

# Diablo Trust News

An Award-Winning Northern Arizona Land Management Team, and National Reinventing Government Laboratory

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## DIABLO TRUST: Working To Keep Our 'Open Spaces' Open!!

The Diablo Trust works with communities, counties, State and Federal agencies, interested organizations, and citizens, to seek nontraditional sources of funding (including cost share programs, grants, in-kind contributions, and allowable fee systems) to support specific projects needed to achieve Diablo Trust's management objectives.

### ! Next Meeting!

Come Join us for our May Monthly Meeting and Public Day on the Land; we will look at Antelope Fawning and PJ Treatment Areas

Date : Friday, May 21, 2004

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Meet at Mormon Lake Overlook

Bring: Lunch

### Notable Quotable:

"The world does not pay for what a person knows, but it pays for what a person does with what he knows."

Laurence Lee

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### News and Views

**The Diablo Trust Annual Meeting was held February 27 and 28, the topic was "Rural Producers in a Sustainable Economy"**

We are pleased to announce that the **Arizona Farm Bureau Federation** awarded the Diablo Trust with the **2003 Environmental Enhancement Award**, the award is proudly displayed in the Trust office.

The principle focus of this year's annual meeting was on products that we believe are viable options for economic benefits to the Trust, its ranches and our community. The options would make use of currently available land, an experienced workforce, management expertise and renewable natural resources. They would provide for healthy watersheds, well paying jobs, revenue to the ranches and economic benefits to the Flagstaff region.

We asked our morning presenters to focus on the production possibilities of wood products, food products (especially beef), wind energy and other sustainable products with as much specificity to the Diablo Trust rangelands as possible.

The afternoon panelists were asked to **respond** to the desirability and feasibility of producing these products locally, with emphasis on challenges and opportunities. These include financial, governmental and overall community support. Day Two was spent planning follow-up actions as a result of Day One, and other planning for the coming year, with special attention to Working Group activities.

On Day one **Tischa Munoz** presented an integrated framework that she developed, Holistic Ecosystem Health Indicator, as a methodological tool to assess, evaluate and monitor rangeland health, based on ecological and economic sustainable goals. (Continued on page 2)

### "Reflections of the Land; Diablo Trust Forum for the Arts 2004"

#### DIABLO TRUST ART SHOW SET

Northern Arizona Universities, NAU Art Museum, formerly know as the Old Main Gallery will once again host "Reflections of the Land; Diablo Trust Forum for the Arts 2004" July 26 through August 25, 2004. The NAU Art Museum galleries will feature visual arts. Performances of song, poetry, reading and dance will be hosted at Ashurst Auditorium.

This art exhibit and performance event will focus on the artist interpretations of landscapes, history and ecology of the Diablo Trust area lands which are home to two historic northern Arizona ranches, the Flying M Ranch and the Bar T Bar Ranch.

#### Two more Art Days on the Land – May 1 and May 22

On Saturday, May 1, 2004 the Bar T Bar Ranch will host artists, musicians and writers from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Canyon Diablo at the Old Stage Stop. This is an area of special high country beauty with open grasslands, great rock formations and wide open vistas. **Directions:** Travel east on I-40 to the Meteor Crater Exit (approximately 29 miles from I-17). Further directions will be available at the convenience store located at the campground. You will find the store on the right side of the road immediately after exiting at the Meteor Crater exit.

On Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., artists are again invited to part of the Flying M Ranch, in the woodlands of the high mesa country east of Mormon Lake. Here we will be special guests at Mud Lake Camp. It is expected that Mud Lake will hold water at this time of the year. The site also features some traditional camp buildings. **Directions:** Take the Lake Mary Road for 30 miles to the Kinnikinick turn onto Forest Road 125. ( This is on the east side of Lake Mary Road. If you get as far as the second Mormon Lake turnoff, you have gone too far). Travel for approximately 6 miles to the Kinnikinick Lake turnoff sign. Turn right. We will also have this turn marked with Diablo Trust signage. Travel for approximately 1.5 miles towards Kinnikinick Lake. Mud Lake will be on your right. Follow the Diablo Trust signs to Mud Lake Camp. (Continued on page 2)



## News and Views *(Continued from page 1)*



The agenda for day one was packed with excellent information and knowledgeable speakers. Below is a glimpse at how the day evolved. If you would like more detailed information please contact the office.

Thanks to **Dennis Moroney** for coming all of the way from McNeal, Arizona to facilitate day one and to **Jim Highsmith** for facilitating day two.

### "Products from the Land: Potential Economics Benefits to the Diablo Trust, its Ranches and our Community".

- Wood Products – **Gary Snider**, NAU, Ecological Economist
- Sustainable Food/Beef – **Gary Nabhan**, Director, Center for Sustainable Environments
- Wind Energy and Renewable Energy Opportunities – **Earl DuQue**, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering
- Land Stewardship – **Rick Miller**, Arizona Game and Fish
- Economic Opportunities and the Rural Planning Area – **Bill Towler**, Coconino Community Development
- Questions / Discussion

### "Challenges and Opportunities to Becoming More Sustainable".

- **Chris Bavasi**: Executive Director, Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation
- **Deb Hill**: Coconino County Board of Supervisors
- **Blake Rolley**: First State Bank
- **Al Medina**: Rocky Mountain Research Station
- Questions and Observations



## "Reflections of the Land; Diablo Trust Forum for the Arts 2004" *(Continued from page 1)*

Some other details about the Reflections of the Land; Diablo Trust upcoming Art Show, July 26 – August 25:

-This exhibit is not juried and there is no charge to artists or performers, BUT there is the requirement that you visit the land at some time, and that the work you submit should reflect your response to the visit. If you wish to visit the public parts of the ranch lands on your own, please call **Hadassah** at the office for directions (523-0588).

-"Response to the Land" does not mean you have to paint a landscape. You are encouraged to think on all levels about the experience of your visit - and see what happens.

**Artists wishing to participate in the show will be asked to commit by the beginning of June.**

Questions? - call or e-mail the Diablo Trust office at 523-0588 or [info@diablotrust.org](mailto:info@diablotrust.org) or contact

**Rachel Wilson** at 526-8485 or [swilson@jan.ucc.nau.edu](mailto:swilson@jan.ucc.nau.edu)

## Getting to Know..... **Carlos ("Carl") E. Taylor, Jr.**

*Diablo Trust Operations Team Member and Chair of the Diablo Canyon Rural Planning Area.*

Carl is a licensed (but inactive!) architect residing in Flagstaff. During his practice in Atlanta, he established and managed an architectural and engineering firm with a specialty in technological projects, including buildings designed to incorporate "sustainable" or green ideas. Other things that Carl did in Atlanta include a long list of volunteer and service work.

Carl and his wife **Holly** moved to Flagstaff in 1997. Since arriving in Flagstaff, Carl has done so much volunteer work that the only way to describe his diverse contributions to the community is by listing them below. He has been a pro-bono consultant (and full-time volunteer) for non-profit entities having need for new or renovated physical facilities and/or needing some help with the development of strategic plans.

Some community service activities: served on the planning team for the Flagstaff Regional Plan, was the Regional Coordinator of the Arizona Site Steward program, he served as Chair of the Board of the Arboretum at Flagstaff, he was a member of the Operations Committee and chaired the Facilities and Planning Committees, President of the Board of the Flagstaff Leadership Program (of which he was a graduate of the 1999 Class), he sings with the Flagstaff Master Chorale and serves on its Board of Directors, he's a former Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission of Coconino County and served in that body for four years, he chairs the Sustainable Buildings Committee, which has designed a County program to encourage design and construction of buildings using sustainable principles, a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way. In that role, he is Vice Chair of the Building Committee. He served on the Board of Directors of the Flagstaff Symphony and is on the President Elect of the Strategy and Structure Committee and the Executive Committee, a Hearing Officer for Coconino County environmental health issues. He has served as committee chair of various committees for his church (including Finance, Nominating and Long Range Planning) and other community organizations. Holly and Carl have provided project management assistance to the Museum of Northern AZ, The Northland Family Help Center and the Northland Preparatory Academy.

Carl's main preoccupation these days, however, is his candidacy for County Supervisor, District 1 (being vacated by **Paul Babbitt**). We think he can do a good job serving the citizens of that district and he is very energized by the possibilities to help "leave it better than we found it".

Thanks **Carl** for being a valued Diablo Trust Team Member!



## Meanwhile, Back at the Ranches....

Calves are being born and we have had a very successful calving season so far.

We were starting to get worried because it had been such a dry winter, but thanks to the wet April that we are having so far our spirits are being lifted and things are starting to look up.

In May we will be branding and moving cattle to the mountain.

That's all for now,  
**Judy** at the **Bar T Bar**

## **!Volunteers!** Contact the office for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

If you would prefer to receive your copy of our newsletter via email, to help save money and resources, please drop us a line at [info@diablotrust.org](mailto:info@diablotrust.org)!





## Diablo Canyon Rural Planning Area Update, by Bill Towler, Coconino County Community Development

Since formation, numerous discussions have taken place by the Diablo Trust Rural Planning Area management team and by the Diablo Trust as a whole. A major step forward was taken at the annual meeting of the Trust held February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at which the focus was economic sustainability. A number of presentations were made about ideas ranging from wood products, natural beef products to wind generation. Other economic possibilities discussed at other meetings included tourism and materials pits for road construction.

Wood products are consistently mentioned because of the desire to restore historic grasslands in order to improve forage. Capital needs, such as for a loader and a grinder, may be relatively small, and there appear to be wood processors ready to accept the material. The model for value added beef is Oregon Country Beef of Brothers, Oregon, which is a successful cooperative involving a large number of ranches that pool resources to market high quality beef products to selective consumers. The idea for native seed production is that there is a very high demand for native seed for disturbed areas such as those affected by forest fires or by new development or road construction, and the nearest suppliers are in New Mexico and Colorado. This presents an opportunity for a more local producer.

With regard to wind generation, statewide wind studies have determined that there may be adequate wind on the Diablo Canyon lands to justify the construction of wind towers for the generation of electricity. The towers currently being erected around the country are about 200 feet in height with blades exceeding 100 feet. Many power companies including APS are obligated to generate a certain portion of their power from alternative sources, so demand exists for wind-generated power. An application has been filed with the County for two wind measurement towers, one on each ranch, to determine the feasibility of wind towers.

Over the next few months, the County in conjunction with the Diablo Trust will be closely examining each of these alternatives with an eye



## Odds' N Ends: Diablo Trust Re-



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Spring is here and the office is bustling with activity. Our members are busy attending meetings and various working groups including: the **Anderson Mesa Landscape Scale Assessment** working group hosted by the **USDA Forest Service** and attended by various agencies and interest groups, the **Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Program & Foundation** hosted by **Karan English** and **Bill Auberle**, and the **Western Mogollon Plateau Landscape Assessment** working group hosted by **NAU's Ecological Restoration Institute**, the **Anderson Mesa Pronghorn Adaptive Management** meetings hosted by **Arizona Game and Fish**, the **Forage Resource Study Group** meetings, a collaborative group whose primary function is to monitor forage utilization. We are collaborating with **NAU's Center for Sustainable Environments** looking into sustainable food production. We are on the board of the **Center for Sustainable Environments, Food and Water Security Task Force** and **Mandy Metzger** has been asked to be on the **CSE Steering Committee**.

In addition, **Norm Wallen** and **Norm Lowe** of the Diablo Trust recently spoke with the **University of Arizona Cooperative Extension's Master Naturalist class** for our **Education Outreach Program**. **Bob Prosser** of the **Bar T Bar Ranch** is serving as the president of the **Arizona Cattle Growers Association** and **Jack Metzger** of the **Flying M Ranch** participated in a roundtable hosted by **United States Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Vennemon**.

A special thanks to our devoted volunteers: **Brett Crary** for GIS services, **Tom Gewecke** for Website services, **Gary Nabhan** for office space, **Norm Lowe** for building shelves, **Gail Lowe** for CPA Services, **Jim Highsmith** for office equipment, all those who took the time to comment on the **Draft Environmental Impact Statement Bar T Bar and Anderson Springs Allotment Management Plan** and everyone else who has donated time and services. We couldn't do it without you! Also a heartfelt thanks to our Operating Team: **Carl Taylor**, **Mary Rabe**, **Jim Highsmith**, **Norm Lowe**, **Norm Wallen**, **Deb Hill**, **Mandy Metzger**, **Flying M** and **Bar T Bar**.

To join our Yahoo newsgroup for discussion and information go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/diablotrust/>.

Please visit the Trust web-site when you get a chance. More detailed information about the Diablo Trust activities and personnel can be found there, hosted by our web-master, **Tom Gewecke**.

## !MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

**April 22** – Anderson Mesa Landscape Scale Assessment

**May 1** - Art Day on the Land at the Old Stage Stop

**May 14** - Anderson Mesa Landscape Scale Assessment

**May 21** - Public Day on the Land at the Flying M Ranch

**May 22** - Art Day on the Land at Mud Lake

**June 11** - Diablo Trust Monthly Meeting

**July 9** - Diablo Trust Monthly Meeting

**July 12** – FRSG at AZ Game and Fish Office

**July 26 - August 25** - Reflections of the Land; Diablo Trust Forum for the Arts 2004

The Diablo Trust **Campout** dates and details are coming soon.

## Money Matters

*Your donations enable the Diablo Trust to continue its efforts to provide the community with a "Living Laboratory" - to welcome diverse points of view, promote research, and explore innovative ways to help all of us live in harmony with the land.*

*Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:  
The Diablo Trust*

## Diablo Trust Working Groups and Chairpersons

Education – **Norm Wallen/Norm Lowe**

Website – **Tom Gewecke**

Watershed – **Gary Hase**

Economic Diversification – **Norm Lowe**

Wildlife – **Cathy Taylor**

Science and Monitoring – **Tom Sisk/Norm Wallen**

Maps – **Doc Smith**

Rural Planning Area – **Carl Taylor**

Diablo Trust Artists Program – **Rachel Wilson**

Operating Team – **Carl Taylor, Jim Highsmith, Mary Rabe, Norm Lowe, Norm Wallen, Mandy Metzger, Flying M Ranch, Bar T Bar**

Roads – **Jack Metzger**