ANNUAL REPORT
FOR
2010
Dear Sponsors, Donors and Partners,

The South Central Mountain RC&D is pleased and proud to present a glimpse and brief summary of our activities and accomplishments for the 2009-2010 year. We have had a very busy and fulfilling year working toward our vision of being a financially stable council that is enhancing the quality of life for the current and future generations of our citizens and communities through the development of human, natural and economic resources.

2009 saw the Council take actions to increase its organizational capacity and capabilities. We were pleased to be able to add a Rural Community Forester in conjunction with EMNRD-Forestry, Capitan District that will work in Lincoln and Otero counties. This position will increase our capacity to implement hazardous fuel reduction projects and develop biomass utilization as a source of renewable energy, and conservation of natural resources. In addition SCMRC&D established a micro-grant program funded through administrative fees collected. Last year the Cloudcroft FFA was awarded $2500 for small diameter wood processing and marketing lab classes. These are but two areas that we have expanded into.

It is my desire for the council to continue to expand their involvement within the communities of our two counties and to encourage more groups and individuals to join our council and become actively involved in the development of ideas within our boundaries, along with the conservation of our natural resources and the development and implementation of renewable sources of energy.

Sincerely,

Jerry Burchett
Chairman
Common Questions about the RC&D Program

What does the RC&D acronym stand for?

Resource Conservation and Development Council (Council)

How is the program authorized?

The national RC&D program was authorized by Congress with the passage of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. Although the Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, it receives assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through a Coordinator position and adherence to a 5 year plan called the Area Plan developed by the Council and approved by the State Conservationist.

What are some basic concepts of the national RC&D program?

Concepts that make the program exceptionally well suited to local initiatives include:

- Recognizing the value of public/private partnerships to make the best uses of limited resources.
- Using grass-roots involvement to make decisions about local issues.
- Bringing USDA agencies together to focus on problems and opportunities.
- Leveraging limited federal dollars with private funds and other resources to accomplish goals.
- Working towards the goal of community sustainability.
- Promoting rural economic development and stability while protecting natural resources.

Who can get involved with RC&Ds?

Individuals, businesses, public or private organizations.

What is the slogan of the RC&D?

“Helping People Help the Land”
How many RC&Ds are there?

There are 375 RC&Ds throughout the country and each is locally organized, sponsored, and local people are the decision makers. Each RC&D has an RC&D Coordinator position from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to assist with planning and implementation of projects.

How many RC&Ds are there in New Mexico and what are their names?

8 – Generally designated by groups of counties and named for geographic features or well known references for the area. They are: HUB (northwest); NORTHERN RIO GRANDE (northcentral); ADELANTE (northcentral); EL LLANO ESTACADO (northeast); BLACK RANGE (southwest); JORNADA (southwest/central); SURESTE (southeast); AND SOUTH CENTRAL MOUNTAIN. SCM includes Lincoln and Otero counties and sometimes works with other RC&Ds to collaborate on projects.

What about the South Central Mountain RC&D?

The SCMRC&D received its nonprofit status in 1992. It covers 7.3 million acres or about 11,458 square miles of Lincoln and Otero Counties. SCMRC&D plans and carries out activities that increase conservation of natural resources, support economic and renewable energy development, and enhance the environment and standard of living in local communities. SCMRC&D generally offers assistance at no cost and works hard to find funding for various projects and community activities as well as offering technical advice and project organization and implementation. SCMRC&D also offers “for fee” fiscal and grant writing services. 2009-2010 projects and initiatives include:

- “Hazardous Fuels Reduction Cost Share” project in Otero County
- “Otero County WUI Defensible Space Cost Share” project
- “Rural Community Forester Program”
- Ruidoso Municipal Schools “Outdoor Laboratory Learning Center”
- USFS “Comprehensive Trails Master Plan” for Cloudcroft and Alamogordo
- Billy the Kid Scenic Byways “Rio Ruidoso River Walk” project
- Historic Lincoln “Firewise” fuels reduction project
- Local contractor capability and capacity enhancement project
- “Cloudcroft High School Shop Class and FFA After School” project
- Hondo Senior Center “Community Garden”
- USFS “Smokey’s Garden”
- Development of a forestry co-op and other renewable energy initiatives
- Development of home weatherization and green business projects

How can volunteers participate and/or join our Council?

Contact Mike Byrnes, Membership Committee Chair at (575) 937-9593.

Learn more at www.SCMRCD.org
South Central Mountain RC&D

Financial Statement
As of September 30, 2010

Checking/Savings
RC&D ADMIN ACCT 10,880.45
RC&D GENERAL 22,080.31
RC&D GRANT 50,868.54

Total Checking/Savings 83,829.30

Current Assets
2010 Ford Ranger 4X4 23,000.00
Office Equipment 4,602.00

Total Current Assets 27,602.00
SOUTH CENTRAL MOUNTAIN RC&D VISION

The vision statement for the organization, as revised in 2009 is: A council that is financially stable and is comprised of motivated volunteers who provide leadership to the Council and their communities to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations through the development of human, natural and economic resources.

SOUTH CENTRAL MOUNTAIN RC&D MISSION

The mission statement for the organization, as revised in 2009 is: A non-profit organization that utilizes the resourcefulness and skills of its members to improve the natural resources, educational opportunities and socio-economics of our citizens and communities.
All programs and assistance of the RC&D Council are available without regards to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.
### SOUTH CENTRAL MOUNTAIN RC&D
Annual Plan of Work
10/01/09 – 9/30/10

#### NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

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<tr>
<td>Hondo Acequia Inventory (G2-O1-S1) (G3-O3-S2,3)</td>
<td>12/31/2009</td>
<td>$18,730</td>
<td>Jackie Powell RC&amp;D Coordinator</td>
<td>RC&amp;D Assist</td>
<td>95% Complete</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>General Funds $6000</td>
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<td>Lincoln Firewise 2009 (G1-O1-S1) (G3-O3-S2)</td>
<td>Estimated 12/31/2009</td>
<td>$15,310</td>
<td>Bennie Long-Lincoln VFD &amp; RC&amp;D Coordinator</td>
<td>RC&amp;D Assist</td>
<td>0% Complete</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>BLM Community Assistance</td>
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<td>Cox Canyon Hazardous Fuels Reduction (G1-O1-S2) (G3-O3-S3)</td>
<td>12/31/11</td>
<td>$300,000</td>
<td>Property owners, EMNRD-F &amp; SCMRCD</td>
<td>200 acres SW of Mayhill</td>
<td>5% Complete</td>
<td>$30,000</td>
<td>Western States WUI Grant Program</td>
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<tr>
<td>Otero County WUI (G1-O1-S1) (G3-O3-S3)</td>
<td>12/31/11</td>
<td>$255,000</td>
<td>Property owners, EMNRD-F &amp; SCMRCD</td>
<td>200 high priority acres communities</td>
<td>0% Complete</td>
<td>$25,500</td>
<td>Western States WUI Grant Program</td>
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#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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<tr>
<td>Mobile Pellet Plant (TBD)</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Marcus Johnson (contractor)</td>
<td>Energy Policy Act &amp; Biomass R&amp;D Act</td>
<td>Plan &amp; Development</td>
<td>N/A at this time</td>
<td>SBDC assist</td>
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<tr>
<td>Plan Effect &amp; Cap Building (G3-O2-S1) (G3-O3-S1,2) (G3-O4-S1,2)</td>
<td>Estimated 08/13/2010</td>
<td>$15,000</td>
<td>SCMRCD &amp; RC&amp;D Coordinator</td>
<td>Accountability &amp; Future Growth</td>
<td>10% Complete</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>NRCS</td>
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<td>Contractor Capability &amp; Capacity Enhanc (G3-O1-S2,4)</td>
<td>02/15/2010</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>EMNRD-F, USFS, FPL &amp; SCMRCD</td>
<td>Build local implementation and utilization capacity</td>
<td>Ongoing past year. Next steps being developed</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>SWSFP, Little Colorado RC&amp;D</td>
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<td>Unnamed CFRP project (TBD)</td>
<td>03/01/2010</td>
<td>$425,000</td>
<td>EMNRD-F, SLO, ENMU-R, contractors and SCMRCD</td>
<td>Developing grant proposal</td>
<td>On going</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Collaborative Forest Restoration Program</td>
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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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<td>RMSD “Natural Resources Outdoor Laboratory” (G1-O1-S1; G3-O3-S1,2,3)</td>
<td>08/31/2010</td>
<td>$425,000</td>
<td>RMSD, ENMU-R &amp; GRAWUIWG</td>
<td>Outdoor classroom for grades 7-12 &amp; post</td>
<td>66% Complete</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>Collaborative Forest Restoration Program</td>
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<td>Comprehensive Trails Mater Plan (G3-O3-1,2,3)</td>
<td>08/31/2010</td>
<td>$50,000</td>
<td>USFS, SCMRCD</td>
<td>NF trails around Cloudcroft and Alamogordo</td>
<td>0% Complete</td>
<td>$5,000</td>
<td>USDA Forest Service</td>
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<td>Mountain Home and Garden Show (TBD)</td>
<td>March</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>Volunteers</td>
<td>Cost covered by VOR</td>
<td>ongoing</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>General Fund</td>
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## COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, OUTREACH & CAPACITY BUILDING

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<td>Conduct 6 regular council meeting in both counties</td>
<td>10/01/09 to 09/30/10</td>
<td>No Cost</td>
<td>Chairman/RCD Coordinator</td>
<td>Per by-laws</td>
<td>On Going</td>
<td>none</td>
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<tr>
<td>Attend State and Western RC&amp;D Meetings</td>
<td>10/01/09 to 09/30/10</td>
<td>Approx. $1,000</td>
<td>Council officers and Executive Committee Members</td>
<td>Good attendance at Western RC&amp;D Conference</td>
<td>On Going</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>General Fund</td>
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<td>Conduct outreach activities to encourage minority or under-represented groups to become actively involved</td>
<td>10/01/09 to 09/30/10</td>
<td>No Cost</td>
<td>RC &amp; D Coordinator &amp; the Council</td>
<td>USDA Outreach continue series of meetings with FSA, RD &amp; NRCS</td>
<td>On Going</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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Chairman, South Central Mountain RC&D

Date

Concurrence:

State Conservationist

Date
Project
Flyers
Located on 58 acres of the new RMSD middle school facility and 27 acres of USFS land, SCM provided project development and grant writing assistance for this 4 year *Collaborative Forest Restoration Program* (CFRP) grant project beginning in 2007.

Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso provides project management and curriculum for students of different grades. The Mescalero silviculturist, State Forestry and SCM collaborated on three tree thinning prescriptions and tree marking as well as one on USFS lands.

In addition to three distinct forestry demonstrations, the project includes a meadow and waterway/wetland restoration element and is connected by an interpretive (portions ADA accessible) walk providing distinct educational opportunities for grades 7 through 12.

**Highlights**

- Project enhances natural resources education at Ruidoso schools and Eastern New Mexico University’s Associate Degree program.
- SCM provided waterway restoration assistance and plant selection through the NRCS Plant Material Center in Los Lunas, NM.
- Project will provide natural resources educational demonstration opportunities for students throughout Lincoln and Otero Counties.
South Central Mountain RC&D partners with New Mexico State Forestry and Otero County to plan and implement Community Protection with the “Otero WUI” and “Cox Canyon” projects

In 2009, SCM RC&D continued its partnership with NM State Forestry through a 70/30 cost share defensible space project and a strategically located wildfire hazard reduction project on private land.

The Otero WUI and Cox Canyon projects total $555,000.00 and will treat up to 400 acres of in the Cloudcroft and Timberon areas. The defensible space program addresses properties with structures.

The hazardous fuels program addresses acres without structures located in strategic locations with regard to wildfire hazard reduction.

**Highlights**
- Project provides much needed wildfire hazard reduction in Otero County.
- Three forest contractor jobs maintained.
- Contractor buys machine that leverages other fuels reduction projects.
- Program is major source of administrative fees collected used for operating costs and micro-grants offered back to community.
South Central Mountain RC&D assists *Cloudcroft expand high school shop class and FFA partnerships* with $2,500.00 “SCM Community Grant” award

In 2009 Council created the “SCM Community Grant Program” funded through collection of administrative fees for fiscal services rendered and re-granted back to the community in the form of micro-grants.

High school shop teacher and FFA leader Mr. Robert Booky is well known for his dedication to kids in the area. He has collaborated with other FFAs in southern NM to buy supplies or barter and trade products. His students learn trades like welding, woodworking, small sawmill operation, entrepreneurial and accounting skills to market their wares. This included planters for community gardens like one at the Hondo Senior Center.

**Highlights**

- Project enables fun activities for youth as well as useful trades and life skills.
- Mr. Booky’s program benefits 47 students per year.
- Local forest contractor donates sawmill and small diameter logs for program.
- Council to partner in hydroponic gardening.
- Projects like this provide valuable natural resources educational demonstration opportunities.
South Central Mountain RC&D partners with three Soil and Water Conservation Districts to provide information and public awareness at the Lincoln and Otero County Fairs.

Participation at county fairs is an integral part of the Council’s Annual Plan and strategic 5-year Area Plan. SCM’s employees help staff booths with the Upper Hondo and Carrizozo SWCDs at the Lincoln County Fair and the Otero SWCD at the Otero County Fair.

Highlights

- Annual events provide perfect venue for SCMRC&D to inform residents from the two Counties about what we do for communities.
- County fairs are wonderful events to showcase projects and initiatives.
- Partnerships with SWCDs illustrates connection.
Since 2006, SCM has joined forces with the Village of Ruidoso, NM State Forestry, Lincoln NF, Lincoln County Weed Management Area, the Mescalero Apache Tribe and others to have a strong presence at the annual Ruidoso Home and Garden Show. Presentations, handouts and information for residents are available free of charge.

South Central Mountain RC&D collaborates with others in the Greater Ruidoso Area Wildland Urban Interface Working Group at the annual spring “Home and Garden Show”

Highlights

♦ Combining efforts sends positive message about forest health and wildfire hazard reduction.

♦ Programs and other opportunities can be discussed one on one with professionals.

♦ Lots of handouts and stuff for kids are always popular items...as well as visits from Smokey Bear.
South Central Mountain RC&D assists Lincoln National Forest with a $2,300.00 “SCM Community Grant” award for **Rain Water Harvesting System for Community Garden**

In 2009 Council created the “SCM Community Grant Program” funded through collection of administrative fees for fiscal services rendered and re-granted back to the community in the form of micro-grants.

The Smokey Bear Ranger District in Ruidoso used its award to purchase a 3000 gallon water tank and guttering on their administrative building to harvest rain water and supply it to their community garden.

**Highlights**
- Community effort yields cooperation, good company & fresh vegetables.
- Rain harvesting conserves city water supplies
- Program to supply local food bank with fresh food.
- Local contractors supply wood for planters, soil, compost from tree thinning and plant starts.
South Central Mountain RC&D partners with SBDC-R to secure $350,000.00 award for JL Shavings’ “Field Dressing Ponderosa Pine & Mixed Conifers at 800 feet” grant

SCM RC&D and the Small Business Development Center in Ruidoso assisted forest contractor James Harper and his JL Shavings company write a USFS Forest Products Lab nationally competitive grant. Only 13 of 178 proposals nationwide were awarded.

Harper mobilizes a caravan of trailers with equipment into the woods, cuts and processes the material into several products and then trucks packaged products out of the forest ready for market.

JL Shavings currently has several contracts with the Lincoln NF but also has plans to work with State Forestry and on private land in Lincoln and Otero Counties. This mobile process will mitigate hauling costs generally associated with forest material utilization.

**Highlights**

- Project provides unique and innovative in-woods process to whole tree utilization.
- Process utilizes entire tree and eliminates need for slash burning yielding $600/acre savings for USFS and taxpayers.
- Increased firefighter safety by eliminating hazardous activities related to prescribed burning.
- Will create 5 to 7 new jobs in the first year.
South Central Mountain RC&D assists Lincoln County’s Hondo Senior Center with a $3,200.00 “SCM Community Grant” award for *Rain Water Harvesting and Planters for Community Garden*

In 2009 Council created the “SCM Community Grant Program” funded through collection of administrative fees for fiscal services rendered and re-granted back to the community in the form of micro-grants.

The Hondo Senior Center used its award to purchase two 2500 gallon water tanks and 12 raised planters. **The planters were manufactured by the Cloudcroft High School shop class (another SCM Community Grant awardee)** with wood donated by a forest contractor working a SCM/State Forestry thinning project. The rounds were milled on a portable sawmill donated to Cloudcroft FFA by the same forest contractor.

FFA members delivered and set up the planters. Hondo students as well as Ecoservants (a youth work group) help with garden duties.

**Highlights**

- Project with planters increase yield by 400%.
- Rain water harvesting conserves well water.
- Vegetables to be used by Seniors fresh or in prepared meals.
- Program to supply local food bank with fresh food.
- Project hopes to become nucleus of larger farmers’ market initiative.
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

NEW MEXICO STATE ASSOCIATION OF RC&D COUNCILS

STATE OFFICERS
REPRESENTING 8 NEW MEXICO RC&D COUNCILS

COUNCIL SPONSORS

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
COMMUNITIES
STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
OTHER SPONSORS (ENTITIES or INDIVIDUALS)

COORDINATING FEDERAL AGENCIES

GENERAL PUBLIC IN LINCOLN AND OTERO COUNTIES

STATE OFFICERS

CHAIRMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY/TREASURER
DIRECTOR
DIRECTOR
DIRECTOR
DIRECTOR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ADELANTE RC&D
BLACK RANGE RC&D
EL LLANO ESTACADO RC&D
HUB RC&D
JORNADA RC&D
NORTHERN RIO GRANDE RC&D
SURESTE RC&D
2008-2013 AREA PLAN  
(strategic)  
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES  

Goal 1. Provide annual opportunities for private and public land managers to reduce the hazards of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest ecosystems in Lincoln and Otero counties over the five year period. (Statutory Element: Land Conservation and Water Management)  

Objective 1:  
Improve one community’s wildfire protection and one watershed’s condition in the Hondo Basin, Rio Penasco, Sacramento, and Tularosa drainage areas each year through partnerships and fuels management with sponsors, cooperating agencies, private landowners and businesses.  

Strategy 1:  
Complete a minimum of 100 acres of fuels reduction each year within the Wildland Urban Interface areas, as grant funding permits, to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire in communities and surrounding areas. The Community Wildfire Protection Plans in Lincoln and Otero Counties will be basis of priorities.  

Strategy 2:  
Complete a minimum of 100 acres of brush/forest thinning each year within Lincoln and Otero Counties, as grant funding permits, to increase forest and watershed health; promote proper ecosystem function; and to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire.  

Strategy 3:  
Provide technical assistance on a quarterly basis to the Lincoln County Planning Committee, as requested, for Subdivision Development as it relates to erosion, soil conservation, and water conservation.  

Goal 2. Assist five water associations in Lincoln and Otero counties to improve the sustainable management of the water resources in the Hondo Basin and the Lower Sacramento Mountains by 2013. (Statutory Element: Water Management)  

Objective 1:  
Maintain a continuous partnership with the Conservation Districts, Pecos Valley Water Users Association and Upper Hondo Water Users Association to promote the wise use of surface and ground water.  

Strategy 1:  
Provide surface and ground water data through mapping, measurement, and data collection for the update of the Tularosa/Salt Basin Regional Water Plan and the Lower Pecos Regional Water Plan by the year 2010.  

Strategy 2:  
Assist three acequias per year in the Hondo Basin to develop bylaws, plans of action, and timeframes to obtain grant funding to accomplish upgrades of acequia infrastructure for a total of fifteen acequias assisted through 2013.
Strategy 3: Assist in securing expertise for survey, design, and implementation of one acequia infrastructure upgrade projects through NRCS assistance or by contracting professional services each year.

Strategy 4: Facilitate public awareness of the Sacramento Mountain Hydrogeology Study in the Lincoln County area with New Mexico Bureau of Geology, Otero Soil and Water Conservation District and United States Geological Survey by conducting one awareness event per year.

Goal 3: Develop and promote annual public awareness, education, and local business development projects that relate to natural resources, renewable energy and conservation within Lincoln and Otero counties by 2013. (Statutory Element: Community Development)

Objective 1: Conduct annual informational seminars to instruct and inform contractors on forest related businesses and job opportunities.

Strategy 1: Develop two new business opportunities or business expansions through collaboration with Small Business Development Centers involving renewable thermal or electric energy by 2013.

Strategy 2: Assist US Forest Service, Mescalero Apache Tribe, NM State Forestry and the Village of Ruidoso Forestry Department to conduct a forest products seminar or contractor capability / capacity enhancement seminar every other year.

Objective 2: Develop or enhance three collaborative partnerships with agencies or entities that create initiatives or demonstration projects related to renewable energy by 2013.

Strategy 1: Complete three initiatives or projects by 2013 that demonstrates renewable energy utilizing solar, wind, or biomass for electric or thermal power generation.

Objective 3: Develop or enhance three collaborative partnerships with agencies or entities that create initiatives or demonstration projects related to ecological best management practices or recreational activities by 2013.

Strategy 1: Complete one project per year that creates or enhances the public’s understanding of natural resources through recreation and interpretive learning.

Strategy 2: Complete two projects that create or enhance the public’s understanding of natural resources through educational or historical awareness activities by 2013.

Strategy 3: Complete one project per year that creates or enhances the public’s understanding of natural resources through ecosystem restoration or best management practices.
Objective 4:
Participate in three annual public awareness and educational events related to natural resources conservation and/or renewable energy.

**Strategy 1:**
Develop, organize and staff an informational booth at the Mountain Living Home and Garden Show in March of each year in Ruidoso, NM.

**Strategy 2:**
Maintain a booth at the Otero County Fair and the Lincoln County Fair in August of each year to distribute information.

**Strategy 3:**
Participate in one additional USDA or other public awareness event relating to natural resources each year.
SOUTH CENTRAL MOUNTAIN SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

There are currently 29 sponsoring organizations on the South Central Mountain RC&D Council that direct activities within the South Central Mountain Area. Other regional and state agencies participate as well as several federal agencies.

Soil & Water Conservation Districts:
Carrizozo SWCD
Chaves SWCD
Claunch Pinto SWCD
Otero SWCD
Upper Hondo SWCD

County Governments:
Lincoln County
Otero County

Communities:
City of Alamogordo
City of Ruidoso Downs
Village of Capitan
Village of Carrizozo
Village of Cloudcroft
Village of Corona
Village of Ruidoso
Village of Tularosa

State Government:
NM Department of Agriculture
NM EMNRD- Forestry Division
NM Environmental Department
NM Highway and Transportation Department
NM Office of the State Engineer
NMSU Cooperative Extension Service
Lincoln State Monument

Other Sponsors:
Carrizozo Woman’s Club
Friends of Smokey
Rails to Trails Association
Timberon Development Council
Cloudcroft Future Farmers of America
Billy the Kid Byways
Small Business Development Center - Roswell

Cooperating Federal Agencies:
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
USDA-Forest Service
USDI-Bureau of Land Management
Holloman Air Force Base