

# Northwest New Mexico Fall Forum 2010



NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

# Conference Agenda

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Hotel Check-In:

El Rancho - Host Hotel.

**El Rancho Hotel**  
1000 E. Highway 66  
Gallup, NM  
(505) 863-9311



*Out of Town Guests:  
Please Feel Free to Come in a Day Early  
and Explore Gallup Again for the First Time*

Breakouts & Learning Tracks:

Track 1	Tourism & Downtown Development
Track 2	Strategic Infrastructure & Housing
Track 3	Energy & Natural Resources
Track 4	Business Policy & Entrepreneurship Support
Track 5	Education & Workforce



## DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2010

Description: **Morning Day One** will include:

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: Registration at the **El Morro Theater**, located at 207 West Coal Avenue

9:30 - 11:30 am: An optional pre-conference work session to strengthen the connections between Forum 2009 and Forum 2010, finalize logistics, & refine focus for Forum 2010 discussions.

**Afternoon Day One:** Main Forum starts - 1:30 PM.

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	<b>LUNCH TIME:</b> "Enjoy the Taste of Downtown Gallup on Your Own"					
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	<b>OPENING ADDRESS</b> Jeff Kiely, Interim Executive Director, Northwest New Mexico COG "2010 Fall Forum Overview" (El Morro Theater) Keynote Speaker(s): <b>Mark Lautman</b>					
2:45 pm - 4:30 pm	<b>Forum - Day One</b>	<b>Tourism &amp; Downtown Development</b> Panelist Session (Gallup Title)	<b>Strategic Infrastructure &amp; Housing</b> Panelist Session (Gallup Joint Utilities Conference Room)	<b>Energy &amp; Natural Resources</b> Panelist Session (Red Mesa Center)	<b>Business Policy &amp; Entrepreneurship Support</b> Panelist Session (McKinley County Courthouse - Assessor's Conf Rm)	<b>Education &amp; Workforce</b> Panelist Session (Gallup Children Library)
4:45 pm - 5:00 pm		<b>PLENARY SESSION: DE-BRIEFING FROM DAY 1</b> El Morro Theater				
6:00 pm		<b>EL RANCHO HOTEL DINNER &amp; RECEPTION</b> <u>Welcome Addresses:</u> Mayor Harry Mendoza, Chairman Dave Dallago, COG Chairman Billy Moore, Senator George Munoz <u>Entertainment/Social Networking:</u> Music by ¡Oralé! -- Gallup's Own and Most Talented Band				

## DAY TWO: THURSDAY, November 18, 2010

Description: **Day Two** brings together regional and local leaders drawing from panelists and keynoters to discuss together strategies to mobilize regional competitiveness.

8:30 am - 9:30 am	Forum - Day Two	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> Jeff Kiely, COG Interim Executive Director "Re-capping Day One" (El Morro Theater)				
10:00 am - 12:00 pm		Tourism & Downtown Development Facilitated Session (Gallup Title)	Strategic Infrastructure & Housing Facilitated Session (Gallup Joint Utilities Conference Room)	Energy & Natural Resources Facilitated Session (Red Mesa Center)	Business Policy & Entrepreneurship Support Facilitated Session (McKinley County Assessor's Conf Rm)	Education & Workforce Facilitated Session (Gallup Children Library)
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm		<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> "Enjoy the Taste of Downtown Gallup on Your Own"				
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm		<b>PLENARY SESSION: "Weaving Regional Strategies Together"</b> Report-outs from the Strategy Groups Jeff Kiely, Interim Executive Director (El Morro Theater)				
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm		<b>2010 Fall Forum Recap, Wrap-Up &amp; Adjourn</b> El Morro Theater				
4:00 pm						

*\*Locations and Speakers subject to change*

### Panelists for Strategy Group Tracks/breakout sessions (confirmed):

Tourism & Downtown Development	Strategic Infrastructure & Housing	Energy & Natural Resources	Business Policy & Entrepreneurship Support	Education & Workforce
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bill Lee</b>, NAT-GEO Four Corners GeoTourism, Region 1 Tourism Board, Trail of the Ancients Byway Association</li> <li>• <b>Mary Jean Christensen</b>, Gallup BID</li> <li>• <b>Richard Asenap</b>, Albuquerque MRA / Downtown Development</li> <li>• <b>Joe Tracy</b>, Intera, Inc., Environmental Assessment contractor, Northwest NM Brownfields Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>John Badal</b>, Sacred Wind Communications</li> <li>• <b>Lawrence Rael</b>, MRCOG &amp; Regional Housing Authority</li> <li>• <b>Mike Gibson</b>, Associated Contractors of NM</li> <li>• <b>Sanjay Choudrie</b>, CARE 66</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sandra Begay-Campbell</b>, Sandia National Labs</li> <li>• <b>John Shaw</b>, Durango-McKinley Paper</li> <li>• <b>Joe Lister</b>, Mt. Taylor Mine</li> <li>• <b>Ed Michael</b>, Commissioner Red Mesa Wind Farm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michael Emerson</b>, New Mexico Community Capital</li> <li>• <b>Rep. Tom Taylor</b>, NM State Representative / Minority Leader &amp; former Farmington Mayor</li> <li>• <b>Al Henderson</b>, UNM-Gallup Workforce &amp; Entrepreneurship Programs</li> <li>• <b>Dale Dedrick</b>, First Financial Credit Union</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Felicia Casados</b>, President, NMSU-Grants</li> <li>• <b>Patrick Keptner</b>, Director, Tohatchi Youthbuild &amp; TAOS, Inc.</li> <li>• <b>Jackie Allen</b>, Farmington One-Stop/DWS</li> </ul>

\* **Breakout Tracks:** Each Forum participant will be requested to pick a track to participate in prior to the Forum, to adequately arrange meeting space. Although many will be interested in participating in multiple tracks, the organizers still need participants to make a choice – understanding that all tracks will be woven together as regional strategies.

\*\***Conference Map:** a conference map is being created and will be distributed to all participants

**"THIS AIN'T YOUR DADDY'S FORUM – MOVING FROM WALL STREET BACK TO MAINSTREET"**

