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The Black Range RC&D has been assisting the Red Paint Intertribal Council in planning and implementing the Red Powwow in Silver City, New Mexico for five years. The 7th Annual Red Paint Competition Powwow was successfully held with over 70 dancers, 7 drum groups and 1200 spectators amid a rare southern New Mexico 9" snow storm that prevented many dancers and spectators from attending. On a normal year over 150 dancers participate and nearly 2000 spectators attend the event honoring the Chihenne Apache band which is the Red Paint People of the Warm Springs Apache. This is the band of Geronimo, Victorio, Mangas Coloradas and the famous woman warrior Lozen. The event has no tribal financial support since the Chihenne have never been recognized by the federal government so the \$25,000 budget is raised locally with additional assistance from Silver City lodgers' tax, Gila National Forest and Grant County. RSVP and Earth Team Volunteers assist the Red Paint Intertribal Council and the Black Range RC&D in making the Powwow a success.