

Watershed Health Panel

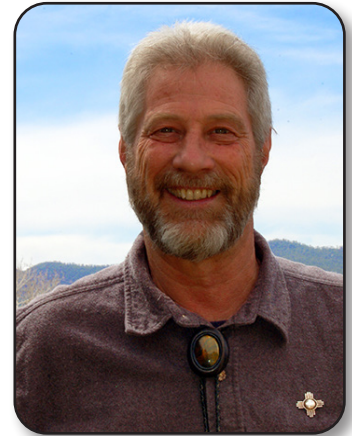
Connecting Communities and Watersheds and Watershed Health

Panel Moderator

Ron Gardiner, Land and Water Clinic

Ron Gardiner has an Honorary Doctorate of Sciences from UNM for his work in the fields of watershed policy, planning and management where he studied in the community planning dept. He has a unique field level view having worked as a wilderness ranger and watershed technician on all the six federal wilderness areas in the Upper Rio Grande Basin. In 1996 he performed all the post-fire BAER monitoring for the Hondo Lama Fire while a watershed technician with the Carson National Forest.

His field experience has served to inform his 15 years of service to the New Mexico Legislature and the water and natural resources committees as legislative bill analyst and the committee's chief of staff. Ron has been involved as a watershed community planner for the Taos County CWPP CORE Team for the past 10 years. Currently is researching and a writing book, "John Wesley Powell's Vision in a 21st Century New Mexico," a Decision Makers Guide to Connecting Communities and Watersheds. Ron lives in Questa, NM.



"In the region of country where land is more abundant than water, the value inheres in the water, not the land."

-- John Wesley Powell

"To build a better motor we tap the uttermost powers of the human brain; to build a better countryside we throw dice."

-- Aldo Leopold

"No long-term management regime, however technically correct or grounded in the 'best' science, is likely to succeed without public support and understanding."

-- William du Buyes

Figure 1. Introductory quotes.