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The grant (\$1,000) awarded to me by NPSNM in 2016 has recently funded a meeting of four sedge researchers (Max Licher, Jim McGrath, William R. Norris, Glenn Rink) at the University of New Mexico (UNM) Herbarium during the first week of January 2017. These funds were used to help us pay for transportation costs to and from Silver City NM (Norris), Sedona AZ (Licher) and Flagstaff AZ (Rink), as well as motel costs and meals over five days and a UNM parking permit.

During this meeting, we spent five days examining and annotating @ 700 NM *Carex* specimens on loan to us from the Rocky Mountain Herbarium at the University of Wyoming, @ 200 NM *Carex* specimens and @ 50 other *Cyperaceae* & *Juncaceae* specimens housed in the UNM Herbarium general collection, and @50 NM *Cyperaceae* & *Juncaceae* specimens collected at Bandelier National Monument and housed in a special collection at the UNM herbarium. During our meeting, we were able to discuss all aspects of our ongoing effort to revise past treatments of NM *Carex* (i.e., Wooton & Standley (1915), Martin & Hutchins (1980, 1981), Allred 2012)). Towards the end of this week of intense study of NM sedges, Rink & Licher prepared draft keys to most sections of NM *Carex* which we are all now in the process of reviewing, greatly informed by our review of the specimens mentioned above. We are on schedule to present a revised dichotomous key to all 93 NM *Carex* taxa, with descriptions, to Drs. Kelly Allred and Ken Heil by December 2017 for inclusion in their respective treatments of the New Mexico vascular plant flora currently in preparation.

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