

Ken is a native New Mexican who grew up in Las Cruces and spent a couple of years in Taos. He returned to New Mexico after a career that took him around the world and across the country and settled in Albuquerque where he works as a Systems Engineer at Kirtland Air Force Base and is looking forward to retirement. A Marine Corps veteran, Ken holds PhDs in Organizational Behavior and Psychology and Technology and Engineering Management.

His travels around the world gave him an appreciation for both the value and fragility of wilderness areas and strengthened his desire to contribute to conservation closer to home. An avid scuba diver, hiker and camper, Ken also enjoys archaeology, cycling, and exploring the history and cultures of the Southwest, particularly ancestral Pueblo sites and cliff dwellings.

Ken joined Friends of the Sandia Mountains to meet others who share his love of the outdoors and to give back to the mountains and communities he now calls home. He also volunteers at the Tijeras Pueblo Archaeological Site, often alongside his daughter, and routinely picks up litter and helps clear trails while hiking throughout the foothills.

Through FOSM, Ken hopes to contribute his organizational experience to conservation and cultural programs while continuing to share his love of New Mexico's mountains, history, and wilderness with his children. Away from the trail, his interests include tabletop role-playing games, 3D printing, and other creative pursuits.