You are one of the fortunate kind who cannot live without Wild. It pleases us to report that protection of public lands and Wilderness grew dramatically this year. Sustained by citizen conservationists like you, NMWild holds up the BIG victory for the year—the Organ Mountain-Desert Peaks National Monument in Doña Ana County. A significant achievement for the conservation movement throughout the country, we recognize the efforts of our Senators and their staffs, as well as many local and national partner organizations—truly a team effort to make this a better world through land conservation and healthy, large tract habitat.

NMWild members form the collective, wild voice with which we advocate for national and state policy. We are proud to receive the majority of our support from local sources. We used your gifts very effectively this year, locally, creating the largest independent Wilderness advocacy presence in the state. Thank you!

Please continue to partner with us for our 2015 protection priorities in the Gila River, Chaco Canyon, and the Pecos, among many opportunities and challenges that await us.

Sincerely,

Mark Allison          Ken Cole
Executive Director          Chair

The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is a registered not-for-profit corporation (501(c)3) and is New Mexico’s largest, homegrown, statewide membership organization dedicated exclusively to the protection, restoration, and continued respect for public wild land and the wildlife who make it home.

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New Mexico: The New Headquarters of the Wilderness Protection Movement!

Newly Protected in 2014!

Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument, Doña Ana County, New Mexico

496,000 acres

Columbine Hondo Wilderness

45,000 acres Taos County, New Mexico

3-5 year moratorium on oil and gas leasing on all BLM land within Otero and Sierra counties.

Valles Caldera Preserve assigned to the National Park Service 89,000 acres in Sandoval and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico
100,000 educational newsletters created and distributed (online or recyclable print)

50,000 eNewsletters informing people across the country about our activities

1,000+ petition signatures gathered for actions to protect Wilderness.

**NMWild nurtures a culture of Citizen Conservationists**

1,000+ supporters attended and testified at public hearings and rallies, wrote letters to the editor and joined NMWild campaigns throughout New Mexico to protect the special wild places we hold dear. (Love those activists!)

900 hours of conservation education and outdoor education with New Mexico youth.

Fighting for Millions of acres of unprotected, wilderness-quality lands, NMWild works with New Mexico’s traditional communities, hunters, recreationists, ranchers, and small business owners.

A very special honor was bestowed on New Mexico Wilderness Alliance as co-host for the long-awaited National Wilderness Conference in celebration of the anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act.

1,100 people from around the globe—the largest convergence of wilderness advocates on the planet

100 volunteers

20 field trips covering New Mexico’s landscapes

300 New Mexico youth and 900 adults attended the accompanying outdoor Wilderness Festival featuring experiential learning offered for free by conservationist organizations around the country.

**NMWild Walks the Talk in 2014: Completed Research and Projects**

250,000 acres/500 miles surveyed in the Gila National Forest to inventory for Wilderness characteristics in preparation for the future protection of the Gila River and defense of Wilderness and wolf re-introduction. Plans are to double this inventory in **2015 to 500,000 acres and over 1,000 miles.**

3-5 year moratorium on all BLM land within Otero and Sierra counties as a direct result from our researched, written protests to the agency.

Several critical, timely, and carefully-researched “Public Comments” submissions to decision makers at the Federal level to re-direct resource and land use plans to conservation-wise plans.

6,900 field hours in outings and service projects to restore and protect Wilderness

First of its kind in the United States, a landmark, legal suit against the Department of Justice for failing to prosecute illegal killing of Mexican gray wolves under the McKittrik Policy.
Who do we work for?
You and our wild neighbors.

Our independence and ability to stand in the fray and get things done on behalf of the Wild is sustained by the fact that more than half our financial support comes from local sources, those who know us best.

53% of Fiscal Year* 2014 support came from membership dues, individual donations, and gifts from local family foundations and charitable trusts.

47% of support came from national Foundations supporting our goals in New Mexico.

53% CITIZEN CONSERVATIONISTS

47% NATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

*FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

Our wild flora and fauna neighbors support us every day with gifts of beauty, grace and exemplary tolerance toward our species.

How we invest time, talent and financial resources:

Wilderness Protection: Upgrading the status of public lands by developing long-term legislative or administrative protection designations. Expenses include place-based campaign activities, grassroots organizing, mobilization, advocacy, and communications with elected officials.

Wilderness Defense: Improving the management of public lands. Expenses include a range of legal oversight and “watchdog” activities to hold agencies continuously accountable for managing lands consistent with relevant statutes, regulations, rules, and management plans and proposals.

Wilderness-based Outreach and Education: Sharing the love of the Wild. Public outreach, education, and engagement. Expenses include subsidized outings to expose all ages to the wild heritage of our national lands in New Mexico.

TOTAL EXPENSES: $932,259*

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What’s next for 2015’s top priorities?

- Gila River Wild and Scenic Designation
- Chaco Culture National Historical Park
- Roadless areas adjacent to Pecos Wilderness
- Mexican Gray Wolf Re-introduction

Continuing Work in 2015

- Illegal grazing in sensitive habitat
- Closing illegal roads in Wilderness
- Protecting two new wilderness areas in Rio Grande del Norte
- Submitting researched comments for federal planning cycles
- Conducting massive land inventories
- Department of Justice for failing to prosecute illegal killing of Mexican gray wolves
- Creating 2 Wilderness Areas in the new Rio Grande del Norte national monument
- Creating 8 Wilderness Areas in Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument
- Offering outings and service projects
- Preventing diversion of the Gila River

“Beyond our human intentions lies the evidence that Wilderness belongs. The landscapes, both majestic and subtle, give home and sustenance to this earth’s unfathomable diversity. Within a human life span, it lives. And beyond a human life span it lives, moving to its own timepiece, if we only allow it.

Just as freedom is every American’s birthright so too is Wilderness. We know they are inseparable. We hold this truth dearly as we preserve Wilderness from generation to generation for us, for all species and for its own sake.”

- New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, August 2014

Further details about 2015 campaign priorities and all current work are available at [nmwild.org](http://nmwild.org).

If you are not a member, please join New Mexico Wilderness Alliance to receive ongoing, critical information designed for citizen conservationists who want New Mexico’s wild lands and species to flourish. We are grateful for your support.