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JANUARY 2013

MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, January 10, 2013 | 7:30 pm
Manzano Mesa Center (map p3)

Mustangs in the West: Challenges, Innovations and Freedom

Guest Speaker: Karen Herman



Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary works with people from across the country to keep wild horses safe and running free forever. The sanctuary, founded in the summer of 2007 and headquartered in the heart of northern NM, provides a haven for wild horses while seeking to protect wild lands where these horses can roam.

The group seeks to foster humane treatment of wild life and a conservation ethic through research, action, and education. Please join us as co-founder Karen Herman discusses key challenges facing wild horses today, the development of Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary here in New Mexico, and promising innovations for humane treatment for wild horses and for keeping them free.

Karen Herman, Ph.D., is co-founder and president of Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary. She is also a consultant, clinician, and researcher working to address sexual violence and authored *Art, Violence, & Social Change: Challenging Violence Against Women and Girls Through Entertainment Education*. She is director of sexual assault services for the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs in Albuquerque.

Jim Hubert's Notable Quote of the Month

"Divesting the federal government of its vast land holdings could pay down the deficit and reduce spending. The federal government owns roughly 650 million acres of land, or 1/3 of the entire landmass of our country. Over 90% of this land is located in the western states and most of it we do not even need."

– Steve Pearce, H Rep. R-NM,
in an 11-26-12 letter to
Speaker John Boehner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone.

Albuquerque Wildlife Federation celebrated the season with our annual Holiday Potluck. To me, there is no more fitting way to celebrate than to come together and enjoy good food – and good it was. Traditional New Mexican dishes met with various appetizers, hearty stews, and, of course, some great desserts. The hunters in the group have made it a tradition to bring in their favorite game recipes and this year's dishes did not disappoint. After dining and conversation, we reflected on 2012 and how much work AWF did to benefit wildlife habitat through our Volunteer Service Projects. The Holiday Potluck for 2013 will likely be the second Thursday in December, so go ahead and mark your calendar now.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

I mentioned last month that we met in early December to discuss the Volunteer Service Projects schedule for 2013. With the exception of September, they are on the third Saturday of the month from March to October, and are listed at right. Turn-out in 2012 was a little low at our April, May, and June projects in Cebolla Canyon and Jemez Mountains. In 2013 for these months, we are returning to Cebolla Canyon and heading to a "new" area in the Manzano Mountains (I say "new" because we haven't been there in many years, but AWF has a long history of projects in the area we will be going to).

If anyone would like to help with outreach for these projects, please contact me at rioscial@gmail.com. Mainly, this would entail finding and reaching out to groups that would have a direct interest in the area or to groups that have a general interest in conservation and asking them to promote the project among their members.

Here's looking forward to 2013!

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2013 AWF PROJECT SCHEDULE

MARCH 16

Local day project (location TBD, likely in the ABQ Bosque)

APRIL 19 to 21

Cebolla Canyon, SE of Grants, NM

MAY 17 to 19

TBD (possibly the Zuni Mtns or the Jemez Mtns)

JUNE 14 to 16

Red Canyon on east side of the Manzano Mountains

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

Fewer Gray Wolves Found Dead in 2012

January 4, 2013 • Associated Press • This article appeared in *Albuquerque Journal* and *Arizona Daily Star*

Fewer Mexican gray wolves were found dead in the wild in New Mexico and Arizona this past year, and federal officials say efforts aimed at reducing conflicts with livestock seem to be helping.

Officials confirmed that three of the four wolves found dead in 2012 were illegally shot. In the most recent case, the carcass of a female member of Arizona's Hawks Nest pack was found in December. The cause of death is under investigation. Eight wolves were found dead in 2011. Three were shot, two were hit by vehicles, and three died of natural causes.

"It's always encouraging when we have a decrease in the mortalities," said Sherry Barrett, coordinator of the wolf recovery program. Barrett said the wolf program has been working with landowners and hunting groups in New Mexico and Arizona as it tries to educate people about the predators.



The program also uses a special fund to reimburse ranchers for livestock lost to the wolves. For the 2012 fiscal year, the fund was used to make 19 payments totaling more than \$27,500. The environmental group Defenders of Wildlife spent about \$68,000 on similar efforts aimed at reducing livestock conflicts.

Returning the wolves to the wild has been hampered by everything from politics to illegal killings. Disputes over management of the program have also spurred numerous legal actions by environmentalists who have been pushing for more wolves in the wild and ranchers who are concerned about their livelihoods and safety in rural communities.

There were at least 58 wolves in the wild at the beginning of 2012. This year's annual survey will begin in two weeks.

Beyond those wolves that were killed last year, environmentalists were concerned about those that have failed to show up on the radar. Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological Diversity counted at least three radio-collared wolves that had not been accounted for during 2012's weekly telemetry flights.



New Mexico Wildlife Federation Presents An Evening with Will Primos

Will Primos, founder and president of Primos Hunting, the world-renowned manufacturer of wildlife calls and other hunting accessories, started making duck calls at a young age and has since expanded into a line that includes decoys, blinds, clothing, instructional videos and his own TV show. He will be the guest speaker for an evening of fellowship, fun and fundraising.

Sunday, February 24, 2013, at 6:00 PM

Faith Lutheran Church
10000 Spain Road NE, Albuquerque, NM

Tickets are \$25 each. All proceeds will be equally divided between Albuquerque Rescue Mission and New Mexico Wildlife Federation.

Each ticket holder can enjoy dessert and coffee beginning at 6 p.m., followed by Primos' presentation from 7-8 p.m. Attendees are also eligible for two fabulous drawings: \$1,000 gift certificates from The Archery Shoppe and from Sportsman's Warehouse. (Must be present to win.)

Tickets purchased online will be available at the door of the event. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please email NMWF at nmwildlife@nmwildlife.org or call (505) 299-5404.

Space is limited, so buy your tickets now! It's easy – [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase online, or call NMWF at (505) 299-5404 for more information and alternate ticket locations.

The event will be held at Faith Lutheran Church 10000 Spain Road NE, Albuquerque

We welcome two new AWF Board Members!

Laurie Marnell and Bob Tilley

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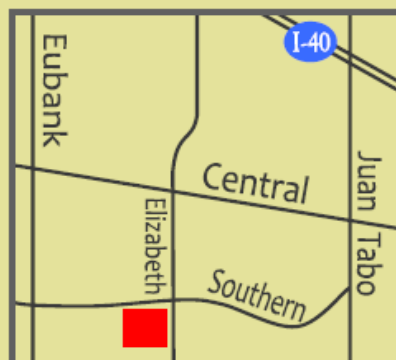
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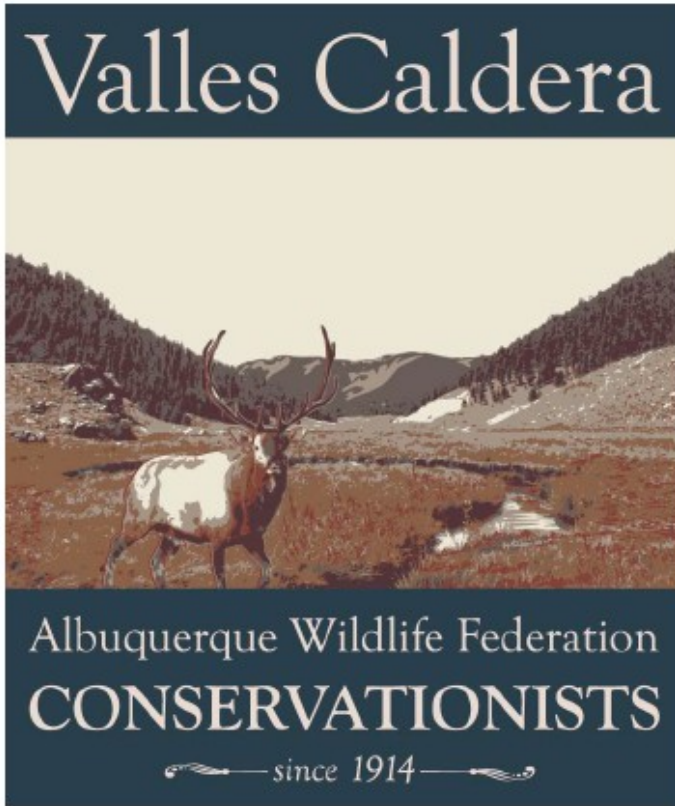
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Your AWF Membership
Due by January 31, 2013**

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Larry Dwyer

The ALBUQUERQUE WILDLIFE FEDERATION announces its limited edition Valles Caldera long sleeve t-shirt.



Designed by Stephen Bohannon, the same artist who did our popular Valle Vidal shirt from a few years back, it is printed on an organic cotton shirt in sizes S, M, L, & XL. **Price is \$25.**

To purchase a shirt, please contact Glenda Muirhead to arrange for payment and pickup/delivery. g.muirhead@usfamily.net or 505.293.5122



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