SER-SW Business Meeting (Alpine, TX; Sat, Oct 18th)

Present:
Laura Norman
Michael Ingraldi
Christopher Morris
Lois Balin
SW Fire Consortium
Mike Gaglio
Matt Grabau
Shawn Lowery
Valer Austin

We had a very casual meeting that lasted about 35 minutes, squeezed in between conference sessions. There was no formal agenda. Below are Carianne’s notes from the discussion:

- Warren Buffett bought a ranch outside of Naco (Mike Ingraldi)
- Discussion about mesquite encroachment
- SW Chapter information bank – how do we share information
  - Quarterly Meeting Info exchange?
  - unified front – position papers? (Valer – we’re a bunch of old floppy noodles)
- Global restoration network
  - database
  - user uploaded case studies – can we tailor these regionally?
  - Can we do a SW-centric
- Member recruitment
  - universities – focus on grad students
- Presentation Committee – use for recruitment
- Teaming opportunities for annual conference
  - Colorado Plateau every 2 years
  - Arizona Riparian Council
  - Santa Cruz River Researchers Day
  - ESA – SW Section
  - Wildlife Society SW Chapter
  - DLCC
  - Tamarisk Coalition