



Thank you for planning to participate in our  
Comanche Creek Restoration Volunteer Work Weekend!  
Friday - Sunday, July 18-20, 2008

**Directions and Meeting Times:**

Comanche Creek is located in the Valle Vidal unit of the Carson National Forest north of Questa and east of Costilla off State Road 552, close to the Colorado border. Take 196 towards Amalia which connects with Forest Service Road 1950. Drive time from Santa Fe is 3.5 hours; from Taos to the parking area, about 1.5 hrs. Please see the enclosed map. You can also arrive from the Cimarron side taking Forest Service Road 1950 off Hwy 64 about 4 miles NE of Cimarron. Look closely, it's easy to miss!

Since many volunteers will be working one or several of these days, we will meet up daily at the La Belle Parking area at 9:00 am (see enclosed map). Look for Quivira Coalition signs pointing the way. If you arrive in the Valle Vidal after registration is over on Friday morning, please find a Quivira Coalition Staff member and sign in before coming to join the group in the creek! It is very important that you have signed-in and handed us a Release of Liability Form before getting to work.

**Arrival Information:**

It is more than likely that everyone will be arriving at different times. In an ideal world, it would be great if folks could arrive on Thursday evening or early Friday morning, but we understand that may not be a possibility for everyone and we want to be flexible to accommodate your schedule. *Whenever you arrive - you will have access to the reserved group campsite near Shuree Lodge. **The gate in will be dummy-locked, but MUST BE SHUT BEHIND YOU ON THE WAY IN AND ON THE WAY OUT.***

The first time that we will meet as a group will be Friday morning at 9 a.m. at the La Belle Parking area (see enclosed map). If you have arrived at the Shuree Lodge camping area on Thursday night – we will all carpool to La Belle on Friday morning. If you arrive on Friday morning – meet us at the La Belle Parking area at 9am, and you can set up camp in the afternoon when the group retires for the day back at Shuree Lodge.

**Late Arrivals:**

If you aren't able to get up to the Valle Vidal till later in the day on Friday, you have two options: 1) you can go directly to the campsite near Shuree Lodge (there will be Quivira signs

at the turn off, and the gate will be dummy-locked), or 2) you can get right to work in Comanche Creek, and set up camp later in the day. Forest Service Road 1950 runs right along Comanche Creek – so it should be easy to spot us. Just find a Quivira Coalition Staff member, get signed it, and then go join up with a crew. I will be cruising around the site all day Friday and Saturday looking for new arrivals and trying to get them registered and then placed on work teams right away.

### **Registration – *VERY IMPORTANT*:**

Registration will take place on Thursday evening for folks who plan on arriving then, and again on Friday morning at 9am La Belle Parking area. Please bring a signed copy of the Release of Liability Form (attached to this letter). At the risk of being repetitive – I will mention it again: It is CRITICAL that you have signed-in and handed us a Release of Liability Form before going to join the group in the creek! Our Workshop Health and Accident insurance will NOT cover you unless we have your signature on our sign-in sheet and on a Release of Liability Form. So if you arrive after the two registration periods are over, please come find a Quivira Staff member and get signed in before joining a work team.

### **Camp Sites:**

The Forest Service is allowing us to set up a group camp area for the evenings of **July 18-20th** in the field just above Shuree Lodge. There will be Quivira signs indicating the turn off for Shuree Lodge from Forest Service Road 1950. This year we will NOT be permitted to use the areas immediately adjacent to the Lodge, nor the Lodge itself. We will ALL be parking and camping on the outside of the Shuree Lodge cattle guard. The camping area has no running water, electricity or propane. Please bring your own drinking water, camp stove and fuel. We will have two portable toilets at the Lodge and one near the worksite, and we will provide wash water.

Cimarron Campground is just 1/2 mile up the road and McCrystal is on the East side of the Valle Vidal (please see enclosed map). Both have a camp fee and you will need to bring all your own water and necessities for cooking to those camp sites as well. Please see the attached list of other area accommodations.

We will all be carpooling to the worksite every morning from the Shuree Lodge camping area. If you are staying at one of the other camp grounds or area accommodations, you will be responsible for getting yourself to La Belle Parking area by 9:00 am (see enclosed map) each day.

### ***To Bring:***

The weather can be iffy this time of year so bring appropriate clothing for hot, cool or stormy weather that includes sunglasses, sunscreen, rain gear, a hat, good walking boots, a ***camp chair*** for the lunch break, and if you have them, waders or other boots that can get wet (we will have some work gloves & goggles available for those who need them).

As mentioned above, the campsites do not have running water, electricity or propane. Please bring your own drinking water, camp stove and fuel. We estimate that each person should have 2 gallons of water per day (for drinking and cooking). We will provide wash water for you. If you would like to bring food to share, please do, but we are not organizing any group meals...just good company around a campfire!

Lastly - The Quivira Coalition will provide all workshop materials, snacks and juice/Gatorade drinks for the field. ***Please bring a sack LUNCH, surplus drinking WATER, and your own labeled WATER BOTTLE to the field with you EVERYDAY.***

### ***Tentative Schedule:***

#### Friday, July 18th

**9:00am** – Everyone meets at La Belle Parking area by 9:00 am (see enclosed map) for safety and logistics talk. Volunteers will be organized into three work teams.

**10:00am** – Get out on the creek.

**11:30am – 2:30pm** – Flexible lunch time. Whatever works for you and your work crew.

**4:00pm – 6:00pm** – Flexible quitting time. Head back to Shuree Lodge for dinner and relaxing.

#### Saturday, July 19th

**8:30am** – Carpooling from Shuree Lodge camping area to the worksite.

**9:00am** – Meet at La Belle Parking lot. Project leader will give the plan of action for the day and assigned work teams.

**9:45am** – Get out on the creek.

**11:30 – 2:30** – Flexible lunch time. Whatever works for you and your work crew.

**4:00 – 6:00** – Flexible quitting time. Head back to Shuree Lodge for dinner and relaxing.

#### Sunday, July 20th

**8:00am - 9:30am** – Pack up camp.

**10:00am – 3:00pm** – Project Tour led by Bill Zeedyk.

**3:30pm** – Finish packing up camp and head home.

**Being Green:**

In an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint for this year's workshop, The Quivira Coalition has come up with some easy ways to make our noble stream conservation efforts just a little more green in practice.

- 1) Carpooling: It is a long haul up to the Valle Vidal. If anyone is interested in carpooling (meaning you either have a car and are interested in driving others OR you are looking for a ride) please let us know. We will do our best to match up drivers and riders.
- 2) Please bring your own LABELED water bottle. In years past – we have produced a tremendous amount of waste in disposable plastic bottles. We want to eliminate that waste this year, and therefore kindly ask that you bring your own water bottle marked with your name.
- 3) We will have recycling containers at both the worksite and the campsite and we ask that you please utilize them.

**Fishing:**

Participants with Fishing Licenses and Habitat Stamps can fish in Shuree Ponds (you are allowed to keep 2, 15" fish) or on Comanche Creek, which is strictly catch and release.

**Dogs:**

No dogs, please. Dogs can be disruptive during outdoor workshops, so we are asking that you please leave pets at home. *If you do bring a dog, it must be kept on a leash per Forest Service regulations.*

**Cell Phones:**

There is no cell phone reception at Shuree Lodge or along Comanche Creek.

**Quivira Staff Contact Information:**

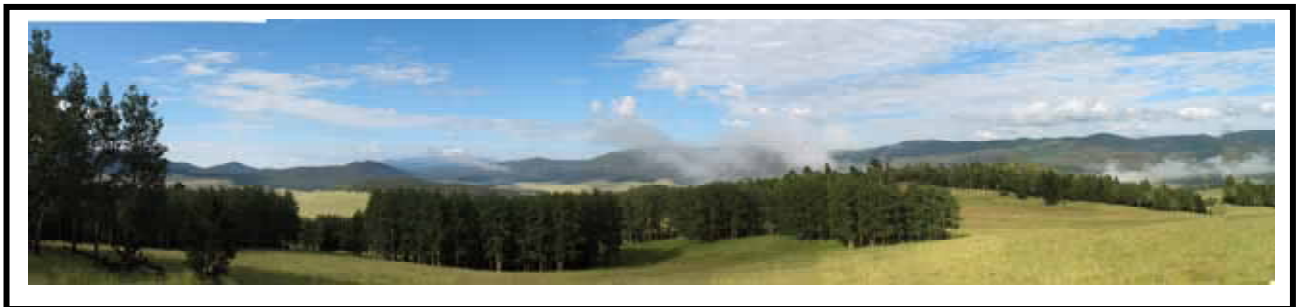
All of The Quivira Coalition Staff will be taking part in a pre-workshop monitoring project up at Comanche Creek, and therefore The Quivira Coalition office will be **CLOSED** from Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. *Please make sure that you have all questions called-in or emailed to us by 3pm on THURSDAY JULY 10<sup>th</sup>!!!*

**Your participation in this volunteer work weekend is very important to us.** This restoration work is part of a 319-EPA water quality grant that is funded 60% by the EPA and 40% with matching funds. Your time and travel count towards those matching funds. So if you are unable to attend please let us know! For more information, contact me at 505-820-2544 Ext. 5# or e-mail at [avery@quiviracoalition.org](mailto:avery@quiviracoalition.org).

**REMEMBER:** Please read and sign the attached waiver and safety forms and bring them with you. If you are bringing children and/or attending the workshop as a family, you can add all family members to a single Release of Liability Form. If you are attending the workshop with children who are not your own (Boy Scouts), please be sure that each of the children has a form signed by their parents when they arrive.

See you on the creek!

Avery C. Anderson, Comanche Creek Workshop - Volunteer Coordinator



# The Quivira Coalition Outdoor Workshop Safety Rules

## For Staff, Contractors and Volunteers

**Think Safety.** An accident is an unplanned event caused by an unsafe act, an unsafe condition, or both. Accident prevention is everyone's responsibility.

If you are injured at this workshop, please notify the workshop coordinator or a Quivira Coalition Staff member immediately so that they can provide the appropriate aid. Please do not wait until you have gone home before informing The Quivira Coalition that you were hurt.

The Quivira Coalition or workshop coordinator will make available for participant use eye and ear protection, gloves, and a first-aid kit. Drinking water and field snacks will also be provided. Participants who have their own safety equipment are welcome to bring and use them.

**Work Areas:** Work areas shall be kept neat and organized. Trash, tools and materials shall be picked up and kept in an organized manner so as to create a safe working zone (i.e., not leaving tools on the ground so that others may trip over them).

**First Aid:** During the introduction of the workshop, people who have First Aid training will be identified and a First Aid Kit will remain onsite during workshop hours.

**Drugs and Alcohol:** The use of drugs or alcohol during the workshop is not allowed. Drug and alcohol use results in impaired ability to handle equipment properly and make good safety decisions.

**Defective Tools:** If a tool or piece of equipment has broken or is no longer working properly, **do not** continue to use it. Defective tools and equipment (i.e., loose or cracked handles on shovels, hammers, axes, loppers etc.) need to be reported to the workshop coordinator immediately.

**Power Tools:** Tools need to be kept in good condition and safe working order. No staff or volunteer will be asked to operate a power tool that he/she has not been properly trained to use. All participants must receive approval from the workshop coordinator before using power tools such as chainsaws. Those who do have approval, and their helper, **must wear** appropriate eye and ear protection.

**Hydration & Nutrition:** Outside physical labor during the heat of the day can drain your body's fluids and utilized more than normal calories. Please remember to stay well hydrated. **Bring 2 gallons/person/day for drinking and cooking.** Eating a nutritious breakfast and snacks in the field is recommended. Pace yourself and take frequent breaks. Overheating can lead to heat stroke.

**Appropriate Clothing and Foot Wear:** Please wear appropriate clothing for the type of work and weather conditions. **Tennis shoes or sandals are not appropriate shoes for these outdoor workshops.** Hiking or work boots (rubber waterproof boots when appropriate) with good ankle and or toe protection are best. **Know when you need to wear gloves, eye protection or ear plugs.** Good leather gloves will prevent blisters and splinters! Keep these items on hand and use when necessary: hat, long sleeve shirt, rain-gear, sunscreen and long pants.

**Lifting:** Proper body positioning during lifting reduces back injuries. Lifting should always be done with the legs, bending at the knees and keeping the back straight. If you are moving an object that is heavy and/or awkward, stop and get help so as not to strain your back. Staff and volunteers should use common sense when shoveling, lifting or carrying, to position their body so as not to strain their back. During workshops, participants may be required to lift rocks, various wood products, and move

wheelbarrows. If you have previous injuries that maybe re-injured due to these activities, please do not volunteer for these tasks!

**Ladders:** Do not use a ladder with broken or missing rungs or broken or split side rails. When using ladders outdoors, they should be stabilized to the ground and held in place by two helpers while only one worker is on the ladder. Ladders and shoes should be cleaned of mud or greasy substances before use. While climbing the ladder, carry tools in pockets or have tools handed to the worker after reaching the ladder destination. It is dangerous to reach out too far from a ladder in any direction; the ladders should be moved as the work requires. Avoid the use of metal ladders when there is lightening in the area.

**Hand Tools:** Outdoor workshops may require the use of various hand tools such as sledge hammers, axes, hammers, loppers, pliers, digging bars, shovels, post drivers, and others. If you are unfamiliar with the proper and safe use of these tools, please see the workshop coordinator.

**Behavior:** Awareness of other workers around you is critical. Know where others are at all times and do not approach a person during physical activity from an unobservable direction. Do not place your hands on any surface, such as on top of a vane post, that may be subject to impact from hand tools (ex: sledge hammers) during the structure installation activities. Carry all tools/equipment/supplies by your side, perpendicular to the ground when possible. Do not carry tools over your shoulders! How you behave can directly affect the safety of others and yourself. Please be considerate to all participants.

**Children:** Children under 14 years of age are welcome, but they must be constantly supervised by their parent(s) or guardian(s) and they must understand how inappropriate activities could affect other participants' safety.

**Animals:** Unattended pets can be very dangerous to participants using heavy tools and mechanical equipment. Pets should be left at home or need to be well secured away from the work area.

**Volunteer Tools:** Many tools look alike! Tools or equipment brought by participants need to be well labeled with the person's name and phone number.

## The Quivira Coalition

Workshop Title: **Riparian Restoration along Comanche Creek, Valle Vidal, NM**

**Date(s): July 18-20, 2008**

*Coordinators: Tamara Gadzia, Michael Bain, Avery Anderson, Steve Carson, Craig Sponholtz  
and Instructor Bill Zeedyk*

### **Sign-in Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outdoor Workshop Volunteer Responsibility, Express Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability**

I understand that during my participation in this **Quivira Coalition** Workshop, I may be exposed to a variety of hazards and risks, foreseen or unforeseen, which are inherent in each outdoor Workshop and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of the Workshop. These inherent risks include, but are not limited to, the dangers of serious personal injury, property damage, and death ("Injuries and Damages") from exposure to the hazards of travel and **The Quivira Coalition** has not tried to contradict or minimize my understanding of these risks. I know that Injuries and Damages can occur by natural causes or activities of other persons, animals, Workshop members, instructors and assistants or third parties, either as a result of negligence or because of other reasons. I understand that risks of such Injuries and Damages are involved in volunteer work days such as this **Quivira Coalition Workshop** and I appreciate that I may have to exercise extra care for my own person and for others around me in the face of such hazards. I further understand that at this Workshop, there *may not be* rescue or medical facilities or expertise necessary to deal with the Injuries and Damages to which I may be exposed.

In consideration for my acceptance as a participant in this Workshop, and the services and amenities to be provided by **The Quivira Coalition** in connection with the Workshop, I confirm my understanding that:

- ☐ I have read any rules and conditions applicable to the Workshop made available to me; I will pay any costs and fees for the Workshop; and I acknowledge my participation is at the discretion of the coordinator.
- ☐ The Workshop officially begins and ends at the location(s) designated by **The Quivira Coalition**. The workshop does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to and from the Workshop, and I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this travel. This does not apply to transportation provided by **The Quivira Coalition**.
- ☐ If I decide to leave early and not to complete the Workshop as planned, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to leave and waive all liability against **The Quivira Coalition** arising from that decision. Likewise, if the Coordinator has concluded the Workshop, and I decide to go forward without the Coordinator, I assume all risks inherent in my decision to go forward and waive all liability against **The Quivira Coalition** arising from that decision.
- ☐ This Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.
- ☐ To the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE CLAIMS, AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and coordinators, in any way connected with this Workshop. I further agree to HOLD HARMLESS The Quivira Coalition, its officers, directors, employees, agents, and coordinators from any claims, damages, injuries or losses caused by my own negligence while a participant in the Workshop. I understand and intend that this assumption of risk and release is binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, and includes any minors accompanying me at this Workshop.
- ☐ I have read this document in its entirety and freely and voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries and Damages and notwithstanding such risks; I agree to participate in the Workshop.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have read the above and understand the Safety Rules of a Quivira Coalition Outdoor Workshop and I agree to promote safety and to use common sense.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **AREA ACCOMODATIONS (Non-camping options)**

### **MW Bar Ranch**

#### **A Mountain Lodge on the Costilla River**

Lawrence Montoya & Mary Ann Walz

PO Box 57

993 NM 196 (Taos B-060)

Amalia, NM 87512

505-586-2054

[MWBARRANCH@CS.COM](mailto:MWBARRANCH@CS.COM)

[MWBARRANCH.COM](http://MWBARRANCH.COM)

**This lodge is the closest accommodations  
to the Valle Vidal!**

### **Kachina Motel**

2306 Hwy 522, Questa, NM

(505) 586-0640

### **Historic Rio Plaza**

34 State Rd 196, Questa, NM

(505) 586-9623

### **Sangre De Cristo Motel**

Questa, NM

(505) 586-0300

### **Taos Mountain Inn**

P O Box 487, Arroyo Seco, NM

(505) 776-2800

### **Adobe Inn Of Taos**

109 Quesnel, Taos, NM

(505) 758-1100

### **Adobe Wall Motel**

227 Kit Carson Rd, Taos, NM

(505) 758-3972

### **Alpine Lodge**

417 W Main, Red River, NM

(505) 754-2952

### **Alpine Village Suites**

100 Thunderbird Rd, Taos, NM

(505) 776-8540

### **Amizette Inn & Restaurant**

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### **Lifts West Condominium Hotel Resort**

Main Street, Red River, NM

(505) 754-2778

### **Mabel Dodge Luhan House**

240 Morada Ln, Taos, NM

(505) 751-9686

### **Mountain Shadows**

1301 E Main, Red River, NM

(505) 754-6275

### **Pasa Tiempo**

711 Paso Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM

(505) 758-4330

### **Pioneer Lodge**

400 W Main, Red River, NM

(505) 754-2291

### **Ponderosa Lodge**

200 W Main, Red River, NM

(505) 754-2988

### **Powderhorn Suites & Condominiums**

5 Ernie Blake Rd, Taos Ski Valley, NM

(505) 776-2341

### **Quail Ridge Inn Resort**

88 Taos Ski Valley Rd, Taos, NM

(505) 776-2211

### **Quality Inn**

1043 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM

(505) 758-2200

### **Rancho Ramada Inn De Taos**

615 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM

(505) 758-2900

### **Red River Inn & Shops**

300 W Main, Red River, NM

(505) 754-2930

### **Rio Colorado Lodge**

515 E Main, Red River, NM

(505) 754-2212

### **Rocky Mountain Manor**

P.O. Box 303, Red River, NM

(505) 754-2540

Taos Ski Valley Road, Taos, NM  
(505) 776-2451

**Arrowhead Lodge**

405 Pioneer Rd, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2255

**Austing Haus**

Taos Ski Valley, NM  
(505) 776-2649

**Bavarian Lodge And Restaurant**

100 Kachina Rd, Taos Ski Valley, NM  
(505) 776-8020

**Best Value Indian Hills Inn-Taos Plaza**

233 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-4293

**Best Western Rivers Edge**

301 W River St, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-1766

**Best Western Kachina Lodge & Meetings Center**

413 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-2275

**Black Mountain Playhouse & Lodge**

305 Pioneer Rd, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2469

**Budget Host**

Hwy 68, Ranchos De Taos, NM  
(505) 758-2524

**Casa De Taos Motel**

Ranchos De Taos, NM  
(505) 758-3503

**Casa Europa Inn & Gallery**

840 Upper Ranchitos Road, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-9798

**Columbine Inn & Conference Center**

1288 Hwy 150, Taos Ski Valley, NM  
(505) 776-5723

**Comfort Suites**

1500 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 751-1555

**Sagebrush Inn**

1508 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-2254

**Sipapu Ski & Summer Resort**

Vadito, NM  
(505) 587-2240

**Sitzmark Alpine Resorts Inc**

P.O. Box 87, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2456

**Snow Bear Inn & Condos**

Taos Ski Valley, NM  
(505) 776-2313

**Sun God Lodge**

919 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-3162

**Sun God Motel**

Santa Fe Rd, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-3162

**Super 8 Motel**

1347 S Santa Fe Rd, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-1088

**Tall Pine Resort**

1725 NM 578, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2241

**Taos Creek Cabins**

Taos, NM  
(505) 758-4715

**Historic Taos Inn**

125 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-2233

**Taos Motel**

Hwy 68, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-2524

**Tennis Ranch Of Taos**

88 Taos Ski Valley Rd, Taos, NM  
(505) 776-2211

**Terrace-Towers Lodge**

712 W Main, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2962

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**Copper King Lodge**

307 E River, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-6210

**Days Inn-Taos**

1333 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-2230

**Deer Lodge Red River**

High St & Gilt Edge Rd, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2961

**El Monte Sagrado Living Resort & Spa**

317 Kit Carson Rd, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-3502

**El Pueblo Lodge**

412 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-8700

**El Western Lodge**

101 S Gilt Edge Tr, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2272

**Fechin Inn**

227 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte, Taos, NM  
(505) 751-1000

**Golden Eagle Lodge**

1100 E Main, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2227

**Hacienda Inn**

1321 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-8610

**Hampton Inn Taos**

1515 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 737-5700

**Holiday Inn Don Fernando De Taos**

1005 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-4444

**Hotel La Fonda De Taos**

108 South Plaza, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-2211

**Hotel Saint Bernard**

Arroyo Seco, NM  
(505) 776-2251

**Thunderbird Lodge & Chalet**

#3 Thunderbird Rd, Taos Ski Valley, NM  
(505) 776-2280

**The Timberline Lodge**

213 E High, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-6114

**Tres Ritos Lodge**

4920 State Road 518, Vadito, NM  
(505) 587-0486

**Valley Lodge**

517 W Main, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-2262

**Lazy Miner Lodge**

505 E Main, Red River, NM  
(505) 754-6444

**Inn On The Rio**

910 E Kit Carson Rd, Taos, NM  
(505) 758-7199

**The Inn At Snakedance**

Taos Ski Valley, Taos, NM  
(505) 776-2277

**St. James Hotel**

617 S Collison Ave, Cimarron, NM  
(575) 376-2664

[www.stjamescimarron.com/](http://www.stjamescimarron.com/)

**Canyon Inn**

31039 US Highway 64, Cimarron, NM  
(575) 376-2336

[www.cimarroncanyoninn.com](http://www.cimarroncanyoninn.com)

**Johnson's Cabins On the River**

161 W 13th St, Cimarron, NM  
(575) 376-2210



