

## Craig Martin

When the Cerro Grande Fire struck Los Alamos in 2000, Craig Martin was the right man in the right place at the right time. His experience as a biologist, educator and forester equipped him to organize work to mitigate fire damage and help reduce the danger of another fire. Craig worked for the National Park Service, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and taught science.

In 1987 he and his wife June moved to Los Alamos when June received a post-doctoral appointment at LANL. Craig became a stay-at-home dad. After the fire, he was contacted about forming an organization that would not only restore trails, but educate about fire ecology. The Volunteer Task Force was formed with the first project being trail restoration, rebuilding the Quemazon Trail and completing a nature trail guide. Tree planting in the burned area and rebuilding the Perimeter Trail continued. 250,000 seed balls were distributed for replanting burned areas.

For his work with the Task Force, Craig was awarded the Points of Light Foundation 2001 National Volunteer of the Year Award. In 2002, he received the Chief's Award from the United States Forest Service.

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