

# Welcome to the 2024 Water Leaders Workshop

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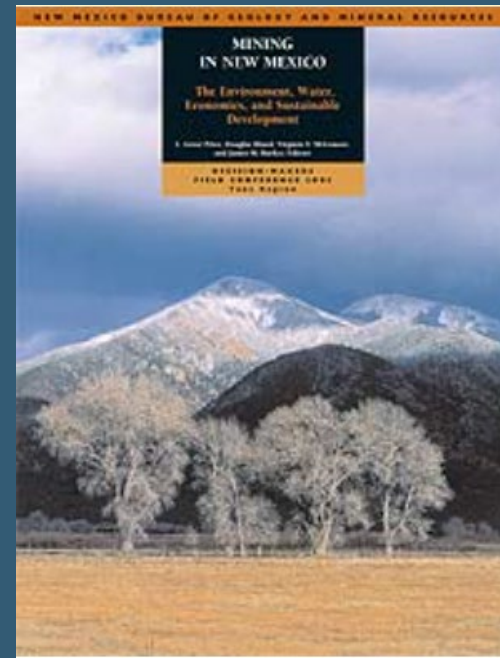
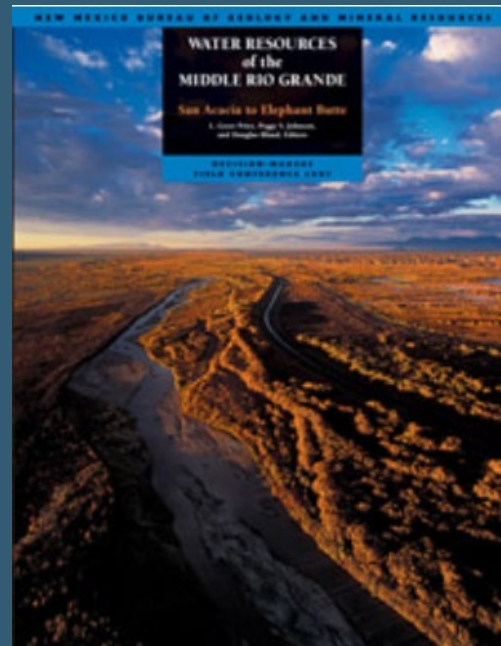


## Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge our presence on the ancestral and perpetual lands of Indigenous Nations. This place is specifically the ancestral homelands of the peoples who today are located but not limited to Ohkay Owingeh, Santa Clara, San Ildefonso, Taos, Picuris, Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque, and at nearby reservations which include Jicarilla Apache, Navajo Nation, and Ute.

We acknowledge that we have significant responsibility to honor the ancestral stewards of this land and to celebrate their past, present, and future.

# Decision makers events of the past (2001-2009)



# The NEW Water Education Program

- Focused on increasing awareness and education on critical water issues in NM
- Workshops and events are intended for legislators, staff, and state and tribal leaders
- Developed following the model of previous Decision Makers Conferences
- \$325K – FY24, one year state funding
- FY25 and beyond – \$250k recurring state funding



Review the  
agenda packet

Hosted by New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources  
at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

# New Mexico Water Leaders Workshop

May 22–24, 2024

Ghost Ranch, New Mexico

REFERENCE BOOK



# Plans for the next two days

## THURSDAY

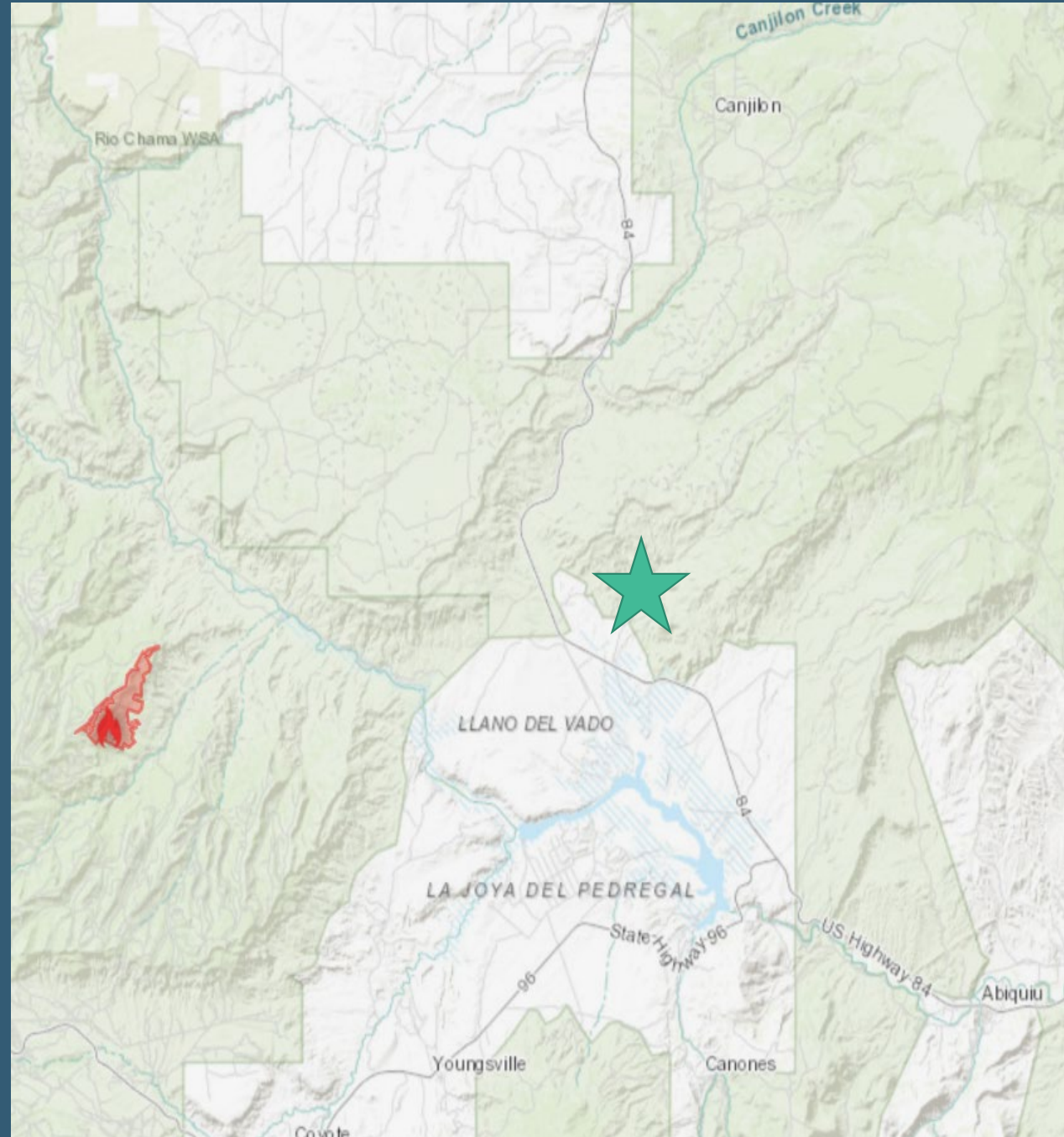
- Morning – Panel presentations followed by Q&A
- 11:30am to 5:00pm – afternoon field trip with lunch and field presentations, travel by bus
- 5:30pm – Social hour, dinner and keynote presentation

## FRIDAY

- 7:00am Breakfast at the Ghost Ranch Dining Hall
- 8am to 8:45am – Panel presentations followed by Q&A
- 9:00am – Depart for the Rio Chama, travel by bus and vans
- 10:00am to 3:00pm – Float the River!

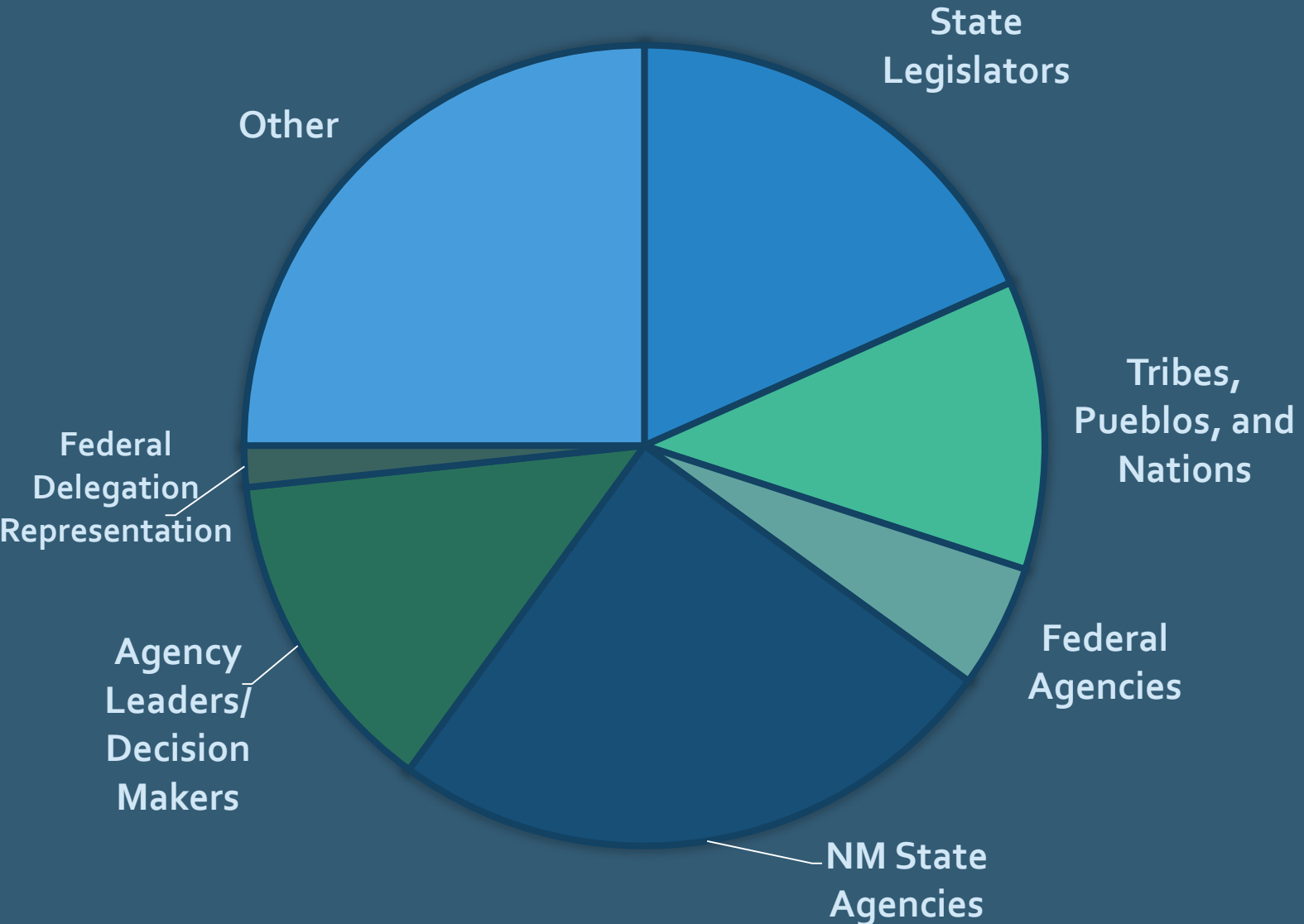
# Indios Fire

- Size: 450 acres
- Percent Contained: 0%
- Cause: Lightning
- We are monitoring the situation as it relates to the river trip on Friday



# WATER LEADERS WORKSHOP 2024 - PARTICIPANTS

## PARTICIPANTS



State Legislators	22
Federal Delegation Reps	2
Tribes, Pueblos, Nations	14
Agency Leaders & Decision Makers	16
NM State Agencies	30
Federal Agencies	6
Other	30

**TOTAL 120**

Presentations	40
Field Trip Sites	5



Thank you!

We are blown away by the interest in these workshops!

Keep an eye out this fall and early spring for information about the 2025 workshop and **SIGN UP EARLY!**

# Photos

- We will be taking photos at times on the field trips or during presentations
- Please let Stacy or Kate know if you DO NOT want to be included in these materials.

# Please complete surveys

**PRE-WORKSHOP SURVEY**

1. Rank your level of understanding of New Mexico's changing climate and impacts to water resources.

Very poor      Poor      Fair      Good      Excellent

2. Rank your level of understanding of groundwater resources in New Mexico (fresh water, brackish water, and alternative management options).

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3. Rank your level of understanding of the groundwater and surface water interactions and management in the Lower Rio Grande region.

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4. Rank your familiarity with the Rio Grande Compact and the water administration agencies involved.

Not at all familiar      Slightly familiar      Moderately familiar      Very familiar      Extremely familiar

5. Rank your level of understanding of water management, water conservation efforts, and regional collaborations among water users and organizations in the Lower Rio Grande region.

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6. Rank your familiarity with New Mexico's surface water quality regulations.

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**POST-WORKSHOP SURVEY**

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7. For future workshops, please list any water topics you would like to learn more about.

- Surveys to help us evaluate learning + note any feedback
- After workshop, we'll send an electronic packet of presentation materials

# Rio Chama Experiences

- Guided, educational river trips
- 3 day, 2 night float and camping along the Wild and Scenic section of the Rio Chama
- Openings for July 12-14, 2024
  - Limited seats!
  - Cost: \$75/person
- This year's theme is "New Mexico's water resources – threats and opportunities"
- Please get in touch with Kate Leary ([kate.leary@nmt.edu](mailto:kate.leary@nmt.edu)) or Stacy Timmons ([Stacy.Timmons@nmt.edu](mailto:Stacy.Timmons@nmt.edu)) if you're interested in joining us!



# Thank you

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