

The Woodrat ATBI Workshop

Dates of Workshop: October 3 - 6, 2002

Place: The University of New Mexico Sevilleta Field Station

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (may change as more data come in from participants)

3 October: Arrive -- Dinner at the Sevilleta. [Best to arrive between 1 - 4 if possible]

4 October: Early morning meeting to outline strategy to attack the problem.

- Coffee and breakfast in meeting room
- All hands brainstorming session.
- how many taxa will we find?
- how will we find the most taxa?
- how will we work to get taxa that have incompatible collecting methods?
- how many mammals will we actually need to examine?
- who else should be involved with this work?
- should we include the midden?
- how much will this cost?
- how do we rapidly publish the new species descriptions?
- where to go for funding? NSF - Biocomplexity, etc..
- how do we rapidly communicate the results?

Lunch

- start an outline of the work to be done.
- continue to brainstorm any new methods to be developed.
- make a time line for start and completion of the project
- leave to set traps local woodrats (for tomorrow morning)
- dinner at the station - Steak and Green Chili or Veggie Menu

5 October. Coffee and Breakfast in Meeting Room

- early- go check traps for woodrats, take apart a woodrat nest
- back at lab - demo of necropsy and museum prep of a woodrat or two using standard UNM HWML methods
- demo of state of the art data taking techniques
- how to improve methods to increase taxon sampling?

Lunch

- how to improve on these methods for ALL TAXA to be sampled?
- form writing Teams. -- Come up with team outlines on computer by end of day.

Dinner in Socorro or at Station

Evening -

- Presentation on main outlines and what is proposed so far for taxon sampling for the mammal.
- Provide to writing team heads all summaries and outlines generated.

6 October. Coffee and Breakfast in Meeting Room

Coffee in Meeting Room.

- summary of work and finalized writing groups.
- develop time lines for proposals
- other considerations

Leave Sevilleta Field Station

- Vans to Albuquerque. Morning and early afternoon.