

Gila Chapter

Back Country Horsemen of New Mexico | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 10/12/2016 6:00 PM | Meeting location WNMU Watts Hall

Meeting called by Doug Dexter

Type of meeting Monthly business meeting

Note taker Cindi deCapiteau

Attendees

Susan Austin, Joan Bacon, Brian Cunningham (guest from Gila Regional Medical Center) Cindi deCapiteau, Dixie Dexter, Doug Dexter, Dan Dockery, Amy Hartel, Jean Hill, Andrea Imler, Dave Imler, Nancy Imler, Russ Imler, Joseph Kellerman (guest from Gila Regional Medical Center), Jane Larson, Joel Larson, Mickey Lemon, Rawlings Lemon, Ted Miles, Lee Perry, Donna Tillmann

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic *Recognize guests and new members* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

Jane and Joel Larson, recently from Alaska and members of the Alaska Back Country Horsemen, joined us this evening. Welcome! We

Agenda topic *Additions or changes to minutes* | **Presenter** *Doug Dexter*

To the secretary's unfettered shame, two corrections for the September 2016 minutes are hereby entered into the record.

1. Vicki Chick Dowd, not Mickey Lemon, will coordinate comestibles for the upcoming GBCH Christmas Party (Sunday, December 11, 2016 at the Buckhorn Saloon and Opera House in Piños Altos). Mickey Lemon will assist in the effort.
2. Pat Wolph does not use the letter "e" at the end of her last name.

Agenda topic *Special Presentation on Grant County Mill Levy* | **Presenter** *Brian Cunningham*

Brian Cunningham is the Chief Executive Officer of the Gila Regional Medical Center (GRMC). He joined us this evening to share the hospital's perspective on a mill levy proposal that will appear on the 2016 Grant County ballot in November. A "mill" (short for millage) levy is a property tax. GRMC has applied for and received permission from Grant County to add a 4-mill levy to the property tax in Grant County. Mr. Cunningham stated that his purpose this evening is to share information about GRMC's proposal so we can make an informed choice when we see it on this year's ballot.

Communities, health care providers, and health care recipients all face challenges. Insurance co-pays are rising. Reimbursements to hospitals are going down. Supplemental funding is being cut. Mr. Cunningham explained that GRMC does a lot of work for free. The facility is a not-for-profit hospital, owned by Grant County.

GRMC does not expect to turn a profit, but it is nevertheless struggling to break even. GRMC is now breaking even, in spite of a \$9 million cut in funding a few years ago. When an organization is at the breakeven point, it has no money to invest back into its infrastructure and operations. The medical center is a \$75 million organization, which means that its operations cost \$75 million each year, exclusive of equipment and infrastructure. It is, however, an equipment and infrastructure intensive organization. MRI equipment, for example, costs \$2 million. Medical

equipment improvements mandate that some equipment must be replaced every year. In addition, the GRMC building is 33 years old and in need of infrastructure upgrades and repair. These capital expenses consume \$5 million every year.

GRMC now has money in the bank to meet these expenses, but that cash reserve is being drawn down. The hospital now has about 106 days in cash, which means that it could operate for 106 days and meet its financial obligations. In the next year or so, if the hospital can't generate excess revenue to put in the bank, GRMC is now at a point where it can't replace key equipment—which carries an additional hidden cost. Patients who depend on this equipment will need to go elsewhere to access it. The physicians and nurses whose practice relies on this equipment will also need to go elsewhere. The community will lose confidence in the medical services available here.

GRMC hopes to avoid this situation by receiving an influx of cash from the county's property tax coffers and makes this proposal in an effort to maintain the quality of its operations. To demonstrate the hospital's dedication to quality, Mr. Cunningham stated that the U.S. Government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid evaluate every hospital in the country and post the results on a website, on which each facility receives a star rating. Two months ago, GRMC rated four stars—and the highest rating is five stars. GRMC is one of only three New Mexico hospitals to achieve four stars, which puts the hospital in the top 20% in quality in the nation. If GRMC can achieve five stars, the hospital would fall in with the top 2% in the country.

The goal of GRMC's request for a mill levy increase is to maintain this level of quality close to home for the residents of Grant County and surrounding counties that have no hospital facilities. Every county in New Mexico, Mr. Cunningham noted, already supports their hospitals with funds from the property tax. GRMC is the last hospital in New Mexico to ask for this kind of assistance.

The request amounts to 4-mill property tax increase. Four mills is equal to \$4, as shown the examples in a brochure Mr. Cunningham distributed (see page 10). By way of explanation, Mr. Cunningham said that the taxable value of one's personal property is 1/3 of its assessed value. For the average property owner, the mill levy increase would result in a tax bill of about \$132 per year. This is real money, of course, but Mr. Cunningham asked us to consider the cost of lost health care services. If equipment is lost from local facilities and health care users must then go elsewhere for diagnoses and treatments, what is the cost of time, mileage, and possibly an overnight stay in (for example) Las Cruces?

The mill levy increase, if approved, would generate about \$3 million for GRMC. Those funds would be earmarked for equipment and infrastructure upgrades, so the money would be returned directly to the community. Mr. Cunningham noted in addition that the mill levy increase, if passed, would sunset in four years (in 2021), at which time the matter would again be brought before voters.

Russ Imler posed this question: If the hospital has cash reserves of \$22 million to cover 106 days of operation, and if the hospital doesn't invest in capital expenditures during a given year, is it running even? Mr. Cunningham noted that capital expenditures come out of the hospital's cash reserve, which are diminishing and will continue to do so quickly.

Mr. Cunningham advised further that if voters approve the mill levy, it would not begin to affect property tax bills until November 2017. Without the funds from a mill levy increase, GRMC will start to experience losses by that time. The implications could be similar to that of the hospital in Las Vegas, NM, which had to drop its obstetrical services—women in that area now must travel to Santa Fe for labor and delivery services.

GRMC's administrators and governance believe that a responsible act for the organization is to pose the matter to the stakeholders—the communities that receive the hospital's services. New Mexico itself, he noted, is dealing with revenue loss and is therefore putting decisions about local services onto the shoulders of local communities. Communities must therefore decide what do they want, need, and are willing to pay for? Do we want fire and police protection? Do we want quality education? Do we want safe and well-maintained roads?

Mr. Cunningham closed his remarks by stating that the hospital knows tough choices confront the community and that the proposal represents a real monetary outlay for property owners. GRMC wants us to consider the outlay in light of the reality of the situation. He also noted that if the mill levy increase doesn't pass, GRMC will continue to operate, but will have to do so at the risk of reduced services. We thought this is responsible to put it out to the community.

Agenda topic *Financial and membership report* | **Presenter** *Jean Hill*

Jean Hill advised that she paid our third-quarter dues to the state BCA. The chapter earned \$0.59 on its bank account last month. If this keeps up, we might earn like \$5 in interest this year! Wa-hoo! The chapter also now has 69 members. See the report on page 11.

Agenda topic *Publicity* | **Presenter** *Mara Miles, Ted Miles*

Ted Miles, with his always-cheerful demeanor, advised that the usual stuff is going on in his efforts to keep the Gila BCHA chapter front and center in the eyes of the public. He is putting a link to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GilaBCHA/>) on the chapter's website (<https://gilabchm.com/>). He's also been spreading the word about the new location (remember the old one?) for our monthly meetings.

Ted mused that he's waiting for Cindi deCapiteau to overcome her current bout of writer's block and suggested that she (or somebody anyway) put together an article on the fabulous and surreal trail work "we" (read: mostly Gerry Engel) completed this year (over 100 miles, by golly). This would be one of the monthly articles that *The Independent* has requested we provide on equine-related matters. By the way, Cindi doesn't have a legitimate claim to be the chapter's only official scribe (except for meeting minutes, of course), so anybody who wants to write something can do so. Just send the copy by email attachment to Ted, whose email address is available on the chapter roster, which is available from Jean Hill.

That said, Cindi agreed to get something to Ted before the end of October, presumably in 2016.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

Write article for The Independent

Cindi deCapiteau

Halloween

Agenda topic *Public Service/Communications* | **Presenter** *Amy Hartel*

Gerry Engel is up in the forest (probably making sawdust), so Doug Dexter turned over to Amy Hartel Gerry's slot on the agenda.

Amy, you'll recall, is not only a GBCH member, but she is also the USFS's recreation coordinator for the Gila region. Amy reminded us that the Forest Service is revising its forest management plan (which has been in place since 1986), an effort that has been going on for a year or so. (Some of us have participated in the community meetings that the Forest Service has held in Silver City. More such meetings are coming.)

The forest plan provides direction for resource management.

Amy passed around a flyer (see page 12) that announces the next forest plan revision meeting, which will be held at the WNMU Global Resource Center on Wednesday, November 2.

Amy expressed her intention to publish a press release concerning the chapter's 103 miles (plus whatever Gerry's done recently that he hasn't told us about). The press release will go up on the Gila National Forest's website (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/gila/home>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GilaNForest/>).

Chapter members who attended the potluck picnic we held last May might remember that Amy and Mike Carr (Mike is the trails supervisor in these here parts) and a couple of other USFS reps presented maps that showed

various trails in the Gila. The group noted that the Forest Service is looking at trails to see which ones could be closed and which ones should remain open (and receive maintenance). This evening, Amy noted The Forest Service would use meetings such as that picnic, as well as upcoming community meetings, to involve the forest users in helping plan the forest's future over the next 20 years. At those events, we will receive historical background and "real numbers" information, as well as an opportunity to provide input that can inform the Forest Service's planning process—with the result in mind of creating a sustainable recreation strategy.

Amy advised that Gila National Forest has 1,190 miles of official trails; almost 700 of which are in the Gila Wilderness and 100 or so more are in the Aldo Leopold Wilderness. She noted that it costs \$12,000 to redo a mile of trail, so it's important for people like the Back Country Horsemen to help decide how and where that money should be applied.

Donna Tillmann asked Amy if it would be possible to have copies of the maps shown at the May picnic. Those maps were clear and large enough that an explorer-on-paper can see a whole trail section, as well as how a given trail relates to other trails and places of interest in the forest. Amy promised to make inquiries on our behalf about this matter. She said that those maps would be on display at the upcoming community meetings.

Action items

Person responsible

Investigate feasibility of making detailed trail maps available to the Gila BCH Chapter	Amy Hartel
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Agenda topic *Equine Evacuation* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

Many months after planning and meetings and data gathering began and shortly after (as promised at the September meeting) Doug had 30 copies of the long-awaited call tree printed on 11x17" paper, Jean Hill wondered why, in the event of an evacuation emergency we don't just send out a text message to everybody. (Oh. Well, duh!).

The downside of text messaging is that not everybody takes advantage of that particular technology, but we all understand that the call tree strategy also has its downsides. The bottom line is that a text message can go out simultaneously to everybody who has texting capability. It also mediates the problem that occurs when a caller up the line can't reach a caller down the line, so the message gets stuck there.

However, since we've gone to all the trouble to create the call tree, put it up in your barn, your trailer, your office, or on your refrigerator (if your refrigerator isn't already pasted over with art from your kids and grandchildren). It's a darn nice list of everybody's name and phone number. Contact Doug Dexter if you didn't pick up a copy at the meeting.

Agenda topic *Overview of Grant County SAR* | Presenter *Russ Imler*

As reported in GBCH minutes from a month or so ago, the capable and straightforward Russ Imler took over from Marc Levesque as Grand Poobah of Grant County Search and Rescue. President Russ reported that GCSAR held a beginner's training session the first Saturday in October, but has had no missions lately. In the resulting absence of SAR thrills and spills to discuss, Russ spoke about the nuts and bolts of search and rescue. He thoughtfully targeted his presentation to our interests as horse folk in the rugged and far-flung Gila backcountry.

Russ stressed that there is often a significant delay from the time a mishap occurs until GCSAR gets out into the field to find a lost soul. The delay occurs for several reasons. First, when does a person back at home start to get worried? Probably not until a backcountry traveler is several hours overdue—so the delay in activating SAR is built in from the start.

But wait! There's more! Search and rescue is a function of New Mexico's State Police. That agency alone—not the local sheriff's deputies or local police force or a frantic loved one—can activate a SAR mission. The take-home point here is that if you believe somebody is out there who needs SAR, start with the state police, not Grant County's central emergency dispatch (e.g., 911). That said, however, most requesters of emergency services start with 911

(e.g., central dispatch) because that's what everybody knows how to do—so the local emergency personnel don't contact the state police right away. Another delay ensues while the local law enforcement conducts an investigation.

Even after SAR personnel are activated by the state police, they are required to conduct their own investigation before they call out a mission—and more delay ensues while they do so. First, SAR must talk to the person (or people) who initiated a call for help. Then the SAR volunteers have to travel to the location where incident command is set up. For some of the volunteers, there's a long transport time, especially if they are taking horses on the mission.

New Mexico SAR teams have discovered that there's an average five-to-ten hour delay to get SAR activated and on the scene. Those 10 hours are measured from the time the state police are notified. Russ commented that 97% of missions are completed within 24 hours, a complete cycle around the clock from the time the state police receive a SAR notification.

Using national statistics (because New Mexico isn't very good at keeping statistics), Russ said that 91% of SAR missions result in no fatality—which implies that in nine percent of missions, someone dies. Of the fatalities, 45% of deaths occur within the first 24 hours. Moreover, 74% of deaths occur within the first 47 hours. So if state police activation is delayed by five or ten hours, the delay really challenges the 24-hour period when there's the best chance someone can be found alive.

GCSAR uses a book by Robert Koester, *Lost Person Behavior: A search and rescue guide on where to look for land, air and water*, as its operations guide. The author reviewed over 10,000 SAR cases (worldwide) for which he was able to find reliable statistics. Koester determined how people were found, as well as where they went and what they did before they were found. Koester found that 80% of SAR cases involved no injury; nine percent involved an injury; and in another nine percent, a fatality occurred. He categorized the cases and compiled charts that show three-dozen different types of people who come to be in need of SAR, including equestrians and hikers.

Of the cases Koester examined, 105 involved horses. Although this represents a relatively small number from a sample of over 10,000, the numbers of injuries and deaths among equestrians is disproportionately high. In 27% of the equestrian cases studied, the rider sustained injury—compared with only 9% for SAR missions as a whole. The number of fatalities, 10%, among equestrians is also higher than the 9% fatality rate for the total SAR sample. The take-home point is that equestrians need to exercise considerable caution because we are more likely to be injured or to die than other categories of backcountry visitors.

Russ spoke briefly about the notion that one's horse can take you home, even if you're lost or injured. Sometimes that's true. Sometimes it's not. If you lose your horse, the horse might return to the trailhead without you and cause SAR to be activated—but you might still be critically injured or dead by the time SAR finds you. Russ noted that his family has five horses, of which four can be depended on to take a rider back to the trailhead. One of them won't. In addition, a horse might not use the trail to return to the trailhead if the horse thinks there's a shorter way—and horses don't mind crashing through brush and low-hanging branches or moving over difficult terrain.

SAR has a protocol that searchers employ when they look for a missing person. In 17 of the 105 horse-involved missions Koester studied, 50% of lost individuals were found within a two-mile circle radiating from the last place they were seen or known to have been there. Seventy-five percent were found within a five-mile circle and 95% were found within a 12-mile circle. In a fundamental SAR tactic recommended by Koester, SAR field commanders draw these circles of probability on a map and then dispatch a quick-response search team out to trails within the circles, starting with the two-mile radius.

Consider the volume of terrain represented by the circles. In a two-mile circle of probability (in which 50% of lost people are found), the search area is 12 square miles. In the five-mile circle (75% probability), the search area covers 75 miles. Finally, the 12-mile 95% probability circle contains over 400 miles of search area. Another take-home point: if you or your horse are faithfully returning to the trailhead by the shortest route deviates from the trail, it's going to be a significant challenge for SAR to find you—as it will also be if you don't stay put, because you are then a moving target and searchers will be looking in places where you might not be.

Russ noted that there are several things we can do so we don't become a SAR mission:

1. Plan accordingly. Take proper maps with you when you go and keep them at hand (if your horse runs off with the maps, they won't help you).
2. Learn and remember as much as you can about the area you plan to travel.
3. Carry the appropriate gear and keep it on your person.
4. Obtain a weather forecast before you go and keep track of the weather while you're out. Remember that rain in the mountains can cause flash flooding a long way downstream and cause you to be stuck on the wrong side of the river with no way to get home when you said you would.
5. Carry on your person enough water to last you for 24 hours.
6. Carry the appropriate equipment, know how to use it, and keep it on your person.
7. Provide an itinerary to somebody at home who will follow through if you are overdue.
8. Don't go out by yourself—if you are out with a buddy, you have help at hand.
9. If you're out there and something happens, stay calm and stay on the trail. There's a good chance somebody will find you.
10. Don't chase your horse because the horse won't stay on the trail—and since you likely will not be able to keep up with him, you might get lost, especially if you don't have a GPS and a good sense of direction.

GCSAR has a list of essentials that every backcountry equestrian needs to carry:

- Water
- Emergency food
- Shelter
- A way to create fire
- Keep all your essentials on your body, not on the horse.

Amy Hartel asked for clarification about emergency notification. If, for example, one is at the Gila Cliff Dwellings and calls 911, that call might go to Catron County instead of Grant County central dispatch. Would these agencies call the state police right away?

The linkage between the state police and local emergency agencies isn't specified in New Mexico's SAR plan (<http://www.dps.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/SAR-08-Search-and-Rescue-Plan.pdf>), so there seems to be no clear answer to that question. Although the state police must be notified to activate SAR, local agencies often conduct their own investigations before notifying the state police—so local emergency response agencies—who are governed by their own policies and procedures—won't necessarily call the state police immediately. Most of us call 911 first, and it's 911's duty to respond.

Donna Tillmann asked where does the call go when an SOS is activated from an inReach? Russ responded that the SOS (which by includes the GPS coordinates from which the SOS originates) goes to a central clearinghouse, where the coordinates are mapped and the appropriate local officials are notified. ¹

¹ Delorme says this in the frequently-asked questions at <http://www.inreachdelorme.com/product-info/faq.php>:

Your alert will be relayed to GEOS, a 24/7, global search and rescue monitoring center, and then to emergency responders. Emergency personnel will send you a text message asking you to describe your exact situation so they can properly prepare responders and maintain contact with you until you've been brought to safety. If you are unable to reply to GEOS, help will still be dispatched immediately.

In view of that sentence, "Emergency personnel will send you a text message asking you to describe your exact situation . . ." you must know how to express yourself when you're frantic. You must also know how to get that message from your head and into an inReach. This is a good topic for a future education segment.

Donna also asked if we could plug the number for the state police into our emergency contacts so that they would be notified automatically if we send an SOS via inReach. Russ said he would look into that and that it depends on whether or not the New Mexico state police have text capability.

Joan Bacon, an experienced hiker, asked about the SAR probability circles for hikers. Russ responded that in a mountainous, dry area like the Gila, the 25% circle occurs as a 2.3-mile radius from where the hiker was last known to be. The 75% line is at 6.6 miles and the 95% line is at 13.1 miles.

Russ closed his presentation with this comment: "We seldom have to search for well-prepared, fit people."

Action items

Person responsible

Find out if the NM state police have text capability and if including the state police in one's inReach emergency contacts is appropriate.	Russ Imler
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Agenda topic *Christmas Party* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

Planning is underway for the GBCH Christmas Party (Sunday, December 11, Buckhorn Saloon, Piños Altos). The Buckhorn will supply a bartender (who is grateful for our generous tips) and a hostess. The event is potluck. Vicki Dowd, the artist in charge of gourmet food, will send out a message shortly to the membership. She will define what we need to bring and solicit commitments for same.

Mickey Lemon commented that our huge membership numbers indicate that we'll need to take over more of the saloon than we did last year. A likely strategy is that the food will be arrayed in the dining room to the left of the bar. If we don't imbibe too much while we pass the bar on the way to the food, we'll be able to remain upright while we carry food back to the dining room on the right, where we can munch on the goodies. This approach provides the added benefit of exercise while we travel between the two dining rooms, so our girth can stand for second and third helpings.

Agenda topic *Adopt-a-highway* | Presenter *Maureen McLeod*

A bunch of rag pickers hiked along Highway 180 west of Silver City to clean up after rag throwers. Somebody found an interesting, if obscene artifact, as well as a tiny American flag (in excellent condition) and a tattered dollar bill. The booty was turned over to Maureen McLeod, the new GBCH trash-pickup coordinator, along with the box of litter supplies (trash bags, safety vests, first aid kits). We're stomping the ground with eager hooves in anticipation of revisiting the highway stretch between mile markers 108 and 109, so let us know when, Maureen!

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

Schedule next highway cleanup detail	Maureen McLeod	January
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Agenda topic *Suggestions for fun rides* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

In spite of persistent requests for fun rides, nobody has suggested or hosted one. What's up, folks? You wanna do this or not?

Agenda topic *Future Education Segments* | Presenter *Doug Dexter*

A special education segment will be held at the Roth Ranch on November 19. Linda Lockler, DVM-Ret will talk about wilderness first aid, with a focus on equines.

Agenda topic GBCH Facebook Page | Presenter Cindi deCapiteau

The GBCH Facebook page is gaining traction. The page manager will be posting information about GBCH events, as a result of popular request.

Agenda topic State BCH Rendezvous | Presenter Doug Dexter

The Gila BCH chapter is receiving encouragement to host the 2017 state rendezvous. Doug asked for a show of hands to determine who (of those present) would be willing to assist in planning and presentation of this event. Sites under consideration at the moment are the Celebration campsite (map on page 13) and NAN Ranch (map on page 14).

Agenda topic GBCH November elections | Presenter Doug Dexter

To the delight of office non-seekers the world over, all GBCH officers now in power have agreed to continue to serve. (We assume this is not motivated by an overwhelming desire for dominance over the chapter's profits from bank account interest.)

Revolution is not in the air. The November 2016 meeting will therefore confirm the situation, unless somebody steps up in alarm at this stagnation of authority—which all members are welcome to do. So anybody who wants to take one of the chapter's brawny leadership positions is welcome to do so—now or any time in the future.

In a related discussion, Doug noted that Mickey and Rawlings Lemon would continue to serve as the chapter's representatives at the mighty New Mexico BCH unit. However, Rawlings is not able to attend the next quarterly state meeting, which means Mickey has to single-hand the trip (to Socorro, or Santa Fe, or Albuquerque, or some other place "up there"), as well as the formalities of the meeting itself. That seemed like a suitable duty for our Vice President, so Susan Austin agreed to accompany Mickey.

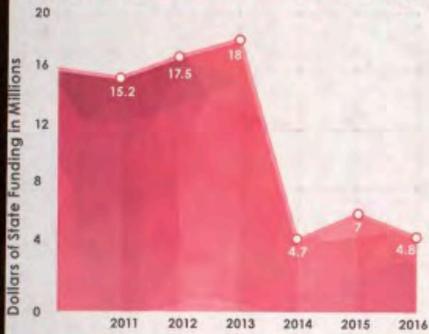
Agenda topic Announcements

Next meeting: November 9, 2016

Special education segment Saturday, November 19, Roth Ranch

Gila Regional is your county-owned hospital. In many cases insurance reimbursement doesn't cover the cost of care. As a result, many services are provided to the community at a loss.

RECENT STATE FUNDING CUTS



Yet Gila Regional continues to provide the needed services to our community at 4 Star Quality levels.



KEEP YOUR
4 STAR QUALITY
CARE CLOSE
TO HOME.



The Healthy Hospital/Healthy Community Initiative will help Gila Regional upgrade and maintain key equipment and critical building upgrades, including Maternal Child services and Surgical Recovery Rooms.

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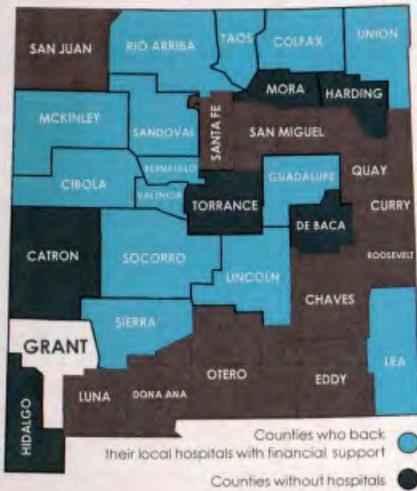
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TO HOME.

In this most challenging environment in healthcare's recent history and with the continuing cuts in state supplemental payment and insurance reimbursements, GRMC is increasingly challenged to earn enough of a profit margin each year to purchase all of the Capital Equipment and Building needs necessary to replace aging equipment and remain current with advances in the medical field.



14 other counties in New Mexico already support their hospitals with tax help from their community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
<http://www.grmc.org/Community/Healthy-Hospital-Healthy-Community.aspx>

Gila Regional is requesting support in the form of the GRMC Mill Levy. This GRMC Mill Levy will provide the hospital with approximately \$3.3 million a year to help with needed capital equipment and building upgrades. The Mill Levy will go a long way to help support the approximate \$5+ million cost expected each year for these projects.

Building Upgrade Examples:

Labor & Delivery Rooms
Construction/ Upgrades

Surgical Recovery Rooms
Construction/ Expansion

Equipment Upgrade Examples:

Echo Cardiogram Unit

CT Scanner Upgrade

X-Ray Upgrade

Facility Maintenance Examples:

Water Piping
(plumbing) Replacement

Air Handling Unit
(HVAC) Replacements

All funds received will be strictly allocated for capital equipment and building upgrades only and will be transparently reported to the GRMC Board of Trustees and the Grant County Commissioners.

How Will It Affect You:

A 4 Mill Levy increases the amount of property tax you pay by 4 dollars per thousand dollars of your Net Taxable Value.(NTV)

\$4 per \$1000 of NTV (0.004%)

Example:

\$100,000 Property (\$33,000 NTV)

= \$11 per Month increase in Property Tax

= 36¢ per Day increase in Property Tax for 4 years (starting in 2017)



REGISTERED TO VOTE? IF NOT PLEASE VISIT:
<http://sos.state.nm.us/>

Gila Chapter BCHA

October 12, 2016

Treasurer/Member Report

(bank statements available at meeting)

Bank Balance August 16 **\$4,621.67**

Deposits two \$ 55.59 1 membership \$30, 50/50 Sept \$25 & 59 cents interest

Withdrawals none

Bank Balance September 15 **\$4,676.71**

Transactions after September 15 none

Bank Balance October 11 **\$4,676.71**

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2016 membership (correction of September report) We have 69 members, 21 families and 25 singles.

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A check was sent to BCHNM for 3rd quarter dues for 4 new members (Lori H, Lee P, Becky S, Dean W):

4 Single Memberships @ \$20 each (\$15 to National + \$5 to State) **\$ 80.**

The Gila National Forest invites you to a Forest Plan Community Meeting



The Gila National Forest recently released a draft assessment report for feedback as part of the Forest Plan Revision process. This draft assessment report includes your input and identifies ecological, social and economic conditions, trends, and any risks to sustainability of the Gila National Forest resources. The trends and conditions identified in the assessment will help determine the current plan's need for change and aid in the development of the revised plan. The revised Forest Plan will describe the strategic direction for management of forest resources for the next fifteen years on the Gila National Forest.

The Gila National Forest highly encourages feedback on the draft assessment report and participation moving forward. Community meetings have been scheduled in late October to early November 2016 to discuss assessment key findings and collaborate to determine needs-for-change to the current plan.

What is the purpose of these community meetings?

- Create shared understanding of key assessment findings with posters and staff available for dialogue
- Provide opportunities for stakeholders to collaborate on needs-for-change to the existing 1986 Forest Plan
- Keep interested parties informed and involved in the forest plan revision effort
- Strengthen links between the Forest and nearby residents, users, and interested parties

Community Meeting Schedule: **(These are open house style so drop in anytime during the meeting)**

Date	Time	District	Location
Monday, October 24 th	7-9 pm	Wilderness	Roundup Lodge, Acklin Hill Road, San Lorenzo, NM
Tuesday, October 25 th	5-7 pm	Quemado	Quemado High School Cafeteria, 3484 Hwy 60 Quemado, NM
Wednesday, October 26 th	4-6:30 pm	Glenwood	Glenwood Community Center, 14 Menges Ln, Glenwood, NM
Thursday, October 27 th	4-6:30 pm	Reserve	Catron County Fairgrounds Building, Hwy 12, Reserve, NM
Tuesday, November 1 st	4-6:30 pm	Black Range	Albert Lyon Event Center, 2953 South Broadway, Truth or Consequences, NM
Wednesday, November 2 nd	4-6:30 pm	Silver City	WNMU Global Resource Center, 12th Street & Kentucky Street, Silver City, NM
Thursday, November 3 rd	4-6:30 pm		NM Farm and Ranch Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd Las Cruces, NM

- Your input will help develop forest plan direction that will provide for a healthy, diverse, and productive Forest.
- Information can be found on our website at: <http://go.usa.gov/h88k>.
- Email us at: gilaplan@fs.fed.us with any comments, questions, or additional ideas.

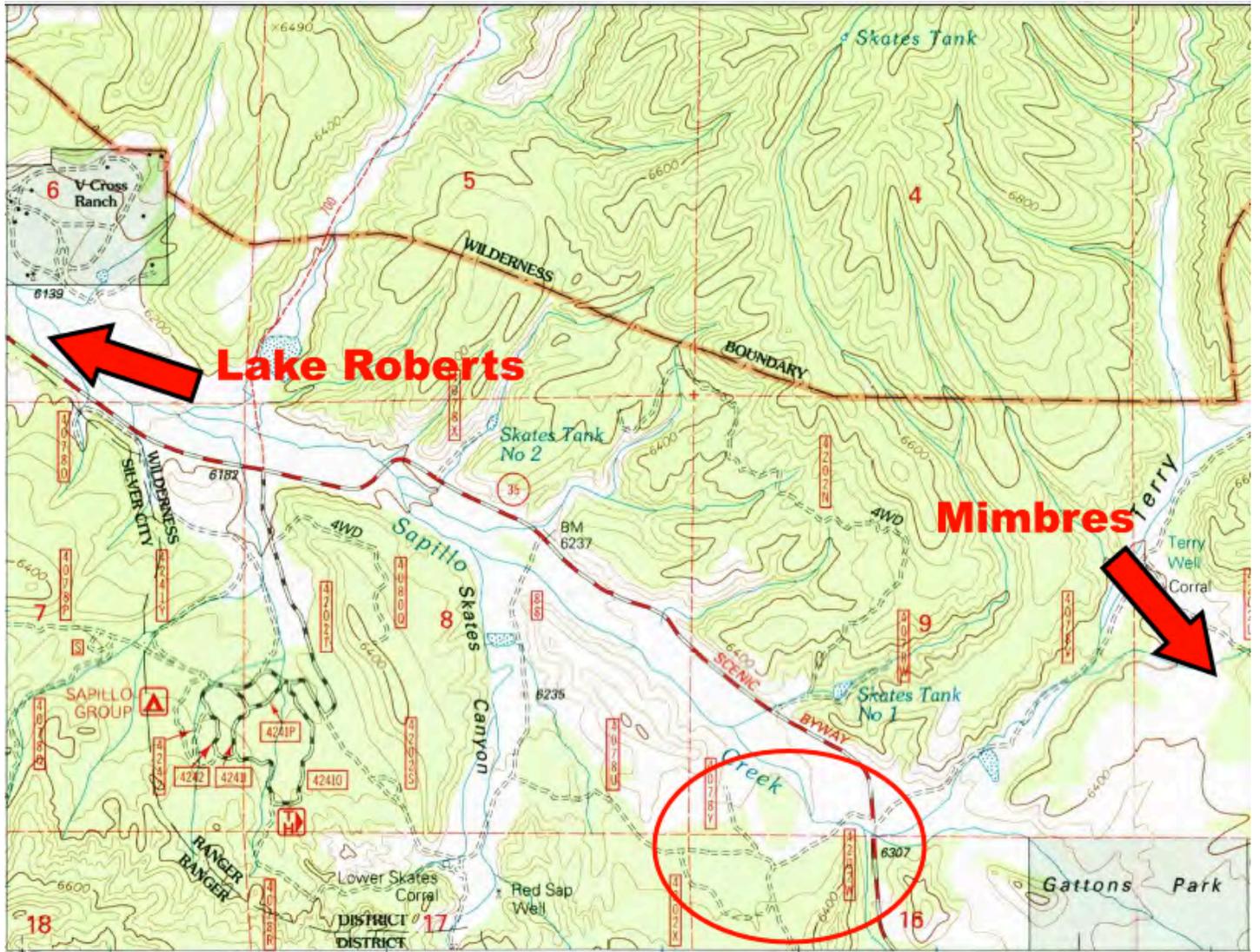


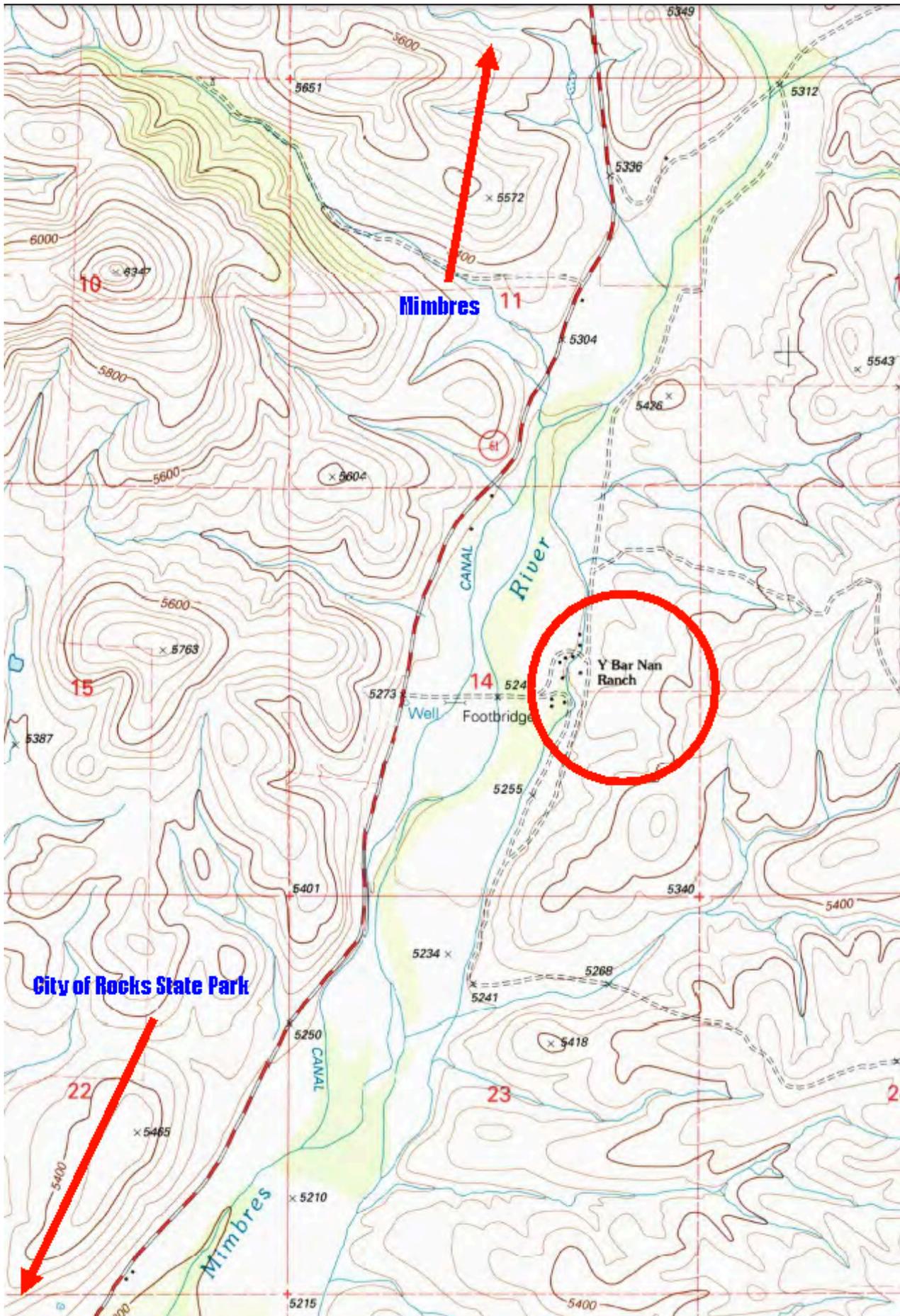
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Location of Celebration Campsite





Location of NAN Ranch (source: USGS 1999 Dwyer map)