

December eNEWS



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Help Protect the Pecos and Stop the Tererro Mine!

The Santa Fe National Forest is accepting comments on an Australian corporation's proposed exploratory mining operation near the Pecos Wilderness and Tererro, New Mexico. This region is still recovering from a previous operation that resulted in the death of over 90,000 trout in 1991, is critical habitat for many fragile species, and home to many cultural resources important to northern New Mexico's pueblos. Please submit a comment to the Santa Fe National Forest and tell them to oppose the proposed mining operation. The deadline to submit your comments is January 17, 2020. [Take Action!](#)



Encourage Holloman Air Force Base to Protect Wilderness!

Please submit a comment in person or online to encourage the Holloman Air Force Base to choose the plan that provides adequate airspace to train F-16 pilots AND protect southern New Mexico's Wilderness Areas.

[View a list of public meetings here.](#)

OR

[Submit a comment online here!](#)



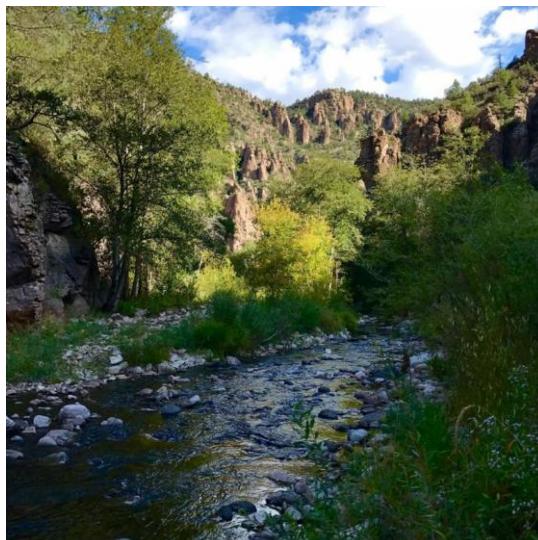
Land and Water Conservation Fund Moves Closer to Full Funding

On November 19, the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted to pass full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF was created by Congress in 1964 to fund land and water conservation programs in all 50 U.S. states. Since the program's implementation, the LWCF has funded conservation projects in all 33 New Mexico counties. Thanks to Senator Heinrich for voting to fully fund LWCF! [Read more.](#)



Wild and Scenic Rivers: What You Need To Know

A broad coalition of local residents, small businesses, tribes, faith leaders, sportsmen, private property owners and more are encouraging Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich to introduce legislation that would protect approximately 450 miles of the Gila and San Francisco Rivers as Wild and Scenic. To learn more about what a Wild and Scenic designation is and how it works, [check out our FAQ.](#)



Caja at the Crossroads

If the plans for a highway, utility lines and the country's highest bridge come to pass, the Caja del Rio will be drastically altered. The 107,068 acres on this plateau are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. Caja plays a critical role in connecting a vital wildlife corridor that runs along the Upper Rio Grande Watershed from Colorado through New Mexico. The plateau and canyons are vital habitat for a diverse range of plants and animals. [Read more.](#)



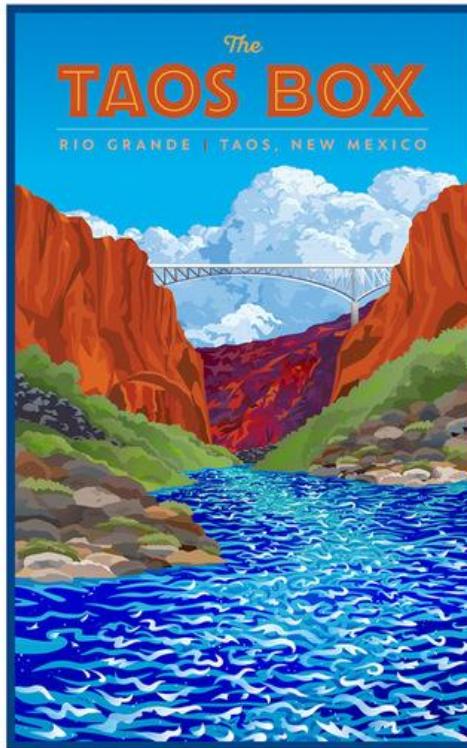
Wilderness Poetry Contest!

Do you enjoy writing poetry AND spending time in Wilderness? Submit your poems today for the 2020 Wilderness Poetry Contest! The top prize is \$100 cash, a 1-year membership to New Mexico Wild, and branded swag. The top five poems selected will be featured in the Spring edition of the 2020 New Mexico Wild Newsletter. [For more details about poem requirements, or to submit a poem, please click here.](#) You may email any questions about the contest to kerry@nmwild.org.



2019 Silent Auction

New Mexico Wild's annual Silent Auction is underway, with a number of high-quality, framed Wilderness photos available for bidding! Funds raised from this silent auction will greatly support our mission to continue the fight to protect New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water. A huge thank you to Taos Printing and Photography Services for printing and framing this year's items! [Make your bid on one or of the items up for auction here.](#) Please note, the online auction closes at 2:00 p.m. MT on Friday, December 6. The winners of each item will be announced at our Annual Holiday Party later on December 6.



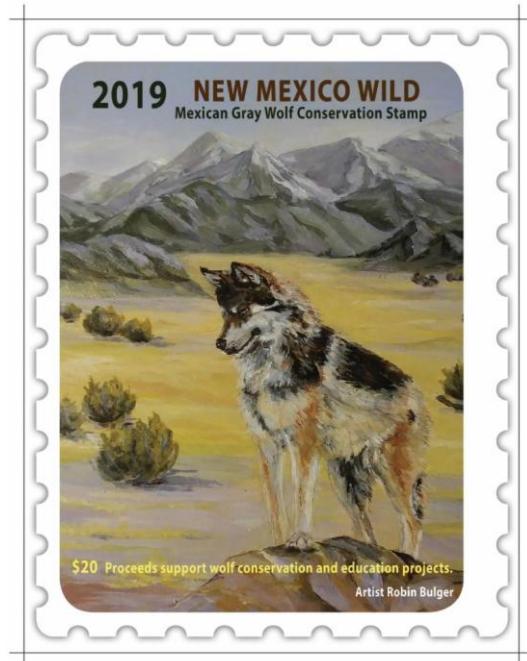
2019 Annual Raffle

Your \$5 could go a long way! Literally. Enter our annual raffle for \$5 per ticket to win a \$1,000 gift certificate toward any domestic guided trip offered by The Wildland Trekking Company. The winner will be announced at our Holiday Party on December 6. All proceeds benefit our campaigns to defend New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water. [Learn more.](#)



Wolf Stamp Contest

New Mexico Wild invites submissions for the 2020 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 2020 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. Submit your electronic images of original artwork to tisha@nmwild.org by January 31, 2020.



Double Your Impact with Patagonia!

Patagonia is generously matching your donation to New Mexico Wild and our work to protect New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife and water. Patagonia will match all donations between November 29th and December 31st, up to \$10,000 per donation, until they've reached a maximum match of \$10 million! Give today and double your impact for New Mexico's public lands and wild places. [Donate here.](#)



Upcoming Events



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer with Our Wilderness Rangers (Plus, a new blog!): The New Mexico Wild Wilderness Rangers are conducting solitude monitoring in the Dome Wilderness and are asking for volunteers. If you enjoy hiking and want to help us collect important data on visitor use in wilderness, please email will@nmwild.org to set up a time to be trained.

Our Wilderness Rangers always have more work to do to keep New Mexico Wild. Contact will@nmwild.org to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities in your area, and keep your eyes open for future opportunities by visiting our new Ranger blog! [Read more.](#)

Sandia Mountain Trash Clean-Up
The Make-up
WITH NEW MEXICO WILD

#OptOutside for a day of service at the La Luz picnic areas and rock houses.

December 7th from 10am-2pm
La Cueva Picnic Site
Please RSVP to will@nmwild.org

The poster features a scenic view of the Sandia Mountains and a valley below. The text is overlaid on the image, providing details about the event, its purpose, date, location, and how to RSVP.

#OptOutside Clean-up (the Make-up)

Join us for a #OptOutside trash clean-up at the La Cueva Picnic Site in the Sandia Mountains! Due to unfortunate weather circumstances, we were not able to pick up trash at this site on Black Friday. We have rescheduled this service day to Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. at the La Cueva Picnic Site. Please RSVP to will@nmwild.org. [Read more.](#)



2019 Holiday Party and Annual Meeting in Albuquerque

Join New Mexico Wild at our 2019 Holiday Party and Annual meeting on Friday, December 6, from 4-7pm at our downtown Albuquerque Headquarters! Come celebrate another successful year protecting New Mexico's Wilderness, wildlife, and water with us. The party will feature light hors d'oeuvres and beverages, a silent auction, and much, much more! Please RSVP to

suzanne@nmwild.org.

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