



Member Advisory Newsletter

Now is the time to move our conservation agenda forward....

A sense of relief with a sense of urgency

All of us who care about our natural world have struggled with the harm done over the past four years. The new Administration in Washington will be more friendly to conservation issues but they have multiple crises to resolve. We must work quickly and effectively to get our agenda toward the top of their agenda. We're prepared to do just that and have already been meeting with New Mexico's Congressional delegation and state officials to advocate for New Mexico's Wilderness, Wildlife, and Water.

Your support has never been more important. We've provided a short overview of our federal public land priorities and then some of the ways you can help make these goals a reality. While we look forward to a stronger partnership with federal and state governments in the coming years, we also know that time is of the essence to **reverse** harmful rules, to **reform** policies that affect public lands, and to permanently **protect** critical lands and waters in our state. That's why we feel a sense of urgency as we move from trying to stop harm to making lasting changes that protect our public lands.

Thank you for being a member of New Mexico Wild. It matters!



Mark Allison
Executive Director



Working with the new Administration, we will seek to immediately reverse the over 100 detrimental environmental and conservation rules and rollbacks made over the past four years. In fact, these changes have affected virtually all landmark conservation legislation in the last 60 years including the Clean Water Act, Wilderness Act, Endangered Species Act, Roadless Rule, and the Administrative Procedures Act. Our efforts will also include advocating to reverse what we believe were illegal reductions to Bear's Ears and Grand Staircase of the Escalante National Monuments. We want to support our neighboring state in returning these lands to Monument status.



We believe that the new Administration should use its executive authority to reform existing rules allowing mining and oil and gas leases on sensitive public lands like Chaco, the Pecos, and Otero Mesa. We'll continue to advocate for a moratorium on new public land leases while a review and new rules are formulated. We understand that the energy sector is a vital part of New Mexico's economy and believe we can find a balanced public policy that addresses extraction while weighing climate change, species extinction, and Wilderness quality.



We're moving ahead confidently with our Congressional delegation on passing legislation to permanently protect critical natural treasures such as the Gila River with the Wild & Scenic River designation and creating the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness near Taos. We will be advocating for approximately 5 million acres of lands with Wilderness characteristics in New Mexico that are currently under threat. This will have the added benefit of supporting the growing outdoor recreation economy in our state, which provides 33,500 jobs for residents.

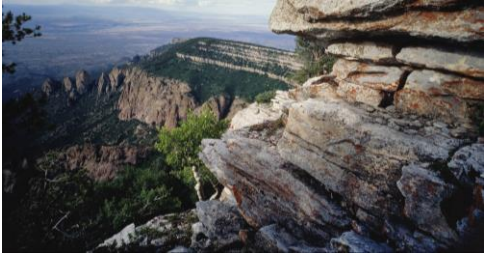


YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN **NEW MEXICO WILD** MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

HERE ARE **7** OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP.....



Sign a petition. Our members' voices can make a huge impact on state and federal officials. Our website provides an easy way for you to sign a petition on an important issue or to send a letter to your representatives.

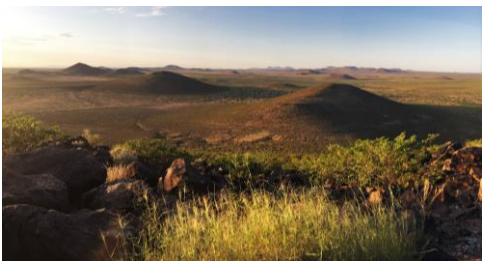


Leave a legacy. You can use a bequest in your will to make a contribution to New Mexico Wild and leave a legacy for future generations.



Join the Aldo Leopold Circle.

Members who donate a total of \$1,000 per year are included in the special activities of the Aldo Leopold Circle. Monthly giving is an easy way to join.



Volunteer. There are many ways you can support New Mexico Wild as a volunteer. Visit our website for more information about helping us accomplish projects on public lands all over the state.



Use AmazonSmile. When you shop online through AmazonSmile, you can designate New Mexico Wild to receive a donation from Amazon.



Register for alerts. Public policy work often moves quickly and our ability to reach members for their support of petitions, rallies, and for hearings is vital. Stay informed of the most critical actions needed to protect public lands by registering online for our alerts.



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**MEMBER UPDATE: OUR CONSERVATION PRIORITIES
FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION**

