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William Donahoo - San Juan Chama Watershed Partnership - Albuquerque, NM



WILLIAM DONAHOO AT THE BOR CHAMA FIELD DIVISION OFFICE

The San Juan Chama Watershed Partnership is a collaboration between the Chama Field Division of the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and The Chama Peak Land Alliance (CPLA). The DOI/VISTA project will build the capacity for a revived workforce industry by laying the groundwork for a restoration economy focused on forest treatments and riparian restoration.

During William Donahoo's first quarter, CPLA secured a \$1,967 grant from the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage area to showcase the film *Share: Voices of the Watershed* at four locations in northern New Mexico.

William also coordinated partnerships and grant applications for the Chama, Cumbers and Toltec trail in Chama, NM

including a \$10,000 request to the Keen Effect Foundation.

Working to grow local support, William also helped reconvene the Workforce Development Committee to build a local natural resource-based workforce around forestry, outfitting and other relevant sectors in Chama. He also helped coordinate efforts between the Cottonwood Gulch, the Rio Grande Water Fund and the Chama Peak Land Alliance over a two day citizen science/youth outreach trek. Young adults with Cottonwood Gulch will spend two days on a CPLA member's property listening to local experts, learning about forest management and conducting post treatment monitoring on thinning sites. William also gave a presentation about his work to Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) members at the Valle De Oro National Wildlife Refuge, one of the original DOI/VISTA sites.

William also established a CPLA Instagram account and began managing the existing CPLA social media accounts. He presented in front of the Chama Village Council, YCCC members and the Chama Peak Land Alliance board and attended more than 20 meetings within the community. He supported the organizational capacity of CPLA by taking minutes and organizing calls.

Additionally this quarter, William downloaded ArcGIS to assist CPLA with mapmaking, he attended a Wilderness Evaluation Meeting, and he conducted a forest treatment site visit with representatives from the Watershed Restoration Institute and the Soil and Water Conservation District.

The United States Department of the Interior Volunteers in Service to America (DOI/VISTA) initiative supports underserved communities in using public lands for employment opportunities, health, and education.

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