

February 1, 2019 - 2019 Legislative Update

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This legislative session, New Mexico Wild is pushing key pieces of legislation to protect our wilderness, wildlife, and water.

Environmental Review Act

The Environmental Review Act (ERA) - which would require state agencies to consider environmental impacts before completing developmental projects on public lands - will be debated in the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (HENRC) tomorrow, February 2, at 9am.

If you are in the Santa Fe area tomorrow, please stop by the Roundhouse and show your support for this bill. Members of the public will have an opportunity to provide comment.

***House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Saturday, February 2, 9am
New Mexico State Capitol Building, Room 317
490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87501***

Track House Bill 206 [here](#).

Game Commission Reform

Another bill would change the way members of the State Game Commission are appointed. The bill would require at least one member to be a scientist, ensuring that the Commission's decision-making process includes scientific considerations.

House Bill 263 passed HENRC on January 30 and now heads to the House Judiciary Committee.

Track House Bill 263 [here](#).





Wildlife Corridors

Senate Bill 228 calls for a study on migratory corridors for wildlife in New Mexico and would explore potential overpass projects in crucial areas around the state.

The bill passed the Senate Conservation Committee on January 31 and now heads to the Senate Finance Committee.

Track Senate Bill 228 [here](#).

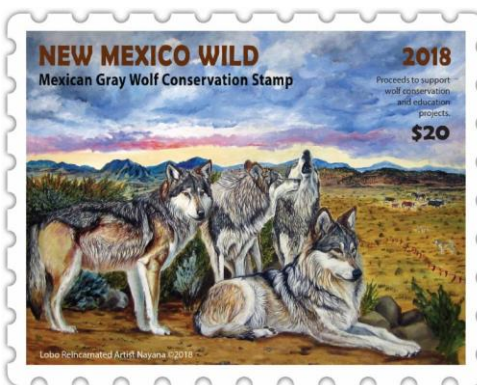
■ Petroglyph Clean-up and Our Public Servants



On January 26, New Mexico Wild co-hosted a clean-up of the Petroglyph National Monument alongside Senator Martin Heinrich, Congresswoman Deb Haaland, Albuquerque Mayor Tim Keller, and around 200 volunteers! We asked volunteers to sign a thank-you card for the federal employees who manage our public lands and were impacted by the recent government shutdown.

If you were unable to participate in the clean-up, [please sign this online thank-you card](#) to let federal employees know you value New Mexico's public lands and public servants.

■ 2019 Wolf Stamp Contest



New Mexico Wild invites submissions for the 2019 Mexican Wolf Conservation Stamp. Artists worldwide are invited to enter two-dimensional drawings, paintings, or photographs featuring the Mexican gray wolf. The winning artwork will be featured on the 2019 stamp that will be sold to raise funds to support Mexican wolf conservation and education projects. All artwork must be scalable to the size of the stamp, 4.5-inches wide by 5.5-inches tall. Please submit electronic images of original artwork by February 28, 2019 to suzanne@nmwild.org.

You may also purchase a wolf stamp from a previous year [here](#).

■ **Now Hiring!**



Staff Attorney

New Mexico Wild is hiring an additional staff attorney. The Staff Attorney will reinforce and advance the strategic engagement of New Mexico Wild in land use agency policy and planning activities and litigation to promote conservation and defend against threats to New Mexico's wilderness, wildlife, and water. To learn more about this position and to apply, [click here](#).

Wilderness Rangers

New Mexico Wild is seeking up to 8 Wilderness Rangers to work on 2-person field-based crews in wilderness areas on the Cibola National Forest, Santa Fe National Forest, and other Forests to be determined. Primary duties will focus on monitoring invasive species, trails, water quality, solitude, primitive and unconfined recreation, and recreation sites in accordance with Forest Service Wilderness Stewardship Performance protocols. To learn more and to apply, [click here](#).



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■ Upcoming Events

Lands, Water and Wildlife Day at the Roundhouse

Wednesday, February 13, 2019
8am to 3pm
New Mexico State Capitol Building
490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM



Lands, Water and Wildlife Day at the Roundhouse
Our lands, water, and wildlife need your help. New Mexico Wild invites you to join us at the Roundhouse in Santa Fe on February 13 from 8am to 3pm to tell legislators why protecting our precious resources is so important. New Mexico Wild will provide you with more information when you arrive and partner you with other conservation champions so you can speak to legislators in groups. You'll also hear from a variety of live speakers. **Wednesday, February 13, 8am-3pm.**
[Read more.](#)



Volunteer at a Film Festival in Albuquerque

We need volunteers to manage a New Mexico Wild table at two upcoming film festivals in Albuquerque. Volunteers will be responsible for handing out information about New Mexico Wild, promote membership opportunities, and sell Wild Guides.

Telluride Mountainfilm Festival at UNM

This film festival is hosted by the UNM Wilderness Alliance. Please show your support for the next generation of wilderness protectors!

Friday, February 8 at 7pm; Saturday, February 9 at 3pm and 7pm

ASUNM Southwest Film Center

1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

[Read more](#)

Banff Mountain Film Festival at Kimo Theater

Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9 at 6pm

423 Central Ave NE, Albuquerque, NM

[Read more](#)

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Suzanne at suzanne@nmwild.org.



Solitude Monitoring in the Sandia Mountain Wilderness

New Mexico Wild is looking for volunteers to conduct Solitude Monitoring in the Sandia Mountain Wilderness in 2019! Solitude Monitoring consists of simply remaining in a particular area of the wilderness for at least four hours and counting the number of visitors you encounter during that period of time. Data collected contributes to helping the US Forest Service meet stewardship performance goals and to track

trends in Wilderness Character. A brief training will explain the protocol and answer any of your questions. Please contact Andrew Reville, Wilderness Ranger, at andrew@nmwild.org to set up a training and a day in the field!

■ Go Solar and Support New Mexico Wild



[SunPower by Positive Energy Solar](#) is teaming up with New Mexico Wild to give back. If you have been thinking about going solar now is the time! Schedule a free solar consultation with SunPower and they will donate \$100 to New Mexico Wild; If you decide to install, SunPower will donate \$400! Call [SunPower by Positive Energy Solar](#) for your free consultation today and don't forget to mention New Mexico Wild!

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