

***"It's not a disorder if it works!"***

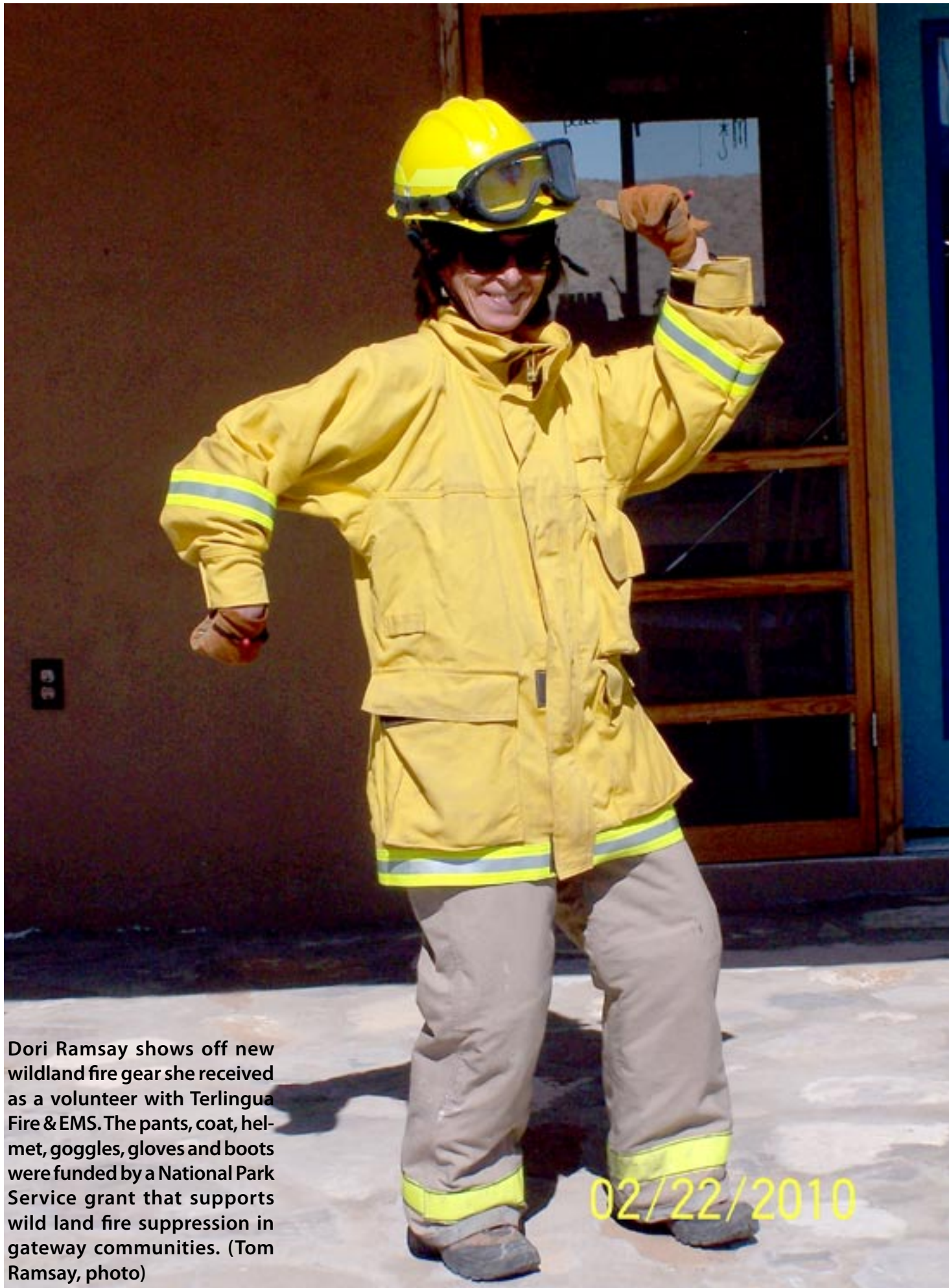
*- Terlingua resident's retort to being told she has obsessive compulsive disorder*

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Dori Ramsay shows off new wildland fire gear she received as a volunteer with Terlingua Fire & EMS. The pants, coat, helmet, goggles, gloves and boots were funded by a National Park Service grant that supports wild land fire suppression in gateway communities. (Tom Ramsay, photo)

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