

Greetings in 2022 to all you Great Old Broads and Bros of the Rio Grande Valley Broadband!

We co-leaders, Susan and Linda, hope you have managed to stay safe and as healthy as possible in 2021. We want to hear how you have been keeping your energy up.

We are both motivated to reestablish contact and activities for the rest of this winter and next spring. It has been difficult to find opportunities to meet in person this last fall and winter - there have just been too many uncertainties with new forms of Covid and our various travel and holiday schedules to feel it was warranted to have in-person meetings.

However, we want to begin anew and schedule **a zoom meeting for Wednesday, February 9th at 7 pm.** We thought an evening meeting would work for those who might work during the day. We would also like to schedule **another zoom meeting for Wednesday, March 2nd, again at 7 PM.**

This first meeting is just to hear what you all have been up to since last fall. Have you done any wonderful trips, read any inspirational books? Do you have any funny stories or good jokes to share with us? Have you been inspired by any lobbying work you have worked on or movies you have seen that touched your life or your funny bone?

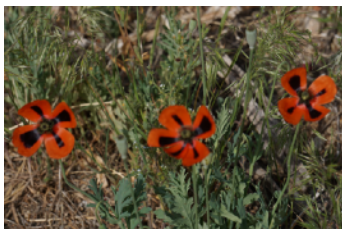
We also want to know if you have any activities or projects you would like to see our group participate in. Are there hikes or educational opportunities you would like us to arrange? Susan has some ideas for activities and stewardship projects for this spring, and we would like to continue to work on the Shining River trail, doing trail maintenance, cottonwood caging and invasive plant removal. That is always rewarding and gives us a chance to be physically active while remaining socially distanced for the most part. We could also just do a group hike to look at some potential stewardship project locations in February or early March...

We have members who know about some stewardship activities - invasive poppy removal in Embudo Canyon and in Tres Pisas Canyon. We could also be educated about the serious issues on our public lands in the northern part of the Sandias - areas being overrun by feral horses, needs of the Acequias and Land Grant communities, possibilities for a Wild and Scenic River designation in Las Huertas Canyon. We should consider whether or not we could help sponsor a national or Regional Broadwalk in the Chaco Canyon area, the expanded Sabinoso Wilderness area, or some other Northern NM proposed wilderness area.

**So it would be great if you could RSVP for at least the Feb. 9th Zoom meeting - I will send out a notice with a zoom link this next week.**

**You can reply to [susanostlie@yahoo.com](mailto:susanostlie@yahoo.com) or even give me a ring at 505-228-5666 to let me know if you can show up!** I hope to see many of you on the 9th and I will in the meantime try to nail down dates and times for outdoor activities.

Hope to hear from you all soon and see you all on zoom or a hike a little later



Susan and Linda, your RGVBB Co-leaders.

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(Invasive Asian poppies)

