

The Partnership Series Progress Report November 1999-April 2000

Hello to all our friends and supporters!

We have experienced quite a spectacular six months, and once again we wanted to make sure we shared our progress with the people who have helped make it so.

Training Update

In the last six months we have delivered seven successful courses!

The Community Based Partnership course went to the following communities; Yuma, AZ, Espanola, NM, Carlsbad, NM and Lake Pleasant, AZ. As always, the course has made an impact on how local communities are making decisions about land management issues. Upcoming classes include, Silver City, NM and Farmington, NM this year and Quincy, CA and Cody, WY in 2001. The demand for this class is rising exponentially so we expect more deliveries this summer as well as in 2001.

The Wise and Effective Use of Volunteers course had its maiden delivery in Baker City, OR this February. The course was well received and will be delivered again in Salt Lake City, UT in September and Great Falls, MT in October.

Alternative Funding: Beyond Traditional Sources course was delivered in Boise, ID this February. This course was a resounding success and may see deliveries in Alaska and the Southeast this year.

Learning Communities: Linking People, Places and Perspectives was delivered for the first time this fiscal year. The setting was Lake Pleasant, AZ and it was a success according to the participants. We have plans to deliver more of these courses in 2001 due to a growing list of requests.

The Art of Writing Grants went to Flagstaff, AZ last fall and will be delivered in Salmon, ID this spring.

The success of our course deliveries is spawning three significant trends. First, we are seeing repeat requests from the same customer for either more of the original course or a complimentary course. Second, some communities are asking for what we refer to as a package deal: two complimentary courses delivered either back-to-back or within a relatively short time frame. Third, we have sponsors who have determined that the Partnership Series training courses are an integral part of their organization's mission and therefore are using the training as a tool to communicate and implement our shared message of collaborative land management. These trends are positive beacons for our continuing success!

Partnership Series Staff Update

We have a new addition to the Partnership Series staff. Welcome to Steve Acheson who is our newest training coordinator! Steve brings a wealth of training experience and will be the coordinator for the Community Based Partnership and Alternative Funding courses. Heather Buckley joins us in a full time Marketing and Sales position; she brings excellent customer service, phone and computer skills.

Acknowledgments

We have stated repeatedly that our success would not have happened without the support of our sponsors, instructors, staff and supporters. At this time we would like to acknowledge a few of our many partners.

Charles Pregler and Terri Weeding