

# AWF Newsletter

## October 2013

### AWF MONTHLY MEETING

**Thursday, October 10, 2013**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Manzano Mesa Center**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Eliza Kretzmann**

**Topic:**  
**The Cibola National Forest & the New Planning Rule**

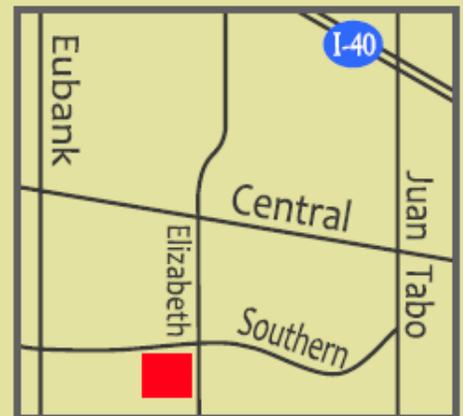
Our speaker for the October 10, 2013 AWF meeting will be Eliza Kretzmann, Resilient Habitats Organizer for the Sierra Club. Eliza has many years of experience in environmental and restoration issues in New Mexico, having previously worked with Earthworks Institute and River Source, as well as serving as the Executive Director of the Railyard Park Stewards in Santa Fe.

Eliza's talk will focus on the new planning rule for the Cibola Forest, which encompasses 1.6 million acres of magnificent land in New Mexico, and how members of the public can get involved in setting the agenda for how these lands are managed for many years to come.



#### AWF MEETING LOCATION

Manzano Mesa Multigenerational Center  
501 Elizabeth SE at Southern



Save the Lobos!  
Come to the rally and hearing on Friday, Oct. 4th (see page 4 of this newsletter for all the details)!



**ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION**  
P.O. Box 20225 | Albuquerque, NM 87154  
[abq.nmwildlife.org](http://abq.nmwildlife.org)

# OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECT: Sandia Mountains, October 19, 2013

**THE PROJECT:** For our final volunteer service project of the year, AWF will be teaming up with the Sandia Ranger District for a day-long restoration project.

**LOCATION:** Sandia Mountains, near Albuquerque.

**GEAR:** Gloves, hat, long sleeves, long pants, sturdy boots, and sunscreen.

**FOOD:** After the project, we'll celebrate another successful year with a potluck and barbeque, so please bring a dish to share! AWF will provide bison or veggie burgers.



## TO SIGN UP:

Contact Scial at [rioscial@gmail.com](mailto:rioscial@gmail.com)

*Directions and details will be sent to you after you sign up*



# RECAP OF SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

## Limestone Canyon - September 13-15, 2013

Due to a week of record-breaking rains (including over 5.3 inches in Socorro, near our project site!) the Forest Service unfortunately canceled AWF's September project. However, nine hardy volunteers who had planned to attend the project decided to go ahead and spend the weekend camping in the San Mateo Mountains.

Enjoy these "before and after" photos! We plan to post more on the AWF website. All were taken either September 16, 2012 or September 14, 2013. See you there in 2014!



When we visited Limestone Canyon on Saturday morning, we were amazed at how high the flows were: bankful and in some areas, overflowing the banks! Even the small tributary Fisher Canyon was a raging river. It was a remarkable opportunity to see how the many rock structures AWF volunteers have built in past years function in heavy flows. We are very excited to return again next year to see what the canyon looks like in the aftermath of this record precipitation and to continue to build on our past efforts.



See many more photos of AWF's volunteer restoration service projects at: [abq.nmwildlife.org](http://abq.nmwildlife.org)

# SAVE THE LOBOS!

## Rally and testify at a public hearing to save the lobo from extinction, October 4th in Albuquerque!

Fifteen years after they were reintroduced, fewer than 75 Mexican gray wolves (lobos) remain in the wild.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service is now proposing to delist gray wolves and implement changes that threaten the survival and recovery of Mexican wolves. **Only one hearing will be held on both proposals: October 4th in Albuquerque, NM.**

Science and conservation groups throughout the region and beyond are organizing a *Save the Lobo* event on the day of the hearing. Special interests will be out in force calling for an end to wild wolves. You and other supporters of the Mexican wolf are all that stand between extinction and survival for these critically endangered, beautiful and intelligent animals. ***Please stand up and speak up for the lobo on October 4th!***

### Location:

Embassy Suites, 1000 Woodward Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102

### Schedule:

3:30 p.m. Tabling, free refreshments, sign-making, children's art activities

4:00 p.m. Training by Defenders of Wildlife

4:45 p.m. Rally/Sign up for hearing

6:00 p.m. US Fish and Wildlife Service Hearing



### For more information, visit:

<http://www.mexicanwolves.org/index.php/news/1103/51/Lobos-Need-You-in-Albuquerque-October-4>

### Event to Save the Lobo Sponsored By:

Defenders of Wildlife ~ Sierra Club-Rio Grande Chapter ~ WildEarth Guardians ~ Center for Biological Diversity ~ New Mexico Chapter of ConservAmerica ~ Sierra Club-Grand Canyon Chapter ~ Animal Protection of New Mexico ~ The Wildlands Network ~ Southwest Environmental Center ~ Wilburforce Foundation ~ Conservation Voters New Mexico ~ White Mountain Conservation League ~ Grand Canyon Wildlands Council ~ The Rewilding Institute ~ Western Wildlife Conservancy ~ NM Wilderness Alliance ~ Wolf Conservation Center ~ Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project ~ Great Old Broads for Wilderness ~ Western Watersheds Project

## THANK YOU!

Our thanks to Molly Samsell & David Hess and Glenda & Dennis Muirhead for their donations to AWF in honor of the September 21, 2013 marriage of AWF Projects Committee member Phil Carter and AWF Vice-President Kristina G. Fisher! As longtime dedicated AWF volunteers, Phil and Kristina couldn't imagine a better way to celebrate their union than by supporting AWF's continuing restoration and education work.



# 2013 AWF Project Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- ✓ MARCH 23 Local day project in the Albuquerque Open Space
- ✓ APRIL 19 to 21 Cebolla Canyon, SE of Grants, NM
- ✓ MAY 17 to 19 Zuni Mountains
- ✓ JUNE 15 & JUNE 29 Glorieta Mesa
- ✓ JULY 19 to 21 Valles Caldera
- ✓ AUGUST 16 to 18 Valles Caldera
- ✓ SEPTEMBER 13 to 15 Limestone Canyon in the San Mateo Mountains
- OCTOBER 19 Local day project with the Sandia Ranger District

## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Coexisting with Coyotes

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**PAJARITO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER (PEEC), Los Alamos, NM**

David Parsons, a representative of Project Coyote, will discuss issues related to coyotes living in urban environments, methods for reducing coyote-human conflicts and suggestions for addressing situations that may be deemed as threatening. Admission: \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members.

More information: <http://www.pajaritoeec.org/>

### Whose Scat is That?

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013, 3:00 p.m.**

**CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK, Cerrillos, NM**

Identify wildlife by the droppings you find on the trail. Guest presenter Dave Weaver will highlight characteristic differences by species and bring samples for "hands-on" fun. Meet at the park Visitor Center, 37 Main St., Cerrillos.

More information: <http://www.cerrilloshills.org/events/whose-scat-is-that>

### Stargazing Party

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**

**HYDE PARK STATE PARK, Santa Fe, NM**

Join members of the Capital City Astronomy Club as they bring out their telescopes and give a guided tour of the night sky.

**Have something you'd like to see listed here?  
Please send it in for next month!**



### AWF's Board

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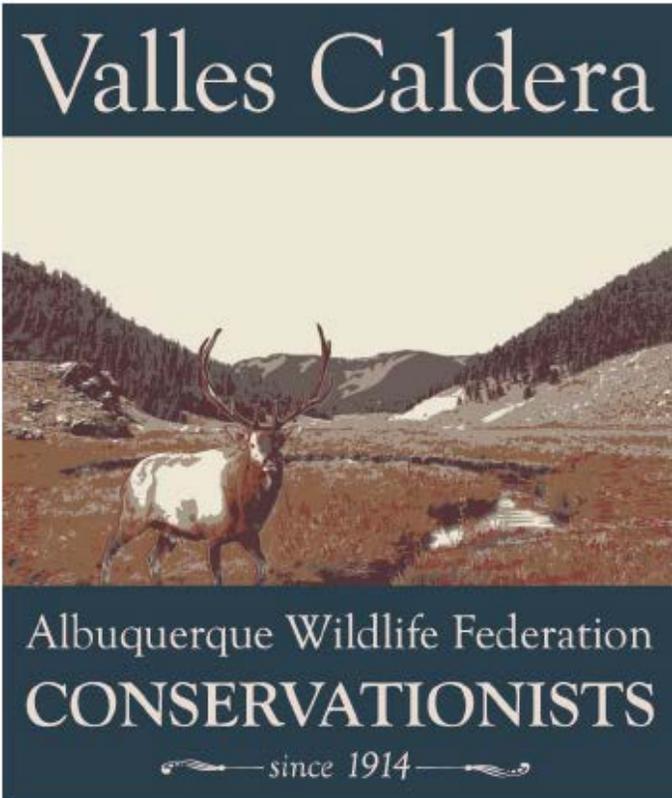
*Bob Tilley*

*Bill Zeedyk*

# JOIN AWF!

Become a part of this unique all-volunteer organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of New Mexico's wildlife and habitat!

If you enjoy attending AWF's monthly meetings or weekend service projects, we hope you'll help us make them possible by becoming a member! And if you're already a member, please consider buying an AWF-exclusive Valles Caldera T-shirt for yourself or as a gift for a friend or family member.



AWF's Valles Caldera T-shirt was designed by Stephen Bohannon, the graphic artist and AWF board member who designed our popular Valle Vidal shirt a few years ago. It is printed on an organic cotton shirt and available in sizes S, M, L, & XL.

**Price: \$25 Shipping: \$5**

To order, mail in the form below or email your order to: [abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com](mailto:abqwildlifefederation@gmail.com)



## AWF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Albuquerque Wildlife Federation | P.O. Box 20225 | Albuquerque, NM 87154

Yes, I'd like to join AWF!     This is a gift membership from: \_\_\_\_\_

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

address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- Student (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ \$10
- Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$25
- Family \_\_\_\_\_ \$35
- Sustaining \_\_\_\_\_ \$50-99
- Patron \_\_\_\_\_ \$100
- Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 (one-time payment)

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

Extra Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt & Shipping: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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