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P. O. Box 1234 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87103



General Meeting
7:30 pm, Thursday, 12 January, 1989
Bear Canyon Senior Center
4645 Pitt NE
(Near Montgomery and Eubank)

The January meeting will feature New Mexico Department of Game and Fish game management chief Dan Sutcliffe. Sutcliffe will discuss the New Mexico Deer Model and deer management alternatives. This meeting is the day before the Game and Fish meeting on the deer model. It is a controversial subject, and Game and Fish is interested in the publics input. If you have some opinions you want to voice, this is a chance to do it. Why not bring an interested friend too?

For the February meeting we hope to have a program on the Bosque Del Apache refuge. This will be a timely program. Not only is this a fine time to visit the refuge, in addition, US Fish and Wildlife is beginning a series of meetings on the managment of the refuge system.

The December meeting was the annual election meeting followed by a potluck dinner. Many thanks to those of you who attended. We had a good turnout and an excellent time. The officers for 1989 are

Clifford Mendel	President	Bear Canyon
Mary Reed	1st Vice President	E Senior Ce <u>nter</u>
Joe Padilla	2nd Vice President	u L
Renee Padilla	Treasurer	b i n
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Joyce Mendel	Board Member	
Bob Nordstrum	Board Member	2
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Bill Zeedyk	Board Member	Montgomery

I want to thank the 1988 officers, board, and membership for a very successful year. Our meeting attendance was up, as was our impact on matters of concern to wildlife. We have attached a summary of the past year's activities to this newsletter. If you are not a member we invite you to fill out the application at the end of the activities summary. We need your help, and you can make an impact on wildlife and related issues. If you are a member, please consider passing the activites summary and membership application along to someone who shares our interests.

Please try to join us for the January meeting. Have a good 1989, and do what you can for our wildlife and wildlands.



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#### Activities Report for 1988

This is a report on the activities of the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation in 1988. It is available to members and prospective members so they may see the impact of AWF on our wildlife and wildlands. We feel that much was accomplished in the past year, but also that we can and must do more. We hope readers who are non-members will see AWF as an organization where they can make an impact, and also where they can find people who share their interests. Our activities are more than work: they are enjoyable and often take us to wild places we would not otherwise get to see. We hope present members will look at this report with an eye for where we can improve, and where they can contribute in 1989.

for the 1988 Officers and Board

#### Major Correspondence

To Governor Carruthers A letter expressing our concern over non-professionals being considered for Director of the NM Game and Fish Department, and expressing our hope that the appointee would have the necessary credentials to properly carry out the job. expressing our wish that qualified NM Game and Fish personnel be considered for the Directorship. A letter thanking the Governor for charging the Game Commission with finding a non-political candidate. and expressing our satisfaction with the appointment of Bill Montoya. To state legislators Letters supporting increases in hunting and fishing fees and increased salaries for NM Game and Fish employees. Letters to candidates for the legislature to inform them about Instream Flow and our campaign for an Instream Flow act. To New Mexico State Game Commissioners Letters in support of the Sikes Act fees and expenditures on habitat. Letters regarding criteria for selection of a state Game and Fish Director. Letters thanking the commissioners for the selection of Director Bill Montova. To federal legislators Letters encouraging the purchase of the Rounds Estate.

Albuquerque City Council Letters supporting public hearings on Sandia Pueblo claim.

To Newspapers A letter stating our view of the necessity for the review of NM Game and Fish to be done by a professional organization.

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#### General Meetings

January 1988 elections and planning meeting.

February Slide show about Valle Vidal section of the Carson National Forest, and a talk on the update of the Valle Vidal management plan. John Bidell and Ron Thibedeau of Carson National Forest.

March Movie on deserts of the southwest, followed by an update and slide presentation on Gray Ranch. Charlie Ault, US Fish and Wildlife Service.

April NM Waterfowl Plan, and waterfowl at La Joya and Bernardo refuges. Jan Ward, NM Game and Fish.

May Bass fishing equipment and techniques, and bass waters in New Mexico. James Horwath, prize winning bass fisherman.

June Instream Flow Act campaign with slide show. Dave Weingarten, AWF, and John Davis, NM Game and Fish.

July Meeting replaced by annual work project and camp/cookout at Valle Vidal.

August Work project and annual crawdaddy boil. Bluewater Lake. September Talk and video tape on desert bighorn and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. Also fall game prospects. Amy Elenowitz, NM Game and Fish.

October The effect of the 1988 drought on waterfowl populations. Talk and slide show. Jeff Haskins, US Fish and Wildlife Service.

November What really happened at the Yellowstone forest fires. Talk and slide show. Jim Hickman, US Forest Service.

December 1989 elections and annual holiday party.

#### Input to public meetings, seminars, committees

Rally on Sandia Pueblo land claim
Share with Wildlife committee (two meetings)

Bear management seminar

Department of Game and Fish predation and depredation meeting Wolf Coalition meeting with Game Commissioner Maestas NM Big game regulations

Game Commission meeting on Share with Wildlife and on Sikes Act US Fish and Wildlife Service meeting on the Gray Ranch BLM district advisory meeting (four meetings)

BLM and US National Park meeting on El Malpais (two meetings) NM Game and Fish Deer Modeling seminar

Meetings with the land commissioner on access (three meetings) Izaak Walton League meeting for volunteer action

NM State University short course: What Sportsmen Do for Agencies

#### Work Projects

Cattle exclosure near Cuate Pond. This provides a marshy area for wildlife on Bureau of Land Management land near Cabezon.

<u>Pecos riparian habitat.</u> We planted 200 cottonwood, alder, and plum trees. We also repaired a vandalized trick watering tank. Santa Fe National Forest.

Turkey Guzzlers. We installed two turkey guzzlers in a wilderness study area near Mount Taylor. This was done for the Bureau of Land Management with the help of several other clubs.

Rice Park Dam. A water area for migrating ducks was built in the Cibola Forest near Bluewater lake. This was done with the US Forest Service.

Stream improvement, riparian habitat, elk fence. We continued the work we have done at Valle Vidal over the past few years. The projects were done with several other clubs. Carson National Forest. Stream structures. Ten large stream structures were built on Bluewater creek with the help of other clubs. Cibola National Forest.

#### Educational Activities

National Wildlife Week. We provided 840 Wildlife Week kits to schools in Albuquerque and surrounding areas.

Instream Flow Act Campaign We began an effort to get an instream flow act passed in 1989. This is being done in conjunction with the NM Wildlife Federation. and is being supported by other outdoor organizations. During the year we prepared a pamphlet, a slide presentation, and a talk on instream flow. Help from the Wyoming campaign and from NM Game and Fish made the task easier. A letter and a pamphlet were sent to each candidate for the 1989 legislature. The slide presentation has been sent to other NMWF affiliates for presentation in their areas. We have presented the program to several local groups.

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Albuquerque Wildlife Federation was originally the Game Protective Association organized in 1914 to correct the deplorable conditions facing New Mexico Wildlife. AWF is affiliated with the New Mexico Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation. AWF members are automatically members of NM Wildlife Federation, and receives the NNWF monthly paper, the "Outdoor Reporter" for no additional charge. AWF meets on the second thursday of each month.

#### 1988 Awards

From BLM for volunteer work
From Cibola NF for volunteer work
From NM Governor for Take Pride in America
Runner up: National Take Pride in America

#### 1988 Officers and Board of Directors

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Joe Padilla	2nd Vice Pres.	Joyce Mendel	Board
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# Membership Application The Albuquerque Wildlife Federation Dedicated to the conservation and wise management of all our natural resources

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Mail to: Albuquerque Wildlife Federation P. O. Box 1234 Albuquerque. NM 87103

Big game regulations meeting Thursday, 5 Jan., 7:00p, Albuquerque G&F meeting room.

NM Wildlife Federation board meeting Saturday, 7 Jan., 1:00p, Roswell NM

AWF January general meeting Thursday, 12 Jan., 7:30p, Bear Canyon Senior Center

Game Commission meeting for public input on deer management Santa Fe.

AWF board meeting Wedensday 18 Jan., 7:00p, location to be announced.

Wildlife Refuge System hearings (USF&WS) Tuesday, 24 Jan., 8:00p, Continuing Education Conference Center.

AWF general meeting Thursday 9 Feb., 7:30p, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

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Movie and Talk National Wildlife Refuges Bob Edens Assistant Refuge Manager Bosque Del Apache Wildlife Refuge

This is a very timely program on a very important subject. of us visit Bosque Del Apache regularly. It is a wonderful facility that offers awe-inspiring views of waterfowl. The US Fish and Wildlife Service is currently receiving input on their future management plans for these refuges. AWF and NMWF have just made inputs at one of the regional meetings, and we will soon provide more detailed written inputs. Bob Edens will show us a movie and slides of the refuge, and will describe improvements in facilities and He also will describe future work projects that AWF and management. other wildlife and conservation organizations might participate in.

#### AWF News

Bill Reed has been appointed to the board of directors. Bill has a long history of working for Wildlife. He is the NMWF representative to the National Wildlife Federation. Bill has agreed to be the AWF chairman for the NMWF annual convention to be held here in Albuquerque from the 31st of March through the 2nd of April. I hope you will all support his efforts for this important event on the 75th anniversary of NMWF (and AWF). Please plan to attend the convention. There will be many interesting talks and discussions on wildlife and wildlands. Bill has an article on the convention in this newsletter.

The Instream Flow campaign is going forward. Presentations of the talk and slide show to interested groups continue. Fred Gross, president of NMWF, has been talking to the New Mexico Department of Agriculture about the bill. We hope to have the bill introduced around the time you receive this newsletter.

AWF was well represented at the NMWF board meeting in Roswell early in January. Much of the discussion was on regular business, and on the upcoming convention. It was clear from remarks of some directors that they are unaware of conservation and education work done by NMWF through some of the local chapters. I gave one of them a copy of our 1988 activities report. All of the chapters must keep in mind the fact that NMWF and the local chapters are not wealthy If we do not do organizations that hire people to achieve results. the work at the local level, it does not get done.

That said, let me ask you to do something. Come to the meeting. It should be an excellent program. Bring a friend. We will give them an activity report and send them the newsletter for the next three months and hopefully get another member.

Cliff Mendel, President

#### CONVENTION NEWS

The Albuquerque Wildlife Federation is the Host Chapter for this Annual Meeting. We need help from as many of our members as can donate a few hours of their time as possible. Cliff Mendel, your president, would appreciate your call to let him know when you might be able to help with registration or maybe help with the auction, etc. His number is 265-3840. Joyce Mendel is the publicity chairperson and will arrange for T.V and Radio spots. We need as many as possible donated items to be used for door prizes and silent auction items. Please try to solicit a few from any merchants you might be acquainted with.

The state office will handle invitations for guests and

program people.

Former Governor Bruce King will be the M.C for the banquet. We have a long list of seminars and topics of interest to everyone.

The Convention will be held at the Sheraton Old Town

Inn on Rio Grande Blvd, just south of I-40.

For registration forms ar dditional information read the OUTDOOR REPORTER or call the state office, 299-5404. Bill Reed

#### Calendar

AWF February general meeting Thursday, 9 Feb., 7:30p, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

NM Dept. of Game and Fish annual big game regulations meeting Friday 10-Saturday 11 February, PERA Building, Santa Fe.

AWF March general meeting Thursday 9 Mar. . 7:30p. Bear Canyon Senior Center.

NMWF Diamond Jubilee Convention Friday, 31 March through Sunday, 2 April, 1989. Albuquerque Old Town Sheraton.

National Wildlife Week 19-26 March.

Work Project Fence stream in Pecos near Sprague Estate. Possibly April 15.

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Grey Ranch
Charlie Ault
US Fish and Wildlife Service

The Grey Ranch is a unique property covering 323,500 acres in Hidalgo County. It is presently being considered for purchase by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The Nature Conservancy would help with the purchase. Ault will discuss the attributes of this valuable land and update the status of acquisition plans. He will also show slides of the area.

In addition Bill Zeedyk will give a short description of the "Get Wild" program of the US Forest Service. This program is part of the Forest Service's new emphasis on Wildlife. AWF, NMWF, NWF and many other wildlife organizations have pressed for more emphasis on wildlife for many years, and "Get Wild" is one of many indications that the situation is improving.

#### , 1989 AWF Officers ....

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#### .... and Board

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Jerry Maracchini
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Bill Zeedyk

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#### AWF News

At the February board meeting I appointed Jack McDowell (retired from NM Game and Fish) and Roger Bumstead (retired from US Forest Service) to the board, and the board approved their board membership. The current board membership is listed on the first page of this newsletter.

Much of our current effort is related to critical legislation in the 1989 NM legislature. The Instream Flow bill is progressing satisfactoraly. Hearings will be held on March 7 by the Senate Conservation Committee. We have high hopes for passage, thanks in part to interaction with the agricultural industry. This bill is SB-491.

A bill, SB-415, descibed as a bill to allow research on game rangeland improvement, has been introduced. The consensus among wildlife people is that the primary effect of the bill, if enacted, would be to allow commercial harvesting of Wild Game such as deer and elk. Such commercial usage was the primary contributor to the disasterous loss of wildlife this nation suffered during the last part of the 19th century and the first decade of this century. The legal prohibition of this harvesting allowed the national government, state governments, and organizations like our own to reverse the loss and bring our wildlife to levels that are the envy of the western world. There is every reason to believe that SB-415 would reverse the progress we have made. We are working hard to defeat this bill.

Public input has a very large effect on our legislature. Why not call or write your state senator and express your views on these bills? The senators from districts in the Albuquerque area are

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Dist. 11	Tom Benavides	984-6201
Dist. 12	Michael Alarid	984-9357
Dist. 13	Tito Chavez	984-9385
Dist. 14	Manny Aragon	984-9389
Dist. 15	L. Skip Vernon	984-9356
Dist. 16	Tom Rutherford	984-9477
Dist. 17	Shannon Robinson	984-9360
Dist. 18	William F. Davis	984-6217
Dist. 19	Les Houston	984-9372
Dist. 20	Ken Kamerman	984-9356
Dist. 21	Victor Marshall	984-9371
Dist. 22	James A. Caudell	984-9336
Dist. 26	Martin J. Chavez	984-9478

Our education director, Beverly DeGruyter, tells me that the Wildlife Week kits have been distributed to the schools. This is an important program, and as always it has been well received by the teachers.

Work project coordinator Joe Padilla informs me that many of the 1989 work project dates are set. I have listed these in the calendar. To find out more call Joe, or better yet talk to him at the general meeting.

Please try to attend the State Convention for this important 75th anniversary. It promises to be the best ever, with many seminars on wildlife and on policies and programs related to wildlife.

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#### CONVENTION

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND --- MARCH 31, APRIL 1,2.

NMWF'S 75th DIAMOND JUBILEE

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THINGS TO OFFER FOR THE INTERESTED:

GUEST SPEAKERS

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

DISPLAYS

DOOR PRIZES

SILENT AUCTIONS

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LOTS OF FUN!!!!

SEE YOUR MARCH ISSUE OF THE OUTDOOR REPORTER FOR REGISTRATION FORM'S OR CALL 299-5404.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS----EVERYONE IS INVITED.

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#### Spring Fishing in New Mexico Streams and Warm Water Lakes Ti Piper

Well known fisherman and writer Ti Piper will tell us where we can expect to find some action in the next three or four weeks. His talk will include slides. Preceding Piper's talk, Beverly Degruyter of the Bureau of Land Management will give a brief overview of the Bluewater Riparian Enhancement Project.

#### NM Wildlife Federation Convention

The 75th anniversary convention went off very well over the 31 March to 2 April weekend. We had several excellent panel discussions. A Canadian Wolf attended in connection with the panel discussion on the proposed reintroduction of the Mexican Wolf, or Lobo. This beautiful animal was on a leash rather than in a cage, and was of great interest to the other attendees. The banquet and many door and raffle prizes also made for an enjoyable event.

Our chapter did well in the awards department. Joe Padilla won the honors as Work Project Coordinator of the year, Dave Weingarten won the Conservationist of the Year award, and AWF won the Chapter of the Year award. Sue and Bob Durham of Hobbs won awards for their work on education. The Durhams originated and spearheaded a poster contest for four different age groups of school children. They received 476 entries from all over the state. One of the twelve winning contestants, tenth grader Robert Gonzales of Taos High School, was in attendance to receive his \$100 award. His poster will appear on the front of a future issue New Mexico Wildlife Magazine. The Durhams also co-chaired the state Wildlife Week effort.

State President Fred Gross, Mary Reed of the NMWF office, and Bill Reed, the 1989 convention local chairman, are to be congratulated on a job well done. The entire program was well thought out and those in attendance had a fine time.

#### AWF News

Harold Olson, recently retired director of NM Game and Fish, has agreed to join our board of directors. He has been appointed, and the board has concured. We are fortunate to have someone with his expertice. Harold has also been elected vice-president of NMWF.

Bob Nordstrum and I intend to do some work on the Piedra Lisa trail with the help of some boy scouts. This will probably occur in mid-April. Call Bob or me if you can help.

Cliff Mendel, President

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AWF May general meeting Thursday 11 May, 7:30p, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

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NM Game Commission meeting Silver City. The date is not known yet, but it will be sometime in June.

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#### Dick Spray: Hikes on Favorite New Mexico Trails

Our speaker this month is Dick Spray who is retired from the US Forest Service where he worked on the Wilderness Management Program. Spray will talk about short hikes and backpack trips on some favorite New Mexico trails. He will show slides of these areas, demonstrate equipment, and tell us some stories. This is your chance to hear about some of our best areas from an expert, so don't miss it.

#### AWF News

There is not much news to report. This may be due to the fact that I am out of touch due to job pressures. There are two important items. On Saturday, 27 May there is a work project at the Sprague Estate in the Pecos. For those of you who are new to our organization, this estate belongs to NMWF. We will work on a temporary stream fence, to protect some of our plantings from cattle, and other improvements. In addition there will be a NMWF board meeting. This is a beautiful area. If you want to join the fun, call work project coordinator Joe Padilla (831-2114) for details and to let him know you are coming.

There is a NM Game and Fish Commission meeting in Silver City on Saturday, 13 May. The meeting will be held in Light Hall Auditorium on the Western New Mexico University campus beginning at 9:00 am. Among the topics to be discussed are predator control, regional deer management, and mule deer hunting on El Vado State Park.

The Bluewater Riparian Enhancement project sponsored by several state and federal agencies and inititated by the Issac Walton League was a big success. There were about 300 volunteers working on a number of projects.

It is important to keep up the flow of letters to Senators Domenici and Bingaman regarding the Gray Ranch acquisition. This property would make a wonderful resource for wildlife. If you haven't written, why not now?

Cliff Mendel, President

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Dan Sutcliffe: The New Mexico Unit Managment System

Our speaker this month is Dan Sutcliffe, head of game management for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Sutcliffe will compare the New Mexico system of regional management to the Arizona system of unit management and drawings. There is much disagreement about the best method of determining hunts, and comparing methods used in different states is a good way of settling some of the issues. Here is an opportunity to get your questions answered.

#### AWF News

Memorial Day weekend again saw many of us at the Sprague Estate in the Pecos. This year we built a solar-powered electric fence around the riparian plantings we did last year. The hope is that the stream area will flourish with vegetation if the cattle are kept out. A few small stream structures were also built. The work was overseen by Pete Tatschel and Mr. Gonzalos (better known to most of us as Gonzalo) and our work project director Joe Padilla. This made for a pleasant holiday. The only person I saw from outside our group was one other Forest Service employee we met on the forest road. The estate, which belongs to NM Wildlife Federation, is in good shape, and is not so dry as many areas of New Mexico. Gonzalo keeps his horses there, and keeps an eye on the property for us. This was a nice project for Memorial Day. How many other places could we go without running into a crowd?

We have work projects lined up for the next three months (see the calendar, overpage). I am sure they will be as interesting an pleasant as this last one. Why not join us? Joe will give us more information at the meeting.

By the time you read this newsletter there will have been a meeting in Santa Fe on the 1988 Instream Flow effort. We need to learn from this experience if we are to prevail on this issue.

Cliff Mendel. President

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VALLE VIDAL WORK PROJECCT 1989 Dates: July 20, 21 & 22

Once again, Albuquerque Wildlife Federation members and their friends will be heading north for a few days of hard work, fun, and relaxation, to help wildlife in the beautiful Valle Vidal unit of the Carson National Forest.

Donated to the U.S. Forest Service several years ago, the Valle Vidal once was part of the Vermejo Ranch, owned by Pennzoil. The unit is home to one of New Mexico's largest elk herds. Cutthroats and other fish are plentiful in its streams and ponds.

Albuquerque Wildlife Federation members, Sandia Mountain Wildlife Conservation Association, Albuquerque Turkey Federation, and FRIENDS, have been working on habitat projects at Valle Vidal for the last seven summers. This year we will continue with more wildlife habitat improvements, such as. tree planting and stream improvements.

Please call me and let me know if you are going since I need to know how many people to plan for. My phone number is 831-2114.

Things to Bring With You: Shovels, work ploves, old shoes and jeans.

We will be camping at Cimarron camp ground (new and improved). Showers at Shuree Lodge will be available to clean up.

On Friday evening July 21, we will have our usual wine cheese - dip. After our work is done on Saturday July 22nd. the Forest Service will treat us to dinner.

Don't forget your fishing rods and user-stamp if you plan to fish.

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Joe Padilla, AWF Work Coordinator 831-2114 

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#### General Meeting

7:30 pm, Thursday, 13 July, 1989 Bear Canyon Senior Center\* 4645 Pitt NE

#### Ti Piper

#### Fishing for Dreams in the Middle of Somewhere

Our speaker this month will be well known fisherman and fishing columnist Ti Piper, who will talk about fishing for king salmon and chub salmon in Alaska during a wilderness trip in the tundra. fishing part of this trip took place on the Kanectok River, about as far west from Anchorage as Piper could go without being in the ocean. Piper will show not only fishing, but also wildflowers, the Quinahok Indians who inhabit the area, and the beautiful scenery where he traveled and fished. This will be a fine program not only for the fisherman, but for all of us who enjoy the out-of-doors. Don't miss it.

#### AWF News

We had another good turnout for the BLM work project near Mount Taylor. One turkey guzzler was moved to a more protected location. and a long fence was rebuilt to protect another. Two elk crossings were added to the fence. Some of us went early and spent the night. One of those, Bill Reed, took an extensive evening hike, and was rewarded with several encounters with elk. Our next project is the annual Valle Vidal weekend. Work will be improving riparian habitat and building stream structures inside the elk enclosure on Commanche Creek. We will again have a big cookout on Saturday night. calendar below for the date.

A steering committee has been formed to push on with the Instream Flow legislative effort. We will have more to report on this later.

Cliff Mendel, President

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Work Project 22 July. Annual Valle Vidal work project, campout, and cookout. Riparian repair, stream structures. For information, call Joe Padilla, 831-2114.

AWF August general meeting Thursday 10 August, 7:30pm, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

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## Video Tape: Fire and Wildlife and

Scott Brown: Video Tape and Talk on the Gila Trout
We will begin with a video tape created by Rocky Mountain Elk
Foundation and the US Forest Service. This tape will describe the
effect of the Yellowstone fire on wildlife. After that, Scott Brown
of NM Game and Fish will tell us about the endangered Gila Trout. He
will show us a video, and fill us in on recent work. As most of you
know, there has been a great problem with Gila trout habitat and
forest fires in the Gila this summer. Here is a chance to get the
inside story.

### Funding for the Gray Ranch Purchase

I would like to encourage each of you to call the chairmen of the US House and Senate Interior Committees and ask them to push for funding the purchase of the Gray Ranch. Calls to Sen. Byrd can be made during the late hours when the rates are very low (about \$0.25 for one minute) since calls are answered by a recorder. Calls to Cong. Yates will have to be made during the day. The message should be a short statement of your position. The "for" and "against" calls are counted, and those numbers are what the legislatures will be told. It is imperative that we get as much support as possible. Call Sen. R. Byrd (202) 224-3954 and Cong. W. Yates (202) 225-2111.

#### AWF News

Our annual Valle Vidal work project went off well again. We were working with a number of Carson National Forest employees from over the entire forest, and as a result there were more projects this year. These included stabilization of road banks, riparian willow plantings, stream stabilization, and improving an elk exclosure we built earlier.

Saturday evening we had our dinner provided by the Carson National Forest. As usual the Wild Turkey Federation, Sandia Mountain Wildlife and Conservation Association, as well AWF were well represented.

Our annual Zuni Mountain work project will be held Saturday August 19 and Sunday August 20. We will do further work on the Rice Park Wetland Improvement Project we began two years ago. There will be a dedication ceremony for the project on Saturday. Cibola Forest Supervisor Phil Smith and Mount Taylor District Ranger John Caffrey will be there for the dedication. We will camp on forest road 178 below the bridge over Bluewater Creek 4 miles south of Bluewater lake.

Saturday evening we will have our annual potluck dinner and a crawdaddy boil. This is always a fun event, why not join us?

#### Wolf Rally

On Saturday, August 26, the Wolf Coalition will hold a wolf rally in celebration of the birth of five wolf pups, after a four year absence of captive breeding. The rally will be held at Tiquex Park, 1800 Mountain Road NW, in Albuquerque. "Wolf", a full blooded timber wolf will attend the rally. A march in support of the reintroduction of the wolf will begin at 11:00 am, and music and speakers will start after the march.

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Endangered Species Fair

Mark September 30 and October 1 on your calendar for the 4th Endangered Species Fair. The event will be held in Albuquerque at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm both days.

David E. Brown, noted author of <u>The Wolf in the Southwest</u> and <u>The Grizzly in the Southwest</u> will be the guest speaker. He will address the differences between Europeans and Americans in their treatment of major predators such as wolves and grizzlies (yes, Virginia, Europe <u>does</u> still have wolves and grizzlies). He has some exciting slides of these animals in their European habitats.

"Wolf", a timber wolf, will also be present at the fair. He has been known to be coaxed into howling by his owners, Ron and Janet McFarland. So, be prepared to exercise your vocal chords while accompanying "Wolf" in a howl.

There will also be a childrens art and essay display. This display, covering endangered species topics, will be at the Museum from late September to early November.

Attractions will include a wildlife art display, storytellers, musicians, food, enviornmental group displays, and games.

Other discussions will cover various plant and animal endangered species programs in the Southwest.

For more information contact Susan Larson at 897-2527, or the Sierra Club office at 265-5506.

#### Calendar

AWF August general meeting Thursday 10 August, 7:30pm, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

Work Project Saturday, 19 August. Annual Crawdady Boil, campout. and work project. Fence the marsh area in Rice Park. For information see AWF news above, or call Joe Padilla, 831-2114.

Wolf Rally Saturday, 26 August. To support reintroduction of the Mexican wolf. See article above.

AWF September general meeting Thursday 14 September, 7:30pm, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

Endangered Species Fair Saturday, 30 September and Sunday, 1 October. See article above.

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#### General Meeting

7:30 pm, Thursday, 14 September, 1989 Bear Canyon Senior Center\* 4645 Pitt NE

#### Fred Gross: Impressions of Alaska; Environmental Issues of the 1990's

Our September speaker will be long-time sportsman and wildlife conservationist Fred Gross of Los Alamos. Fred is president of the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, and in the past has served as a director of the National Wildlife Federation and as a state senator where he specialized in wildlife legislation. Fred and his wife, Sue, have just returned from a protracted trip to Alaska where they spent their time sightseeing and fishing. He will tell us about this trip.

The second part of his talk will deal with the problems facing conservationists in the decade ahead. There are many very serious issues facing us: pressures to allow commercialization of game, use of lands now dedicated to wildlife for domestic grazing, and all of the pressures for timber, grazing, mining, and urban intrusion that we have faced in the past. Fred is well qualified to tell us of these, and would be glad to answer our questions.

#### Endangered Species Fair

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#### Sheep Grazing on NM Game & Fish Land

I am sure all of you are aware of the controversy in northern New Mexico relating to a sheep-grazing group who want to use the Sargent Ranch, William Humphries, and Rio Chama areas under NM Game & Fish to graze sheep. In a recent article in the Albuquerque Journal one of the people representing this group was quoted as saying they had managed their grazing poorly in the past, and that land was no longer suitable for grazing. It is evident to the AWF board of directors that allowing these sheep on the NMG&F land would be disasterous to game, particularly elk. Indeed, as you are probably aware, the sheep grazers put 2000 sheep on the Humphries area illegally, and without permission. They have since been moved to another area (Meron resevoir) temporarily. In the short time the sheep were on the Humphries area they did great damage to the grass. The elk will suffer this winter because of this action.

The Game Commission made it clear at a recent meeting that they could not give permission for this grazing. Nevertheless, there is great pressure on Santa Fe to compromise on the NMG&F areas still. It is very important for us to be heard in Santa Fe. We (the AWF board of directors) have written to Gerald Maestas (chairman of the game commission) and written and called Gov. Carruthers. Please let the Governor know your views on this matter. The damage these sheep can do is great, and very long term. If it were not long term, the sheep grazers would be repairing their own land.

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#### AWF News

Our final work project for 1989 took place at Rice Park in the Zuni Mountains. We had 26 volunteers to fence in 6.2 acres around the waterfowl area created there. We again had help from Albuquerque Wild Turkey Federation and Sandia Mountain Wildlife and Conservation Association. The water users group also assisted, and there were several Forest Service personel to help. This work completed the project, and Cibola National Forest provided a barbeque for all, followed by awards to many of the responsible people. We received a very nice walnut plaque. Chief Forester for Cibola, Phil Smith, presented the awards.

Saturday night we had a banquet at the campsite on Bluewater Creek. Crawdads were in short supply because of the very low water level at the lake, but AWF provided shrimp in their place. The food was excellent, as always.

On Wednesday, 30 August several of us went to look at Jones Canyon near Cuba. Archeologist Tony Lutonsky of the BLM guided the tour. This site has important archeological significance, but part of the area is in private ownership. There was permanent water in a large resevoir until a few years ago when cattle in the area caused the dam to be breached. The area has pinion, juniper, Gamble's oak, and mountain mahogany. If the dam were rebuilt the habitat for deer would improve drastically. The area was used by waterfowl before the dam broke, and they, too, would return. Lutonsky would like to see the private land in BLM ownership, probably via a land swap. From what we saw, this land has little grazing use, or other commercial value, and such a swap might be benefical for the land owner. BLM ownership would benefit wildlife and could help preserve the archeological value. The dam would make a fine work project.

Work project coordinator Joe Padilla is planning a trip to view and photograph the fall colors at VAlle Vidal. This will occur on the weekend of September 23. If you would like to go, contact Joe at 231-2114.

#### Calendar

 ${\tt AWF}$  September general meeting Thursday 14 September, 7:30pm, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

Endangered Species Fair Saturday, 30 September and Sunday, 1 October. See attached flier.

Fall color trip to Valle Vidal Saturday, 23 September. Work project coordinator Joe Padilla is planning a car camping trip to Valle Vidal on this date. For further information call Joe at 831-2114.

AWF October general meeting Thursday 12 October, 7:30pm. We hope to have a special meeting on a very controversial subject of great interest to all outdoors people. More about this in the next issue.

If you have items that should be on the calendar, call Cliff or Joyce Mendel, 265-3840.

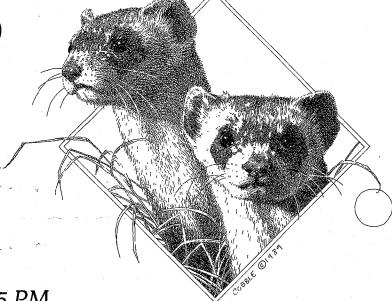
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4TH ANNUAL

ENDANGERED SPECIES FAIR

# SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1



Saturday & Sunday — 9 AM to 5 PM at the Museum of Natural History 1801 Mountain Road NW (just north of Old Town)

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- ★ David Brown, author of THE WOLF IN THE SOUTHWEST and THE GRIZZLY IN THE SOUTHWEST
  - ★ "Wolf" the timber wolf owned by Ron and Janet McFarland
    - **★** Birds of Prey and other fascinating wildlife species

**ONGOING EVENTS** 

Music, food, storytellers, wildlife art, speakers, displays, childrens' art and essay display



#### **EXTINCTON IS FOREVER!**

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LOSS OF HABITAT is the most frequent cause of decline in species numbers. Such a loss may be due to fires, lumbering, agriculture, road-building, pollution, land and water development, over-grazing, mineral exploration and exploitation. Other factors include species control programs, unnecessary disturbance, taking or collecting by humans, pesticide contamination, disease, competition with exotic species and predation.

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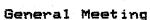
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7:30 pm, Thursday, 12 October, 1989
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#### National Wildlife Refuges in New Mexico

Our speaker this month will be from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. At the writing of this newsletter, we are not sure who the speaker will be, but USF&WS have assured us that they will supply one. The speaker will talk about the National Wildlife Refuges in New Mexico, and discuss the 1989 waterfowl management plan. As you are aware, the numbers of some species of waterfowl were way down last year. This month's speaker will tell us about the situation this year. Most of us get to one of those refuges, Bosque Del Apache, on a regular basis. Our speaker can tell us what we might see this year.

#### AWF News

AWF participated in the Endangered Species Fair at the Natural History Museum on Saturday, 30 September, and Sunday, 1 October. The fair was a very successful event; the local Sierra Club, and Susan Larson of the club, are to be congratulated on a job well done. We represented both AWF and NMWF, and distributed many pamphlets on endangered species, enviornmental issues, and AWF and NMWF activities. About 30 people volunteered to help with wildlife work projects.

Again this month, we contacted several legislators about the Grey Ranch acquisition. We also contacted the governors office to repeat our opposition to sheep grazing on state wildlife areas.

We will begin looking for candidates for the board of directors and officers next month. The board of directors will appoint a nominating committee. Additional nominations and the election will occur at the December meeting. Our club, like most, would be helped by more membership participation. We have many capable people on our board of directors, and several have served for the first or second time. Nevetheless, we would benefit from new ideas from new people on the board. During the past two years we have increased our meeting attendance and our membership, but we need to do more for our primary mission, the preservation and expansion of wildlife and natural areas. Won't you consider running for office this year?

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AWF October general meeting Thursday, 12 October, 7:30pm, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

AWF November general meeting Thursday, 9 November, 7:30pm.

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General Meeting
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## November Program Status of the Sikes Act Slide Show of the Canadian Rockies

Our november program will cover two subjects. First, wildlife biologist Bill Zeedyk of the Forest Service will show a video tape about the Sikes Act, and discuss current developments involving this act. As most of you know, the Sikes Act involves charging a small user fee to sportsmen and women who use certain federal lands in this state. These include parts of the Lincoln National Forest and the Valle Vidal section of Carson National Forest. These monies are then dedicated to habitat improvment, much of which is carried out by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. New Mexico was the first state to have areas earmarked for Sikes Act Status.

Following this, retired forester, accomplished photographer, and long-time AWF member Lavelle Thompson will show slides of a trip he and his wife Rose took through the Canadian Rockies this summer. The slides will primarily show scenery, but also some wildlife habitat.

#### Calendar

AWF November board meeting Monday, 6 November.

AWF November general meeting Thursday, 9 November, 7:30pm, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

AWF December board meeting Monday, 11 December.

AWF December general meeting Thursday, 14 December. 7:30pm. This is the AWF annual meeting and Christmas party.

If you have items that should be on the calendar, call Cliff or Joyce Mendel, 265-3840. If you have items that need to be discussed at a board meeting, call Cliff.

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#### AWF News

The discussion at the October AWF board meeting covered four subjects that continue to be important to us and to which we must devote continuing effort. Instream flow should be pushed again in the 1990 legislature. While it did not pass in 1989, there is reason for optimism. Part of the resistance was from some of the water users in the north part of the state who were not necessarally against it, but felt they had not been consulted, and wanted time to consider it. We need to continue to work for a good law.

Contrary to published statements, the Grey Ranch purchase for the Animas Wildlife Refuge is not dead. Our congressional delagation, and particularly Senator Bingaman, are still working for the purchase. We are looking into what we as a club can do to help.

The efforts of the Ganado organization to graze sheep on state wildlife lands continues, and we are continuing to let state officials know that we are steadfastly opposed to it.

As those of you who read the Albuquerque Tribune series on commercial use of wildlife know, David Hopcraft is continuing his effort to harvest the game of this state commercially. Wildlife belong to all of us, as citizens of New Mexico, and we must not let anyone take it from us. Commercial harvesting of game was halted in this country three-quarters of a century ago. We now have wildlife in numbers vastly greater than were remaining at that time. We can continue this, or we can again allow commercial harvest. If we do, wildlife will become the property of the wealthy and privileged, as it now is in Kenya, where Mr. Hopcraft presently runs a commercial game farm.

Because of these issues, and all the others that occur throughout the year, the board decided on some changes to make our response to issues more effective. We will hold the board meetings on the Monday before the regular meeting. This will be a regular schedule, which will make them easier to plan for. We will also organize a system for contacting members on issues, so they can respond to concerns like those discussed above.

Finally, let me again encourage you to consider running for an office or the 1990 board of directors. These jobs need not take a great deal of time and you can have a greater effect on directions taken by the federation. If you want to run, contact me, Cliff Mendel at 265-3840.

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Albuquerque Wildlife Federation
Annual Meeting and Holiday Party
7:30 pm, Thursday, 14 December, 1989
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It is again time for our annual meeting and holiday party. We have a good slate of candidates for office:

Dale Jones
John Davis
Joe Padilla
Renate Padilla
Joyce Mendel

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1st vice president
2nd vice president
treasurer
secretary

Charlie Ault
Roger Bumstead
Beverly Degruyter
Harold Olsen
Bill Reed
Mary Reed
Dave Weingarten
Bill Zeedyk

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The past year's president is automatically on the board of directors.

As always, we could benefit by new people and new ideas in running our Federation. If you would be willing to help, either by serving on the board, or as an officer, please let us know at the meeting. Whether you decide to run for a position or not, please join us at the meeting.

#### Holiday Party

We will again have our annual potluck in December. Notice that the party and annual meeting are at Sunwest Bank on the northeast corner of Central and Washington NE. Enter from the middle of the east side of the building, and go downstairs. Please try to make this meeting, and bring a dish or pastry if you wish, but do not feel obligated. We always have plenty of food. If you have questions about things to bring you can call Joyce Mendel (265-3840) or Renate Padilla (831-2114). After we eat, our work project director Joe Padilla will show slides of some of the nice areas where we worked this year. Please come, and while you are at it, why not bring a friend?

New Mexico WF board meeting Saturday, 9 December, Roswell.

AWF December board meeting Monday, 11 December.

AWF Annual meeting and holiday party Thursday, 14 December, 7:30pm, Sunwest Bank, Washington and Central, NE.

<u>Game Commission meeting</u> Friday, 15 December, Las Cruces. The Sikes act and use of some wildlife lands for research on the effects of grazing will be discussed at this meeting.

AWF January board meeting Monday, 8 January (tentative date).

AWF January general meeting Thursday, 11 January, 7:30pm, Bear Canyon Senior Center.

New Mexico Wildlife Federation Annual Convention Friday, 30 March through Sunday, 1 April in Alamogordo.

If you have items that should be on the calendar or in the newsletter, call Cliff or Joyce Mendel, 265-3840. If you have items that need to be discussed at a board meeting, or wish to attend the board meeting, call Cliff.

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