

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

CeRSER originated in Boulder, Colorado in 1996 and most activities have taken place near Denver and Boulder and have centered on members living in the Denver-Boulder-Fort Collins corridor. The board and several past board members feel that bringing in representatives from other geographical areas within the region will provide a great opportunity to reach more restorationists, and become more inclusive and therefore more successful as an organization.

Consequently, the CeRSER board is inviting and appointing interested individuals to become sub-regional representatives (official term in our by-laws but regional reps will be used in reference to these positions). The primary responsibilities of these individuals will be minimal, but it is our hope that the mere presence of sub-regional representatives will encourage members throughout Colorado and Wyoming to become more active in the organization as well as enriching the individual invitees (your) experience within the restoration community. It is proposed that the current board of director positions be retained and additional regional representatives be appointed (becoming elected positions after one year). These six positions will be from the northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest sub-regions of Colorado and the east and west sub-regions of Wyoming.

Proposed Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, Southwest Subregions by County in Colorado:

Northeast Subregion: Jackson, Larimer, Weld, Logan, Sedgwick, Phillips, Boulder, Adams, Morgan, Washington, Yuma, Gilpin, Clear Creek, Jefferson, Douglas, Denver, Arapahoe, and Elbert.

Southeast Subregion: Park, Teller, El Paso, Lincoln, Kit Carson, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Crowley, Pueblo, Fremont, Chaffee, Custer, Huerfano, Las Animas, Otero, Bent, Prowers, and Baca.

Northwest Subregion: Routt, Moffat, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Grand, Eagle, Pitkin, Mesa, and Delta.

Southwest Subregion: Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel Dolores, San Juan, Hinsdale, Montezuma, La Plata, Archuleta, Saaguache, Mineral, Rio Grande, Conejos, Alamosa, and Costilla.

Regional representatives will be voting members of the board and will be required to physically attend no more than one board meeting per year. Any other meetings or desired communication between board members can occur via e-mail, fax, or phone. The board is able to vote via e-mail. Of course, subregions are free to have additional meetings, activities, separate field trips or courses on various aspects of ecological restoration as organized by members of the subregions and as advertised in the CeRSER newsletter.

We anticipate that sub-regional representatives might become points of contact for other members in their region who wish to organize and participate in CeRSER events and

activities. Agreeing to become a regional representative, however, does not imply any obligation to organize such events or activities but is greatly encouraged.

By increasing the size of its board, the current board of directors of CeRSER seeks additional input on matters requiring votes as well as those that will encourage a more geographically inclusive chapter. We would like to have regional representatives appointed by the end of the 2005. The appointment will be for two years, after which time, the position will become an elected post from then on.

Please consider nominating individuals for a two-year appointment as a regional representative of CeRSER. If you have any questions about this position, please don't hesitate to contact either President Chris Rutledge (crutledge@greystone.us) or Secretary/Treasurer Tom Grant (GRANTT@botanicgardens.org).

We are very excited about this growth within the organization and the energy we feel it will stimulate with the addition of your participation as a board member.