



The Quivira Coalition Bulletin

The mission of The Quivira Coalition is to foster ecological, economic, and social health on western landscapes through education, innovation, collaboration, and progressive public and private land stewardship.

What's New at The Quivira Coalition?

Well, obviously, one of the new things is this Bulletin, which we plan on sending out quarterly, in between issues of the newsletter.

Also, there are always new and interesting items on our website:

www.quiviracoalition.org

But one of the new things we are most excited about is our new Grants and Outreach Coordinator, Severn R. Thomas. Severn recently moved to Santa Fe from Las Cruces—where he resided for the last 10 years, working as a restaurant manager/owner at Red Mountain Café, archaeologist, and non-profit fundraiser.

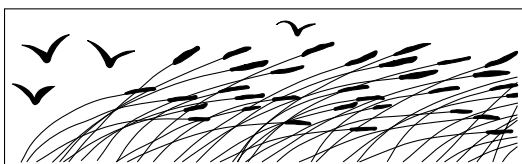
A native of Michigan, Thomas initially

found New Mexico's wide-open vistas disconcerting, however, the stunning magnitude of western panoramas quickly won him over and he swears he will never live east of the Mississippi again. His favorite aspect of Southwestern topography is the hidden landscapes found in deep canyons, invisible to the eye at "ground level."

Thomas holds a master's degree in Anthropology from New Mexico State University and a B.A. in Social Science from Michigan State University. His interests include: mountain biking, road cycling, hiking, climbing, photography and filmmaking, writing, salsa music, cooking, and travel.

Thomas lived overseas in Denmark for three years as a child and young adult and had the opportunity to travel to diverse locations such as Indonesia, Iceland, Spain and the former Soviet Union. Perhaps the single most influential element of his childhood was the frequent uprooting and moving to foreign cultures, both in the United States and abroad.

Thomas will focus his efforts at The Quivira Coalition on grant writing and assisting with outreach and other fundraising opportunities. He is also planning to record Quivira workshops on digital video and produce short DVDs for educational purposes.



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Workshop Schedule for 2004

- April 2-3 **Planned Grazing for Healthy Rangelands during a NM Drought**
 Instructor: Kirk Gadzia
 Location: NMSU, Las Cruces
- May 7-8 **Riparian Restoration and Induced Meandering along Largo & Loco Creeks**
 Instructor: Bill Zeedyk
 Location: Williams Ranch, Quemado, NM
- May 21-22 **Upland and Riparian Management for the New Rancher**
 Instructor: Kirk Gadzia
 Location: Schafer & Nielsen Ranches near Grants, NM
- June 11-12 **Arroyo & Gully Erosion Control along the Dry Cimarron**
 Instructor: Bill Zeedyk
 Location: Rainbow Ranch, Folsom, NM
- July 30-31 **Riparian Restoration along Comanche Creek**
 Instructor: Bill Zeedyk
 Location: Valle Vidal Unit, Carson NF
- August 13 **Reading the Landscape: A Riparian Dialogue**
 Instructor: Bill Zeedyk
 Location: Mesteno Draw Ranch, near Mountainair, NM
- Sept. 10 **Riparian Verification Day with Bill Zeedyk**
 A collaborative workshop between Earth Works Institute and The Quivira Coalition at Arroyo Chorro
- Sept. 18 **Reading the Landscape: Restoring a Watershed**
 Instructor: Sid Goodloe
 Location: Carrizo Valley Ranch near Capitan
- Sept. 24-25 **Rangeland Plant ID & Monitoring Techniques**
 Instructor: Kirk Gadzia
 Location: Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge
- Oct. 15-16 **Water from Roads Less Traveled: How to Design Low-Maintenance Ranch Roads**
 Instructor: Bill Zeedyk
 Location: The CS ranch near Cimarron, NM

June 26-27, July 30-31, Aug. 28-29
Work Weekends with New Mexico Trout and Trout Unlimited, building mini-elk exclosures on Comanche Creek to improve habitat for Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout.

Join Us!

Would you like to join The Quivira Coalition? If you would like to help us continue our educational mission, please send your contribution with this form to our Santa Fe address.

Yes! I would like to join The Quivira Coalition. I can contribute:

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___Other

Contributions entitle you to receive this bulletin, our quarterly newsletter, notices of upcoming events, and discounts on publications and events.

Thank You!

Please consider giving a gift membership in The Quivira Coalition to a friend or relative.

For more information, visit our website: www.quiviracoalition.org. To register for any of these workshops, call our office, 505-820-2544, ext. 0#.



Third Annual Conference, January 15-17, 2004

Four hundred and thirty-five people attended our third annual conference in January. They heard 36 speakers in plenary and break-out sessions, discussing "Ranching in Nature's Image: Fostering So-



cial and Environmental Health in the West."

Clockwise from the top: People asked the speakers a lot of questions; nearly every seat was taken; Joel Brown, Brandon Bestelmeyer and Sandy Tartowski from the Jornada Experimental Range; participants looking at one of the



22 vendor displays; Kirk Gadzia; Sid Goodloe talking to participants in the hallway; State Land Commissioner Pat Lyons who started day 2; there was an art exhibit; lunch; the SWGLA meeting voted in a Board of Directors (seated: Sam Montoya, Maria Sonett; Jennifer Lanier, Joel Glansburg; standing: David James, Cheryl Goodloe, Courtney White, Reese Woodling and Walt Marshall); registration and book selling in the Garden Room. (All photos courtesy of Gene Peach.)



Become a Member of the Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance (SWGLA)

The Quivira Coalition is proud of its involvement in the formation of the Southwest Grassfed Livestock Alliance, which was launched at our Third Annual Conference in January. (See the picture of the SWGLA Board of Directors on page 3.) We are currently acting as the fiscal agent for SWGLA while it gets its nonprofit status from the IRS; and Courtney sits on SWGLA's Board as co-vice president.

We've been so supportive for a simple reason: grassfed food is a good idea whose time has come (back). According to author and researcher Jo Robinson, "When grazing animals are raised on their natural diet of grass instead of grain, their products are lower in 'bad' fat and calories, but higher in potentially lifesaving 'good' fats. Grassfarming is healthier for animals, for farm families, for consumers, and for the planet."

SWGLA is an alliance of producers, land managers, conservationists, and researchers that promotes and markets grassfed livestock products through applied research, education, and cooperation in order to improve human, ecological, social, and animal health.

SWGLA's goal is to resolve the production, education, and marketing challenges that confront grassfed food in the Southwest. We believe grassfed food has the potential to strengthen ranch economies, bring jobs to rural counties, and become a healthy food alternative for urban consumers. The challenges are many, however. That is why we think an Alliance is necessary—there is strength in numbers and diversity.

But SWGLA needs your support as well. As a fledgling organization with limited financial income, it needs every membership and contribution it can get. A BASIC MEMBERSHIP IS \$25 ANNUALLY. This will get you a subscription to the SWGLA newsletter, updates on upcoming events, and a warm, wellfed feeling. Larger contributions will help the organization tremendously.

To become a member, make your check out to "SWGLA" and mail it to SWGLA c/o The Quivira Coalition, 1413 Second St., Ste #1, Santa Fe, NM 87505.

You can also visit the web site at: www.swgla.org. The SWGLA website also includes an informal database of grassfed livestock producers.

Please consider becoming a member today. This important organization has the potential to make a big difference in the Southwest. And don't forget: Eat Grassfed!



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