



## Eco-Partner Sought to Collaborate on Regenerative Educational Center

Hannah-Leigh Bull seeks an eco-partner or eco-partners for a two-phase project, first to create a regenerative living environment and community on Llama Deara Ranch, in the Abiquiu region of New Mexico, and to develop a center where visitors can learn more about earth diversity and restoration and the education and healing of trauma in children and their families. The following project statement gives the details, which may change to reflect the shared vision of the community members as we gather together.

### Project Description

Join talents, energy, and financial resources with an eco-partner or eco-partners to create self-sufficient farm businesses and a community of like-minded and –hearted souls, and later to build a center where people can gather to establish balance and cohesiveness in their families, share multicultural and interspecific experiences and perspectives, and learn more about alternative, environmentally-sound lifestyles, communities, farming, and healing practices. To that end, work on Llama Deara Ranch to

- ☞ **Phase 1:** Establish farm businesses that support the property and eco-partners, according to regenerative practices, with respect for all concerned.
- ☞ **Phase 2:** Create the infrastructure that allows individuals, couples, families, and especially children to come to Llama Deara Ranch for shared experiences and multicultural and interspecies exchange that educate us about self-care and -regeneration, especially in cases of trauma.

The experience of suffering has influenced many of our lives and growth patterns. Llama Deara Ranch provides a living laboratory to define experiential formats for learning and collaborating with all of life, processing feelings and circumstances of existence, and developing empathy for self and other creatures.

### Phase 1: Physical Infrastructure of Center (2006-2008)

#### *What's In Place*

- ☞ Nearly four acres of arable land are available for farming, both animals (llamas, poultry, and others) and food. These acres are planned according to holistic resource management practices to rotate llama pastures and to accommodate the growing of vegetables, beans, and various grasses.
- ☞ Irrigation is provided through the *acequia* system common to the Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado farming culture. Llama Deara Ranch is on the Rio Chama, and has a large river canal (*acequia*) dividing the existing living structures from the barn, corrals, animal shelter, pastures, and *bosque*, the riparian forest wildlife reserve on the property.

#### *What Requires Further Strategy and Effort*

- ☞ Businesses to sustain the property must be developed. Organic manure is a start and can be created in abundance. Research is needed to render it as clean as possible, in terms of organicity. Another possibility is using llama wool as the raw material for felt products, such as vests, caps, and boots.
- ☞ Four comfortable apartments, as well as a separate casita for the LDR offices, now exist on the ranch, but might be enhanced to improve solar gain and energy efficiency. One, a large artist's studio with sleeping loft, has already functioned as a classroom for children from the local schools.
- ☞ Further pens for the animals can be added, as needed, as well as other structures to accommodate gatherings, trainings, and workshops.

## Phase 2: Program Infrastructure of Center (2006-2008)

- ☞ Develop the programs at Llama Deara Ranch that allow individuals and groups of children to gather and explore options to their current modes of family communication and lifestyles, and to develop educational formats providing multicultural and interspecific experiences and trauma resolution.
- ☞ Draft a five-year plan for implementation of the programs and necessary physical improvements, consistent with the shared ideals of the community members.
- ☞ Incorporate as a non-profit organization (Board of Directors is now being considered).
- ☞ Implement marketing and funding plans.

## Characteristics of Potential Eco-Partner(s)

- ☞ Individual male or female, couple, or family.
- ☞ Desire to realize this project and potentially participate on the Board of Directors.
- ☞ Financial resources and willingness to contribute appropriately to the enhancement of the property and development of the center and community.
- ☞ Skills and background that would contribute to the functioning of the center and community.
- ☞ Interests in regenerative living, individual and group growth, and interspecies collaboration.
- ☞ Respect for others and community-mindedness, as well as self-sufficiency.
- ☞ Love of animal and plant creatures, other cultures, and working with the earth.
- ☞ Focus, stamina, and perseverance., along with an enjoyment of life and laughter.

## Characteristics I Bring to Project

- ☞ Commitment to the project, with the energy, spirit, and foresight to sustain it.
- ☞ Training, licensing, and practice in Intercultural Communication (MA & Translation Certification from MIIS), bodywork (CMP, Twin Lakes College of the Healing Arts, Esalen Institute) and counseling psychology (MA, LMFT), incorporating traditional, interspecific and spiritual practices.
- ☞ Training and practice of Kundalini yoga, public speaking, translation, and education with experience starting in the 60s, teaching yoga to children and adults in the US and France, translation and public speaking to graduate students in the US (MIIS), and ethics and life development to elementary school children in Northern New Mexico.
- ☞ Training in systems theory and the practice of systems beneficial to the education of young children (Creating Caring Community, Positive Behavior Support, Baldrige Method for Enhanced Performance, Social-Emotional Learning).
- ☞ Basic training in and compatibility with permaculture principles and ethics (Permaculture Drylands Institute), and holistic resource management (Resource Management Services).
- ☞ Prior long-term experience in community living.
- ☞ Respect for people, other species and cultures, and desire to work together for the good of the whole.
- ☞ Open approach to conflict or disagreement, with an eye to understanding and reconciliation.
- ☞ Love of life and preference for the expression of joy to pain and struggle.

## How to Contact Hannah-Leigh Bull, Current Llama Deara Ranch Director and Owner

This project and potential community require collaboration with others. If you or someone you trust has similar ideals and meets the characteristics listed above, please call 505-685-9416, or send email to [hlb@llamadeara.com](mailto:hlb@llamadeara.com).