



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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## Protected versus Potential

Designated Wilderness in New Mexico:  
**1,705,808 acres** (2% of land area)

Potential Wilderness identified by New Mexico Wild:  
**5,272,947 acres**



SANDIA RAINBOW



SABINOSO WILDERNESS SERVICE PROJECT

Protecting Wilderness Together

*New Mexico Wilderness Alliance*  
**2016 Annual Report**



RIO GRANDE DEL NORTE NATIONAL MONUMENT TREE PLANTING, PHOTO: JIM O'DONNELL



*New Mexico is a healthier and more beautiful place because of you.*  
Sustained and unwavering conservation marks 2016's "home front" effectiveness.

In FY 2016, our grassroots organizing work successfully mobilized thousands of wilderness advocates to stand up for New Mexico's wild public lands. We continued our efforts to secure Wild and Scenic status for the Gila River; expand the Pecos Wilderness; and protect wilderness within the Rio Grande del Norte and Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monuments. We continued to work to safeguard sensitive areas around Chaco, including the Bisti and the Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah Wilderness Study Area from oil and gas development. We helped remove structures to prepare a private acquisition for transfer to open access and increase the size of the Sabinoso Wilderness by twenty-five percent.

In FY 2016, we advocated for wilderness quality lands deserving of additional protections through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Planning (including Rio Puerco, Tri-County, Farmington and Carlsbad Districts), representing 13 million acres and National Forest Planning (Cibola, Santa Fe, Carson, Lincoln and Gila National Forests), representing 9 million acres. In 2016 we opposed energy development on roadless lands in the Jemez Mountains; combated efforts to seize national public lands; monitored plans to erect a "mountain coaster" in the Sandias; contested oil and gas leasing near Guadalupe Mountains National Park; countered abuses like illegal mountain biking and illegal grazing. We stood strong to defend Mexican wolf recovery through legal actions and to prevent the diversion of the Gila River.

New Mexico Wild is at every table representing you, the citizen conservationist who wants to keep our most wild and beautiful places wild forever. We will face unprecedented threats to our public lands, wild places, water and wildlife in 2017. Marking our 20th anniversary, we will be steadfast in defending the places we all hold dear; we will fiercely stand up to keep public lands in public lands; and we will jealously safeguard the protections we've recently won.

- Every day provides opportunity to step in where others would hold sway against these publicly owned lands.
- Each day offers opportunity to live and breathe Wilderness ethics and model them to the next generation in hopes for all species.

Only together with broad, passionate, local support can we effectively defend our wild places. We thank our dedicated volunteers and everyone's generosity for the financial support that enables us to do the ground work, the advocacy work, the community building and the all-important work of bringing the conservation citizens' voice to the political table.

Mark Allison, Executive Director

Ken Cole, Chair

## We work for you and our children's future.

Our independence and ability to protect the wild and hold the line against threats to our public lands is sustained by the fact that more than half our financial support comes from local sources and citizen conservationists.

### 63% of Fiscal Year\* 2016

support came from membership dues, individual donations, and gifts from local family foundations and charitable trusts.

**37% of support** came from national Foundations supporting our goals in New Mexico.



\*FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

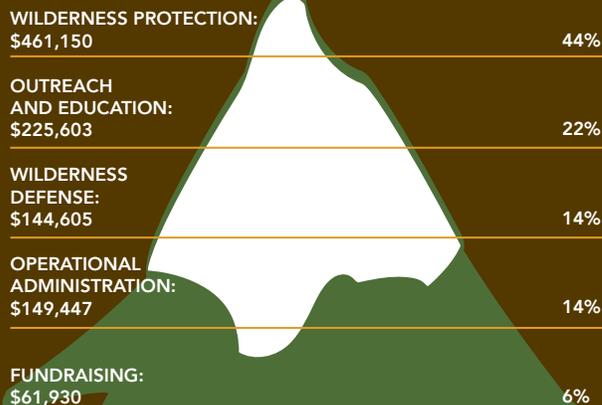
## How we invest time, talent and financial resources:

**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: \$1,042,735\*



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BACKGROUND PHOTO RED MESA, PHOTO: JEANNE LAMBERT; LEFT: GRAFFITI REMOVAL PROJECT SANDIA MOUNTAINS

# Walking the Talk: Building a culture of conservation

## On the Ground:

In 2016 we engaged 963 volunteers in over 8,850 hours of service, including 227 youth and over 20 community partners.

- 8,850 service hours completed by 963 volunteers
- 108,800 acres inventoried
- 25 miles of fence removed
- 100 trees and 1,000 milkweeds planted

## In the World:

- 104,000 educational newsletters distributed
- 84,000 digital Field Notes disseminated informing people across the country about our activities and campaigns

## On the Front Line:

- 3,129 petition signatures gathered for actions to protect Wilderness (and Mexican wolf)
- 1104 hours of wilderness education with 227 New Mexico youth



Further details about 2016 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 for citizen conservationists who want New Mexico's wild lands and species to flourish. We are grateful for your support.



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*

*Remember the Jaguar, a breeding species in New Mexico prior to 1982. Protecting large-scale habitat rewilds America!*



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