

Friends of Bosque del Apache NWR encourages our members, donors, and sponsors to write letters with substantive comments to USFWS at Bosque del Apache concerning their plans to expand hunting at the refuge.

This proposal to expand hunting was directed by U.S. Department of Interior Secretarial Order 3356 to expand hunting opportunities on public lands, including the National Wildlife Refuge System (other Interior public land management agencies are included in the Order).

The Board of Directors of Friends of Bosque del Apache has submitted formal input, opposing the plan for expansion (Alternative B). The Board is in favor of Alternative A - the "no action" alternative, leaving things as they currently are.

Key information to help you provide input:

- Your public letters/comments are **due by May 21**;
- All email letters/comments must go to jeff_sanchez@fws.gov
- **As the subject line to the memo, please put "Public Input - Hunting"**

Please go to the refuge website and review all the information offered - the Hunt Plan, the Environmental Assessment, and the Compatibility Determination so that you can offer substantive comments; links to those documents can be found by visiting this link:

<https://www.fws.gov/nwrs/threecolumn.aspx?id=6442461350>

If you have questions, you may call Friends Executive Director, Deb Caldwell, at 575-838-2120.