

ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION
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BOARD MEETING: The board meeting will be at 6:00 PM, February 14, 1985 at the New Mexico Game & Fish Conference Room, 6511 Domingo Road, NE.

GENERAL MEETING: The general meeting will be at 7:30 PM, February 14, 1985, at the same location as the board meeting.

Dan Pursley, Northwest Area Supervisor and staff will give post-season review of the 1984 bird and big game seasons, the status of our exotic big game herds, and the department's recommendations for the 1985 seasons.

The barbary sheep and ibex are stirring up controversy by their wanderings away from the original points of release and their prolific reproduction. The Department of Game & Fish has established a comprehensive management plan which includes these two species. The department has agreements with the federal land agencies which must be considered.

The Department recommendations are not generally available at this time and our meeting may be the only opportunity for you to become better informed before the next Commission meeting. Please bring a friend and join us.

SHARE WITH WILDLIFE: As we start thinking about taxes again, please remember New Mexico wildlife by checking line 42 on your state tax return.

If you know of anyone interested in submitting a proposal for 1985, the deadline is April 30, 1985 and they should be submitted to the Share with Wildlife Committee, % Wain Evans, Department of Game & Fish, Santa Fe. The proposal requirements are in the Share with Wildlife newsletter #7, January 7, 1984. For further information or if you would like to get on the newsletter mailing list, contact Scott Brown at 841 4618.

SIKES ACT FEE TABLED: At the January meeting, The Game Commission tabled action on the Sikes Act until the March Commission meeting. Rather than charge the \$5.25 fee in the proposed southeast area, the Department will use its own funds along with federal matching to develop wildlife projects in the area. The user fee will be looked at again in two years when those projects are evaluated. There was opposition from some ranchers in the area because of the recommended fence modifications.

COMING EVENTS

February 21-22, 1985 Game Commission Meeting

The Big Game regulations and seasons will be set. Get your comments to Albuquerque Commissioners Tom Arvas or Jake Alcon.

March 17-23, 1985 National Wildlife Week

"Soil, We can't grow without it" is this year's theme. Robert Smith is this year's chairperson. If you are interested in helping, please give him a call at 266-1281.

THE BOTTLE BILL: The bottle bill is still alive at this time. There is again considerable opposition by several legislators and professional lobbyists. You need to call your legislators and tell them that you support this bill. You can call them in Santa Fe at 1-984-9300 and leave a message that you expect the same of them.

BOSQUE DEL APACHE TRIP: We cancelled the trip scheduled for February 9, 1985 because of the weather. If you would be interested in another date, please call Dave Weingarten at 296 1110.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: Please give this newsletter to a friend when you finish with it. He or she might like to fill out the application and join the Federation. Your help would be appreciated.

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The Board suggested that we have a goals and planning session at this general meeting. We would like to hear what the Federation would like to pursue as its goals this coming year. We are working on setting up work projects, getting wildlife Week Education packets in the teachers' hands, helping plan the state convention, writing and calling on state legislators, reviewing the 1985 big game season recommendations, and putting out a newsletter.

Please make every possible effort to come to this meeting as we need your input to make the Federation representative of your views and to provide the board with needed support.

It will not be all work, as the National Wildlife Week (Soil, We Can't Grow Without It) program will be shown, we will have refreshments and a drawing.

COMING EVENTS

March 16, 1985 Wilderness Workshop

You are invited by The Wilderness Society, Sierra Club, and New Mexico Wilderness Study Committee to attend a Wilderness Workshop at the Longfellow School, 400 Edith Blvd., NE from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. On Sunday, a field trip is scheduled to go to the Ojito Wilderness Study Area. A \$5.00 registration fee is requested to cover sack lunches and workshop materials.

Numerous interested individuals will be there to discuss proposed wilderness areas and how to take care of wilderness areas we have. For more information, please call Jim Stewart 831-5911 (H), 277 5237 (O) or our own Cory McDonald 265 2842.

March 17-23, 1985 National Wildlife Week

"Soil, We can't grow without it" is this year's theme. Robert Smith is this year's chairperson. We could use some people to take the program around to schools. Is there anyone who could spare one hour to do this during National Wildlife Week? If you are interested in helping, please give Bob a call at 266-1281.

March 27-28, 1985 Game Commission Meeting

The setting of the 1985 big game regulations were postponed by Commission Chairman Koch, since the Legislature has again decided to get into game management. If you don't know what the proposed changes are, please come to the meeting and get a summary of the these. Your input is important, so get your comments to Albuquerque Commissioners Tom Arvas or Jake Alcon. If you don't what the Legislature is doing I would strongly suggest you find out! If you have a New Mexico hunting, fishing, or trapping license, they plan to get a part of its fee and it isn't intended to benefit wildlife or its management. If Interested call Santa Fe and ask about House Bill 503 or Senate Bill 303.

April 1, 1985 Hunting and Fishing License

A new one is needed today!

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The "how and whys" of bass fishing will be the topic of our April meeting. Lee Heames, program chairman, has a video and two of our local bass fishing experts lined up as speakers. Bart Busick, president of the Duke City Bass Bums, will talk on black bass fishing. Our local Lowrance pro staffer, Jim Horwath, will tackle the subject of fishing for strippers. The last time we had a program on bass fishing we had standing room only.

Come early to get your seat, and join us for an educational and entertaining evening on the art of bass fishing.

FEDERATION GOALS AND PLANNING SESSION: As last month's newsletter reported, our plan was to discuss what you wanted the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation to be concerned with this coming year. As you will see from the following, we will not lack activities to keep us busy. I do not want you to think my brevity indicates a lack of interest or concern for any of these topics. There was much discuss on many of these topics and I am noting only titles for your continued thought, discussion, and hopeful involvement in ones of interest.

Program Suggestions for Public Education and Entertainment

Rio Grande Fishing	Deer Study Update
Forest Service/BLM Plans	Bird Hunting
Exotic Game Management	Turkey Hunting
Where's the Wildlife?	Agency Work Projects
Wilderness Management Problems	Rio Grande Ecology
The Rancher's View	

Other Issues and Concerns

Red River Pollution	Bottle Bill
BLM Wilderness Study	Valle Vidal Management
Hunter-Land Owner Relations	Instream Flow

Other Thoughts

An annual meeting of conservation groups to discuss common goals.

~~Meeting notices in the Sandia Lab News, Lobo (UNM student newspaper, and cable TV public meeting notices.~~

Please tell me if I missed anything! I hope there is at least one topic that makes you want to get out and do something for wildlife today. Today is underlined, because the year is one quarter gone and have you done enough for wildlife and its habitat?

COMING EVENTS

April 15, 1985 Tax deadline time again

Please remember New Mexico wildlife by checking line 42 on your state tax return and SHARING WITH WILDLIFE. It is my understanding from the NMG&F that the donations are a little ahead of last years returns at this time.

May 3-5, 1985 New Mexico Wildlife Federation Convention

It will be held at the Civic Center in Farmington and the Holiday Inn is extending special rates for individuals attending the convention.

The program is going to contain a panel discussion on exotic versus native big game species. Gary Wolfe is the panel moderator and has Dr. Fred Bryant of Texas Tech University to present research concerning competition between exotic and native species. In particular, competition between mule deer and barbary sheep will be presented. He will be joined by a Forest Service wildlife staff member, exotic hunting supporter, and a representative from the Department of Game & Fish.

National Forest planning will be another topic of interest. As many of you know, our regional forests are in various stages of establishing long term planning documents. There has been a considerable amount of controversy concerning this topic. Is it wildlife versus timber and grazing interests?

The proposed land swap between the BLM and Forest Service will be another topic. Forest Service and BLM representative will be on hand to present the pros and cons of this congressional recommendation.

~~This is only a small part of the program. Plan to be a part of it on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of May in Farmington.~~

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"How to Catch Trout", is the title of the video tape that Lee Heames, our program chairman has lined up for this month's meeting. Our speaker will be Dick Blumershine. Dick was one of the founders and past presidents of New Mexico Trout. He is a member of the Federation of Fly Fisherman. Dick is an avid fly fisherman and will share his enthusiasm for the sport with us.

If you are interested in trout fishing some of the fine waters of New Mexico, this is an excellent opportunity to hear from one of our state's better fisherman.

COMING EVENTS

May 18, 1985 Piedra Lisa Trail Maintenance

Jack Pardee and Pete Komen hiked the north section of our trail and they say we have some work to do on it. We need a crew for Saturday, May 18th. Let's plan to meet at 8:00 AM in the Samon's parking lot at Wyoming and Montgomery. We will car pool from there since we have to go around to the Placitas end of the trail.

July ??-??, 1985 Valle Vidal Work Project

Pete Komen has received a letter from Tina Crabdree giving us an update on what some of the Forest Service plans are for the Valle Vidal Unit and indicates she has a work project for us. She would like some log structures placed in some of the streams to create a pooling effect above them and a riffling effect below. She indicates that the best time for her would be during the first two weeks of July. We will discuss dates at this month's meeting, so come with your suggestions.

BELEN FRIEND: Charlie Seery, Belen GPA sent his best wishes to his friends in Albuquerque. Joanna and Dave Weingarten saw Charlie at Gil's Bakery in Belen on April 20, 1985. He had recently gotten out of the hospital and was on the mend.

VOLUNTEERS EXTRAORDINARY:

Groups like this one exist because of volunteers. This year we have some outstanding ones on our board. More are always needed. If you are interested in doing something for wildlife directly or indirectly, we have a job for you. Apply anytime by calling 294 8947 and to say you would like to volunteer.

NEW TREASURER NEEDED:

The Federation has received a resignation from Don Brewer. We would like to thank Don for his outstanding efforts. Don and Sandy will be moving to New Hampshire in July. They both have been active in our chapter and we are going to miss them.

We are looking for a new treasurer. Those of you that would like to volunteer for the treasurer's position, please contact Bob Nordstrum at 294 8947.

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COMING EVENTS: In case you were wondering what you might do this Summer, it is hoped that you will include some or all of these activities on your Summer calendar.

June 7-9, 1985 Water Quality Meeting

There will be a meeting of conservation organizations and interested individuals at the Boy Scout Camp (near Santa Cruz Lake) between Santa Fe and Espanola. Meals will be provided and there is a \$25.00 registration fee. If you are interested in the agenda or attending, please contact Charlie Ault at O 766 3966 or H 296 2505.

June 8-9, 1985 NMWF Summer Board Meeting

The Summer Board Meeting will be held at the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish shelter at Terrero. There is a leadership workshop planned and there will be a potluck supper on Saturday night. The meat will be provided; please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert and your place setting. Sunday will start with a "sunrise breakfast". Please come and join us for the workshop and a little fishing on the Pecos. Contact Bob Nordstrum at 294 8947 or the state office at 265 7372 for additional information.

June 14, 1985 Valle Vidal Dedication

The formal opening and dedication of the Valle Vidal Unit of the Carson National Forest, donated to the people by Pennzoil Corporation, will be held at 11:00 AM at the Shuree Lodge. Access from the west will be very restricted because of road construction, it is suggested you use the access through Cimarron (see July 11, 1985 Valle Vidal Work Project for Directions).

June 25-26, 1985 Antelope Deadline Volunteers

July 12-14, 1985 Valle Vidal Work Project

Pete Komen is finalizing our third annual project on the Valle Vidal. Tina Crabdree of the U S Forest Service will have a camp site for us at McCrystal Camp Ground and plans for us to put structures in the Middle Ponil Creek. Bring pick, shovel, and waders or old tennis shoes for the project. Tina will be there the afternoon of the 11th to give directions to the campsite. This will be a joint effort with the Sandia Mountain Wildlife and Conservation Association. Plan for a pot luck for Saturday night. If you haven't been to this area you are missing one of the finest spots in New Mexico. You don't have to stay the entire time, your help is welcome anytime.

You can reach the area by the new access road 5 1/4 miles northeast of Cimarron off Highway 64. This new road goes up Cerrososo Canyon and then at approximately 20 miles distance branches into Lookout Canyon. At the end of the new road, you will need to turn to the west for approximately 4 miles to McCrystal Campground. The total distance from the highway to the campsite is approximately 30 miles. Contact Pete at 299 8881 or Bob Nordstrum at 294 8947 for more details and campsite reservations.

July 9-10, 1985 Elk Application Deadline Volunteers

August 3, 1985 Special Convention

The New Mexico Wildlife Federation will convene a special convention in Albuquerque to consider changes to its bylaws. Please review these changes and plan to attend this convention. It is very important that you express your feelings. Our chapter will caucus at the convention to determine how you want us to vote.

August 10, 1985 Fourth Annual Crawdaddy Boil

We are meeting on the south side of Bluewater Lake to round up the crawdaddies and for a work project on Saturday. This annual get together has been growing each year. Bring your favorite side-dishes to add to our meal of crawdaddies.

The work project will be in the area of the Bluewater Creek in the Cibola National Forest. We will camp along the lake at the new camp grounds on the south side of the lake. You get to that location by turning off I40 at Thoreau (approximately 33 miles west of Grants).

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GENERAL MEETING: The general meeting will be at 7:30 PM, September 12, 1985, at the same location as the board meeting. John Southwick, Sandia Mountain trail authority, will be our quest speaker for this meeting. As many of you know, John served as volunteer trail maintenance coordinator for the Sandia District Ranger Station and recruited our chapter for the Piedra Lisa Trail.

John has a slide show of the fauna and flora which you might see as you hike the trails of the Sandias. This is an excellent opportunity to reacquaint or introduce yourself and someone else to the recreational opportunities of the Sandias. Please join us on September 12th and bring a friend.

FINE SUPPORT: Reed's Camera Center in HoffmanTown Center supplied the Federation a Sigma 35 mm camera as a major prize for the upcoming Conservation Banquet. This is another fine example of the way in which some Albuquerque merchants support the conservation effort. Please stop in for your camera and photographic supply needs, and thank them for their support.

SPECIAL THANKS: To the following members and friends who helped with the antelope and elk application deadlines. The Northwest District Officers and Staff of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish appreciated your help. Thanks!!

Linda Bendure	Gloria Chavez	Annette Colbert
Joleene Dye	Pete Koman	Erv Kriesher
Stan Nordstrum	Reante Padilla	Jack Pardee
Tony Romero	Muriel Stanley	

ANOTHER THANKS: To Pete Koman for coordinating, all members, and friends who assisted in the work projects at Valle Vidal, Bluewater, and Sandia Crest. Your efforts were greatly appreciated. Only through the efforts of volunteers can the Albuquerque Federation continue to be a viable organization; so thanks again and keep up the good work!

COMING EVENTS

September 7, 1985 Endangered Species Fair

The NM Department of Game & Fish, NM Museum of Natural History, and the Sierra Club are sponsoring the state's first endangered species fair from 1:00 to 8:00 PM at the museum, 1801 Mountain Road, NW. It is being financed by Share with Wildlife funds to promote an awareness and appreciation of New Mexico's endangered species. These are programs for adults and children throughout the entire day. Contact Patricia Sussmann (268 7738) for further details.

September 14, 1985 Sprague Estate Work Project

We plan to work on the Sprague Estate (approximately 15 miles east of Pecos) on this Saturday. It is an excellent place for a quiet weekend away from the crowds. We need to repair a pole fence around the buildings, roof one side of a shed, and clean out a storage room. Please give Pete Koman (299 8891) or Bob Nordstrum (294 8947) a call if you would like further details.

September 21, 1985 Fourth Annual Conservation Banquet
The New Mexico Conservation Banquet will held at the Hilton Hotel starting at 6:00 PM with "Happy Evening", dinner at 7:00 PM and the drawing at 8:00 PM. Ticket are \$150 and \$35. They are available at the State Office (265 7372) or call Bob Nordstrum (294 8947). We could use your help in selling tickets, setting up the day of the banquet, and soliciting door prizes; if you can help please give Bob a call.

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GENERAL MEETING: The general meeting will be at 7:30 PM, October 10, 1985, at the same location as the board meeting. Ladd Gordon, Central Flyway Marsh Coordinator for Ducks Unlimited will be our guest speaker. He will present the Ducks Unlimited Marsh Program which has recently been initiated in the United States.

With the low waterfowl counts in the Canadian breeding grounds, this should be a topic of interest to all. It is very critical that wintering habitat for waterfowl be upgraded so that we can send as many birds back North in the Spring as possible. Please join us for this meeting and bring a friend.

LOSS OF A FRIEND: Erv Kriesher passed away on September 21, 1985. As indicated in the memorial services, he was Mr. Conservation of New Mexico. He was an unselfish volunteer respected by his peers. This is one person that will be greatly missed by the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation.

Donations are being accepted for a memorial fund in his honor. We are asking for your suggestions as to the most effective way to honor Erv. Please send your thoughts and donations to the above address.

THANKS AGAIN: To the small and faithful crew that roofed the shed at the Spragues' estate. This should see the area through the winter until we can get up there and do some additional work. If you would like a nice area to get away for a weekend, please give Bob Nordstrum a call at 294 8947.

To the crew that worked on the Crest watering unit. The Forest Service continues to comment on what a good job our volunteers do and how quick they get the job done. Please note coming events; I said these were the last projects for the year, but I was wrong.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dave Weingarten has volunteered to chair this committee to put together a slate for the 1986 Officers and Board. We are looking for many good people that want to work towards improving the environment and wildlife habitat in New Mexico.

Our election is at the December General Meeting. The term is for one short year. There are more jobs than we have people for. Everyone is truly welcome; do not be bashful to volunteer yourself or nominate someone else. Dave's telephone number is 296 1110; please call today.

COMING EVENTS

October 12, 1985 Crest Work Project

The Sandia Mountain Wildlife and Conservation Association newsletter indicates that volunteers are meeting at the lower Crest parking lot at 8:00 AM to repair trees damaged by the backhoe that was used to dig the trench for the wildlife

watering unit. They indicate that the work isn't hard and the air is clean and fresh. Why not pick up a friend and meet them at the Crest?

GET OUT AND VOTE: The Mayor and Council address many issues which directly affect the environment surrounding you each and everyday.

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The purpose of the study was to determine the exact condition of the watershed. If the watershed is not at acceptable standards, recommendations will be made to improve that area which is under Forest Service control. Please bring a friend and join us for a topic of concern for those interested in New Mexico's natural resources.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dave Weingarten, with Tony Romero's assistance, has a good start on recruiting the 1986 Board Members. They could still use some additional volunteers. The election will be at the December General Meeting. Dave's telephone number is 296 1110; please call today. The following are the first draft for 1986.

Charlie Ault	Danny Casey	Annette Colbert
C. K. Collins	Joleene Dye	Pete Komen
Cliff Mendel	Joe Padilla	Reante Padilla
Tony Romero	Jerry Steffarud	LaVelle Thompson

WELCOME: I would like to extend a welcome to the state's new executive director, Tom Lanckenau. He is a Colorado State University graduate who has spent the past year working for the National Rifle Association. He was active in the Colorado Wildlife Federation while at CSU and understands what it takes to make a state organization.

Tom has now been on board for just over one month and is working hard to get the state office moving. By this time you should have received a letter from him concerning the Federation. He is asking for your support and sincerely wants to work for us.

Those of you that didn't make last month's meeting missed an opportunity to meet this fine gentleman and a person who is going to accomplish things for the Federation. Please come to this month's meeting and give Tom a big welcome.

COMING EVENTS:

Nominations for 1986 New Mexico Wildlife Federation Board

Mary Reed is chairperson for the nominating committee for the 1986 New Mexico Wildlife Federation Board Members. The by-laws were changed August 2, 1985 and as a result there will be 24 individuals elected by the membership of the Federation to serve as 1986/87 Board Members.

Basically individuals interested need to have been either an affiliate, individual, or life member for at least one year and submit a brief resume and picture to the state office. We are in need of some Albuquerque chapter members to run for this board. The Board will be elected by the members through the mail. Call Mary at 281-3996 or the state office at 265-7372 for more information.

December 12, 1985 December General Meeting

This meeting, for the past several years, has been a time to wish old friends a prosperous new year and welcome the new officers and board. Please mark your calendar today and plan to join your friends. The new board would like to hear what you consider important issues to pursue in 1986.

January 4-5, 1986 New Mexico Wildlife Board Meeting in Roswell

February 14-16, 1986 New Mexico Wildlife Federation Convention

Officers for the Federation will be elected by the members present. It will be one vote only by each member present. Mark your calendar and plan to go to Hobbs to welcome our newest affiliate club and to vote in your state leadership for the coming year.

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The second item, Harold Olson and our Albuquerque Game Commissioners have been invited to join us in a round table discussion concerning the Department future funding needs.

The Department's projections indicate that by 1988 current funding methods will not be sufficient to meet the Department's requirements. New sources of funding need to be looked at and readied for presentation at the 1987 Legislature.

Along with this round table discussion, the December Meeting has been a time to wish old friends and new acquaintances season greetings and a happy new year. Please bring family and friends to join in the discussion and partake of the holiday refreshments.

1986 OFFICER AND BOARD NOMINEES: The following individuals have been nominated for the 1986 Board. Nominations are still open and will be called for at the general meeting. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who would like to serve, please call Dave Weingarten at 296 1110.

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LaVelle Thompson		

ISSUES: There are two that are in the planning stage. You may want to learn more about these and/or express your concerns on these proposed projects. Below is outlined the Upper Gila Water Supply (Conner Dam or Hooker Dam, by other names) and the Ojo Line Extension Projections:

The Upper Gila Water Supply project would construct a dam on the Gila River to provide water for Silver City and down stream users. To those of us concerned with wildlife and its habitat, the Gila River provides one of the quality riparian habitats in the Lower Colorado Watershed. It supports a large percentage of the total bird species found in New Mexico. It is one of the last free flowing rivers in this state, and its waters support a warm water fishery and two candidates for the federal endangered species listing, the loach minnow and the spikedace. Some wildlife biologists feel that this loss can not be mitigated.

The Ojo Line Extension is a Public Service project to provide additional electrical service to North-Central New Mexico. The area of concern, in regard to wildlife, is the placement of a 345-kV transmission line for service into Los Alamos. There are two alternate routes; one would run along the valley and follow an existing line into Los Alamos and the other would run from near Coyote into Los Alamos. The line from near Coyote to Los Alamos would come through the Santa Fe National Forest. The concern again is wildlife habitat loss. The general feeling is that the valley route has the lesser environmental impact.

Both of these projects have upcoming hearings (times and locations in COMING EVENTS below) which need your attendance and input. Both will contribute the further loss of wildlife habitat in New Mexico.

COMING EVENTS:

December 5, 1985 Upper Gila Water Supply Scoping Meeting

The scoping meeting will be held in the State Land Office Building (Morgan Hall) on Old Santa Fe Trail from 7:00-9:00 PM. See ISSUES above for more information.

December 11, 1985 Ojo Line Extension Public Hearing

This public hearing will be held in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers beginning a 6:00 PM. See ISSUES above for more information.

January 4-5, 1986 New Mexico Wildlife Board Meeting in Roswell

February 14-16, 1986 New Mexico Wildlife Federation Convention

Officers for the Federation will be elected by the members present. It will be one vote only by each member present. Mark your calendar and plan to go to Hobbs to welcome our newest affiliate club and to vote in your state leadership for the coming year.

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