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Susan's focus is implementing [New Mexico's Forest and Watershed Health Plan](#). The plan identifies key issues facing landowners and natural resource managers in the state, and lays out recommendations designed to move ecological restoration forward across disciplines and jurisdictions. Action items span the gamut from public information such as the [Know Your Watershed](#) campaign to coordinating landscape-scale projects at the executive level through the state's [Coordinating Group](#). Many objectives can only be accomplished through coordination with partner organizations and federal, tribal, state and local agencies. Susan and her staff work hand-in-hand with the other [Forestry Division offices](#), partners, and stakeholders toward that long-term goal.