



eNews from the **Wild**



Protecting New Mexico's Wilderness, Wildlife & Water

January 2022

A Thank You to Our Supporters!

2021 was a highly successful year at New Mexico Wild, and we were able to achieve some major victories for New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water!

Thanks in large part to your support, 2021 saw:

- The [end of military pilot training](#) over the Gila Wilderness
- The [Pecos River recognized](#) as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers
- The [end of a decades-old proposal](#) to divert the Gila River
- A commitment from Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham to [conserve 30% of the state's land](#) and waters by 2030
- A statewide celebration of [Latino Conservation Week](#)
- A growing coalition dedicated to [protecting the Caja del Rio](#)
- The [reintroduction of legislation](#) to designate the Gila River as Wild and Scenic
- A proposed federal mineral withdrawal of the lands [surrounding Chaco Canyon](#) for oil and gas drilling
- A [general obligation bond](#) and a [legislative budget proposal](#) to make a combined investment of nearly \$90 million in conservation projects in the state

And much more!

This wouldn't have been possible without incredible supporters, members, and donors just like you. We are grateful we get to call you our friends and supporters!



Red Alerts



Governor Lujan Grisham Announces General Obligation Bond to Address Conservation Needs

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham has announced a general obligation bond that would devote \$45 million to conservation projects in New Mexico!

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Historic Conservation Budget Proposal Passes New Mexico Legislature!

A historic investment in conservation projects and outdoor equity has passed the New Mexico legislature and now heads to the governor's desk. Thanks to Speaker Brian Egolf, LFC Chair Patricia A. Lundstrom, the House Appropriations & Finance Committee, Senate Pro Tem Mimi Stewart, Senate Majority Leader Peter Wirth, Senate Finance Committee Chair George Muñoz and all legislators who helped push the \$43.5 million budget across the finish line!

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"I love the woods and solitude. I should hate to spend the greater part of my lifetime in a stuffy office or in a crowded city."

-Bob Marshall



Bob Marshall Wilderness Stewardship Awards

We Won the Bob Marshall Wilderness Stewardship Award!

We're proud to announce that we have been awarded the prestigious Bob Marshall Wilderness Stewardship Award, given to the groups that demonstrate exceptional stewardship of the nation's most wild places. We want to say a big thank you to our supporters for helping us continue to protect New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water. We couldn't do any of this without your support!

Comment to Protect Mexican Gray Wolves

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently revising its Mexican gray wolf management rule, and we need your comments to ensure this endangered species is protected. There were only 186 individuals of the species roaming Arizona and New Mexico at the end of 2020, and the new rule must ensure the species population grows and can thrive. Click the button below to learn more and submit a comment by January 27!



[Submit a Comment](#)



White House Recognizes Work of New Mexico's 30x30 Coalition

The administration of President Joe Biden has acknowledged the work of the 30x30 coalition New Mexico Wild is a part of, linking to our coalition press release on the White House's official website! Our coalition has been working closely with the governor's office to develop a plan to conserve 30% of the state's lands and waters by 2030, mirroring the federal 30x30 campaign. Click below to read more about the administration's 30x30 climate initiative and [here](#) to read our press release.

[Read More!](#)

Pueblo Leaders Pass Resolution Recognizing Caja del Rio as Traditional Puebloan Landscape

On November 29, the All Pueblo Council of Governors passed a resolution recognizing the Caja del Rio Plateau as a traditional puebloan landscape, and supporting its long-term preservation. The resolution also addresses the history of inadequate consultation between the federal government and tribes, and commits APCG to working with the Department of the Interior and other key stakeholders to ensure the landscape's conservation. The resolution is a major step forward in efforts to protect Caja del Rio and its cultural significance.

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Your Donation to Protect New Mexico's Lands and Waters Will Get Matched!

Your donations to New Mexico Wild have real impact for the protection of our public lands. >From supporting work to protect the Pecos Watershed to bringing millions of Federal dollars to conservation and outdoor recreation to our state to fighting for the threatened Mexican Gray wolf packs in the Gila Region, we make a difference.

Now a committed member has offered to match any increase to your giving at year-end on a dollar-for-dollar basis to support our 30X30 initiative up to \$1,000 per member. If you donated \$100 last year and can increase that to \$200 this year, the value of your gift to our work will be \$300.



[Donate Today!](#)



Wilderness Resources

Our 2021 Annual Report is Out Now!

Our 2021 Annual Report is out now and will be hitting mailboxes across New Mexico in the next several weeks. In the meantime, you can access [a digital copy on our website](#). Thousands and thousands of residents and visitors share our passion for wildlands and demonstrate that by taking action. Despite the pandemic, it has been a remarkable time of grassroots action. This year's annual report highlights a number of those successes.



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Register for our Online Hiking Guide!

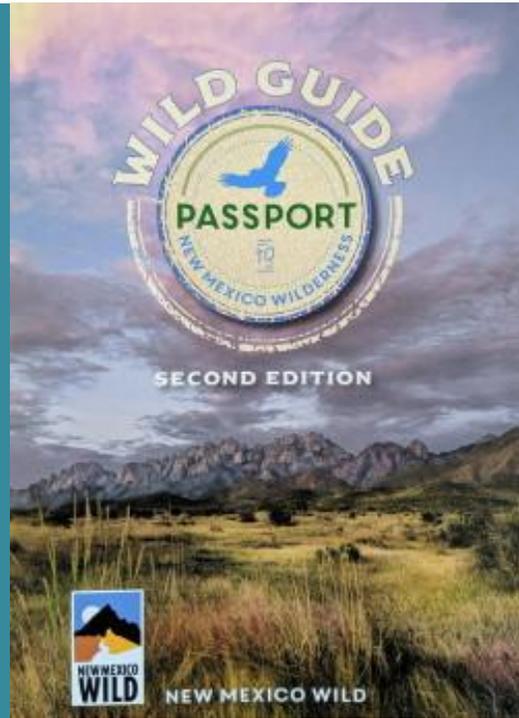
Last year we launched an online hiking guide at hike.nmwild.org! The New Mexico Wild Hiking Guide features over 100 trails in Wilderness areas throughout the state. Searches can be narrowed using seven different filters: distance, route type, difficulty, water, natural features, activities and solitude. **We encourage you to create a user account for a more immersive experience.** Users may upload photos and trail reports from their hikes to improve the accuracy of trail descriptions and the quality of the experience for other users.

[Find Your Trail!](#)

Purchase a Wild Guide!

A new edition of the Wild Guide - Passport to New Mexico Wilderness, Second Edition - is out now! This comprehensive guide to New Mexico's protected wildlands is the only book that features each of the state's designated Wilderness areas and Wilderness study areas as well as other treasures such as the Rio Grande del Norte and Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks national monuments. This second edition has been updated to include New Mexico's 13 new Wilderness areas, which were established in March 2019 when a federal public lands package became law!

[Purchase Your Guide!](#)



Upcoming Events

Volunteer with New Mexico Wild

There are many ways to get involved and help us protect New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water. Whether you prefer trail maintenance, office work, or contacting elected officials, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! Email will@nmwild.org or click the button below to become a volunteer Wilderness protector

[Become a Volunteer](#)





Solitude Monitoring Opportunities

Looking for opportunities to volunteer outdoors? We are offering ongoing Solitude Monitoring opportunities in the Cerro del Yuta, Rio San Antonio, and Sabinoso Wilderness Areas. Solitude Monitoring helps New Mexico Wild and relevant agencies collect important data about visitation to these areas. To learn more and sign up for a brief training, email rhett@nmwild.org!

[Learn More!](#)



Calling All Artists: Enter the 2022 Wolf Stamp Contest

New Mexico Wild invites all artists to submit original artwork for our 2022 Mexican Wolf Conservation Stamp Contest. All two-dimensional drawings, paintings, or photographs featuring the Mexican gray wolf are welcome. Images must be 4.5-inches wide by 5.5-inches tall. The winning artwork will be printed on the 2022 Mexican Wolf Conservation Stamp and will be sold to support Mexican gray wolf conservation and education programs. You can also [click here](#) to buy a stamp from a previous year's contest.

[Learn More!](#)

Backcountry Cooking Recipe Contest

We are hosting a Backcountry Cooking Recipe Contest, which will run from November 2021 to April 2022. Every entry

must be suitable for backcountry cooking and fit within one of the contest categories: Breakfast, Trail Snacks, Main Dishes, Desserts. Winning recipes will be included in a cookbook we are compiling! Click the button to learn more and submit your recipe.

[Submit Your Recipe!](#)



NEW MEXICO WILD

WILDERNESS WEDNESDAYS

NEXT WEDNESDAY

JAN 5TH
High & Dry Brewing
4-8 pm

COME SIGN UP TO BECOME A MEMBER
529 Adams St NE

Wilderness Wednesdays at High & Dry January 5th

Join us at High & Dry Brewing Company at 529 Adams St NE in Albuquerque on Wednesday, January 5th at 4 p.m. for Wilderness Wednesdays! Learn more about our work while enjoying a cold one. A portion of the beer proceeds from the evening will go to our work to protect New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water!

[Learn More!](#)

Our work to protect New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water depends on supporters like you! Click the button below to below to donate today!

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