



FRIENDS OF BANDELIER

ANNUAL REPORT for 2008

We regret to report that Superintendent Brad Traver left Bandelier in April. His wife developed severe allergies to the local climate and the couple is moving to a lower elevation in Arizona. Brad was doing an excellent job through a time of change at the park. His decisions on issues ranging from pinyon-juniper restoration to going green to the remodel of the Visitor Center were sound and well-informed. He has been especially supportive of staff through a time that included several new initiatives. The new superintendent is expected on site in May.

Since the Cerro Grande Fire in May 2000, Bandelier has had a revolving door of superintendents. Quite frankly, I have lost count of how many. Fortunately, Bandelier is blessed with an excellent staff of rangers who have kept the park functioning well.

Please recall that the most ambitious project at Bandelier in decades has been the remodel of the Visitor Center. Planning and gathering items for exhibits has been going on for about five years. Chief of Interpretation Lynne Dominy consulted with leaders of local Pueblos to determine how they would prefer their heritage be interpreted. Many visitors and local citizens participated in focus groups on design and content of the exhibits. The Friends helped with restoration and framing of paintings by Santa Clara artist Pablita Velarde and with conservation of a number of other items from the archives scheduled for exhibit. Following the passage by Congress of the Obama stimulus package, Park Service senior management advised the Bandelier staff to have the plans "hammer-ready." And indeed, the remodel does pass the criteria of the stimulus in providing jobs for building infrastructure of lasting value to the American people.

Bandelier also will receive stimulus funds to rehabilitate Juniper Campground, improve heating and cooling systems in the administration building, and do needed trail maintenance. All must be accomplished in the next 18 months.

The coming year at Bandelier will be busy and somewhat disruptive. The rangers must close the Visitor Center for approximately a year. Lynne will write us a summary when the 2009-2010 schedule becomes more clear, and we will send out details in future newsletters.

The Park Service and Bandelier are scrambling to adjust to twenty-first century realities. Visitation is down at all the National Parks. At one time, Bandelier reached a peak visitor load of about 400,000 people per year; at pres-

ent it is nearer 250,000. Across the population as a whole, but particularly among the young, people are living more game-based, web-based, cell-phone-based lives. More outdoor travelers are opting for extreme sports, which are not suitable within most parks. Family work life is becoming less conducive to the long family vacations that were the backbone of park visitation. The National Parks are important repositories of the history and landscapes of our nation and the Park Service realizes that it must adjust to meet the changing expectations of visitors while honoring its duty to protect and preserve its assets.

Due to the changing funding mechanisms of the Park, the traditional way the Friends of Bandelier have worked with the Bandelier administration is changing. In the past, we received an annual prioritized list of requests for funding. We were therefore able to inform our donors how their money would be spent. (Transparency is very important to me personally.) The National Centennial Challenge Grants are scheduled to continue until 2016, the hundredth anniversary of the National Park Service. Congress will determine each year how much to allot to the program and how much in matching funds will be needed. The Park Service itself has internal programs that require matching funds. We may have opportunities to piggy-back on some stimulus projects, like trails. Lynne has asked us to be remain flexible and be prepared to partner for matching funds as appropriate rather than tie ourselves to specific projects.

With the current financial difficulties, we enter an uncharted (and rather frightening) phase of American life. We truly hope that Americans continue to support their National Park System and non-profits like the Friends of Bandelier. I'm absolutely delighted that 77 percent of our 300 members have already renewed for 2009! Thank you very much, dear Friends. We will try to keep you informed during the coming very busy year at Bandelier.

Dorothy Hoard, President, Board of Trustees



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Financial Statement

2008

FRIENDS OF BANDELIER ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Current Assets - Balance Forward as of January 1, 2008:

Cash in General Fund	\$56,714.24
Cash in Major Purchase Fund	<u>4,222.84</u>
NET ASSETS TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD	60,937.08

Revenue and Other Support:

Contributions	11,129.00
Honorarium Contributions	550.00
Memorial Contributions	625.00
Royalties: <i>The Peopling of Bandelier</i>	229.20
Velarde Print Proceeds	500.00
Interest - General Fund	1,235.99
Interest - Major Purchase Fund	<u>164.88</u>
TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT	14,434.07

Disbursements:

Grant Match - Focus Groups	23,616.00
Grant Match - Sustainability	27,500.00
Printing of the Monument's Newspaper, the Tuff Times	1,356.26
Transportation for Penasco Students to Cultural Site	132.53
Website Intern for Bandelier Website Upgrade	<u>1,841.48</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	54,446.27

Expenses - Friends of Bandelier:

Advertising	80.00
Bulk Mailing Permit	175.00
Corporate Report Filing Fee	10.00
Financial Report and Tax Return Preparation	401.48
Liability Insurance	640.00
Postage	75.00
Post Office Box Renewal	40.00
Website and Domain Hosting	<u>195.61</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,617.09

Net Assets, End of Period:

General Fund	13,920.07
Major Purchase Fund	<u>5,387.72</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS (Balance Dec. 31, 2008)	\$19,307.79

GRANTS to BANDELIER

1988-2008

Archaeological

Surveys, excavations, equipment	\$53,147.09
Studies, publications	\$26,870.52

Interpretation

Capital items	\$16,476.00
Peopling of Bandelier book	\$5,000.00
Printing newspapers, etc	\$22,250.98
Supplies	\$3,021.65
Training, awards	\$2,942.63
Services	\$10,644.68
90th anniversary items	\$3,760.03
Centennial Matching Grants	\$51,116.00

Resource Management

GPS units and supplies	\$18,157.00
Maintenance, supplies	\$8,100.00
Video & Microscope	\$2,750.00

Ecological

Greenhouse facility supplies	\$5,000.00
Pinyon-juniper Restoration Study	\$4,800.00
Ecological technician (McGrath)	\$4,000.00
Butterflies, arthropods	\$5,500.00
Housing, Park Flight Volunteer	\$800.00
Fire Management SCA	\$3,215.00

Cultural Awareness - Pueblo Crafts

Pueblo Cultural Demonstrations	\$16,721.60
Crafts purchases	\$7,755.00
Archival/Museum purchases	\$6,291.20

Handicapped

Campsite Upgrades	\$3,600.08
Handicapped Ramp	\$1,625.74
Wheelchair	\$640.00
Drinking fountains	\$3,500.00
Telephone Device for the Deaf	\$443.30
Braille Labels for Touch Table	\$106.50

Social Events

Coffee-with-a-Ranger	\$2,052.65
VIP Parties, receptions	\$1,339.16
90th Anniversary Celebration	\$1,667.70

Protection

EMS Trauma Kit	\$414.95
SCA Backcountry Patrol	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$296,209.46



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2008

Bandelier National Monument

Interpretation

Completed focus groups with Northern Arizona University at San Ildefonso, Cochiti, and Zuni.
Completed four new Junior Ranger booklets and patches.
Created a new Youth Stewardship Program with a patch.
Created a new Bandelier mascot, *Bert the Abert Squirrel*, for use in community parades.
Fabricated and installed 12 new exhibits for exterior Visitor Center locations.
Completed 25 ethnobotanical markers.
Contacted more than 2,000 visitors with specially tailored wildlife education.

Conservation and Restoration

Completed conservation work in 12 cavates in Frijoles Canyon.
Obscured graffiti in 15 cavates in Frijoles Canyon.
Stabilized 39 walls in Tyuonyi Pueblo and all of the Big Kiva.
Started museum archives negative scanning project to scan approximately 4,000 negatives.
Completed documentation of 338 Tsankawi Mesa cavates.
Completed first phase of masonry repairs of the historic pathways in the historic district.
Transferred 163 CCC furniture items to the Tucson Western Archaeological Conservation Center.
Added Historic Preservation Division to Bandelier.
Before September and October deadlines, completed annual submission of curation reports consisting of annual inventories, collection management, and checklist for the preservation of museum collections.
Completed stabilization/rehabilitation/restoration projects of historic resources at Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde, Chaco, Montezuma's Castle, LBJ, Chickasaw, Castillo de San Marcos, Fort Sumter, San Antonio Missions, Capitol Reef, Dry Tortugas, Dinosaur, Petersburg National Battlefield, Pecos, and Bandelier. The regional Historic Preservation crew, consisting of a leader and three crewmembers, were based at Bandelier.

Sustainability

Established a carbon footprint baseline for Bandelier.
Consolidated vehicles and began the hybrid fleet with a Prius sedan and Electric Gem truck.
Bandelier designated a *Climate Friendly* park.
Made presentations in Spain, Sweden, and various national and local venues about climate change research.

Ecology

Began implementation of the pinyon-juniper ecological restoration project.
Provided over 350 students with bird-related field trips to Bandelier through the Park Flight Program.
Continued long term monitoring of ponderosa pine, vegetation transects, and Frijoles study area to provide data that contributes to regional, national, and international studies on climate change.
Relocated 17 rock squirrels to new homes away from the snack bar.

Fire Management

Received over \$1,460 in funding for 2,229 acres in fire/fuel projects for Bandelier in FY2008.
Completed Frijoles Canyon prescribed fire.
Bandelier's Fire Use Module assisted 13 different parks with prescribed fires and treated a total of 6,400 acres.
Conducted condition and hazardous fuel assessment on 240 archaeological sites for Escobas Mesa prescribed fire.

Administration

Accomplished goals despite a 44 percent lapse in 32 of 72 permanent and term positions.
Updated Superintendent's Compendium and developed Jurisdictional Compendium.
Hired 36 seasonal staff in Fiscal Year 2008.
Developed a Hasty Search and Rescue team (SAR).
Responded to the July 4 bomb threat.
Completed radio upgrades.
Completed certification and accreditation justifying the need and security of Bandelier's use of the NPS computer network.
Procured \$1,565,182 in 185 actions for parks. Items ranged from an 1842 field cannon and carriage for Fort Union living history program to routine roofing projects.
Closed FY2008 within 0.01 percent of the park's base budget (\$48.01 unobligated.) The goal is to close within 0.25 percent.

Maintenance

Rechinked logs of backcountry cabin.
Reorganized campground Loop A for group use.
Began preparation of the treatment plan for the exteriors of the Historic District at Bandelier.
Completed a portion of the gravity sewer replacement in the canyon.
Improved the site at the Mesa maintenance building.
Completed trail work on the Frey trail and other trails with employees, Student Conservation Associate teams, New Mexico volunteer organizations, and Boy Scouts.
Completed lift station vault construction (equipment pending).
Accomplished work with no serious injuries to employees
Helitak flew 32.2 hours of flight time to support ecological restoration, back country cabin rehabilitation, new film for visitor center, and fire reconnaissance.

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