

# Albuquerque Wildlife Federation

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**General Meeting**  
7:00 pm, Thursday, 11 January, 1990  
Bear Canyon Senior Center\*  
4645 Pitt NE

## January Program Ken Podborny: Predator Calling

Our speaker will be Ken Podborny, District Supervisor for Animal Damage Control, of the US Department of Agriculture. He will describe the way predator calling is used for damage control by the USDA, and will demonstrate calling techniques. This should be an informative program, and also useful to those who would like to call predators recreationally.

The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm this year, with half an hour for casual discussion among the attendees, and for refreshments. The short business meeting will follow, followed by the program. We encourage everyone to join us at 7:00, but if that is too early, those arriving at 7:30 will not miss the program.

## 1990 Officers and Board of Directors

The following officers and board members were elected at the annual meeting held on December 8, 1989.

Dale Jones	President		Jack McDowell	Board
John Davis	1st Vice Pres.		Cliff Mendel	"
Joe Padilla	2nd Vice Pres.		Harold Olson	"
Renate Padilla	Treasurer		Bill Reed	"
Joyce Mendel	Secretary		Mary Reed	"
Charlie Ault	Board		Dave Weingarten	"
Roger Bumstead	"		Bill Zeedyk	"
Beverly Degruyter	"			

The annual holiday party went well, thanks to the efforts of Joyce Mendel, Renate Padilla, and all of the people who brought food. As always there was more than enough, and it all was excellent. Thanks to all of you who attended.

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### Presidents Message

When asked if I would run for president of the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation, I must confess to having mixed emotions. On one hand I was honored by the gesture, but on the other I wondered where all the youth and vitality, so essential to the leadership of any organization was going to come from. In other words, why would they be after an old retread when a new set of "mitchelins" is called for!

But that is all "passé." We have each other now, so let's see what we can do together to make Albuquerque Wildlife Federation the best it can be!

The first order of business is to tell you a little about myself. First and foremost, I am an Aldo Leopold disciple, both philosophically and biologically. As a matter of fact I had just finished reading some articles he wrote to encourage membership in the New Mexico Game Protective Association some 75 years ago. Reading his assessment of the need for strong sportsman organizations was a big incentive for me to say yes to your nominating committee.

Next, I have worked 10 years for a state wildlife agency and 30 more years with the US Forest Service; so I know some of the strengths and weaknesses of both.

The wildlife resource will always come first in my allegiance, but I know that we must work through people to get the job done.

Looking over your Board of Directors, I am impressed with the calibre of people, and if building a stronger organization is possible, we should be able to accomplish that objective.

The first question I plan to ask the board is why, in a metropolitan area of 1/2 million people, do we only attract a hundred members, and a monthly meeting attendance of less than 50? I would appreciate input from any member or non-member on this question.

I will work with the board for consensus on issues and will try to keep membership informed and involved. If timeliness of an issue prevents this I will use Aldo Leopold's land ethic principle to guide my decision. "A thing is right if it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Thank you for your support and I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Dale A. Jones, president

### Wildlife News

AWF and NMWF were well represented at the State Game Commission meeting in Las Cruces on December 15th. At that meeting the commission set a policy that there will be no grazing allowed on the three state wildlife areas in the Chama region. In addition a decision was made that the Sikes Act will become statewide in 1991. Both of these decisions are consistent with AWF and NMWF inputs to the Commission and to the Governor.

We also have heard that Tom Arvas has been told that he will not be reappointed to the State Game Commission. This is unfortunate. Dr. Arvas was one of the commission members who could be depended upon to have the interest of the wildlife resource and the sportsmen and sportswomen of the state foremost in his mind. We had written to the governor to encourage him to reappoint Dr. Arvas, but to no avail. We hope that the governor will find a like-minded appointee. Other interests, which are properly covered by other boards and agencies, are already over-represented on the commission.

## Calendar

AWF January Board Meeting Thursday, 4 January.

AWF January General Meeting Thursday, 11 January, 7:00 refreshments, 7:30pm meeting. Bear Canyon Senior Center.

AWF February Board Meeting Monday, 5 February.

AWF February General Meeting Thursday, 8 February, 7:00/7:30pm.

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 Dale Jones, 298-1075

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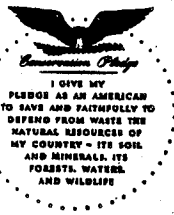
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## General Meeting

7:00/7:30 pm, Thursday, 12 April, 1990  
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## February Program

Join us at 7:00 for refreshments if you can.  
The program begins at 7:30.

### Three-Projector Slide Show Faces of New Mexico

This slide show, created by NM Game and Fish Department, is about the wildlife, landscape, and the people of our state, emphasizing the diversity and harmony of New Mexico.

### Linda Stell: Share with Wildlife

Linda Stell is the Share With Wildlife coordinator for the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and she will begin by telling us about that program. The Share With Wildlife program is funded by donations, and is primarily concerned with non-game species.

### Bill Zeedyk: The 1990 Spring Wild Turkey Season

Bill Zeedyk, a wildlife biologist with the U. S. Forest Service, is an acknowledged expert on wild turkey. He has been involved in their re-introduction in southeastern United States and here in the southwest. Zeedyk will tell us about prospects for the coming spring turkey hunt in New Mexico, and give a few tips on locating and hunting turkeys. The season is long this year (21 April to 13 May) and there is a two-gobbler limit. (See below for Albuquerque Wild Turkey Federation Turkey Seminar).

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## Meeting Notices

Please help us spread the word about our meetings by posting the attached announcement in a public place where interested people might see it.

## President's Message

I saw a decent "Outdoors" page in the Albuquerque Journal the other night, so I dropped a letter to the editor complimenting him for the effort. I also suggested that they repeat the performance weekly, and print it on a "Green Sheet." This way people could spot it readily and, if it came on a regular basis, they would look forward to its publication. I hope all of you will make an effort to commend our newspapers for good coverage, and give them hell when they miss a good bet. It is the only way we are going to compete for space with the "roundball" coverage that is so prevalent in our daily papers.

I have been pleasantly surprised at our meeting attendance. More and more people seem to be turning out. I meet a lot of new people at each meeting, but I also miss seeing some of the regulars of the past. The quality of our programs has been superb. We owe our program committee, Cliff Mendel and Bill Zeedyk, more than we could pay them for their continued excellence in programming.

As your President, I was invited to attend the Bow Hunter's annual convention. Arizonan Al Lecount was guest speaker, and his talk on the black bear was the highlight of the meeting. Hopefully he will be in Albuquerque sometime when we are meeting. I am sure we would enjoy his program.

I presume you are all keeping up with the statements of some cattlemen about elk versus livestock on public lands. I would be interested in your reaction to these statements, and your ideas about what actions would be appropriate for the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation to take. I hope to kick this around at the April general Meeting.

Dale Jones

## Wild Turkey Seminar

The Albuquerque Wild Turkey Federation will hold its annual wild turkey seminar on Saturday, 7 April at St. John's Methodist Church, 2626 Arizona, NE. The Seminar will run from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The seminar will cover the art of successful turkey hunting, where to find turkey, guns and ammunition, and turkey hunting safety. In addition a turkey calling clinic will be held. The cost will be \$5 for AWTF members and \$15 for non-members. Those who sign up as members of AWTF there (\$20/year) will be able to take the course for \$5. Youth (15 years and under) will not be charged for attendance. Free hats and door prizes will be given out. If you have questions, call Phil Russell at 821-1273.

## Wildlife Week-Earthday

In the last issue we discussed this year's Wildlife Week program. AWF Education Director Beverly Degruyter still needs volunteers to help with the tree-planting project with an elementary school class. If you can help, call Beverly at 761-4504 (days) or 881-0727.

## Land Commissioner Candidate Forum

The position of Land Commissioner is of great importance to wildlife and to recreational opportunity in the State of New Mexico. For this reason the AWF Board of Directors decided that it would be good to have a forum of the candidates before the June primary elections. Director Charlie Ault is spearheading the effort, and hopes to have the forum in the UNM Law School Auditorium in mid-May.

## Defacto Property Rights on Public Land?

In case you missed reading about the Catron County Cattle Growers Association's request in the newspaper, here are a few points from their February letter to the State Game Commission:

They state that the livestock industry has a "private property right to the forage on federal land" it leases and that wildlife grazing on public lands may, in some cases, "constitute a taking of private property rights."

They further state that the economic value of a ranch could be destroyed by the Forest Service proposal to implement wildlife waterings under the Sikes Act.

They request that the Game Commission complete a "Takings Implications Assessment" (TIA), according to an executive order signed by President Reagan in 1988. The order requires "that all federal agencies assess the effect of their rules, regulations and decisions on the private property rights of individuals."

(A related article concerning Arizona's elk herd appeared in the February issue of the N.M. Outdoor Reporter, page 9.)

## Work Projects

Work project Director Joe Padilla has settled on some dates for projects. They are listed in the calendar. More information will be provided at the April general meeting.

## Meeting Refreshments: Help Needed

Joe and Renate Padilla have been bringing the refreshments for our meetings for several years, in addition to running our work project program (Joe) and the AWF treasury (Renate). They would like someone to take over the task of bringing refreshments. They usually have consisted of hot water for tea or instant coffee, one or two large bottles of soda, and cookies of some sort. Hot water comes from a small coffee pot which AWF can provide. AWF covers the costs. Do we have a volunteer?



## Bear Sighting Procedure

The NM Dept. of Game and Fish says that in the event of a bear sighting in Albuquerque you should contact the department (841-8881 during working hours, 827-9351 or 9376 after hours) and tell them where the bear was sighted and the time of the sighting.

## 1990 New Mexico Wildlife Federation Convention

NMWF held its 70th annual convention on 30 March through 1 April. The attendance was low because of the change in location. At the last minute the affiliate that had offered to hold the 1990 convention informed NMWF president Fred Gross that they would not hold it. For this reason it was held in Albuquerque. Fred Gross and Mary Reed had that much more work because of the change, and ended up doing a lot of work that a local affiliate should do.

The low attendance was most unfortunate, because the convention program was excellent, as was the banquet. Fred and Mary did an exceptional job under difficult circumstances. Terry Grosz, of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Law Enforcement, gave a particularly good and very disturbing program on poaching of wildlife for commercial sale. The monumental proportions of the problem were painfully apparent. A panel discussion on game ranching, organized by Dave Weingarten, was very interesting, and resulted in a resolution that was passed by the convention on Sunday. This, and other resolutions, will be reported in the next Outdoor Reporter.

AWF will hold the 1991 convention here in Albuquerque. We have an entire year to organize this, and do a first class job.

## Calendar

**Wild Turkey Seminar:** Saturday, 7 April. See article above.

**AWF April General Meeting:** Thursday, 12 March, 7:00 refreshments, 7:30 pm meeting. Bear Canyon Senior Center.

**April board meeting:** Monday, 30 April.

**Preserving Our Wilderness:** George Frampton, Wilderness Society President George Frampton will discuss the next 25 years of the Wilderness Act. Wednesday, 18 April, Keller Hall, UNM. Small admission charge.

**Wildlife Week-Earth Week:** begins Saturday, 21 April. Earthday is Sunday, 22 April.

**AWF May General Meeting:** Thursday, 10 May, 7:00/7:30 pm.

**Land Commissioner Forum:** Mid-May.

**BLM Work Project:** Repair trick-tank. Mentana Mesa near Cuba. Saturday, 19 May.

**Sprague Estate Work Project:** We will do some work on the log house and on fencing. This will be in conjunction with the NMWF board meeting. Memorial day weekend.

**Annual Valle Vidal Work Project:** 14, 15 July.

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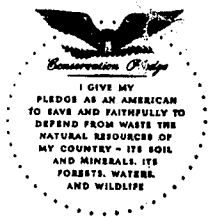


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Linda Stoll: Share With Wildlife, and  
Slideshow: NM Scenery and Wildlife  
plus

Bill Zeadyk: Spring Turkey Season,  
Prospects, Where to go, What to Do  
Thursday, 12 April, 1990 7:15 PM

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**General Meeting**  
7:00 pm, Thursday, 8 March, 1990  
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## January Program

Join us at 7:00 for refreshments if you can.

### Reintroduction of the Mexican Wolf

The program will begin at 7:30 with a 20-minute slide show about Mexican Wolf biology and possible effects if the wolf is reintroduced into New Mexico Wildlands. The program was produced by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and will be narrated by Ken Russell from that agency.

### Frank Hayes: Bears in the Sandias

Wildlife biologist Frank Hayes of the Cibola National Forest will discuss the recent problems with bears in the Sandias. He will tell how the problem occurred and about a joint study of Sandia Mountain Bears being undertaken by the Forest Service and Game and Fish Department. He will also explain the habitat requirements of bears and some options for habitat improvement.

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### Please Post This Meeting Notice

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## Wildlife Week-Earthday

AWF's education director, Beverly Degruyter, has been hard at work on this year's Wildlife Week-Earthday program. The theme of Wildlife Week this year is "Earthweek Every Week." Beverly will see to it that we get over 800 Wildlife Week kits to Albuquerque public and private schools. In addition we will get kits to schools in Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Pecos, Bernalillo, Jemez Springs, Moriarity, Los Lunas, and Belen.

Beverly has also organized a tree planting with an elementary school class for Tuesday, 24 April. The class will plant Four-Wing Saltbush in Petroglyph Park. The trees are being supplied by the Soil Conservation Service in Las Cruces. She would like some help with this project. One or more people could help oversee the class, and in addition an eight passenger van to supply transportation is needed. Call Beverly at 761-4504 (days) or 881-0727.

## New Mexico Wildlife Federation 1990 Annual Convention

Albuquerque Wildlife Federation will again host the annual convention. You all should have received a registration form with your Outdoor Reporter. Please join us in this annual event. We will have speakers and forums, and of course the annual banquet, the past presidents luncheon, and the life-members breakfast. If you did not get a registration form, or if you lost yours, just let Mary Reed know at the state office: phone 299-5404.

## Calendar

**AWF March General Meeting:**  
Thursday, 8 March, 7:00  
refreshments, 7:30 pm meeting.  
Bear Canyon Senior Center.

**AWF March Board Meeting:** Monday,  
26 March.

**AWF April General Meeting:**  
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**Videotape:**

**Reintroduction of the Mexican Wolf  
and speaker:**

**Wildlife Biologist Frank Hayes:**

**Bears in the Sandias  
Thursday, 8 March, 1990, 7:00 pm**

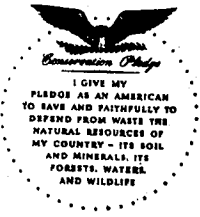
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## General Meeting

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## May Program

Join us at 7:00 for refreshments if you can.  
The program begins at 7:30.

### Steve Hoffman: Talk and Slide Show Raptor Migration through New Mexico

Steve Hoffman established the Western Foundation for Raptor Conservation in 1986. A year later he resigned his position with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to devote full time to the foundation. The foundation has banded more than ten thousand birds of prey since its inception. During the program Hoffman will show slides and talk about the spectacular variety of bird-of-prey species in New Mexico, concentrating on the migration through the Sandias in the spring, and the Manzanos in the fall. He will tell us about the value of this banding and census information in monitoring long term changes in the birds and in the environment.

### Video Tape: Bass Fishing

This tape gives bass fishing tips by Rowland Martin.

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## Notes from the President

I attended the New Mexico Wildlife Federation annual meeting last month and was disappointed at the number of people in attendance. The program committee did an outstanding job and the two basic subjects were of importance to all New Mexico conservationists.

We were privileged to learn first hand about the wildlife sting operation used in law enforcement; and we were stunned by the values that some parts of the illegally taken wildlife gain each time they are exchanged in the illegal market.

"Privatization of wildlife" a subject dear to the hearts of most members, was the subject of a panel with audience participation. The resulting draft resolution will be a subject of most western Federation meetings, and will then be addressed by the National Wildlife Federation 1991 Annual Convention.

Although the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation was better represented at the State Convention than any other chapter in the state, even our attendance was poor. The reason that I am dwelling on this is that we volunteered to put on the 1991 State Convention, and I will be more than disappointed if we do not do a job that is worthy of our conservation goals.

I am sorry that I was out of town for our last monthly meeting, but from all reports the program and attendance were great. We even picked up three new members, and that is good news indeed.

Do not forget that we are sponsoring a public forum for all State Land Commissioner Candidates. The forum is described in an accompanying article. The election of the Land Commissioner is a very important decision for the voters, so I encourage each of you to find out how these candidates stand on conservation matters.

Dale Jones

## Land Commissioner Forum

The office of state land commissioner is very important to the wildlife resource and to conservation in general. AWF has assembled a forum for the candidates for this office. It will be held toward the end of the month. Candidates Steve Anaya, Philip Archuleta, Jim Baca, Glenn Briscoe, Franklin Miles, and John Mantano have committed themselves to participate at the time of this writing. Panel members will be AWF president Dale Jones, David Henderson of Audubon, Steve VanDeGraaff of New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, Don Watley of Albuquerque Teachers Association, Bud Eppers of New Mexico Cattle Growers, and a Sierra Club representative. This is a great opportunity to find out where the candidates stand on wildlife and conservation issues. Please try to attend:

Land Commissioner Forum  
Wednesday, 23 May, 1990  
7:00 to 9:00 pm  
University of New Mexico  
Law School Auditorium  
1117 Stanford NE.

The Law School is in Bratton Hall on the west side of Stanford a little south of Constitution.

**New Mexico Wildlife Federation  
1991 Annual Convention**

**Calendar**

We will put on the 1991 NMWF Convention here in Albuquerque, probably in March. We want to make this a great event, and to do this we need to start early. We need all the help we can get. If you are willing to work on this event, let President Dale Jones know, at 298-1075 or at the next meeting.

**Sprague Estate Work Project**

Work Project Director Joe Padilla and steadfast worker Fred Brown will survey the estate before the general meeting. Those of us who are work project addicts are chafing at the bit to get back to this beautiful area. We will spend Memorial Day Weekend at the estate. Aside from the work project there is a NMWF quarterly board meeting. For those of you who have not been there this wonderful area, east of the town of Pecos, belongs to NMWF, and is a nice place to go away from the crowds that will swarm over Elephant Butte and other popular areas. Why not join us. Come to the general meeting next Thursday for more information.

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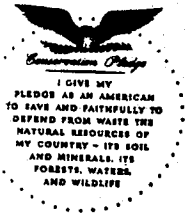
**June General Meeting:** Thursday, 14 June. Jack Kelly on fishing, and more.

**Annual Valle Vidal Work Project:** 14, 15 July.

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## June Program

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### Bill Walden of Nature Conservancy: Gray Ranch

Nature Conservancy purchased the Gray Ranch last year. This property covers 500 square miles of the boot heel section of New Mexico. The ranch contains a great diversity of wildlife and many life zones. Bill Walden, who runs the New Mexico Office of the Conservancy in Santa Fe, will give a slide program showing some of the ranch and its wildlife, and explain the Conservancy's current position on the ranch.

### Jack Kelly: New Mexico's Warm Water Fisheries

Jack Kelly is head of the New Mexico warm water fisheries for the NM Department of Game and Fish. Kelly will show slides of some of these areas, and tell us about their present status and some of their problems.

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## Notes from the President

I am afraid this will not be a very upbeat report, but I always tried to "tell it like it is" and to be honest I don't feel very upbeat right now.

On May 23, as you were all informed in our last meeting and also by a special reminder sent in the mail, The Albuquerque Wildlife Federation sponsored a forum for all candidates running for the State Land Commissioner position. Perhaps it is because I feel so strongly about the importance of this political office, and how it can affect wildlife and wildlife use in the state, that I felt terribly disappointed at the attendance we achieved. Based on the interest shown, I am sure none of the candidates could be impressed that much of an issue exists. We had only about 37 people show up, and the group that was really noticeable by its absence was our own group. I believe there were seven members of the Albuquerque Wildlife Federation in attendance. Not good enough gang!!

On a more positive note, Joyce Mendel reported that the New Mexico Wildlife Legislative Council had their organizational meeting May 20, and are off and running on their endeavor to bring a broader support group to the aid of wildlife in legislative matters.

It seems to me that we all must work harder to mobilize all groups interested in wildlife into a formidable force to support that resource. None of us are large enough as individual organizations to worry politicians or agency heads with inputs or threats, but unified we might just convince them its time to "sit up and take notice."

I had the opportunity recently to represent AWF with the leaders of the Audubon, Sierra Club, Wilderness Society, and the United Bow Hunters. This feeling of the need to unite to support the resource was universal. Hopefully it will come to pass.

But I need your help to make the system work once we find the common ground. An active membership is essential if our efforts are to be effective. Without it we are just another "voice in the wilderness."

Dale Jones,  
President

## Valle Vidal Fishing

Fishing season in Valle Vidal opens on 1 July, and ends on 31 December, 1990. Special rules apply to Shuree Lakes and all other waters on the Valle Vidal.

Only flies and artificial lures with one barbless hook may be used. The limit is two trout per day, two in possession. On Shuree lakes the limit is two trout over 15 inches long per day, two in possession. One pond is reserved for anglers under 12 years in age, and requires no license.

Several other fishing waters elsewhere in the state have been designated special trout waters. Only single-hook, barbless artificial flies and lures may be used on these waters. These waters include the San Juan River 3.75 miles below Navajo Dam; the Cimarron River from Tolby Campground 1.4 miles downstream; the Pecos River from above the Mora-Pecos confluence to above Cowles bridge; the Rio Cebolla from Forest Road 376 downstream 1 mile; the Rio Grande

from the Taos Junction bridge downstream 1.6 miles; the San Antonio River from Baca Location downstream 2 miles: the entire Sargent Wildlife Area; the Chama River adjacent to the Sargent Area; and the Rio Costilla from Valle Vidal downstream 2.4 miles.

See the fishing proclamation for details, and do not forget your Sikes stamp in the Lincoln Forest and adjacent BLM land, the Jicarilla Division of the Carson NF, and some nearby BLM land, and Valle Vidal. All BLM and USNF land in the state will require a Sikes stamp after 1 April, 1991.

### Work Projects

We had two work projects during the past month. Half a dozen members went to Ventana Mesa and Elk Springs on BLM land south of Cuba. A large water tank was painted and a few trees were planted on Ventana Mesa. At Elk Springs the concrete water tank that feeds the drinker was cleaned of brush and debris. The weather was excellent, and participants got to see some great elk habitat.

The second project was not a wildlife project for a change. A large number of AWF members, along with people from some other NMWF local chapters, went to the Sprague Estate on Memorial Day weekend. The roof of the main part of the old Sprague house was covered with galvanized steel, and some cleanup work was done. A quarterly board meeting of the NMWF was also held.

Our most popular annual project, our trip to Valle Vidal (Carson NF), is coming up on 12 to 15 July. Work will begin on the 13th, and will include a bit of everything, from planting trees to stream improvement. We will have a wine and cheese party on Friday, and our annual potluck on Saturday. This is a great chance to get have some fun in a

beautiful area. You can also fish and hike. Do not forget your Sikes stamp if you plan to fish, and look at the fishing proclamation about the rules.

We will have our annual Crawdaddy boil and work project on the weekend of 25 August. More next month.

Joe Padilla,  
Director,  
Work Projects

### Bear Fairs at Schools

AWF members Joyce Mendel and Muzzie Mazarr were among 21 volunteers who participated in a "Bear Fair" on May 24. The volunteers, as well as personnel from the Forest Service and Game and Fish Department, gave presentations in the Albuquerque Public Schools. They showed a video tape and answered students' questions about bears.

### Wildlife Legislative Council

AWF has recently joined the Wildlife Legislative Council, a coalition of organizations with outdoor and environmental interests. The WLC was formed to provide an information source and communication network to facilitate a united front for addressing wildlife issues in New Mexico.

The WLC seeks individual memberships, at \$10 per person, as well as those of organizations. For more information contact Joyce or Cliff Mendel at 265-3840.

### NOTICE

The July meeting will probably be held on the 3rd Thursday (19th) rather than the traditional second Thursday in July. Be sure to watch for the next newsletter for information.

## Calendar

AWF June General Meeting:  
Thursday, 14 June, 7:00  
refreshments, 7:30 pm meeting.  
Bear Canyon Senior Center.

June Board Meeting: Monday, 25  
June.

Valle Vidal Work Project: 12 to 15  
July.

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Thursday, 19 July ?

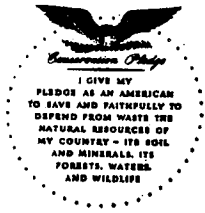
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**General Meeting**  
7:00/7:30 pm, Thursday, 19 July, 1990  
Bear Canyon Senior Center\*  
4645 Pitt NE

>>>> Notice that this month only we will hold <<<<  
>>>> the general meeting on the third Thursday <<<<

Join us at 7:00 for refreshments if you can.  
The program begins at 7:30.

## **Floyd Thompson: Shooting in the Sandias South of I-40**

The Cibola National Forest has been under pressure from some users such as hikers, bicyclists, and horse riders, to stop the use of a popular shooting area in the part of the Sandias south of I-40. District Ranger Floyd Thompson, who administers the 120,000 acre Sandia Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest, will analyze the safety concerns and changing conditions of the area of the Sandia District south of I-40. He will also discuss the question of a supervised target shooting range in the Sandia District.

## **Renee Galeano-Popp: Common Wildflowers of the Sandias**

Renee Galeano-Popp is the regional botanist for the U. S. Forest Service. She is an expert on threatened and endangered flora in the Southwest. She will show us slides and tell us about common wildflowers in the Sandia Mountains. July and August are excellent times to see mountain and desert wildflowers so this is a timely program.

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### Message from the President

I thought we had another excellent meeting in June. Bill Waldman of the Nature Conservancy did a good job of fielding our questions concerning the Gray Ranch. We may not all agree that Nature Conservancy is going in the right direction on this one, but at least we are now clear on how they are proceeding.

Jack Kelly's explanation of the New Mexico warm waters fisheries program was also exceptional. I hope after hearing the factual data on the striper at Elephant Butte that our membership will refrain from blaming the striper for all of the problems there.

I am sorry to report that I will miss the July meeting, but Vice President John Davis will ably take over the "chair", and program chairman Cliff Mendel has another excellent program lined up for you.

My absence from the State in July means I will also miss Joe Padilla's "workorama." This should be an excellent outing, and the participants will really be doing something for wildlife. Most of us just talk about wildlife and fish, but Joe and his helpers do something. If it is at all possible, don't miss this one.

Dale Jones

### New Mexico Game and Fish Appeals Timber Decision

The NM Department of Game and Fish has appealed two decisions on timber sales in the Lincoln National Forest. NMG&F believes the sales may have a negative impact on wildlife in the area. We are encouraged by their increased interest in wildlife habitat on our National Forests, and hope that wildlife is duly considered in the final decision.

### Valle Vidal Work Project

The annual Valle Vidal work project is on the 13th to the 15th of July. There is plenty of work to be done this year, and I hope many of you will attend. There will be a wine and cheese party on Friday evening, and the annual Valle Vidal potluck at Shuree Lodge on Saturday. This is always a fun event, and it is in one of the most beautiful areas in this or any other state. I hope to see you there.

Joe Padilla,  
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District Ranger Floyd Thompson:  
Shooting Restrictions in the

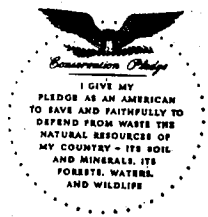
Sandias South of I-40.

Botanist Renee Galeano-Popp:

Wildflowers in the Sandias,

Slide Show and Lecture. No Fee.





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### Andrew Sandoval: NM Game and Fish Habitat, Environment, Land, and its Effect on Wildlife

Andrew Sandoval is chief of the Habitat, Environment, and Lands Division for the Department of Game and Fish. He will present a slide program telling about the purpose and activities of his division. It was created last January after the restructuring of the Game Department.

To increase the number of deer in the state, the department is focusing on improvement of wildlife habitat. The approach is expected to benefit non-game as well as game species.

Sandoval's division was formed to work on habitat issues. Its staff evaluates the effect of man's activities on habitat, such as timber sales and subdivisions, and proposes measures for mitigation. The division also works on waterfowl areas and land acquisition.

### Larry Caudill: The Wildlife Legislative Council

For many years AWF, NMWF, and other wildlife organizations have looked for a vehicle to coordinate their efforts. It has always been clear that the numbers are on the side of the wildlife interests, but the commercial users have always been better organized, and better connected to the political structure. Previous efforts have fallen short, but the New Mexico Wildlife Legislative Council, begun last year, is showing great promise. AWF, NMWF, and thirteen other organizations with diverse wildlife interests belong to this rapidly growing group. Individuals also can and do belong.

Larry Caudill is president of the organization. He will tell us about NMWLC, and about ways we can create a united front on legislative and administrative issues.

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## President's Message

Sorry I missed the July meeting, as I heard it was a good one. I took three weeks to look at parts of northern California and Oregon. I even caught a fish or two.

One thing I want to report to you is that wildlife and environmental concerns are not only making front page stories every day, but are even making headlines in the timber country. I regret that the old-growth timber issue has boiled itself down to a spotted owl-timber fight. I do hope that most of you realize it is a bigger issue than that. If you have any questions about it, bring them up at the next meeting, and we can discuss them.

We just returned from a bowhunt in Utah. It was 1952 in that same state when I first tried to kill a deer with bow and arrow, and 38 years later I finally got one. An old, wet doe! It was a thrill just the same, and the meat is exceptionally good.

We are busy trying to put together some ideas for next year's New Mexico Wildlife Federation annual convention. If any of you have any thoughts on this, please talk to me or any board member.

Our next meeting will be on deer habitat management, and we will also have the pleasure of hearing Larry Caudill give us a rundown on the New Mexico Wildlife Coalition, a new and exciting group of wildlife advocates--so y'all come.

Dale Jones,  
President

## August 7, 1990 Board Meeting Notes

Members of the Wildlife Legislative Council will be asked to participate with AWF in planning for the state federation's Annual Meeting this April.

Harold Olson volunteered to attend an Aug. 13 town meeting held by U.S. Rep. Steve Schiff. He will try to ask questions regarding the prospective Mora fish hatchery and the Grey Ranch.

The board agreed to not seek tax exempt status for the Kreisler Memorial Fund. We will look into the possibility of combining the fund with the NMWF Elliot Barker scholarship fund.

A letter is to be sent to the state Game Commission asking that night fishing be closed at the Valle Vidal's Shuree Ponds. Joe Padilla said the ponds are receiving too much pressure from illegal activity at night.

A letter is to be sent to the Game Commission asking that the meeting for setting big game seasons be held in Albuquerque.

A letter is to be written advocating continuation of a mountain lion study on White Sands Missile Range.

Another letter will be written to comment on issues to be addressed in an EIS for paving and widening about 25 miles of NM 126 in the Jemez Mountains.

Joyce Mendel,  
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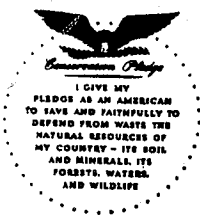
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North east of Montgomery and Eubank  
Andy Sandoyal, NM Game and Fish:  
Lands, Habitat, Environment,  
Plans to Increase NM Deer Population.

Also--Larry Caudill:

The Wildlife Legislative Council.

No admission charge



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## Cliff and Joyce Mendel: Sailing Chesapeake Bay

Chesapeake Bay is a unique estuary which extends for 200 miles along the east coast of North America. Because of the many rivers and bays off the Chesapeake, the total coast line available from the Bay is thousands of miles long. Much of the land around the Bay is a beautiful, lush lowland usually only a few feet above the water at high tide. The Bay itself is shallow over much of its area. Wildlife abounds on and in the Bay. The plentiful Atlantic Blue Crab is considered by many to be the best in the world. Oysters, clams, mussels, and fish are also harvested in appreciable numbers. Waterfowl and other bird life are found in abundance.

But there are many problems. Pollution from city waste, farm runoff, industrial effluent, and from tankers and other large ships have had great effects on the fish and shellfish. Over-harvesting above and below the water surface have also caused problems.

Cliff will show some of the slides of the Bay Joyce took during sailing trips in September of 1989 and 1990. He also will talk about a few of the problems in the Bay and some of the organizations working to save the Bay and the wildlands around it.

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## President's Message

Our meeting group in September was not as large as the program dictated, but we did get another new member. I want to thank Helen Rose Lavagnino for joining our Federation and I hope all members will make her welcome. I would like to thank Oscar Simpson for agreeing to become a board member, and for volunteering for the 1991 NMWF annual convention committee. Our board works hard to represent you in the defense of wildlife across all fronts. We need hard working people like Oscar. Other members wishing to participate on the board or in other functions should let me know.

On a personal note, after getting all those fine archery tips from Frank Hayes at our August meeting, I harvested my first deer with bow and arrow. This came just 38 years after my first hunt with a bow!! I guess the message there is perseverance. In addition, Lois and I went down to Columbus, N.M., in search of doves the week after Labor Day. Doves were not plentiful, but we did see the largest concentration of hawks that these old eyes were ever privileged to witness. A hawk watcher's paradise.

Well, summer is behind us. I hope to see you at the October meeting.

Dale Jones,  
President

September 24, 1990

## Board Meeting Notes

Roger Bumstead reported that the Wildlife Legislative Council has agreed to co-host the state convention's Friday night social with us. The WLC also endorsed a letter written to the game commission chairman by the NMWF concerning the Dunken-Pinon hunt proposal.

Dave Weingarten reviewed the NMWF proposed bill for protection of instream flow. He said the goal is to get legislators to agree that instream flow for fish and wildlife is a legitimate use of stream water.

Dale Jones discussed plans for the state convention.

Joyce Mendel,  
Secretary

## 1991 NMWF Convention

The committee for the 1991 New Mexico Wildlife Federation Convention has made much progress on convention plans. Committee chairman Harold Olson says the Convention will be held on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of May, 1991, here in Albuquerque. The theme will be "Working Today for Wildlife Tomorrow: Setting the Stage for the 21st Century."

In the morning, regional agency heads will discuss environmental concerns. The following topics will be discussed in the afternoon: grazing, timber, wildlife watching, and state legislation. This convention will have participation from other wildlife and conservation groups.

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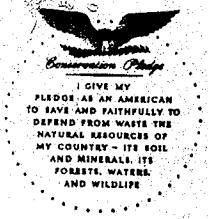
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Public Welcome, no admission charge



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### Jim Vaught, Division Chief of Field Operations NM Game and Fish The Rat Show: Mule Deer Management in New Mexico

Jim Vaught will present a slide program called "The Rat Show" and discuss the relationships between man, mule deer, and other wildlife, including small mammals. He will talk about what has happened to New Mexico's mule deer population over time. His goal is to be provocative and get people to rethink deer management goals.

### Dave Henderson: NM Representative to the National Audubon Society and Member of the Mexican Wolf Coalition Status of the Mexican Wolf Reintroduction

Dave Henderson will talk about a lawsuit against the US Departments of Interior and Defense which seeks to force the federal government to comply with the Endangered Species Act by reintroducing the Mexican Wolf to White Sands Missile Range. He also will talk about the wolf exhibit at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History, and other current activities involving wolves.

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## President's Message

I realize that some of our members are not hunters, but my mail these past two weeks has been dominated by the issue of Animal Rights Activists versus The Hunter!

The issue is not new, but based on my correspondence, the seriousness must be. I thought three of the things I learned through my mail might be of interest to AWF members.

1: An organization called CASH (Committee to Abolish Hunting) boast that they have closed down sport hunting of two species of wildlife in the State of California. They claim they are even close to the same in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and Washington.

They have achieved this by using the legal system to force state wildlife agencies to carry out their game management programs in the courts.

2: More than 140 individual representatives of conservation, sporting, agricultural, biomedical, outdoor media, and industrial organizations met September 7 in New Orleans to organize a campaign to counter animal rights extremism and support responsible natural resource management and use.

3: There is a group in congress called "Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus." Congressman Richard T. Schulze (PA) is chairman of this group. According to the Congressman, grass root

lobbying by animal rightists have many elected officials leaning toward the non-use camp. Proponents of rational animal use must unite and expose the false claims circulated by activists. Schulze stressed that sportsmen and other citizens should encourage their congressmen to join the Caucus.

In addition to the seriousness of this assault on sport hunting, I have the concern that the issue is also going to dilute the recently gained and much needed attention on habitat destruction.

At any rate I am sure this is not the last you will be hearing about this problem.

Dale Jones,  
President

### Any Volunteers?

We will have our annual meeting and annual Holiday Season Party on Thursday, 8 December. At the annual meeting we will elect our officers and board for next year. We would really like to see some new faces and fresh viewpoints at our board meetings. The nominations committee will not be designated until the next board meeting, but if you are willing to serve please call Dale Jones (1-864-7223) and let him know. He can pass your name along to the committee.

**Talking Talons Youth  
Leadership Seminars**

Talking Talons Youth Leadership, Inc. will present Walter C. Crawford, Jr., Executive Director and founder of Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project, Inc., and insect ecologist Kenneth Schoenly, PhD. Seminars will include Birds of Prey, Bird Handling, Captive Bird Health Aspects, Rain Forest Habitat Destruction, Propagation of Endangered Species, Pesticides and the Food Chain.

The seminars will take place on Saturday, 10 November, 1990 at Sandia Preparatory School at 532 Osuna Road. Registration will open at 8:30 am, and the seminars will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, interrupted only by lunch. For information call 281-1227.

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**November General Meeting:**  
Thursday, 8 November,  
7:00/7:30 pm, Bear Canyon  
Senior Center. See  
announcement.

**Talking Talons Youth  
Leadership Seminars:** 10  
November, 1990. See article  
above.

**Board Meeting:** 27 November.  
Special meeting on the  
Dunken-Pinon game management  
proposal.

**December General Meeting:**  
Thursday, 13 December.  
Annual meeting and  
elections, followed by our  
Annual Holiday Party.

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