

Range Tour
Taos Plateau and Rio Grande del Norte National Monument
August 6–7, 2016
Taos Soil and Water Conservation District
BLM Taos Field Office
Society of Range Management – NM Section

Saturday, August 6

- 9:00 am Rio Grande Gorge Bridge Rest Area, Hwy 64
Geography, geology, soils, ground water – Tony Benson
- 9:30 am Highway 64, mile marker 239, Cerros de Taos, Benson Ranch
EQIP, CSP, sagebrush, rehab processes, grasses – Clarence Chavez
- 10:30 am D-D wildfire, Benson Ranch
D-D fire – Kyle Sahd (BLM)
PJ ecosystem – Kurt Swearingen
Restoration trials – Tony Benson
- 11:30 pm Lunch - Rio Grande Gorge Bridge Rest Area
National Monument Management Plan – John Bailey (BLM)
- 1:00 pm National Monument, Montoso Area, west rim of Gorge
Thinning – Kyle Sahd (BLM)
Disking, reseeding – Delane Atcitty, James Harmon (BLM)
- 2:00 pm Cerro de Olla Fire
Ecological sites – Jim Armendasiz (BLM)
Wildfire and prescribed burns – Pat Pacheco, Kyle Sahd (BLM)
- 3:00 pm North of Chiflo disking project – Delane Atcitty (BLM)
- 4:00 pm NW Taos Plateau Grasslands
Grazing management on allotment – Ezequiel Rael (BLM)
Playa Lakes – Tony Benson
Monument ecology, soils, grasses – Pam Herrera, Jessa Davis (BLM)

Sunday, August 7

- 9:00 am Highway 64 field, 3 miles west of Old Blinking Light (East of Taos Mesa Brewing)
Disking and reseedling – Felix Sanistevan
EQIP – Mike Jones (NRCS)
- 9:30 am D. H. Lawrence Ranch Road
Sagebrush mowing on Forest Service allotment – Fabian Marquez, George Long, Ezequiel Rael (FS)
- 11:00 am San Cristobal
Water infiltration gallery and PJ thinning – Jim Gilroy
Rio Grande Water Fund, Taos Valley Coalition – Mark Schuetz
- 11:30 am Wild Rivers Recreation Area Loop, Bear Crossing – James Harmon
- 12:00 pm Wild Rivers Recreational Area Visitor Center – Lunch
Noxious weed mapping – Sylvia Rains-Dennis
- 1:00 pm Wild Rivers Range Restoration
BLM sagebrush treatments – James Harmon (BLM)
Spike treatment – Bobby Ortega
- 2:00 pm Johnson Ranch
Disking and reseedling – Steve, Maureen and Clay Johnson
- 3:00 pm National Monument – North entrance, Colorado State Line
Sunshine Valley hydrogeology – Tony Benson
Areas with wilderness characteristics – John Bailey (BLM)
Native vs. introduced species – Pam Herrera, Jessa Davis,
James Harmon (BLM)
Summary, comments – All