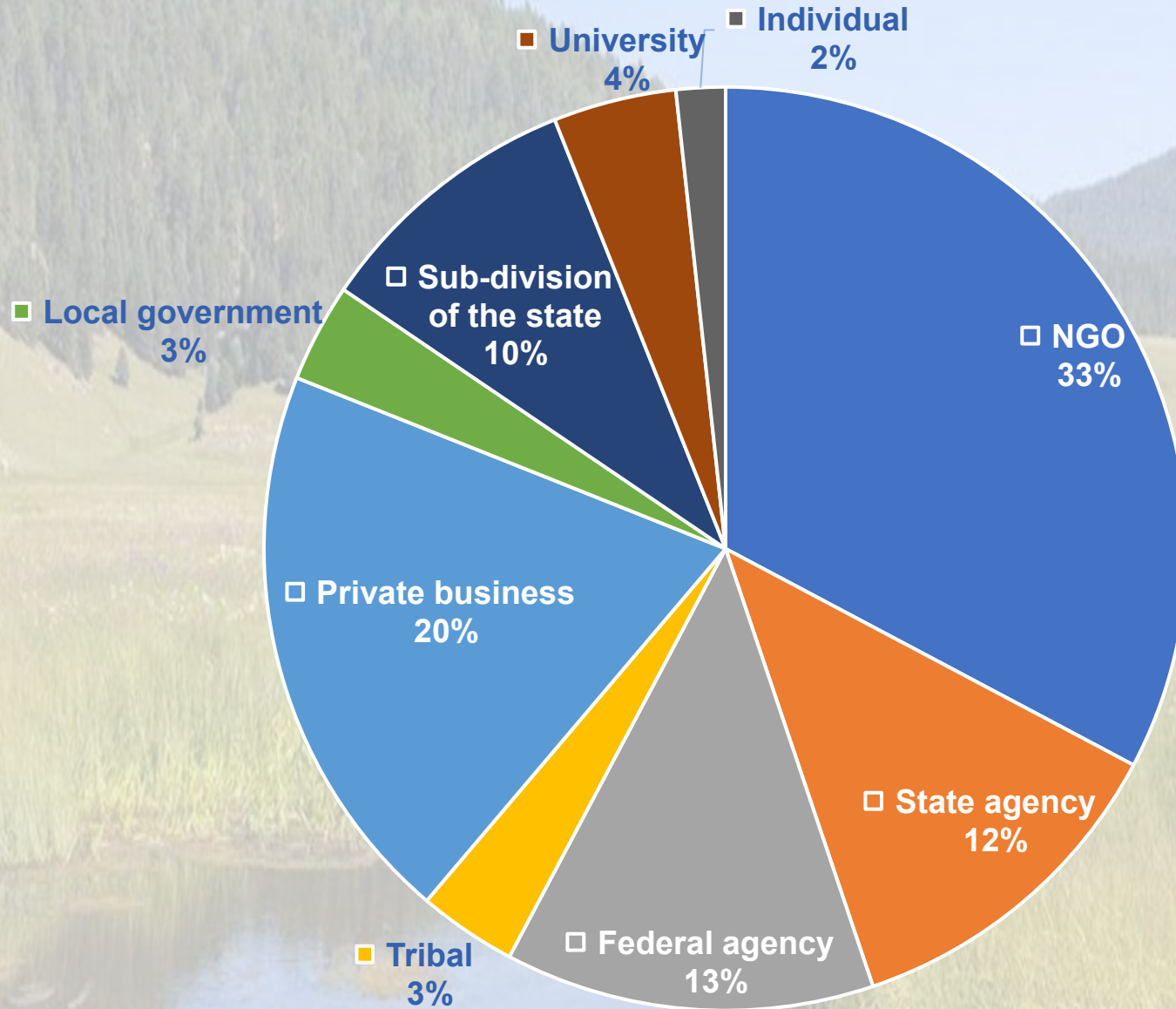
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<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Welcome & Introductions
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Keynote Presentation
<b>10:10 AM</b>	The State of the RGWF
<b>10:35 AM</b>	Stories from the Field
<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Panel Conversation</b> - Meeting the Moment: Challenges and Opportunities to Increase the Pace and Scale of Forest Restoration
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:20 PM</b>	Focal Area Discussion Groups – Overview in the Main Room
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Focal Area Discussion Group Breakout Sessions
<b>2:30 PM</b>	Focal Area Discussion Groups: Share outcomes in the Main Room
<b>2:40 PM</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>3:10 PM</b>	Closing & Thank you!
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

# Participant affiliations





Is this your first RGWF Signatories meeting?

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An aerial photograph of a large dam and reservoir in a desert landscape. The dam is a long, dark structure stretching across the middle of the frame. The reservoir is a large body of blue water behind the dam. The surrounding landscape is arid, with brown and tan soil, sparse vegetation, and some green fields in the foreground. In the distance, there are mountains under a clear blue sky with a few clouds.

# **RIO GRANDE WATER FUND**

**Phoebe K. Suina (Cochiti Pueblo and San Felipe Pueblo)**  
**April, 2023**

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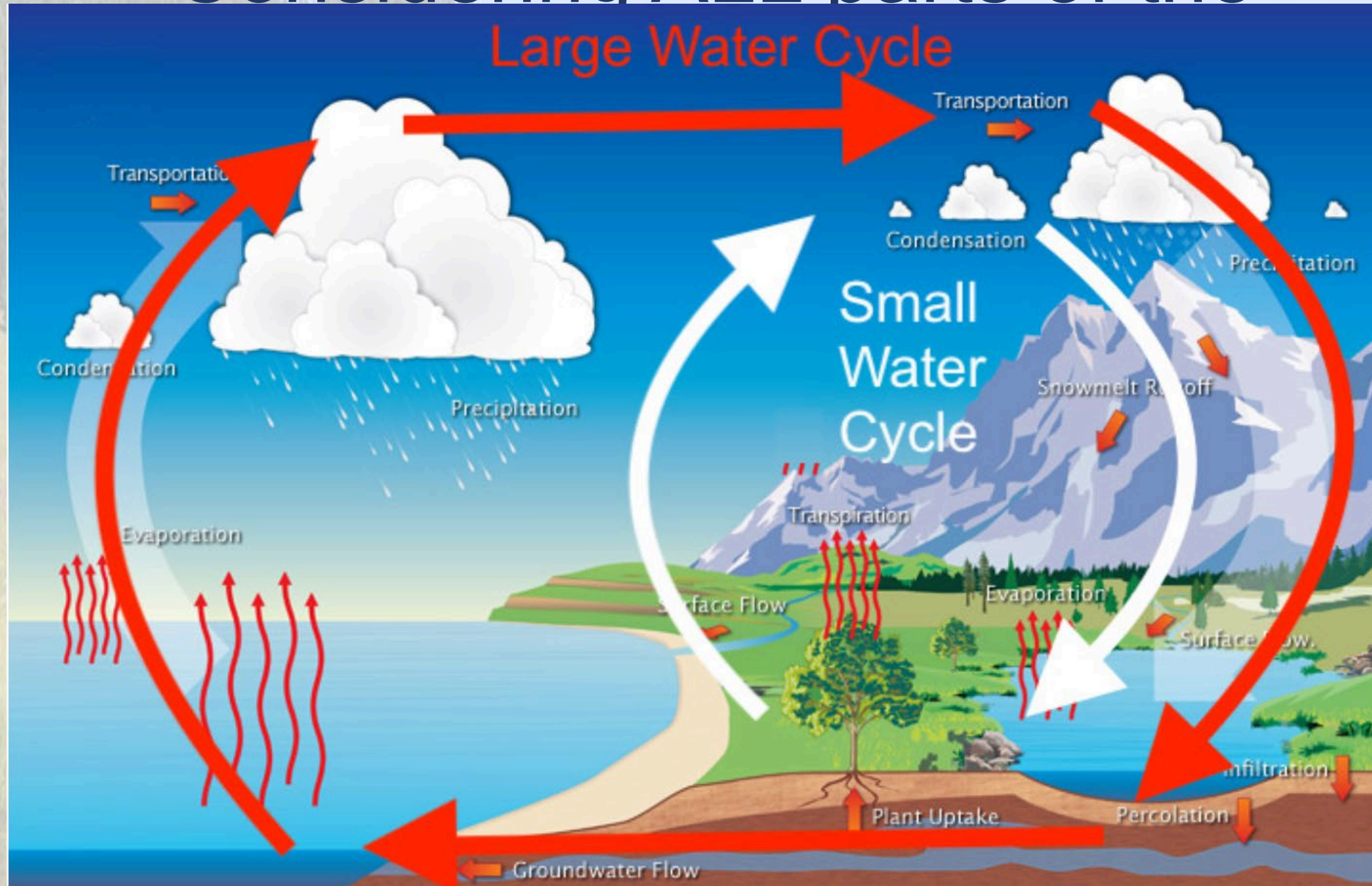


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# Water and land stewardship and our responsibility



From the past to  
the present...



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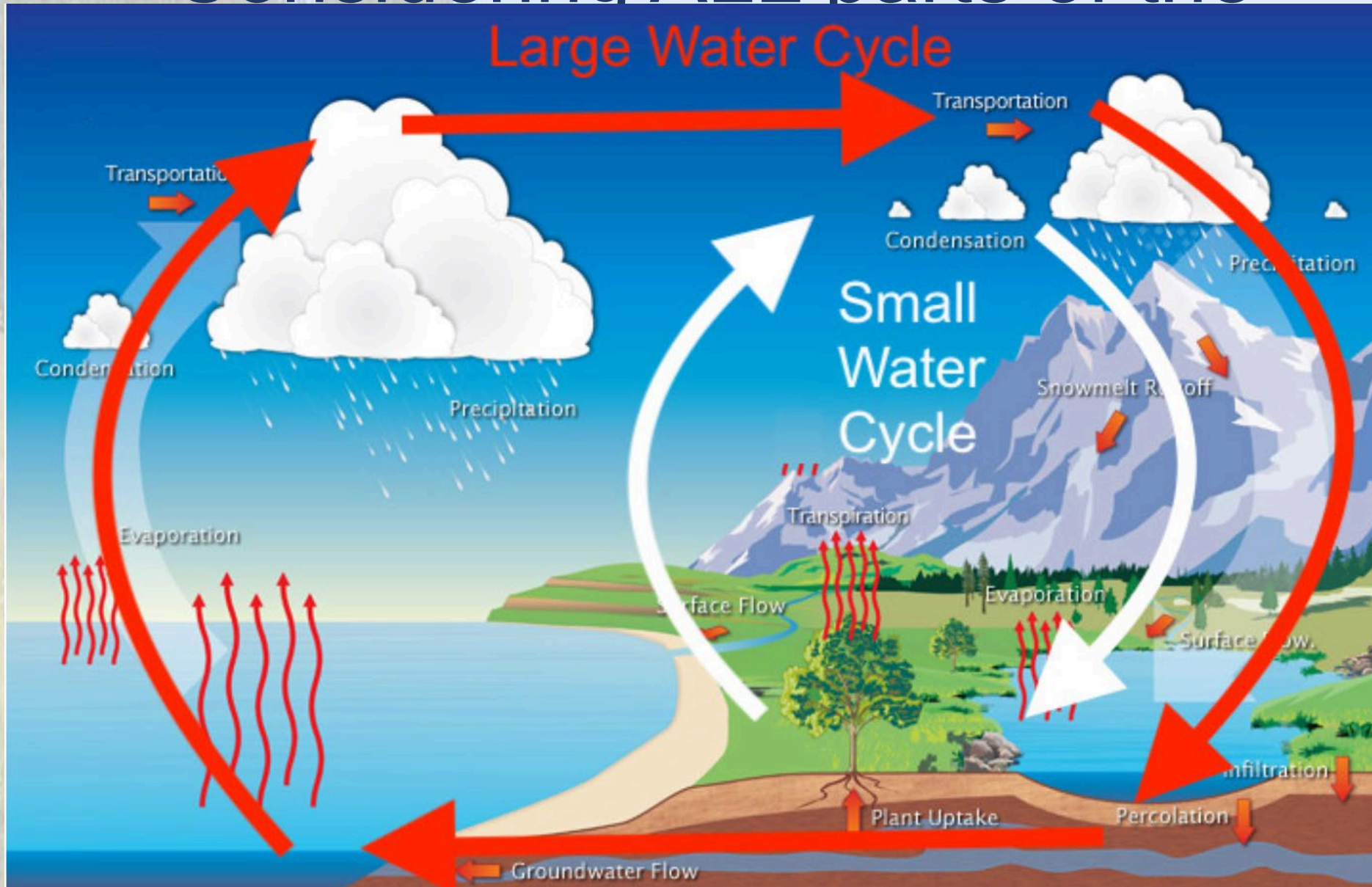


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A scenic landscape featuring a range of mountains in the background under a clear blue sky. In the middle ground, there is a line of trees with some yellowing foliage. The foreground consists of a dry, grassy field with a fence line. The entire image is framed by a light green border with a subtle pattern.

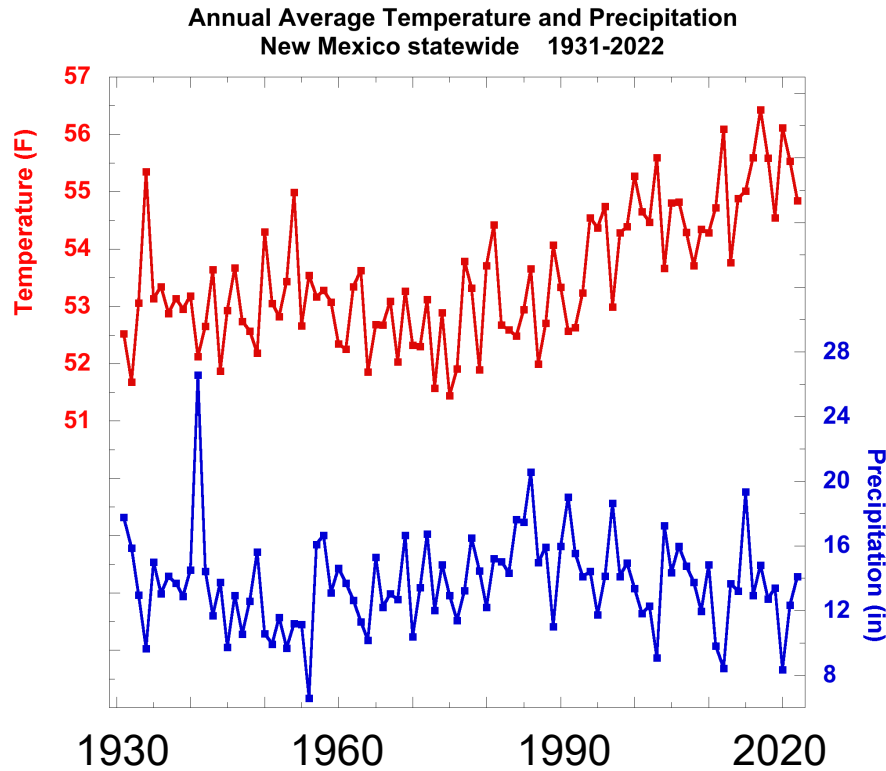
**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING**

**“Continue to learn from Indigenous peoples around you, because we are carrying some of the most advanced wisdom on the planet in our knowledge systems.” – Lyla June**

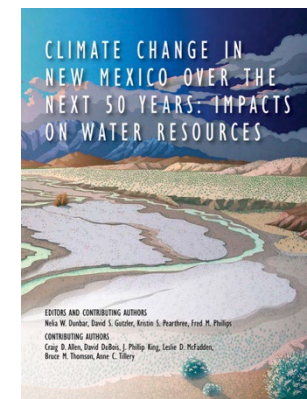
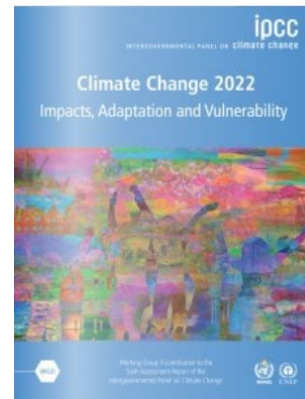


# Hotter and Drier: What it Means for Water and Forests in New Mexico

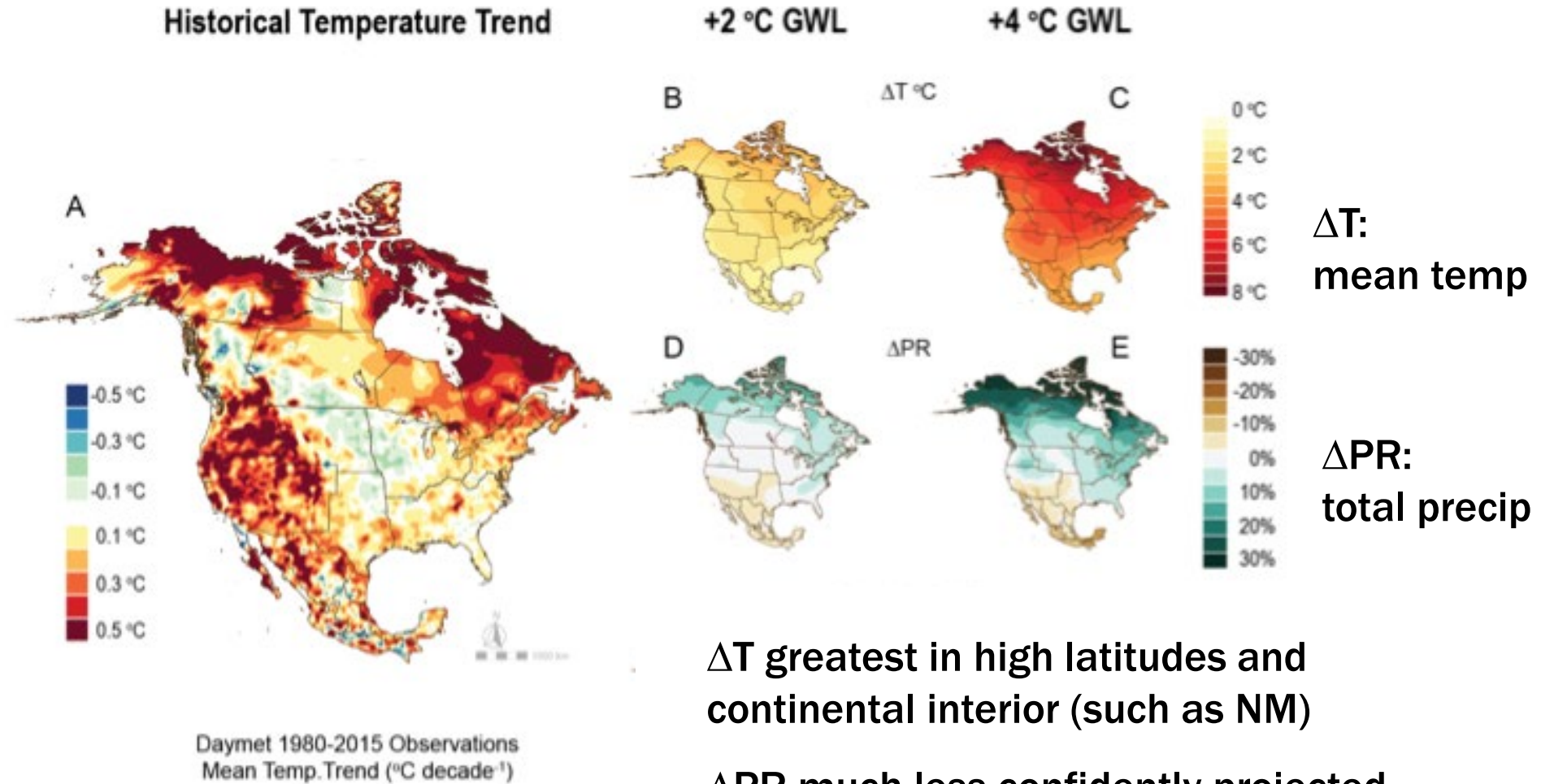
David S. Gutzler  
Earth & Planetary Sciences Dept (Emeritus)  
University of New Mexico



- \* Observed & projected climate change
- \* The future of New Mexico forests
- \* Sources of information:  
IPCC AR6  
NM 50-year water sector outlook



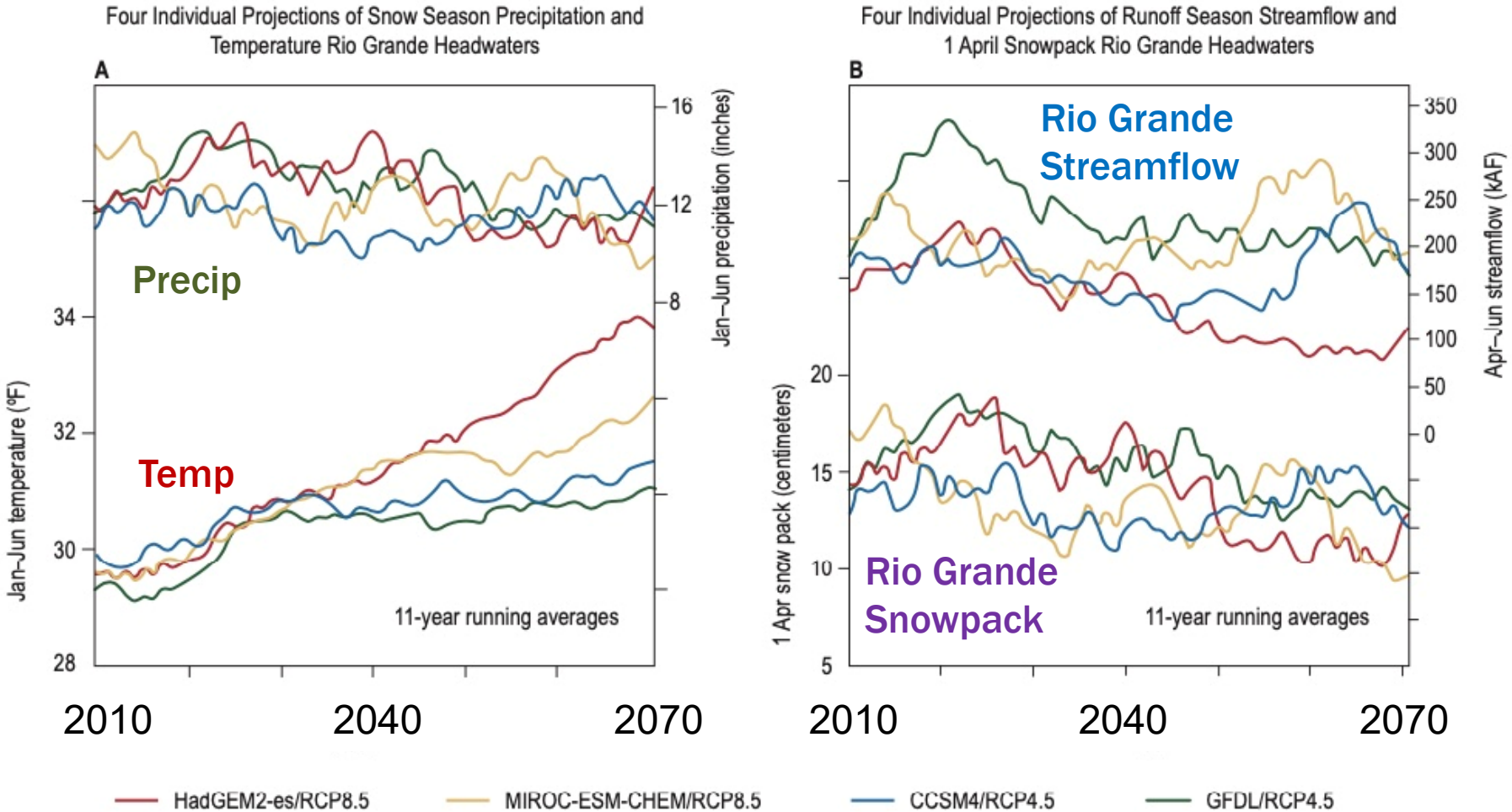
# Warming Climate Across North America



$\Delta T$  greatest in high latitudes and continental interior (such as NM)

$\Delta PR$  much less confidently projected  
→ reduced precip in Spring season

# Rio Grande hydroclimatic projections

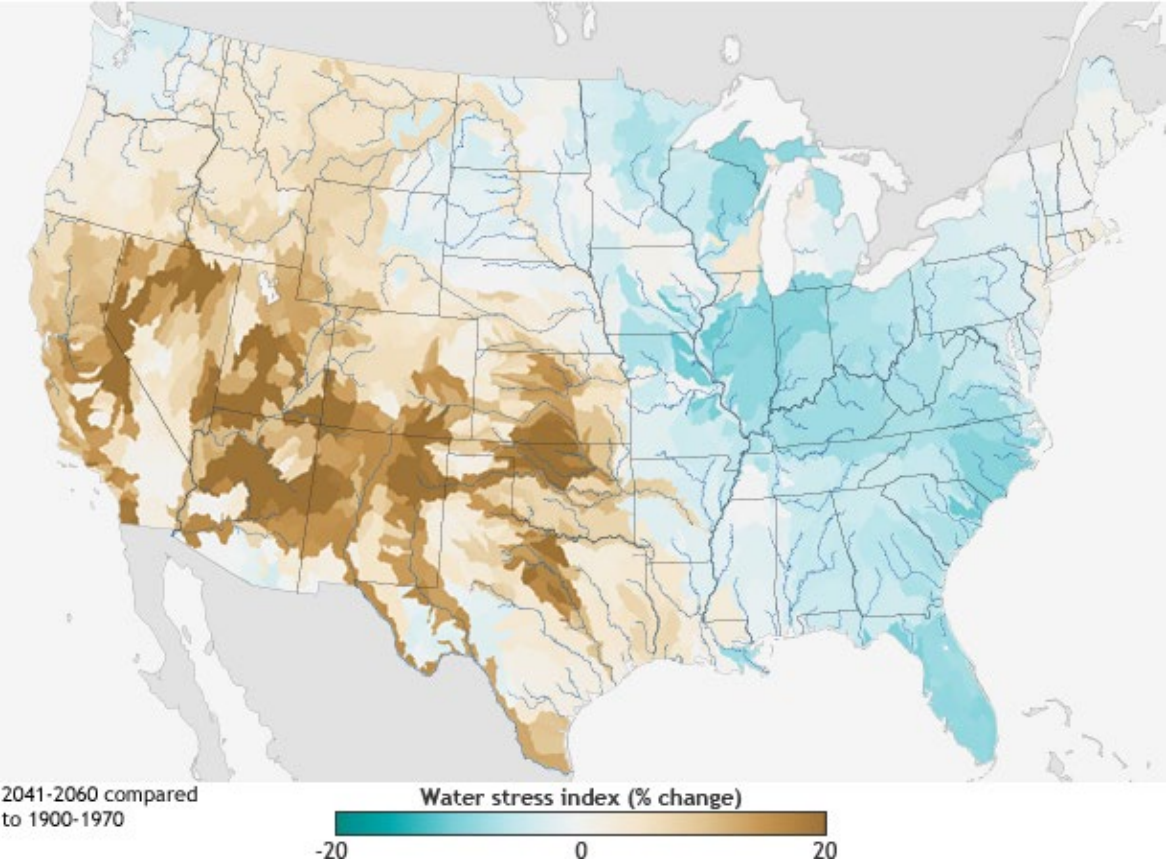


NM 50-year outlook (2022)

**Higher temperature, reduced snowpack**  
**Considerable variation between precip projections**

# Projected shortage of surface water supplies across the Southwest

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**This Water Stress Index** compares changes in projected surface water supply relative to human demand for water

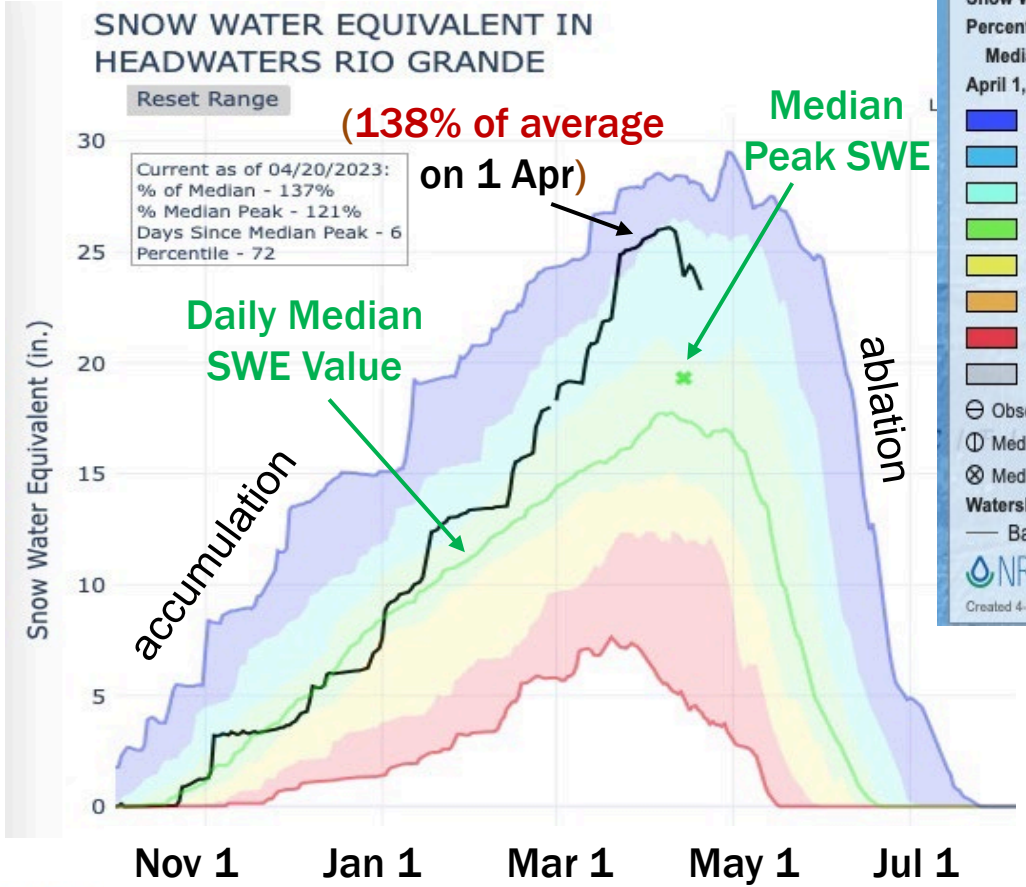
**SW USA (and NW MX, not shown here) face severe water supply shortages**

**NM 50-year outlook (2022)**

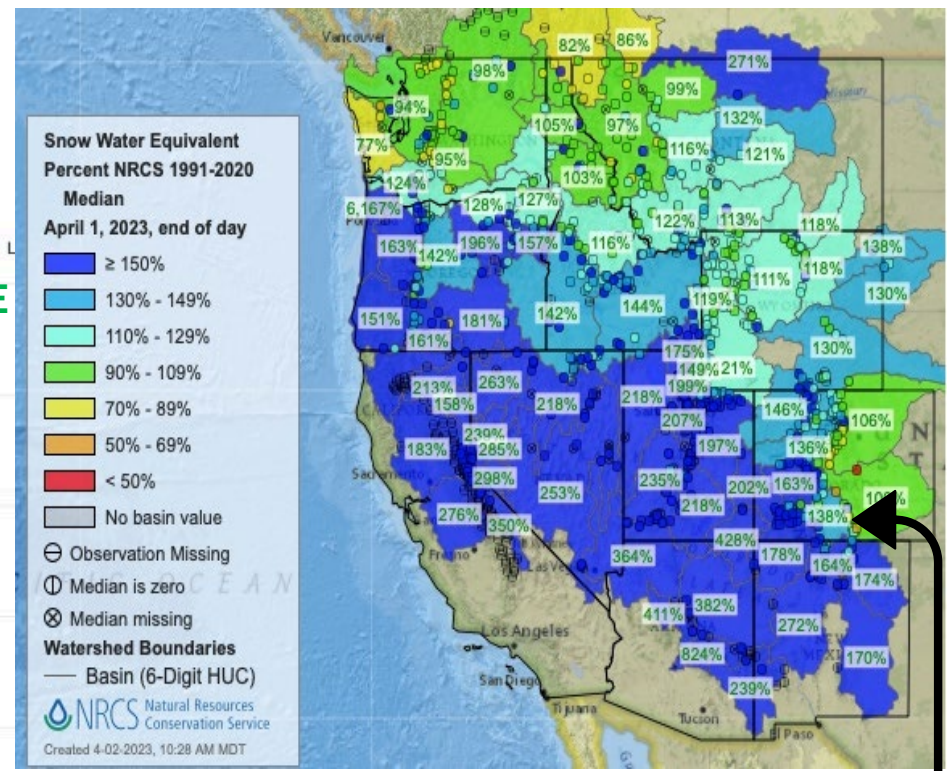


# This year: Heavy snowpack across the western US

## April 20, 2023



### Basin SWE anomalies Apr 1



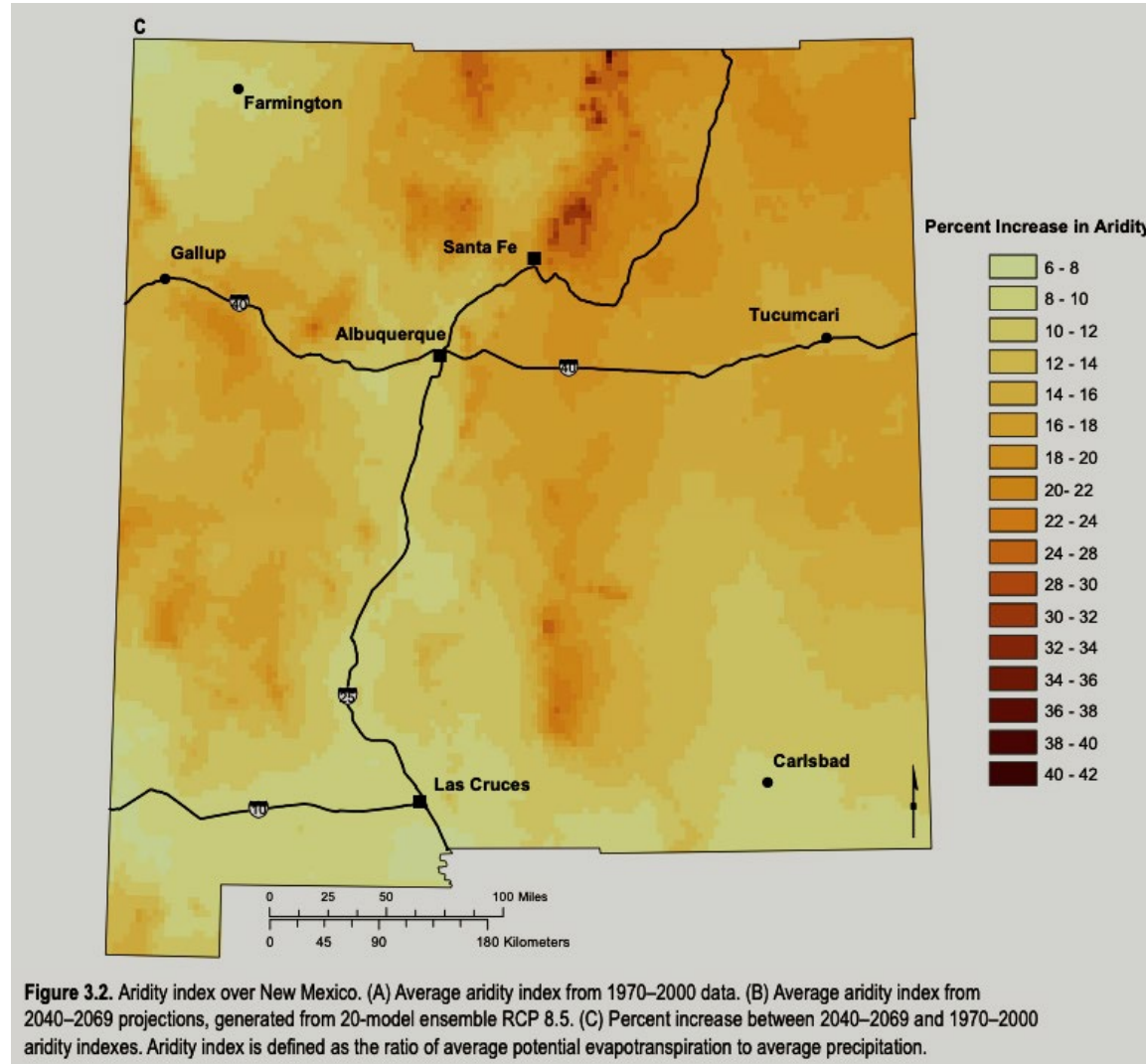
Rio Grande headwaters

NRCS Apr 1 projection of Rio Grande headwaters runoff = **138% of average**



# Aridification of the Southwest

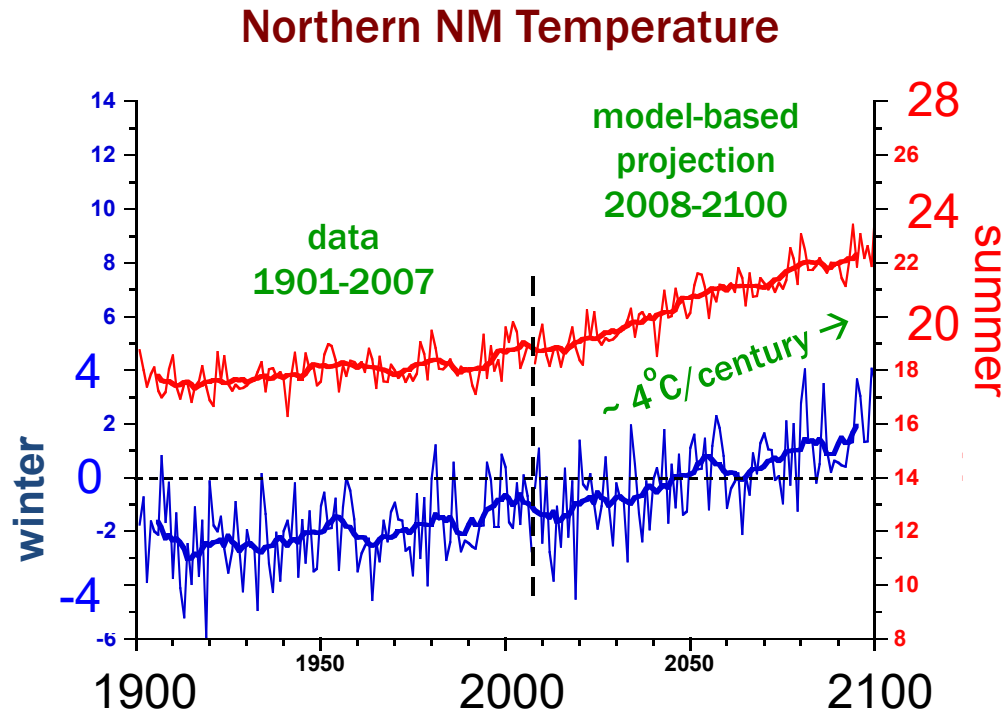
## Projected change in surface "Aridity Index"



The effects of decreased surface moisture are greatest in higher elevation forested regions

$$\text{Aridity Index} = \frac{\text{PET}}{\text{Precip}}$$

# Projected climate change: Albuquerque → El Paso



By the end of the 21st Century:  
T (Albuquerque) → current T (El Paso)

**We can choose to mitigate this outcome.**



Sandia Mountains



Franklin Mountains (outskirts of El Paso TX)

# Increasingly Severe Wildfire

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## Las Conchas Fire and its aftermath



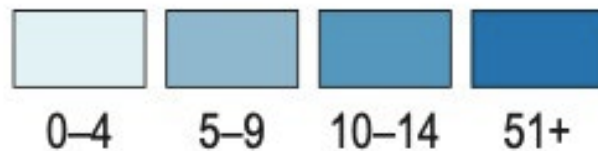
**Aridification** is associated with more frequent and more severe fire weather and dry fuel conditions

## More intense extreme precipitation events

Mid 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Higher Emissions



Change (%)



**More precipitation falls in short, intense events across the continent ... regardless of the projected change in total precip**

**The model projection shown here is consistent with observed trends in extreme precipitation in recent historical data**

## Increased Erosion, Debris Flows



NM 50-year outlook (2022)

Severe wildfires and extreme precipitation tend to **destabilize hillslopes** and **promote erosion**

Flashier runoff, warmer temperatures act to **decrease groundwater recharge**

## Summary

\* **Temperature: warmer**, as we see already unambiguously

\* **Precipitation: Maybe less, very likely more variable**

→ **Less snow, earlier and diminished snowmelt runoff**  
... reduced flows in major snow-fed rivers  
(but 2023 looks to be a respite from drought)

*not enough  
water*

**Drier soils, more severe droughts**

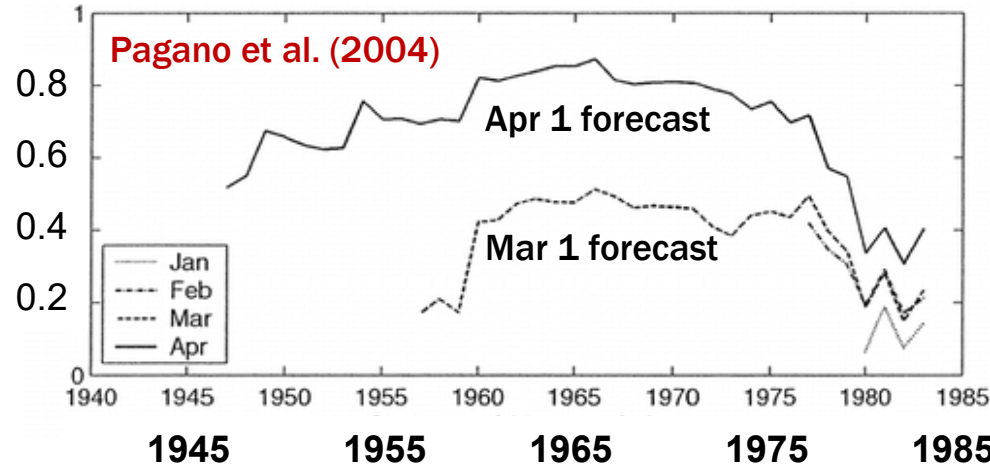
**Extreme fire danger and threats to forests**

**More extreme precipitation events**

**Intensification of floods and debris flows**

*too much  
water*

# Seasonal Prediction of Snowmelt Runoff

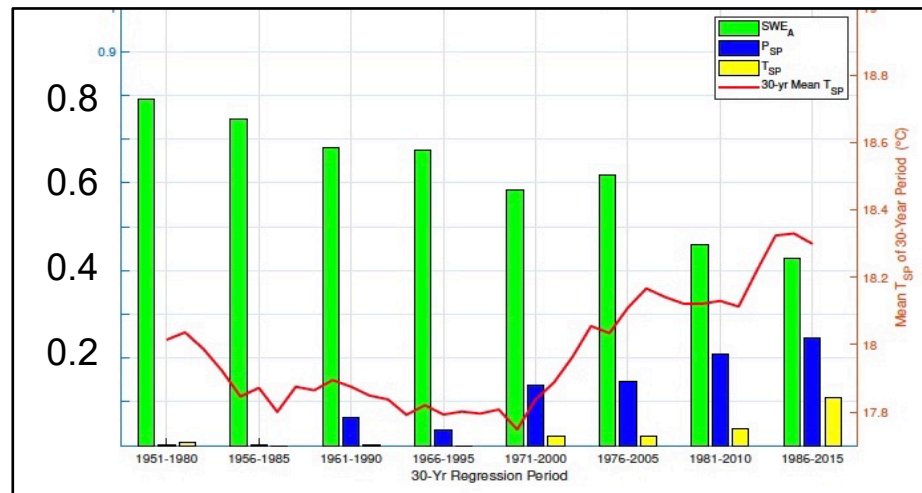


## Trend in Seasonal Forecast Skill Upper Pecos River

We want forecast skill to *improve* with time, not *get worse*!

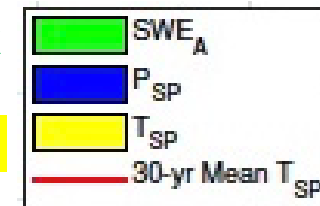
← start of 20-year validation window

$$Q_{RO} = f(SWE_A, P_{SP}, T_{SP})$$



## Linear Regression Coefficients of Statistical Forecast Models of Rio Grande headwaters flow

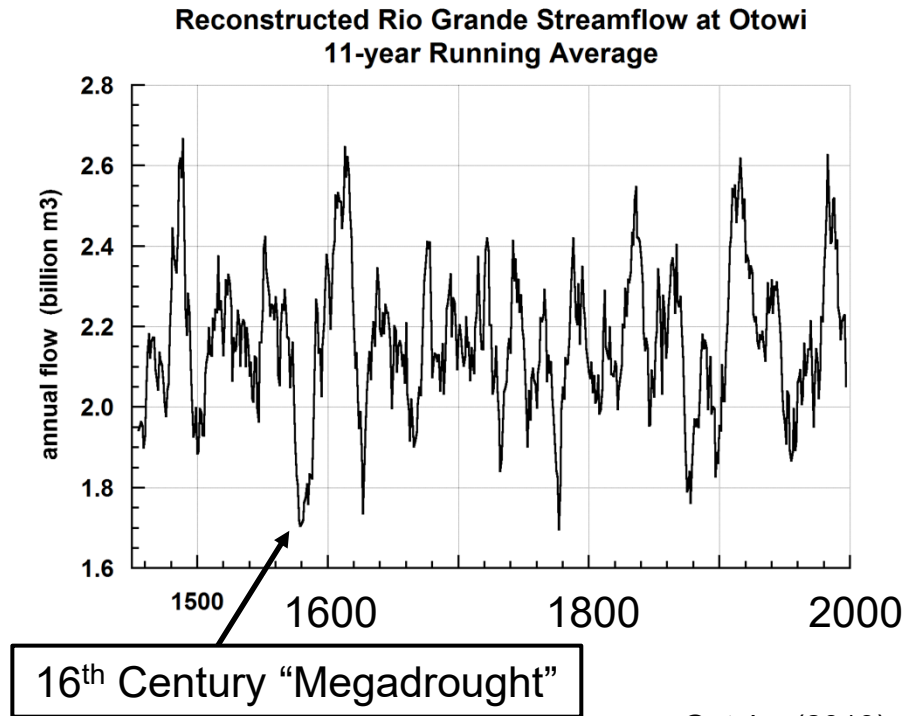
1 Apr snowpack  
Apr-Jun precip  
Apr-Jun temp



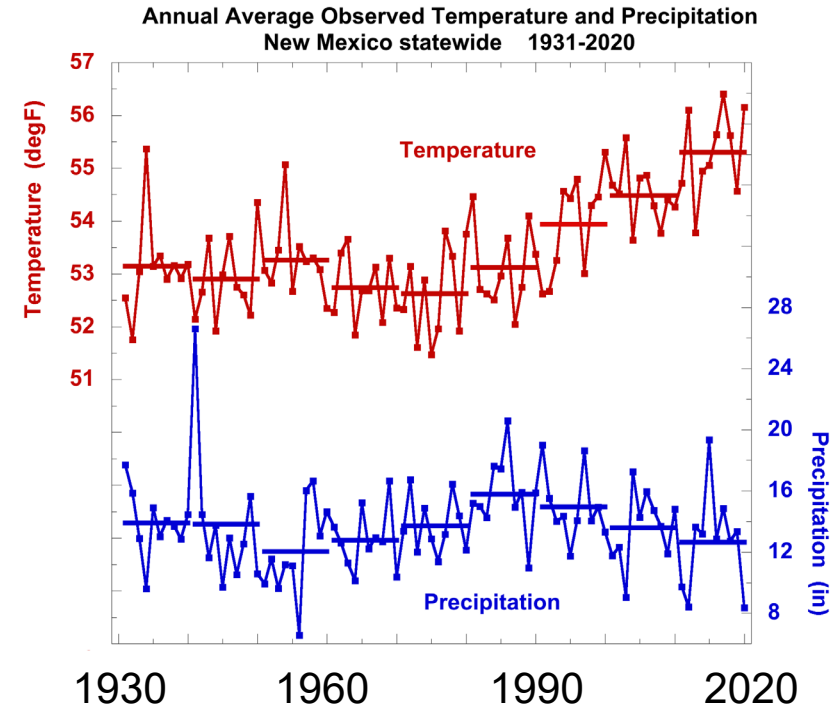
- \* Skill derived from SWE<sub>A</sub> declining fast
- \* More  $Q_{RO}$  variance associated with P<sub>SP</sub>



# Climate Variability in New Mexico



Gutzler (2013)  
using Treeflow data



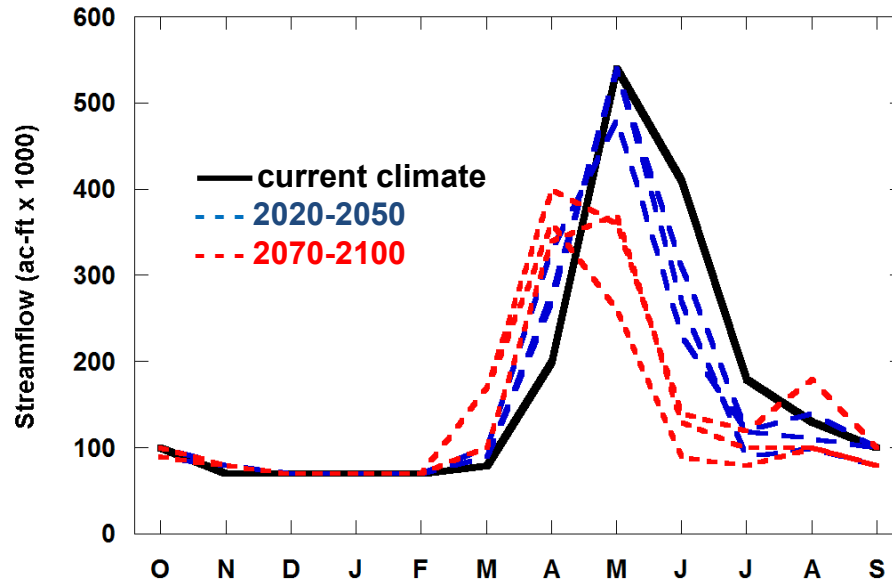
updated from Gutzler (2020)  
using NOAA data

Ongoing drought rivals historical "megadroughts"

# Projections of Diminished Flow in the Upper Rio Grande

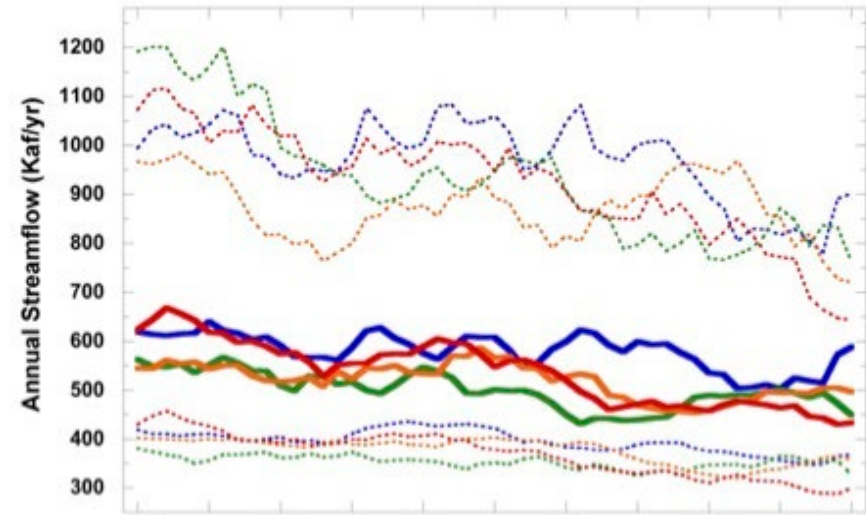
"Middle" (NM) Rio Grande:  
3 different projections (A1B)

Middle Rio Grande Streamflow Projections



Hurd & Coonrod (2012)

Rio Grande @ San Marcial  
Inflow to Elephant Butte Res



2020 2045 2070

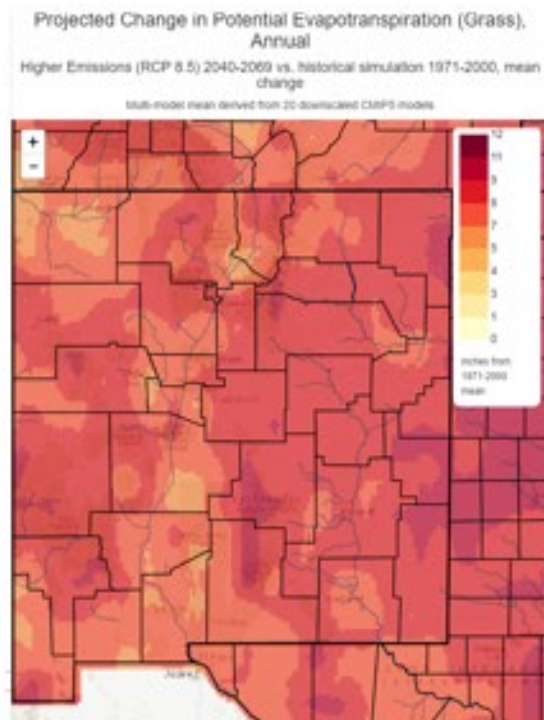
Townsend & Gutzler (2020)  
Gutzler (2020)

Warmer temperature, reduced snowpack, maybe less precip, suggest lower average flow and **much-reduced Spring peak flow**

Newer projections simulate a huge range of future flows (due mostly to widely varying precip projections) but consensus is for **lower flows**

# Projected PET and Soil Moisture Change

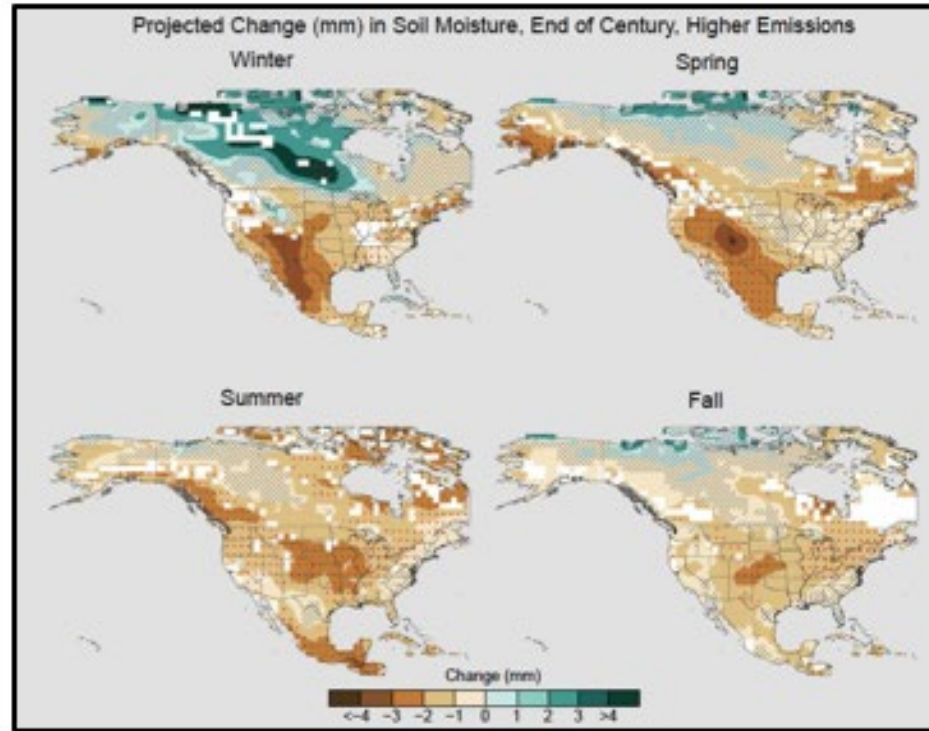
## Projected change in Potential Evapotranspiration



NM 50-year outlook (2022)

(mostly temp-driven)

## Projected change in Seasonal Soil Moisture



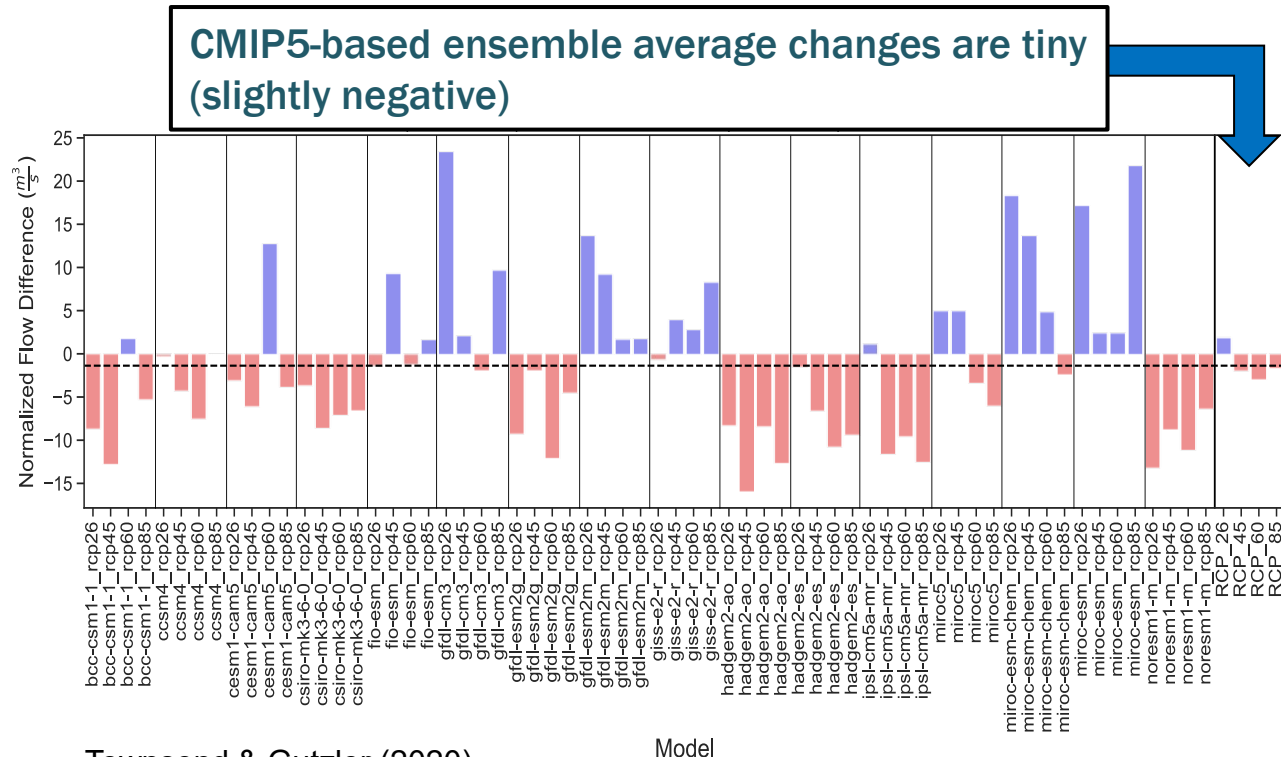
(PET ↑ recharge ↓ in SW N Am)

US NCA (2018)

SW North America is projected to become more arid in general  
Droughts, when they occur, will be more severe  
Evaporation rate off moist surfaces will increase

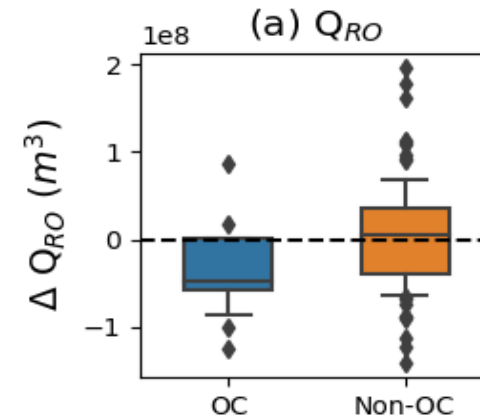
# Projected changes in Elephant Butte inflow

Change in flow at San Marcial (inflow to Elephant Butte) over next 50 yr



Townsend & Gutzler (2020)

Observationally Consistent simulations show less spread  
 → consistently reduced flow



Bjarke & Gutzler (2023)

Can we reduce the **huge** range of uncertainty in model-based projections of future Rio Grande streamflow?



# The State of the RGWF: Adapting to meet the moment

Matt Piccarello, Forest and Watershed Health Manager  
The Nature Conservancy

Photo: Alan W Eckert

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# Where we started



Las Conchas Wildfire 2011 – 156,000ac



Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire 2022 – 341,471ac

# Water Quality



“The Rio Grande Water Fund invests in the restoration of forested lands upstream so we can secure pure fresh water. Our goal is to generate sustainable funding over the next 20 years to proactively increase the pace and scale of forest restoration, including the most high-risk areas in the Rio Grande watershed. This innovative project offers a solution that can bring clean water and outdoor opportunities to New Mexicans for generations to come.”



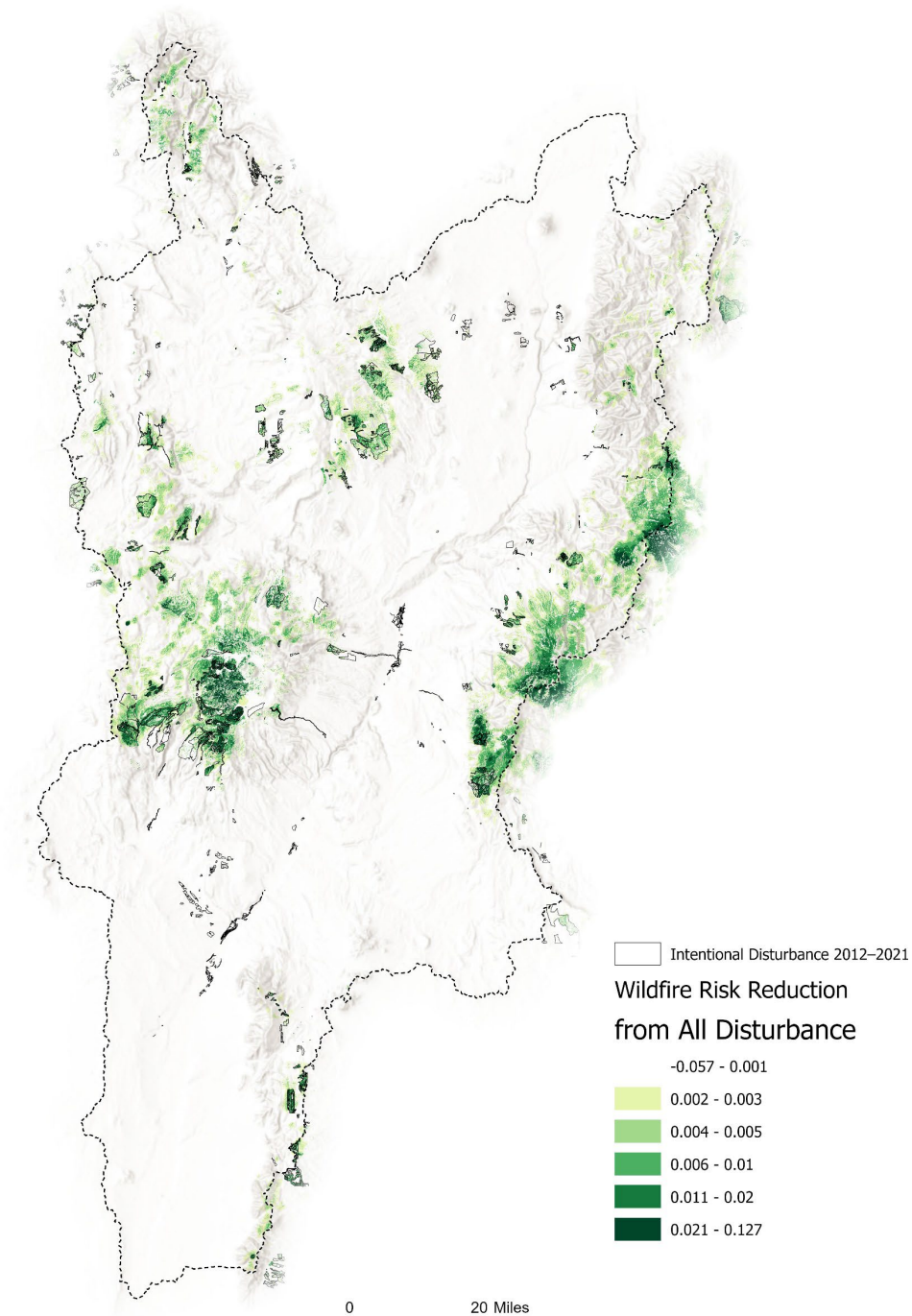
mid Cochiti Canyon

Credit: Craig Allen

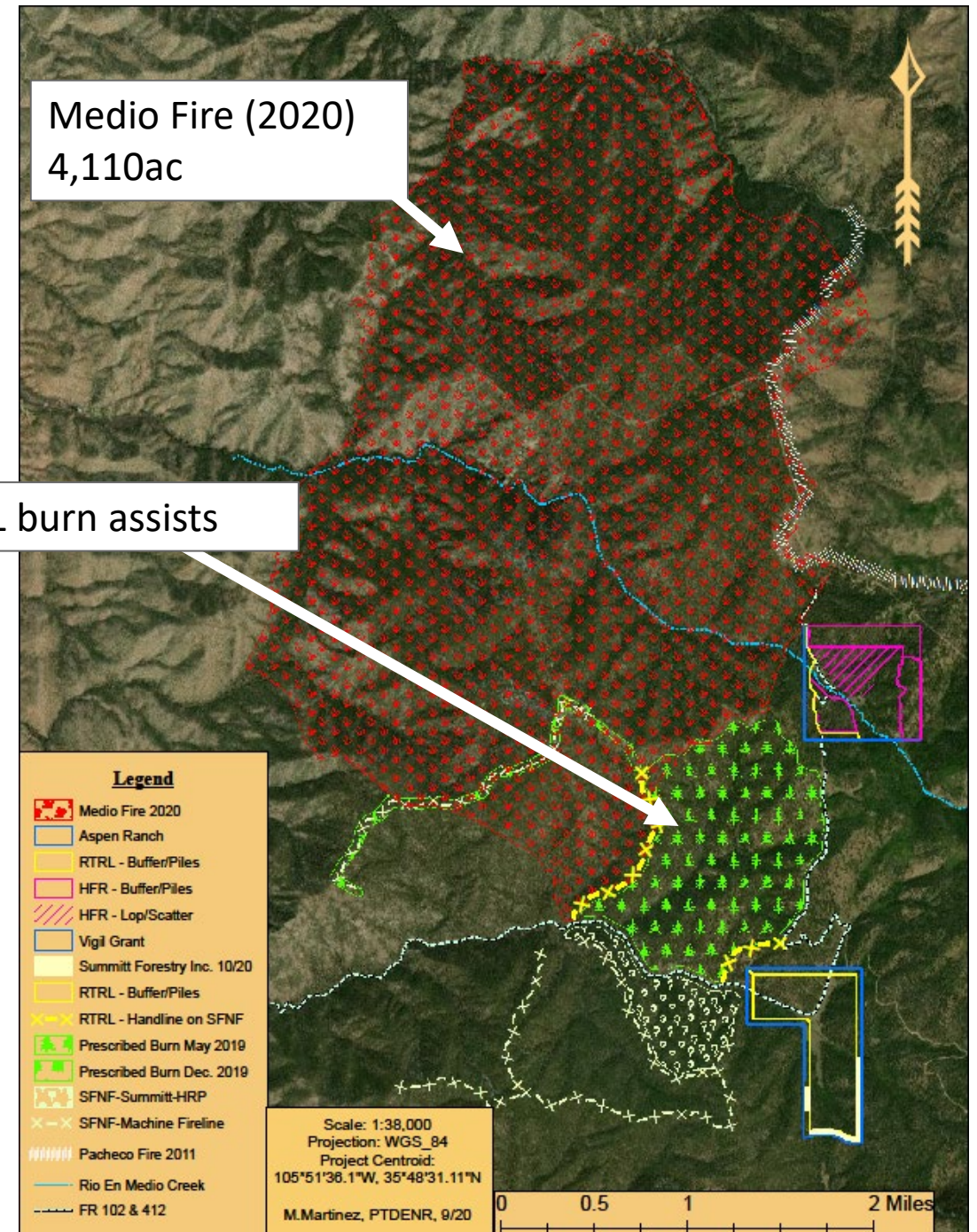
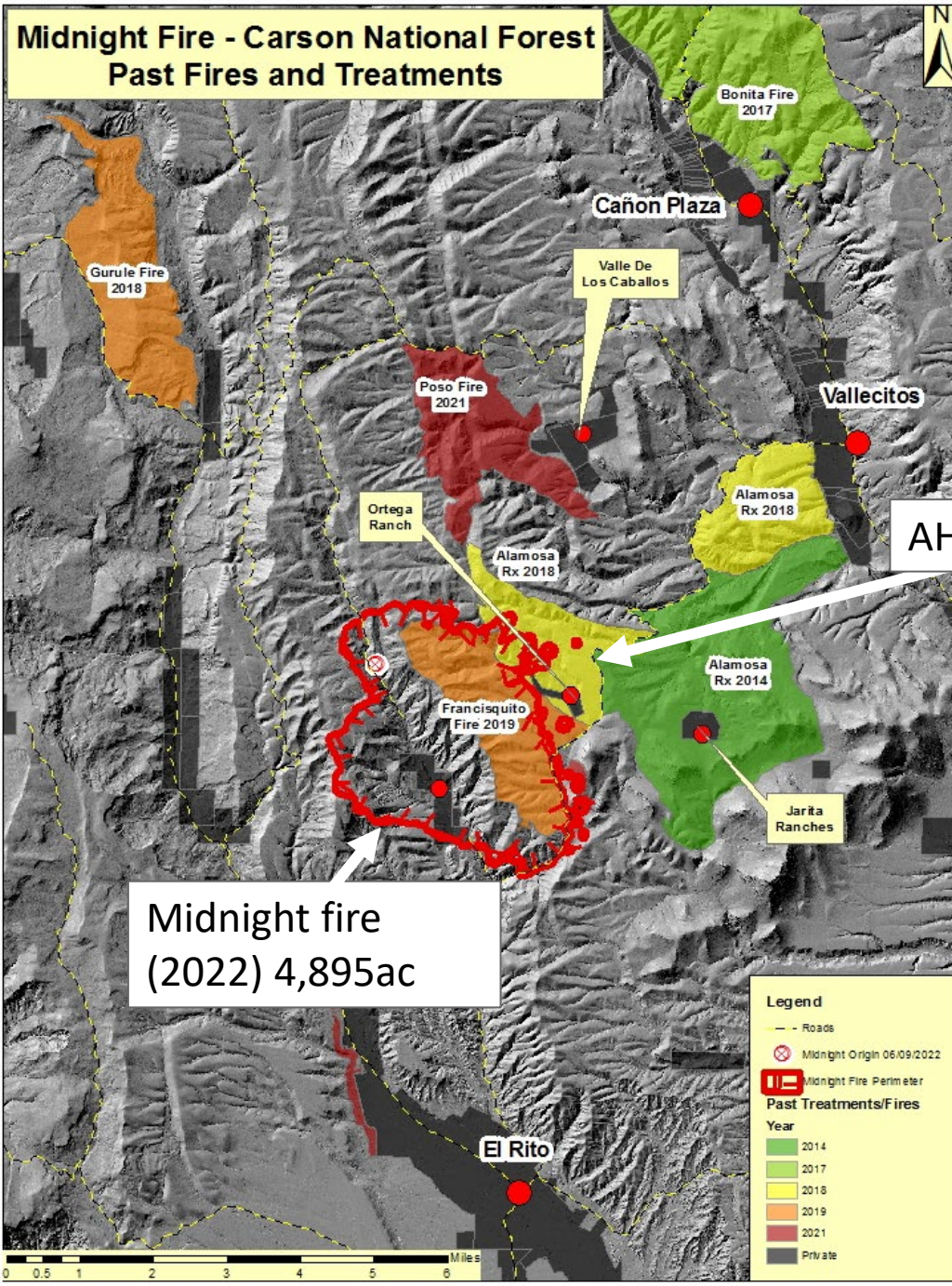
# How we're doing

- Over **100** signatories
- **251k** acres of forest restoration activities (includes multiple entries, e.g. thinning + fire). **159k** of “unique” acres treated (first-entry only).
- **\$6.4** million dollars invested via the RGWF
- **\$52.8** million in public funding leveraged
- **>10** place-based collaboratives convened or supported
- **13,515** acres of Rx fire supported by All Hands All Lands burn team to date
- New and potential funding and agreements
  - **\$2M** 2022-2034 agreement with ABCWUA
  - New agreement with MRGCD in the works
  - Expanding the RX fire workforce with our federal and tribal partners
  - Private donations, foundations support, etc.

We ARE having an impact at a landscape scale









# The Moment

## Inflation Reduction Act

- **\$2.1B** for NFS (**\$1.8B** for haz fuels)
- **\$1.5B** for urban & community forestry

## Context

- **\$12M** invested in haz fuels on NFS Lands – 2014 Comprehensive plan
  - **\$11.8M** year one/five of Community Wildfire Defense Grant funds in NM (non-federal lands)
  - **\$11.3M** FY22-24 investments in Enchanted Circle Priority Landscape Alone

## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA/BIL)

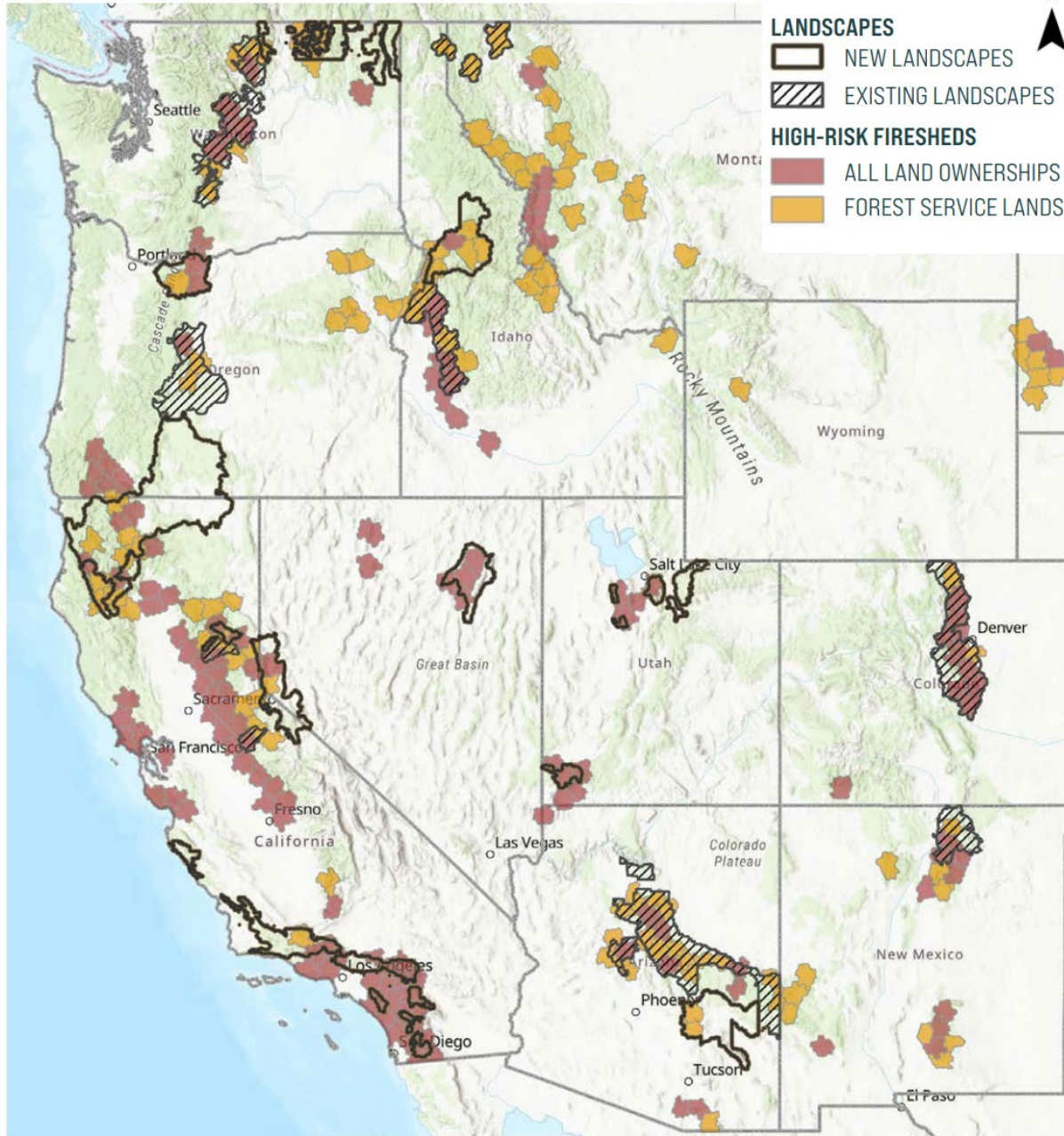
- **\$3.5B** for wildfire risk reduction
- **\$2B** for ecosystem restoration (fish passage, invasive species, mined lands, revegetation, etc)

## Forest and Watershed Restoration Act (FAWRA)

- **\$2M** in 2019
- **\$3.2M** in FY25

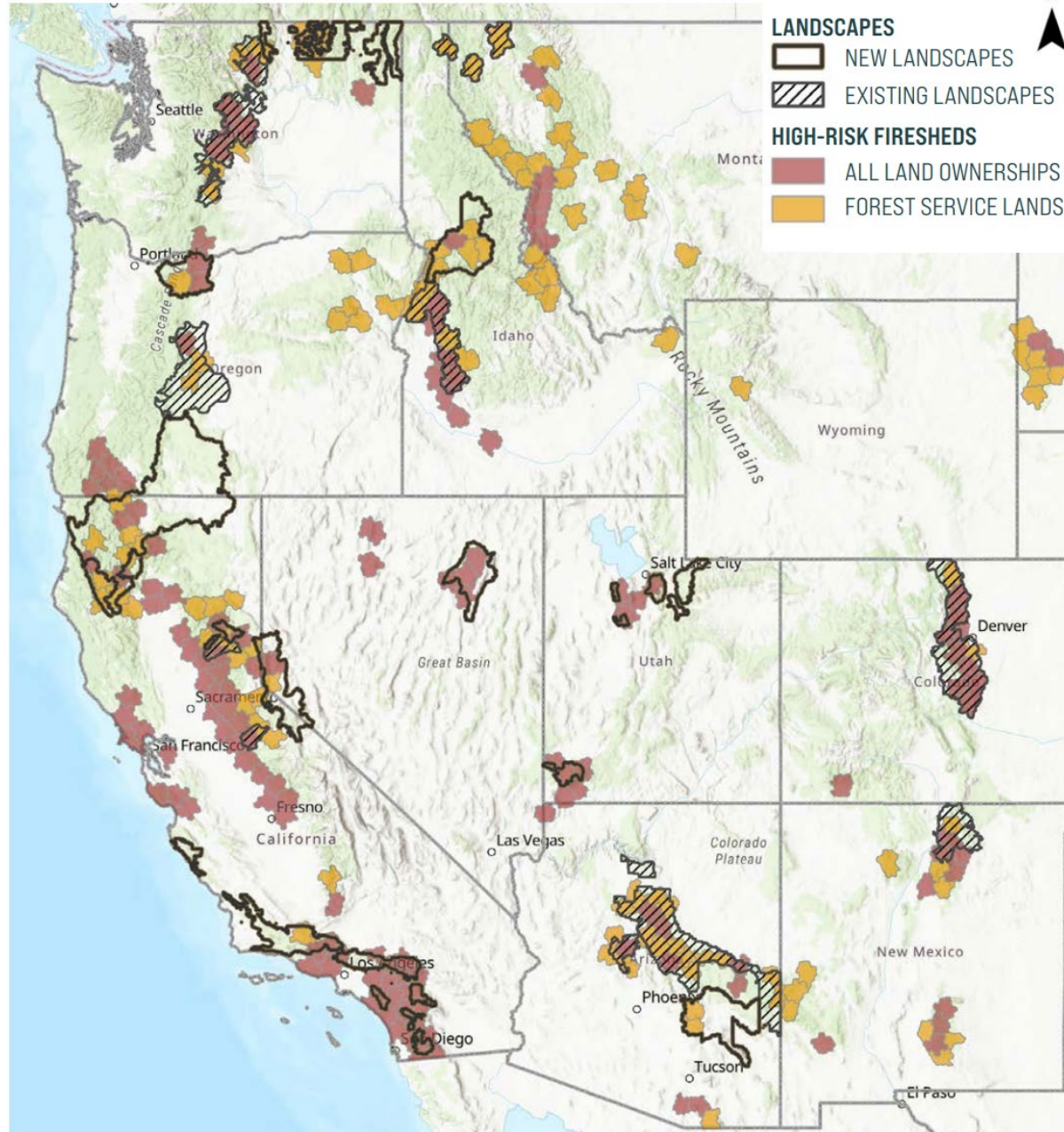
## Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund

- **\$50M** initial investment



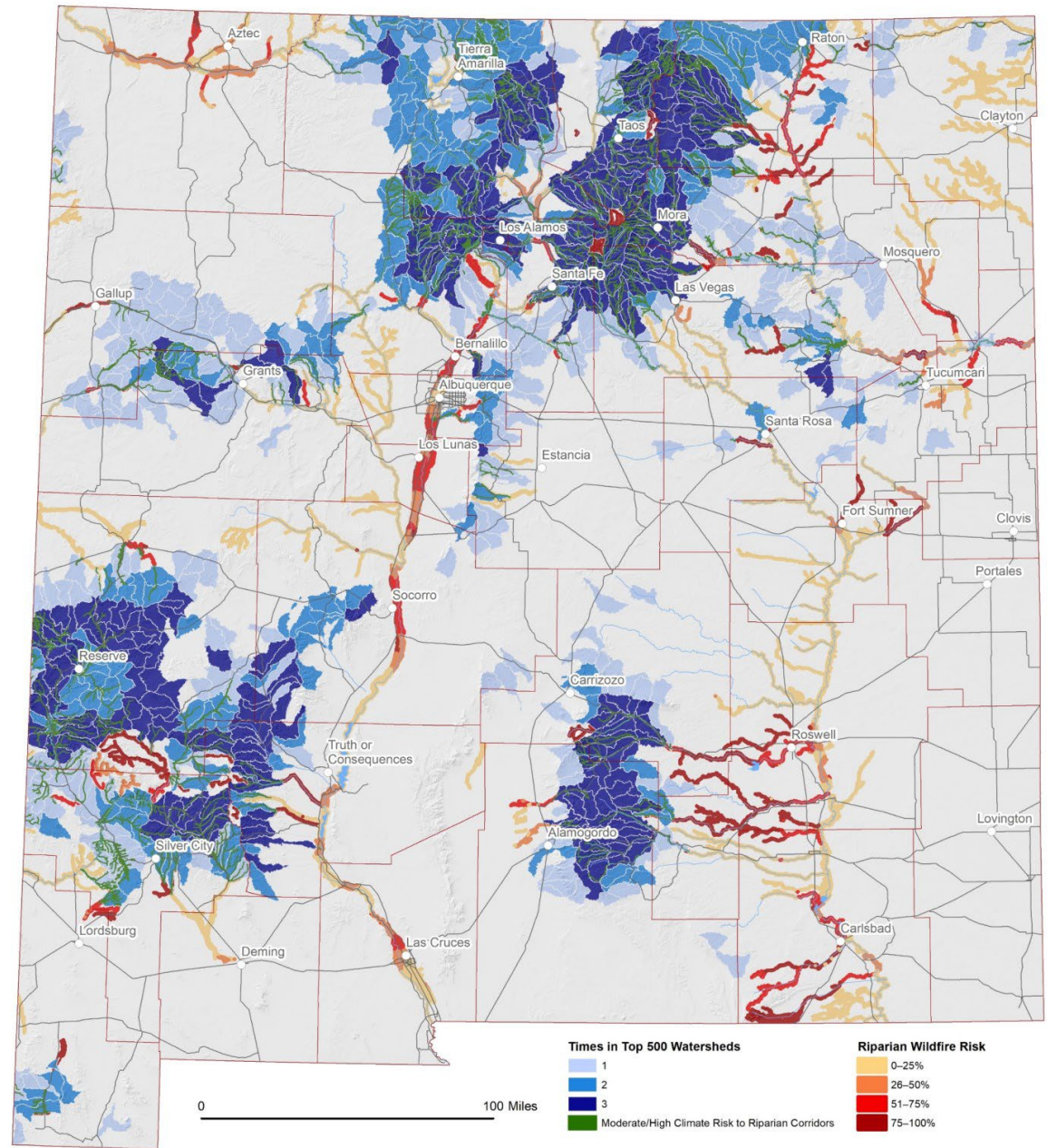
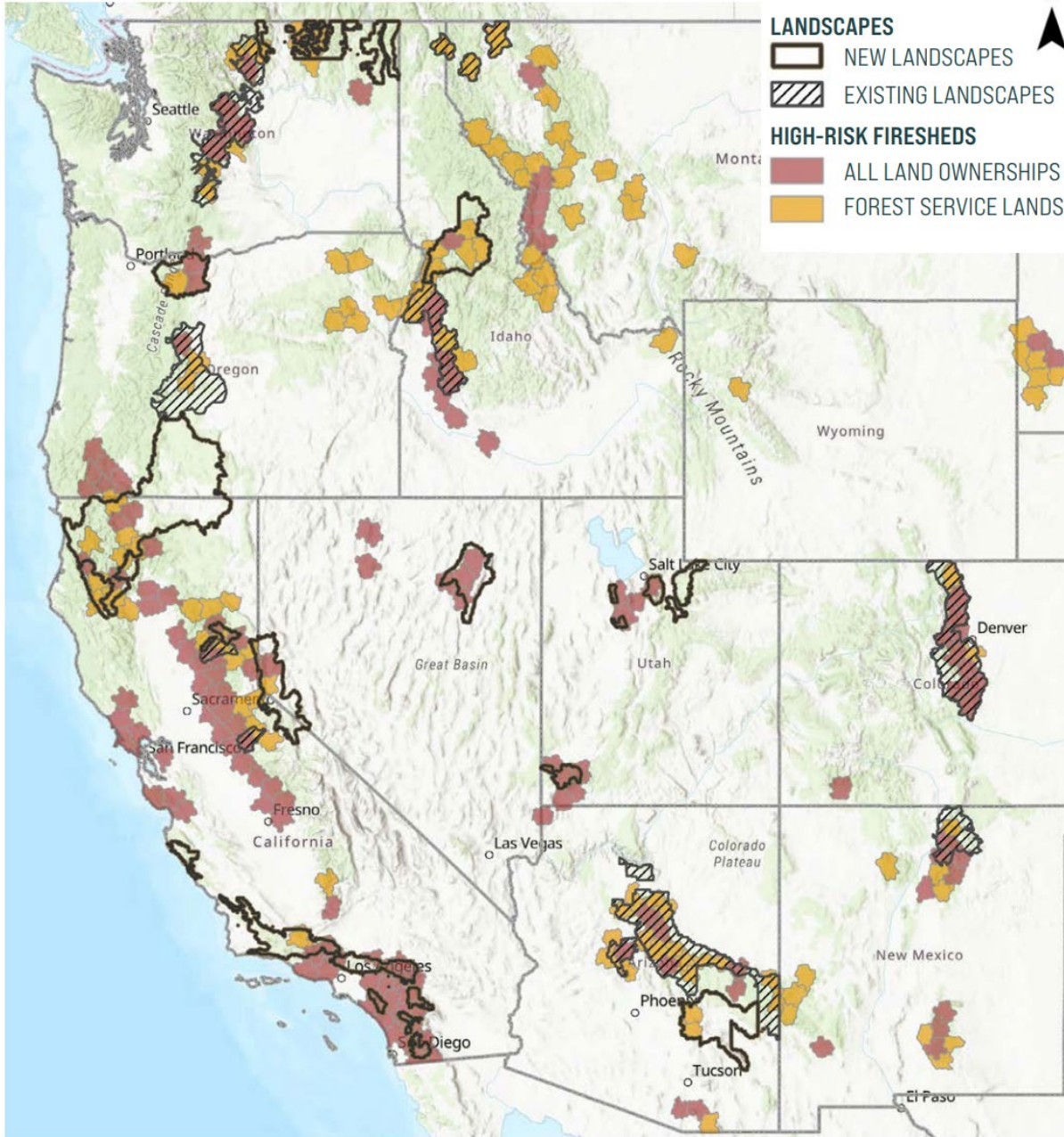
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NM Forest Action Plan



# What's next?

## Updates to Executive Committee Bylaws and Signatory Charter

- **Bylaws:** Current language states that we need two-thirds of all Signatories to affirm changes
- **Signatory charter:** Current language states no changes unless by a “written instrument” from *each* of the signatories.
- **New process:**
  - 21-day comment period
  - 10-day voting period
  - Changes pass *unless* a majority of all Signatories dissent

## Executive Committee

- Accepting nominations for a 9<sup>th</sup> member



# What's next?

Rio Grande  
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Leveraging  
investments

Collaborative  
Capacity and  
networking

Comprehensive plan

Governance  
structure  
(bylaws and  
charter)

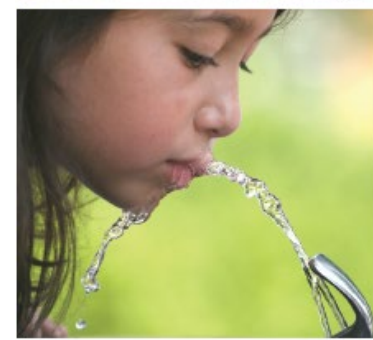
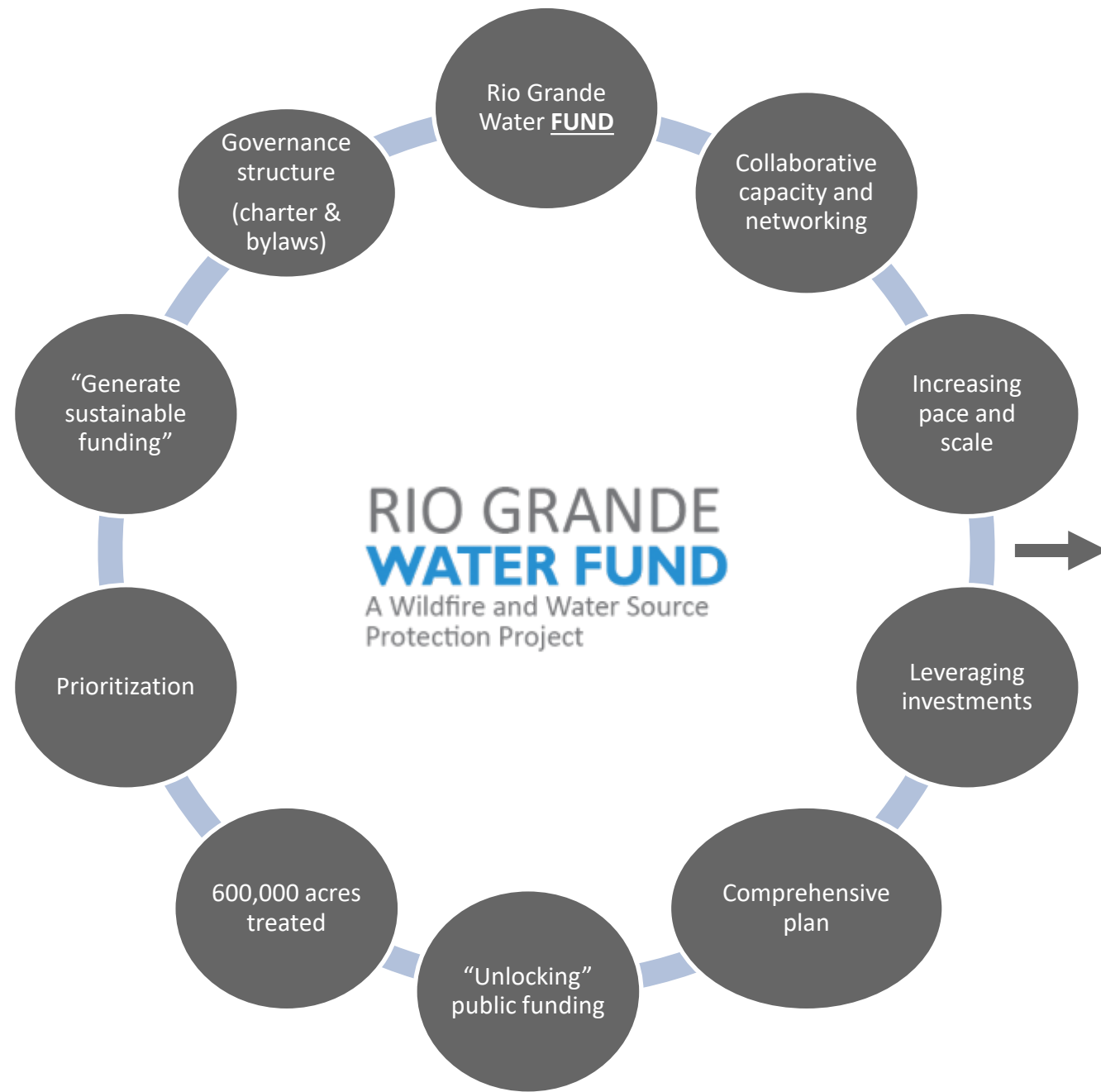
Increase  
pace and  
scale

"generate  
sustainable  
funding"

Prioritization

"Unlocking"  
public funding

600,000 acres  
treated



**RIO GRANDE WATER FUND**  
 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR WILDFIRE  
 AND WATER SOURCE PROTECTION  
 ▶ JULY 2014 ◀







Should be



At the edge of chaos, complex dynamic systems are at their most creative – Stuart Kauffman

# CHARTER SIGNATORIES

For more information, visit us online at [nature.org/riogrande](http://nature.org/riogrande)





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# ALL HANDS ALL LANDS APPROACH TO SUPPORTING PRESCRIBED FIRE IN NEW MEXICO

Sam Berry  
sam@forestguild.org



# All Hands All Lands Burn Team

- Inspired by collaborative burn approaches in Southeast
- Builds on Guild's history with RX fire from 2013- RVCC Case Study
- Increase capacity for **prescribed fire**
- Lead burns on private or state lands, support burns on federal lands
- Ongoing process of improvement

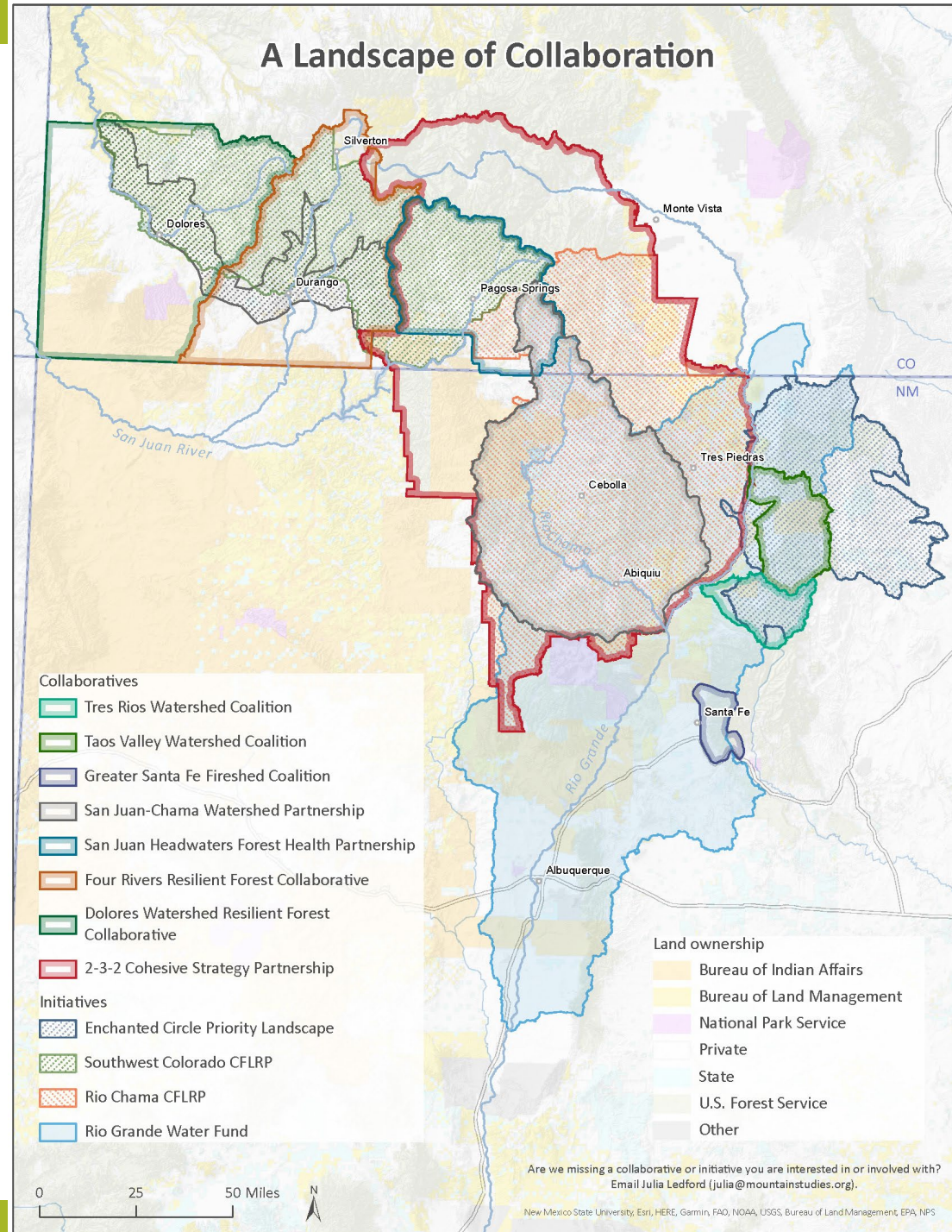
## How we do it:

- Coordination
- Planning
- Operations and Training
- Standards and Liability
- Agreements with Partners



# Stacking of Initiatives

- AHAL funded by TNC in the Rio Grande Water Fund.
- Pursue projects where efforts and funding overlap for most impact.
- Have supported federal burns within CFLRPS and completed private land burns within CFLRP foot prints.
  - Pile burns in Jemez, Coyote, and Tierra Amarilla



# Operations and Planning

- Support Partner Burns as requested
- Supply fire fighters through partners and Call When Needed employees
- Standing Winter Crew in 2021 and 2022
- Lead private land pile burning
- Write and revise burn plans
  - Mostly pile burn plans
- Lead Burn Operations
  - Planning, Permitting, Prep, Operations

Accomplishments since 2018	Amount
Different people participating:	100+
Jurisdictions worked on:	9
Different agencies participated:	20
Operational shifts worked:	835
Acres Treated	13565
Trainee assignments (since 2021)	21



# Coordination

- The Nature Conservancy of NM
- TNC – North American Fire Team
- Rio Grande Water Fund
- US Forest Service – Carson, Cibola, Santa Fe
- Bureau of Land Management NM
- NM Prescribed Fire Council
- Santa Clara Pueblo
- Tesuque Pueblo
- Picuris Pueblo
- NM State Forestry
- Taos Ski Valley
- NM State Land Office
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps
- NM Youth Conservation Corps
- And More!





# Training

- Basic NWCG Training
  - Two S-130 Field days and pack tests for local participants
  - 6+ trainings for Youth Crews
- On the ground training for Glorieta Camps and others
- Task Books and Trainee assignments
- Workforce Development
- Looking to integrate New Mexico State Certifications when that happens



# Forest Stewards Youth Corps

- 20+ years of high school aged youth crews stationed at USFS Ranger Districts
  - Crews complete hands-on conservation projects for most disciplines (range, forestry, fire, wildlife, archaeology, recreation) across a 9-week summer program.
- 3 years of 18-25 year old Fire and Fuels youth corps crews stationed at USFS Ranger Districts.
  - 12-weeks from late summer through the fall.
  - Crews have diverse work plans, but a priority is to gain prescribed fire experience.
  - Regional Master Participating Agreement
  - Multiple funding streams (state, federal, NGO, private)
  - Crews are red carded and chainsaw trained



# Challenges

- Need strong long term coordinator with ability to form partnerships and navigate agreements
- Navigating insurance and certifications as a non-agency
  - Red-cards outside of federal agency
  - Private burn insurance is VERY difficult to secure
- Agency buy-in to AHAL differences
- Funding
  - Flexibility required is difficult to get Grants and Agreements to fund
  - Trying to continue to fund this work with SPAs
- Collaborative burning
  - Mix of partners in high-risk situations
- Capacity to be in multiple places at once and sustain partnership building
- Timing, getting resources to the right place at the right time



# Future Directions

- Sustaining and adding partnerships
  - Agreements! Especially ones that allow resources to come off federal lands.
- Adding internal staff capacity to assist with coordination
- State-wide expansion
- More private burning, especially broadcast
- Growing and sustaining the CWN roster and adding more partners
- Navigating NWCG vs State Certifications
- Pile Squad (winter burn crew)
- Integrate private, federal, and state resources into other burns more



# Discussion

A large bonfire of logs is burning brightly in a snowy forest. The fire is the central focus, with bright orange and yellow flames rising from a pile of dark, charred logs. The ground is covered in a thick layer of white snow, and several tall, thin trees stand in the background, their branches bare. The overall scene is a mix of the warmth of the fire and the cold of the winter forest.

# New Mexico Tribal Fire Working Group

Rio Grande Water Fund

April 27, 2023

Ryan Swazo-Hinds

# Purpose

This group will work towards solutions for important issues related to wildfire and prescribed fire that impact tribes, pueblos, and tribal nations in New Mexico. Fire has been a key part of Indigenous land stewardship in New Mexico for millennia, and by coming together now we can make a greater progress than our own individual efforts alone. We will share solutions and establish a process for working together on shared challenges. We will learn from and build on the experience and skills of each participant.

# Goals

- Taking care of land on tribal reservations and ancestral territories.
- Relationship building within the group and partners.
- Build a Tribal Workforce Network (equipment, qualifications, training, share fire resources for crews).





# Trainings/workshops

- Burn planning - writing burn plans
- Air quality monitoring
- Reforestation
- Silviculture prescription
- Shared Stewardship



# Agreements

- MOA's
- MOU's
- Cooperative Agreements
- Contracts



# Next Steps



- Hold another working group meeting in late summer/fall 2023.
- Organize another field day prior to the next meeting.
- Hold workshops on prioritized training topics over the winter 2023/2024.



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## The New Mexico Youth Conservation Corps Program: Developing the Next Generation of Outside Workers

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## What is NMYCC?

A job training program of the State of New Mexico that provides funds to government agencies, schools, tribes and non-profits who hire and train youth to carry out projects that improve natural, cultural, agricultural, community, and recreational resources.

# Who can apply and what can be done

- Eligible entities are local units of state government (including charter and public schools, SWCDs, and land grants), tribes, and non-profits.
- The project must result in a specific, identifiable project(s) or service(s) that would otherwise not be accomplished with existing funds and does not duplicate routine services or functions.
- Projects must be consistent with the YCC program and include, but are not limited to, projects that:
  - Protect, conserve, rehabilitate or increase resiliency of terrestrial and aquatic species, forests, refuges, rangelands and waters of the state;
  - Improve use and access to public parks, greenways, historic sites, libraries, museums, zoos;
  - Improve or enhance recreational areas and associated facilities;
  - Reinforce the “Keep New Mexico True” campaign;
  - Improve community disaster preparedness;
  - Provide emergency assistance, disaster relief or recovery at the Applicant's discretion;
  - Increase energy efficiency;
  - Beautify, improve and restore urban areas;
  - Renovate or improve community facilities, including those for the elderly or indigent.

# Ecological monitoring







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# Mapping & Inventory



**Pardon our appearance!**  
**Stream restoration**  
**project in progress.**  
**Contact: 575-590-7619**



**Stream restoration**



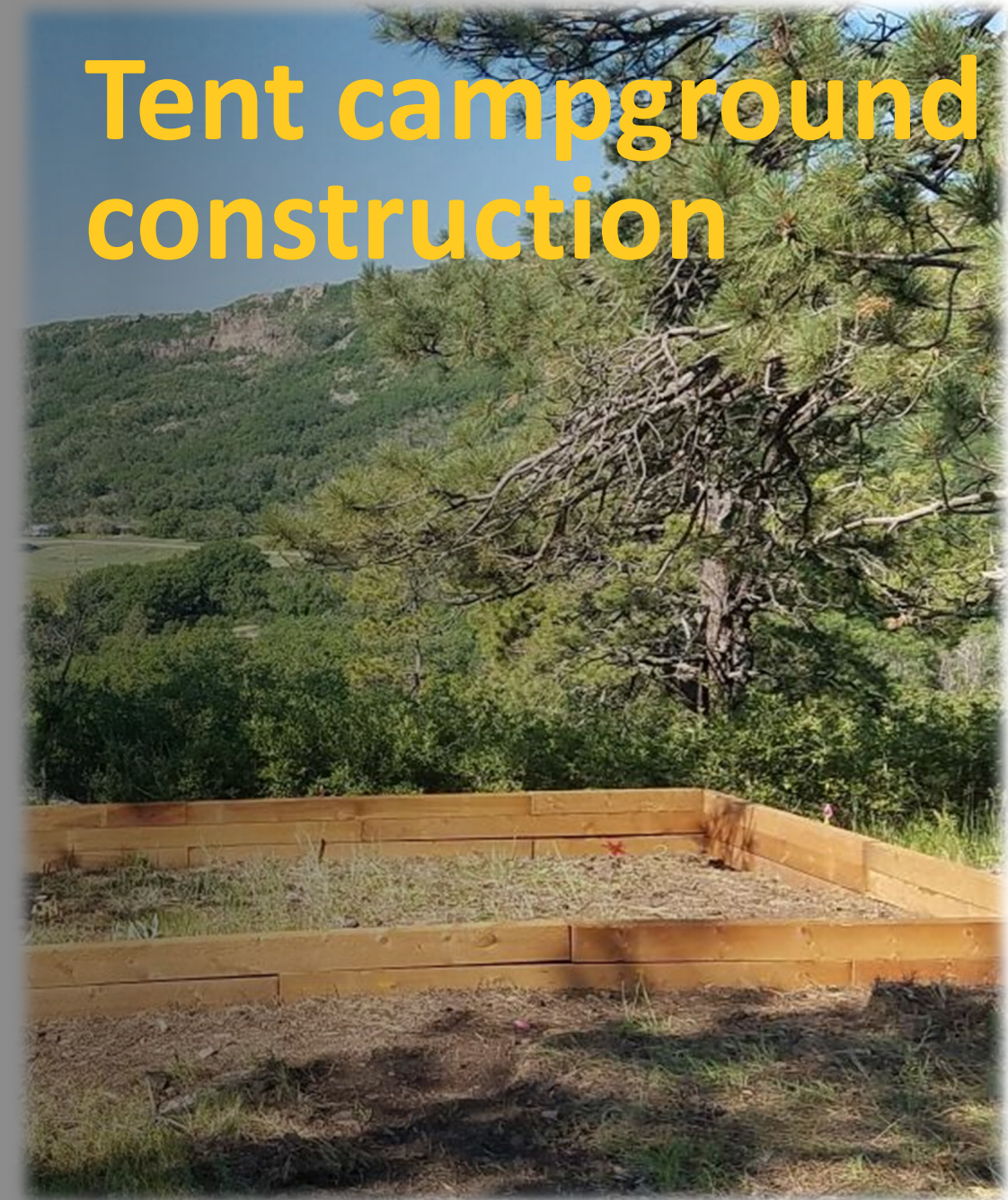
**Wildland  
fire  
certification**





**Trails maintenance & construction**

# Tent campground construction





**Cultural preservation**



# Municipal improvements







# Agricultural Training



# Program Specifics

A group of about ten people, including children and adults, are gathered around a circular stone-lined water feature in a grassy field. One person is kneeling inside the stone circle, while others stand around it. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky.

## AWARD CAP:

- \$200,000 per project.
- 70% of the grant must go towards corps member wages. This includes FICA, unemployment insurance, & workers' comp.
- 30% of the grant may be used for all other costs (training, staff time, materials).

## CORPS MEMBERS:

- New Mexico residents ages 14-25 are eligible to be hired as corps members
- At least 5 corps members per project.
- Corps members are your employees.

LENGTH: No longer than 26 weeks.

TRAINING: 10% of the project time.

MATCH: 20% of funds spent. Match may be cash, in-kind contributions, other grants.

## BUDGET AVAILABLE:

- Budget is a distribution from Governmental Gross Receipts Tax.
- About 40 - 50 projects may be funded each year.

# The Training Difference



Mental health first aid  
Decision making  
Conflict management  
Financial literacy

Projects must provide a variety of training designed to increase awareness of the state's resources and variety of careers. Training DOES NOT have to be directly relevant to the project.

**Food handling & distribution**  
**Irrigation**  
**Bee-keeping**  
**Composting**

**Agriculture / Gardening**

An icon of a house with a garden, representing agriculture and gardening.

Vocational cert credit hours

HS credit hours

College credit hours

GED



Leave No Trace

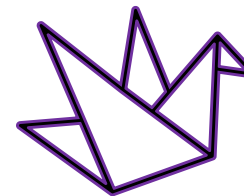


Hiking / orienteering / maps

Rafting / boating safety / reading the water

Outdoor Literacy

Cultural Knowledge



Traditional ways

Adobe making

Historical sites and museums

Conservation



Flora & fauna ID

Wildland firefighting certification

Beaver-dam analogs

Stream restoration / Zeedyking



Resume building

Career days

Practice interviews

Job search resources

Career Skills





# Considerations

## Capacity

- plan daily logistics
- provide crew oversight and supervision
- prepare detailed reimbursement packets and track the budget

**Additional budget** to cover the costs of materials and supplies, staff time.

**Training** specific to job and community.

- In-house, by volunteers, or a contractor?

**Subcontractors** needed?

**Alternate plans** if something falls through (land access, materials acquisition).



# Corps Member Benefits

Corps members who work on a YCC project for 48 weeks within a 48 month period, are offered a \$1,500 educational tuition voucher good at New Mexico vocational and educational institutions OR a \$500 cash compensation.

The YCC may offer a prorated amount based on a minimum of 32 weeks worked.

# What Corps Members Say

The background image shows a group of young conservation corps members in a field. They are wearing light-colored shirts and dark pants. Some are wearing hats. There are stacks of supplies, including bags and boxes, in the background. The scene is outdoors with trees and a cloudy sky in the distance.

It was my first job and I feel I have more of an understanding of the real world.

*The YCC is hands down one of the best programs that I've been able to work with and it really helped me a lot and they gave me the knowledge and the motivation to push myself even further and start a career for myself.*

I watched as each crew member grew and found a connection with the community and outdoors.

I learned a lot about managing people and I would like to work more with forest, soil and water conservation in my future career.

It got to a point where the paycheck was just a bonus. This program is also a reason I managed to keep up my grades

The YCC grant was a stepping-stone and definitely, an eye opener showing me that there's a lot of options this program provides from fire, to project work, and a whole lot of training opportunities that younger individuals have at their disposal to be able to kick off their career.

# Which focal area breakout would you like to participate in?

🌐 When poll is active, respond at **Pollev.com/tncnm095**

📱 Text **TNCNM095** to **22333** once to join

- A. San Juan and Chama Watersheds
- B. Sangre de Cristo Mountains – Taos
- C. Sangre de Cristo Mountains – Santa Fe
- D. Jemez Mountains
- E. Sandia and Manzano Mountains



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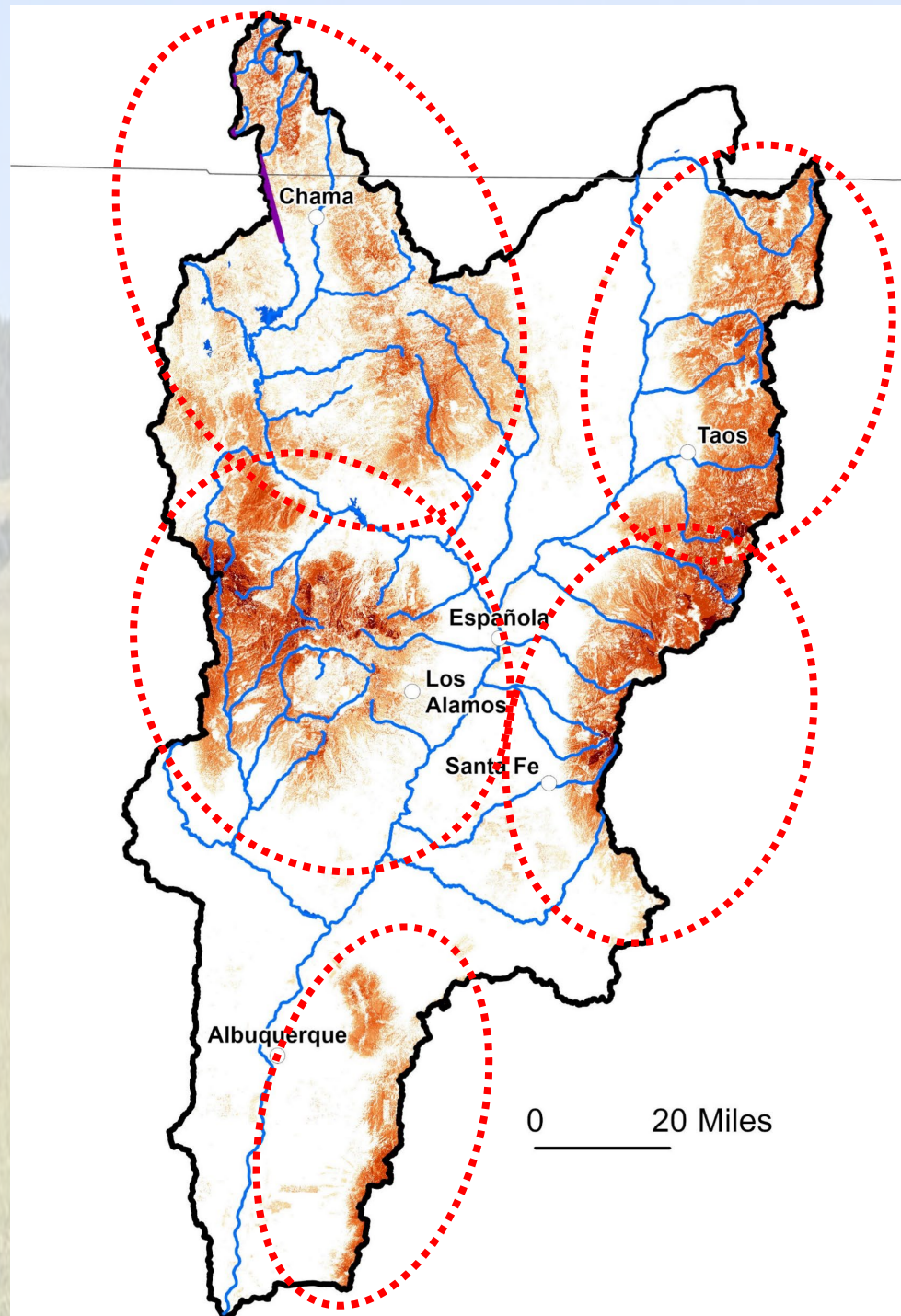


Business Water Task Force

# Focal area breakout groups

Please work in the group that makes sense for you and your work

- San Juan and Chama Watersheds
- Jemez Mountains
- Sangre de Cristo Mountains – Taos
- Sangre de Cristo Mountains – Santa Fe
- Sandia and Manzano Mountains







## Goals of focal area breakouts

- Knowledge exchange of active and planned projects in focal areas.
- Identify capacity gaps, bottlenecks, and challenges that are slowing the pace and inhibiting the scale of forest and watershed restoration treatments, i.e. fuels reduction, prescribed burning, stream and wetland restoration, planning projects etc.
- Knowledge exchange of resources (funding, businesses, etc.) available to help address capacity gaps and bottlenecks.
- Networking amongst participants that may lead to proposal development and/or problem solving
- Provide insight for where the RGWF goes from here by identifying common themes and needs. We will provide a summary after the meeting.

## Mechanics of facilitation

- Two facilitators per group
- Work in small groups within the larger group
- Place sticky notes on sheet and work in rows
- Share back questions for facilitators:
  1. What were the most common capacity gaps and bottlenecks?
  2. What were some of the solutions that were identified?
  3. Top priority action/takeaway?
  4. Were any connections made in your session between someone with a challenge and someone that could address it?



# MEETING THE MOMENT:

Harnessing Opportunity for Our Water & Forests

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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5 min drive from CNM Montoya Campus.

*\*Afterglow:* a strip of rose-colored light in the sky that you sometimes see after the sun goes down. You should look for the afterglow after you watch the sunset.