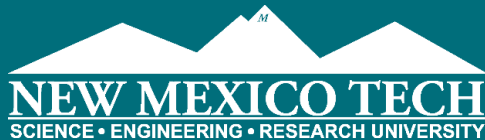




NEW MEXICO WATER LEADERS EDUCATION

OUTREACH TO WATER DECISION MAKERS IN NEW MEXICO



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WATER PROGRAMS AT NM BUREAU OF GEOLOGY



Aquifer Mapping and Monitoring Program

Characterize the quantity, quality, and distribution of groundwater in aquifers using geology, geophysics, hydrology, and chemistry information

Groundwater level monitoring (currently funded by philanthropic funds from Healy Foundation)



Water Data Initiative

Began in 2019, after the Water Data Act

Convening the work with multiple state agencies

Working to make NM water data more accessible and usable

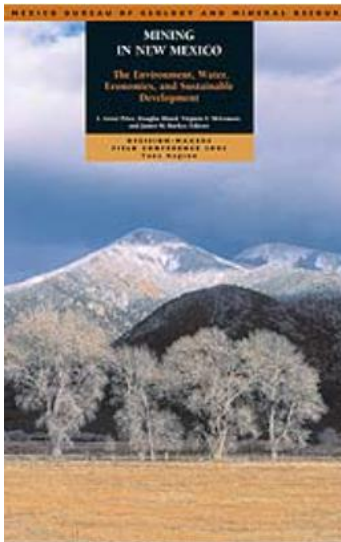
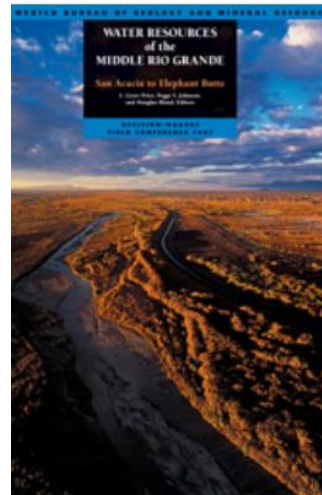


Water Education Program

For legislators, staff and state water leaders

Focusing on increasing awareness and education on critical water issues in NM

Growing program to include tribal water issues and increasing public education



DECISION MAKERS EVENTS OF THE PAST 2001-2009

Field-forward
conferences
centered around
New Mexico's
natural resources

ANNUAL WATER LEADERS WORKSHOPS

Focused on increasing awareness and education on critical water issues in New Mexico

Intended for legislators, staff, leaders from tribes, pueblos, and nations, and state water decision makers

Getting subject matter experts and leaders **OUTSIDE** to experience the water challenges

ANNUAL WATER LEADERS WORKSHOPS

Field & classroom
components

Select locations
around the state

Topics include
statewide, regional,
and local water
issues

Average of 100
attendees each
year

Ghost Ranch - 2024



Silver City - 2025



Las Cruces - 2023



Socorro - 2022

WLW 2024 – Ohkay Owingeh agricultural fields + Chamita Acequia



WLW 2022 – Rio Grande airboat tours



WLW 2025 – Aldo Leopold Overlook



WLW 2024 – Senate Pro Tem Stewart & State Geologist Timmons



WLW 2023 – Elephant Butte Dam Overlook

WLW 2025 – Lightning Dock geothermal facility



ANNUAL RIO CHAMA EXPERIENCES



Designed to get decision makers on the river to develop closer personal and working relationships while fostering a deeper understanding of the Rio Chama and Rio Grande

FUNDING & PHILANTHROPIC COLLABORATIONS

2022

Pilot for new Water Leaders Workshops funded by Thornburg Foundation

2025 & Beyond

\$250k recurring funding from the state for Water Leaders Workshops

\$325k one-time funding from Senator Pro Tem Mimi Stewart for Water Leaders Workshops & Rio Chama Experiences

2023 & 2024

We aim to maintain strong partnerships with philanthropic organizations to sustain the annual Rio Chama trips and create new initiatives, including dedicated river trips for Tribes, Pueblos, and Nations.



2024 Water Leaders Workshop state legislators



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