

# AWF Newsletter

APRIL 2009

## MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, April 9, 2009 – 7:30 pm  
Manzano Mesa Center (map p7)

**PROGRAM:** Talking Turkeys  
**GUEST SPEAKER:** Bill Zeedyk

Bill Zeedyk, retired Forest Service Wildlife Biologist, premier restoration ecologist, and long-time AWF Board member, has been cackling with turkeys for more than 50 years. Bill will demonstrate calling techniques, discuss hunting strategies, and present current management of this majestic bird.

New Mexico has three native subspecies of Wild Turkey, the Merriam's, Rio Grande and Gould's. Only one other state, Texas, has three subspecies: Merriam's, Rio Grande and Eastern. Bill has had experience with all four subspecies and served as Chairman of the Research and Management Committee for the National Wild Turkey Federation at the national level for five years. In 1982, in collaboration with Dr. Sandy Schemnitz of NMSU, Bill initiated scientific studies in the biology and ecology of the Gould's turkey here in New Mexico. At the time, the Gould's was a state-listed threatened species. These studies led to successful restoration efforts in Arizona and New Mexico. As a result, New Mexico will allow the first very limited hunt, this year.



About his presentation, Bill says, *"I will talk briefly to the differences between NM's three species, their appearance, distribution, habitat, behavior and voice. But mainly, I will speak to turkey calling and successful turkey hunting techniques, good sportsmanship while hunting, and turkey hunting safety—how to have the most fun while respecting America's most magnificent game bird. 'It's the Gobble, not the Gobbler, that makes the hunt.'"*

*Jim Hubert's*  
**NOTABLE QUOTE**  
*of the month*

**"Recreation is valuable in proportion to the intensity of its experiences, and to the degree to which it differs from and contrasts with workaday life"**

— Aldo Leopold

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After previous failures, on March 25 Congress passed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, a bundle of 164 separate bills which protect two million acres of wilderness in nine states (including over 15,000 acres in NM's San Miguel County). Other provisions establish new national trails and parks and provide legal status for the National Landscape Conservation System. Additionally, the bill incorporates another thousand miles of waterways into the wild and scenic river system.

As might be expected, reactions were divided.

According to AP, opponents of the measure called the bill a "land grab," quoting Rep. Doc Hastings, a Washington Republican who feared the bill would stifle energy development: "Our nation can't afford to shut down the creation of jobs for jobless Americans, and we can't afford to become even more dependent on foreign sources of energy."

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From the opposite standpoint, at The Christian Science Monitor's website, the "Bright Green Blog" reports the president of The Wilderness Society as saying, "This is a monumental day for wilderness and for all Americans who enjoy the great outdoors. With passage of this bill, Congress has made a great gift to present and future generations of Americans." And a spokesman for Republicans for Environmental Protection says, "This bill is the most important conservation legislation that Congress has passed in many years."

Though I don't generally get my "news and views" from blogs, it's interesting to read through the dozens of responses, offered with varying degrees of fervency and grammatical skill. Here is a brief sampling of some excerpts:

*Dale*: "...This is sad for people who enjoy the outdoors ... Now thousands of acres won't be accessed by vehicles nor used by responsible vehicle recreationalists, like Jeeping."

*Dan T.*: "Since Wilderness only allows people to tiptoe through it, how are normal Americans expected to enjoy it? It should be multi-use and allow motorized access."

*Tom J.*: "...All those who complain about motorized access are just plain lazy. Get out of your car, off your snowmobile or your ATV and walk."

Apparently many average citizens look at such legislation from a very personal, close-to-home, perspective. And obviously, quite a few perceive such public land protection as *excluding* rather than *including* them, which in some ways is true.

But I am inclined to agree with another "Bright Green Blog" responder, Mike, who states, "Wild and clean areas help provide resources that all of us need to survive (clean air, water, etc.). We need to ensure that some of our land remains 'healthy' so that we remain healthy."

This strikes me as a sensible, even altruistic statement. When we can move beyond our own limited purview and appreciate a larger scope of impact, what initially looks like a wrong-minded decision may ultimately be the right answer.

— Glenda Muirhead

**RENEWED MEMBERS**  
 Vincent & Marcie Amendolagine  
 Cecil Haas—*Patron*

**NEW MEMBERS**  
 Sam Beard  
 Dorothy & Will Duff

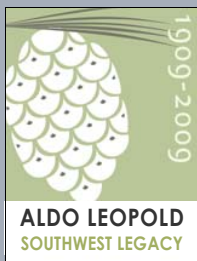
UPCOMING AWF PROGRAMS	
MAY 14	<b>"Kenya's Maasai Mara National Reserve — A Wildlife Photo Adventure"</b> • Kirk Gadzia, Resource Management Services & Tamara Gadzia, Quivira Coalition
JUNE 11	<b>Rio Grande Community Farm</b> —Enjoy a tour and program • Susan Smith, Education & Outreach Coordinator

**the Aldo Leopold centennial celebration 2009**

**ALDO LEOPOLD: ALBUQUERQUE'S FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER**  
 — THE BENEFITS OF GREEN DESIGN —  
 Symposium hosted by UNM School of Architecture and Planning  
 Pearl Hall Auditorium: April 9-11, 2009

THU—April 9	3 pm	David Orr — Ecological Literacy: The Aldo Leopold Approach to Sustainability
FRI—April 10	5 pm	Thomas Kubala—The Aldo Leopold Center: Highest LEED-rated Building
SAT—April 11	9 am-4 pm	<b>SYMPOSIUM</b> on Leopold's Environmental Planning Contributions
	9:00	Welcome by Roger Schluntz, Dean of the School
	9:15-10:30	Building Green Cities: The Way to a Sustainable Future
	10:45-12:00	Panel Discussion: The benefits of green design
	12:00-1:15	Lunch in courtyard ( <i>donated by supporters</i> )
	1:15-2:30	Student presentations on sustainable design
	2:45-3:30	Benefits of Building Green Cities: What's a Green City Worth?
	3:30-4:00	Concluding panel discussion on economics of green design

**FREE — OPEN TO THE PUBLIC — RSVP [LeopoldSymposium@gmail.com](mailto:LeopoldSymposium@gmail.com)**  
**All events take place at Pearl Hall Auditorium, School of Architecture and Planning, University of New Mexico campus.**



# TEAM UP FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT

## CEBOLLA CANYON — APRIL 17-19, 2009

**THE PLACE:** Cebolla Springs is in Cebolla Canyon within “El Malpais Conservation Area” on BLM-managed lands south of Grants. AWF has been volunteering here for many years. The positive effects of all these efforts are evident in many locations.

**THE PROJECT:** We’ll go back to one of our favorite spots to build more rock structures in a deeply incised arroyo. We will add to the existing rock structures to help continue raising the stream bed. In addition, we will build wicker baffles and weirs with juniper poles, and we hope to transplant willows. The baffles are to add sinuosity to the stream which will help collapse steep arroyo walls and provide sediment for easing channel depth. The weirs also will assist with stream aggradation, while willows will add root mass to help stabilize banks plus add resistance to mitigate the erosive force of floods.

Bill Zeedyk, riparian restoration consultant, will lead the group and oversee structure placement and assembly.

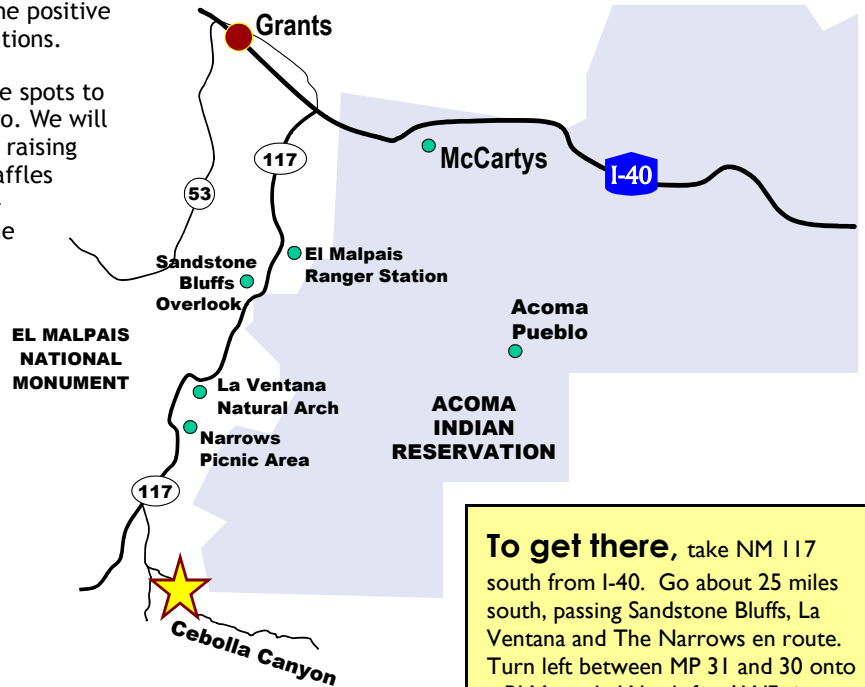
We’ll plan to do project work on Saturday starting at 9 am, and possibly Sunday morning, but *come when you can and leave when you wish*. Saturday morning arrival works fine. Access to the camping area is suitable for 2-wheel drive vehicles and small campers.

**EQUIPMENT:** Wear sturdy boots/shoes and bring gloves, hats, and sunscreen, and appropriate gear for camping. Be prepared for rain. It can’t hurt to have waterproof boots. Also, it may be cool and windy...so bring warm clothes and bedding.

**TOOLS:** We can use small pruning shears, shovels, rock bars, and picks. Please mark all your tools so they can be identified as yours.

**FOOD:** Please provide *your own meals* for  
**Friday dinner**  
**Saturday lunch**  
**Sunday breakfast and lunch**

Wake up to **BREAKFAST BURRITOS** for everyone on **SATURDAY MORNING**. We’ll also provide snacks and drinks during the project day. **SATURDAY EVENING** there will be a **POT LUCK MEAL**—AWF will grill burgers and sausage (veggie options too), so bring along something to share with the group...appetizer, salad, vegetable, dessert.



**To get there,** take NM 117 south from I-40. Go about 25 miles south, passing Sandstone Bluffs, La Ventana and The Narrows en route. Turn left between MP 31 and 30 onto a BLM road. Watch for AWF signs along the route from there. It’s about 3 miles in to the camping area.  
 The drive from Albuquerque takes about 2 hours.

**PLEASE SIGN UP BY APRIL 13:**  
**Gene Tatum at**  
**255-1960 or gtatum3@msn.com**

2009 AWF PROJECTS	
February 21	Los Padillas Wildlife Sanctuary at Los Padillas Elem. School (ABQ South Valley)
March 21	Cedro Creek (East Mountains)
April 17-19	Cebolla Canyon I
May 15-17	Limestone Canyon
June 19-21	Rio de las Vacas
July 17-19	Valle Vidal
August 14-16	Valles Caldera National Preserve
September 18-20	Aldo Leopold Centennial Celebration at Steward Meadows—Carson NF
October 16-18	Cebolla Canyon II
November 7	Albuquerque Trails

## PROJECT RECAP: CEDRO CREEK ON MARCH 21

A great group of enthusiastic participants came out for our restoration project at the Cedro Creek Boundary Reach on March 21. Beverly deGruyter and Bill Falvey of the USFS directed the scouts and parents of Cub Pack 185 as they put 56 plants into the ground along the creek, including golden currant, Wood's rose, New Mexico olive, hackberry, box elder, black willow, coyote willow, and bluestem willow.

Bill Zeedyk guided the completion of 14 rock structures in the creek bed to slow water flow and encourage wet meadow development for wildlife habitat.

And three certified chain sawyers felled non-native Siberian elms along the reach, while "swampers" distributed the resulting slash.

A huge thank-you to all for your contribution to the vitality, beauty, and future of Cedro Creek.

PHOTOS BY PATRICIA HESTER



Now  
this is a  
group  
ready to  
accom-  
plish  
great  
things!



Project Leader Bill Zeedyk starts the morning with some history about Cedro Creek and a tool safety talk.



Yes, we do get to take a break! Pam Bliss, left, joins Sheryl Russell for lunch on the hillside.



Isaac Shelby displays his wheelbarrow skills as he heads out for another load of rocks. Isaac is the son of AWF Board member Luke Shelby and Yvette Paroz.



Will Duff, left, stands ready to assist Toby Rosenblatt as he muscled another one of his trademark big rocks into place.

### CEDRO CREEK PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

#### CUB PACK 185

Nancy Pianka, Den Leader  
Ed & Bradley Pianka  
Vickie, Jarek, and Koby Kwiecinski  
Karl & Gloria Schneller  
Karen & Matthew Soto  
KC, Robbie, & Rachele Maxwell  
Mike & Ben LaBerge  
Chris, Barbara, & Sam Hoffman  
Barbara Rice  
Dan & Eric Zimmerer  
Eric, Riley, & Rachel Hein  
Robert & James Wise  
Peter Kennedy & Elijah Souza-Kennedy

Bill Zeedyk, AWF  
Beverly deGruyter, USFS  
Bill Falvey, USFS  
Ryan Carabajal, USFS  
Sam Beard  
Bill Metz  
Rosie Preston  
Dorothy & Will Duff  
Enid Howarth  
Crawford MacCallum  
John Canaris  
Brian Fox  
Albert Najjahih  
Sheryl Russell  
Pam Bliss  
Francis Peter  
Luke Shelby & Yvette Paroz  
Toby Rosenblatt  
Dennis & Glenda Muirhead  
Gene Tatum & Pat Hester

# TURKEY REINTRODUCTION PROJECT IN SANDIA PUEBLO

*The Merriam's Turkey was eradicated from the Albuquerque area in the late 1800s from over-harvest. The Pueblo of Sandia is reintroducing the Merriam turkey to the Bosque and requests help in reporting sightings of these birds. Sightings should be reported to Timothy Smith, Biological Technician for the Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department.*

— Jodi Hedderig, City Open Space

Timothy Smith contact information:  
(505) 867-4533 office Mon-Fri (8-5)  
(505) 934-8636 cell  
tsmith@sandiapueblo.nsn.us

## HISTORY

Turkeys have been a part of New Mexico's history as far back as the Anasazis. Native Americans around the state have used the turkeys for food, their feathers for clothing, bones for tools, and even in their tribal ceremonies. The turkey has been nearly extinct in New Mexico since the early Spanish settlers came in the late 1800s. In 1930 turkey numbers in the US were at their lowest ever recorded.

By 1937 the reintroduction of the wild turkey began throughout the United States, including New Mexico. With efforts from the NM Game and Fish Department, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, tribal entities, private land owners, and the National Wild Turkey Federation, the New Mexico turkey population has flourished. Our state is now home to three known species of wild turkeys: "Rio Grande", "Merriam's", and the "Gould's wild turkey". This year the NMDG&F will hold their first ever (*in the whole United States*) Gould's wild turkey hunt.

## PROJECT

The Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department has been awarded a US Fish and Wildlife Tribal Wildlife Grant. The Pueblo's biological technician, Timothy Smith, will be releasing and monitoring turkeys using radio telemetry, and banding the turkeys' legs for tracking. The bands will have numbers and different colors.

Several agencies and stakeholders are cooperating in this release. Albuquerque Open Space Division is a vital part of this collaboration and has offered their help with the monitoring process, which would entail:

**IF YOU SPOT ROAMING TURKEYS** in Albuquerque's Bosque area, please notify Timothy Smith with the Pueblo of Sandia of the following:

- a brief description. i.e., gender, color of band, and number on band on the legs of the turkeys, if applicable
- whether there is a radio transmitter attached to the turkey
- number of turkeys spotted
- time of day
- brief description of the location where the roaming turkey(s) were spotted.



**MALE  
MERRIAM'S  
TURKEY**



**FEMALE  
MERRIAM'S  
TURKEY**

## OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE:

- ▶ **No feeding of Turkeys:** Don't feed these turkeys! These are feral birds and they will become dependent on food if fed on a regular basis.
- ▶ **Roosting Area Information:** If you see turkeys in their roost area, please do not bother them, and give Mr. Smith the location where you think these birds are roosting.
- ▶ **Poult Rearing and Nursery:** If poults (baby turkeys) are found in Albuquerque's Bosque please do not bother these either. The mother hen will disown the bird if handled by a human which will damage the population regrowth within the flock or flocks in the Bosque.
- ▶ **Photograph Documentation:** Please share with Mr. Smith any pictures taken of these birds, to facilitate an up-to-date record of when, where, and the count.

## DESCRIPTION

The birds being released are known as **Merriam's turkeys**. The males are larger than the females and have a much brighter, red head. Some males have beards located about one to two inches from the bottom of their neck. The males also have a brighter and shinier coat than the females. The color of the feathers will be red, purple, green, copper, bronze, and gold in the sunlight. The females will be duller in color and have a grayish color to their heads. The radio transmitters are about one inch in diameter, with a two inch antenna. This will be attached to either the back or the neck of the turkey.

## LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP 2009

The 2009 Legislature has adjourned, and although our high-priority effort to reform the state's depredation law ran out of time in the final hours, **the session should be considered a success.** Sportsmen made their voices heard, helping push reform of the so-called "Jennings Law" through the Senate for the first time ever. Several bills that would have negatively affected wildlife and outdoor opportunity were stopped with your help. **Your letters, faxes, e-mails and phone calls convinced many legislators** to stand up for wildlife, continued access to our public lands, and good management of our fish and game resources.

— *Jeremy Vesbach, Executive Director, NM Wildlife Federation*  
March 24, 2009

### MANY SUCCESSES...

**House Bill 11, the Valles Caldera elk license bill,** was defeated in its final committee. Strong opposition from sportsmen and others helped thwart the misguided effort to prop up a failing management system at Valles Caldera National Preserve through the sale of public elk tags at prices most people could not afford. A better solution is for Congress to revise the management plan so that Valles Caldera can be professionally managed in a way that provides more opportunity for the public to responsibly enjoy this public lands jewel. On a related matter, the Senate approved a memorial sponsored by Sen. Tim Eichenberg **urging Congress to hold hearings on reforming the Valles Caldera management** for the benefit of sportsmen, wildlife and the local economy.

**House Bill 163, which would have reduced trespass posting requirements,** was voted down unanimously in its first committee. Defeating this measure became increasingly important after the State Game Commission – with the support of law-abiding sportsmen – strengthened penalties against those who knowingly trespass to hunt, fish or trap. HB 163 would have made it harder to determine land boundaries and thus directed poaching penalties at the majority of public land users, who do respect private property.

**House Bill 604, which would have elected members of the State Game Commission,** was stopped in committee. NMWF members pointed out that this bill would have taken away the governor's power to appoint commission members and potentially set up a system in which the State Game Commission became even more politicized. It also could have led to national groups pouring money into the election campaigns of anti-hunting game commissioners.

**House Bill 108,** which would have allowed the oil and gas industry to pollute groundwater, was tabled in its first committee.

**House Joint Memorial 4, to protect wildlife corridors in New Mexico,** passed both houses and is awaiting the governor's signature. This bill was an effort of "Wild Friends," a kids group sponsored by the UNM Law Center that works on pro-wildlife legislation.

**Senate Bill 394,** which would have penalized counties that regulate extractive industries, was halted in committee. The bill would have prohibited municipal governments from controlling development on their own land, or else risk losing capital funding for essential projects.

**Senate Bill 379, which amends off-highway vehicle regulations,** passed both houses and is awaiting the governor's signature. It gives the Department of Game and Fish authority over a fund generated by ATV user fees that can be used for safety training, law enforcement and environmental restoration of ATV trails on public lands.

**River Ecosystem Restoration Initiative:** The Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for this initiative to do habitat restoration work on New Mexico's rivers and streams.

**Outdoor Classroom Program:** The Legislature appropriated \$200,000 for this program, which gives students an opportunity to learn about the natural world through their schools.

### ...AND A BIG DISAPPOINTMENT

**Perhaps the hardest loss of the legislative session was Senate Bill 391,** the long-sought reform of the depredation law that for more than a decade has allowed unscrupulous landowners to slaughter wildlife without consequence. The bill appeared to be on its way to approval after the House Judiciary Committee approved it 10-0 with less than three days left in the session. But the bill was not reported out of committee for more than a day, leaving too little time for the full House to consider it before it adjourned at noon Saturday.

The measure, written by the Department of Game and Fish and sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez, ran into delays in the Senate, but after a series of compromises **the full Senate approved it 31-10.** That in itself was historic. Previous efforts to reform the bill died in the Senate.

**With just eight days remaining** in the session, SB 391 moved to the House, where Rep. Edward Sandoval, chairman of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee, hustled the bill on its way. It took only two days to schedule, hear and approve SB 391 and send it on to the House Judiciary Committee. The Judiciary Committee also moved quickly, passing the measure late on Wednesday, March 18.

But committee Chairman Al Park did not report it out of his committee until the early hours of Saturday, March 21. The session ended at noon, **before SB 391 could be called up for a vote by the full House.**

**Advocates of reforming the depredation law have made it clear they will not give up.** Sen. Michael Sanchez said as much during one of the bill's first hearings, and Game and Fish Director Tod Stevenson told the *Albuquerque Journal* after the session ended that the effort isn't over. "It was a good approach," he said of SB 391. "We simply ran out of time here. ... We'll work hard with everybody to bring this bill back."

# BIRD "LOOKING"

by Gene Tatum

We are not Bird Watchers, not even novices. We consider ourselves bird lookers. Pat is more of an observer than I, and may be considered a novice watcher. When we find the time, we look through our binoculars mostly in our backyard. Of course, commonly what we see are sparrows and house finches. But every now and again, we notice something different. Even then what we see infrequently is mostly common to the Bird Watcher. Nonetheless, our observations cause excitement and wonder about the small creatures that share the world with us.

Last year, it was a ladder-back woodpecker which visited our back yard, and jack hammered a hole in our neighborhood's tree. Fortunately for us, he was working in plain view of our driveway. For a while, I had to add extra time to my driving trips to allow for watching him excavate the tree cavity. After awhile, the hole enlargement was in two stages: piling the saw dust—no beak dust—at the hole opening, then throwing the dust out of the tree to clear the adit. [An adit is a term for the opening of a mine shaft. I use this term as it seemed that this guy was mining to start a particle board factory.]



Taken by Gene Tatum, before prescription change, 6/28/07

Finally, a female came by, liked what she saw and took up residence. After a while, we had the good fortune of having a young one occupy the cavity. The youngster kept his folks busy acquiring food. When he was hungry he would come to the adit and raise Cain until one of his parents returned with food. I have a picture—unfortunately a bit out of focus—of this little bird sticking his head out. Faintly observable is the red plumage sticking

straight up on his head; sort of reminded me of our daughter during her days as a punk rock band guitarist.

Well, this year Pat noticed a woodpecker-looking bird hanging out in our back yard on our deodar cedar. As the ladder-back used this tree last year, we first suspected he had returned. Pat observed that this bird was drilling a uniform pattern like peg board holes in the tree.



Taken by Gene Tatum, 3/17/09

Recently, I got the bird in binocular view, sufficiently to inspire consulting with a bird book, and found that peg board hole pattern was characteristic of sapsuckers. The holes fill up with sap, trap insects, and birds come back to eat and drink. The question was which sapsucker was now our guest. Of the two possibilities, we finally decided, based on the very small red blur on the nape of the neck, that it was a red-napped not a yellow-bellied sap sucker. I got a picture. Look closely for the red on the nape.



Teacher, mentor and friend to many.  
Taken by Pat Hester, 3-21-09

Also, I recently spotted a gray-bearded, long-lived sage. If you also sight Bill Zeedyk, wish him a happy 74th birthday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>). AWF is proud of our affiliation with Mr. Zeedyk. His contributions to conservation and ecological restoration are mind-boggling. Thanks, Bill.

**AWF MEETING LOCATION**  
Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center  
501 Elizabeth SE at Southern  
(south of Central between Eubank and Juan Tabo)

**AWF OFFICERS AND BOARD**

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**ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION**  
 PO Box 1234 ■ Albuquerque, NM 87103

Nancy Carrillo sends notice of a new website about the Mexican Gray Wolf: "Lobos of the Southwest"

[www.mexicanwolves.org](http://www.mexicanwolves.org)

Check it out!

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## NEW MEXICO PUBLIC LANDS ACTION NETWORK

505-459-4304 | cscnm@aol.com | www.newmexicoplan.org

**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**Friday, May 22 | 12:00 – 3:00 pm**

**FREE** (Please RSVP as soon as you can)

For all those interested in the issues arising from ATV (all-terrain vehicle) use on public lands in New Mexico, including health, safety, enforcement, natural resources, policy and community. Enjoy speakers and lunch at The Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, located at 2000 Mountain Road NW in Albuquerque.

## WILDLIFE RESCUE INC. OF NEW MEXICO



**Annual Open House**  
**Saturday, April 25 | 9 am—1 pm**  
**FREE**

This is the one day each year when you are invited to tour the Wildlife Rescue facility. Because the clinic is part nursery, part ICU, and part rehabilitation hospital, during normal hours of operation the public is not permitted beyond the front office.

During the Open House you can:

- Explore behind-the-scenes at the Wildlife Rescue Clinic
- Speak with rehabilitators, as well as state and federal officials
- Meet the educational birds
- Learn more about why and how New Mexico's wildlife are served
- Enjoy free snacks and beverages

Why not make a day of it and take a walk on the grounds of the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park, too?

## CITY OPEN SPACE — VISITOR CENTER

505-897-8831 | openspace@cabq.gov | www.cabq.gov/openspace



**Urban Coyote: Slideshow and Discussion**  
**Sunday, April 5 | 9:30 am – 11:00 am**  
**FREE**

There are a myriad of different perspectives of this opportunist hunter. Learn about coyote from a management perspective with Nick Pederson of The City of Albuquerque's Environmental Health Department.

**Connecting People to Place**  
**Earth Day Celebration Weekend**  
**Saturday, April 18 & Sunday, April 19**  
**FREE**

Celebrate with Open Space, where everyday is Earth Day. See the magical transformations of "upcycle" artists at the Recycled Art Fair. Free workshops: yoga with Bosque conservation project, sustainability workshop, composting demo, children's birding, printmaking, "Make & Take" projects, puppet shows, music and more.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Clean Up

This April help the environment and your community by participating in the **Spring Clean Up in the Foothills**. Each Saturday of the month of April is your chance to clean and protect the Sandia Foothills Open Space! The Sandia Foothills Open Space is one of our most visible and visited Major Public Open Spaces. Work days will be at the following locations east of Tramway Blvd.

- **April 4** at Copper
- **April 11** at Indian School
- **April 18** at Menaul
- **April 25** at Piedra Lisa (south of Candelaria, east of Camino de la Sierra)

Work begins promptly at 9 am and ends around 1 pm. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Morning snacks and refreshments will be provided. Call 452-5200 or see [www.cabq.gov/openspace](http://www.cabq.gov/openspace) for more information.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION, PO BOX 1234, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87103

An affiliate of New Mexico Wildlife Federation

Please choose between **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY** or **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP**. **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY** does **not** include membership in NMWF. **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP** includes **one** voting membership in NMWF. For Family Membership, if a second person\* desires NMWF voting rights, an additional \$10 payment is required.

➔ **PLEASE ✓ ONE :**  **AWF MEMBERSHIP ONLY**     **AWF + NMWF MEMBERSHIP** ↴

Designate NMWF member(s\*) \_\_\_\_\_

name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Gift membership from: \_\_\_\_\_

### ✓ MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Student [under 18]..... \$10 ◀ [AWF Membership Only]
- Individual..... \$25
- Family..... \$35
- Sustaining..... \$50-\$99
- Patron..... \$100
- Lifetime..... \$500 ◀ [One-time Payment]

Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Second NMWF Member \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_