

Public Comments on New Mexico Non-Native Phreatophyte/Watershed Management Plan

Attached are the public comments received from the public participation process during the period May 1 through July 19th, 2005 on the Strategic Plan. Fourteen public meetings in seven different locations throughout the state of New Mexico were conducted. 170 interested citizens attended these meetings and provided input and comments regarding the Interim Final Plan. These meetings were held on May 26th in Truth of Consequences, May 27th in Albuquerque, June 8th in Roswell, June 9th in Albuquerque at the Pueblo Cultural Center, June 10th in Tucumcari, June 23rd in Farmington, and June 24th in Taos. Information that was provided at these public meetings included: complete copies of the Interim Final Strategic Plan, Executive Summary of the Plan, Executive Summary of the Forest and Watershed Health Plan, copy of Power Point presentation, written comment sheets that could be mailed in, pending federal legislation on saltcedar and Russian-olive (HR 2720), Secretary of Interior's letter supporting the Team Tamarisk initiative, HB-2 authorization, and website information (www.nmda.nmsu.edu) to access more supporting documents.

Beyond comments received at the public meetings, 23 additional written comments were received through the New Mexico Department of Agriculture's website, postal mail, hand delivery, and e-mail. The following represents all comments received on the Strategic Plan and a summary of those comments:

- PDF files of all written comments.
- Recorded notes of comments received at the public meetings.
- A summary of public comments as they relate to specific sections of the Plan.