



State Game Commission Briefing

Habitat Stamp Program Reauthorization Discussion

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What is the Habitat Stamp Program?

- A habitat management process authorized under the federal *Sikes Act*,
- A funding vehicle for wildlife habitat work,
- A forum for inter-agency coordination and collaboration, and
- An agency **AND** citizen partnership



HSP Partners





HSP Mission

- Who** HSP cooperators are
- What** to provide ecologically diverse wildlife and fish habitats
- Where** on USFS and BLM managed lands,
- How** by involving the public in an effective, cost efficient, honest, and cooperative management process
- Why** for enjoyment and use by the current and future generations of New Mexicans.



HSP History

- Began with pilot at Valle Vidal in 1986.
- Progressive implementation until State Game Commission adopted it statewide in 1991.
- Provided \$15.4 million to habitat work with another \$14 million in federal agency match.
- Since 1999, volunteers contributed \$2 million.



Inauguration



23-year HSP Accomplishments

- Vegetation treatments 624,000 ac.
- Riparian Improvement 11,000 ac.
- Water Developments 708
- Pop./Habitat Surveys 702
- Fisheries Improvement 79
- Transplants 17
- Maintenance actions 6,800



HSP Sunsetting Provision

- About every 10 years by SGC
- Last renewed on June 4, 1999
- Program sunsets April 2011
- Regulation 19-34-6



Renewal Strategy

- Closely involve SGC
 - At commission meetings
 - Via a public communication plan
- Modernize Program Goals and Operation
 - Instill competition,
 - Increased collaborative planning at landscape level, and
 - Emphasize aquatic and angling resources

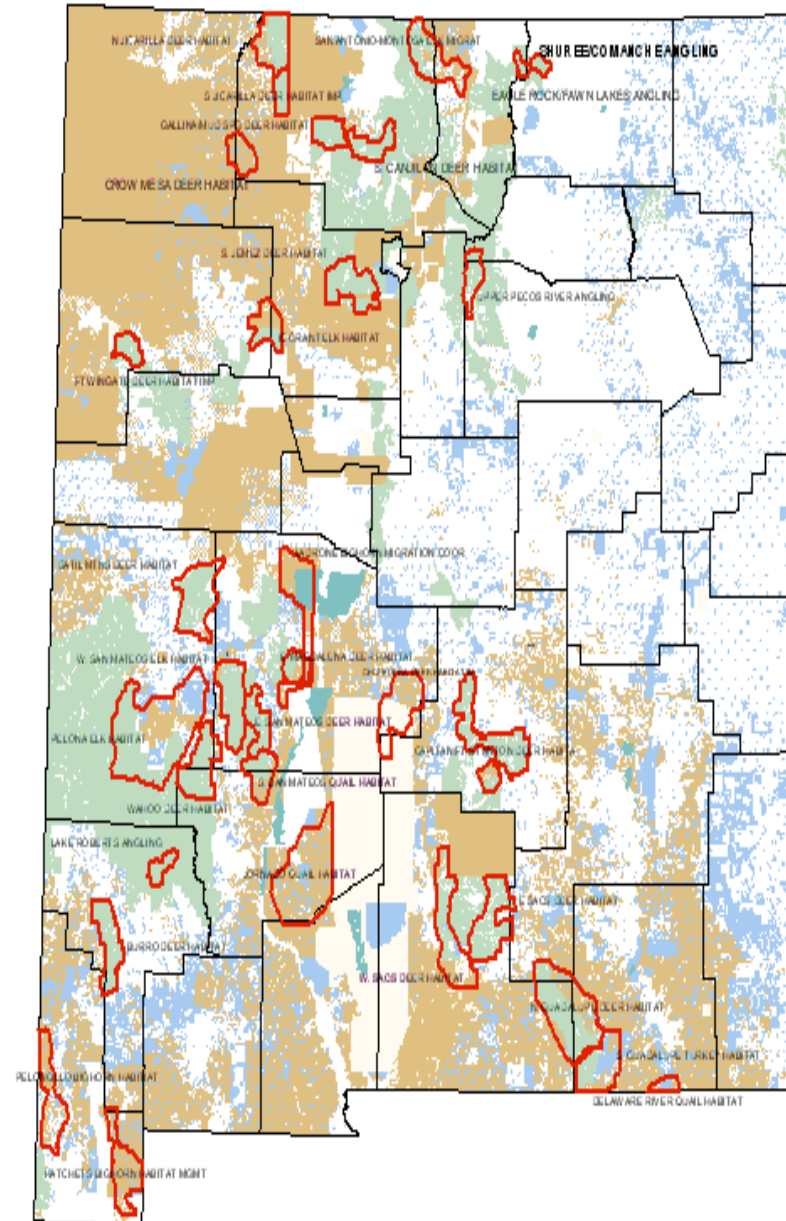


HSP Funding Formula

- Regional percentages based on circa 1990 sporting use and amount of federal lands:
 - 18.6% Central
 - 14.4% Northwest
 - 22.4% Northeast
 - 24.8% Southeast
 - 19.8% Southwest
- Each federal agency is guaranteed 35% of the region's allocation



HSP Emphasis landscapes





Landscape Planning Benefits

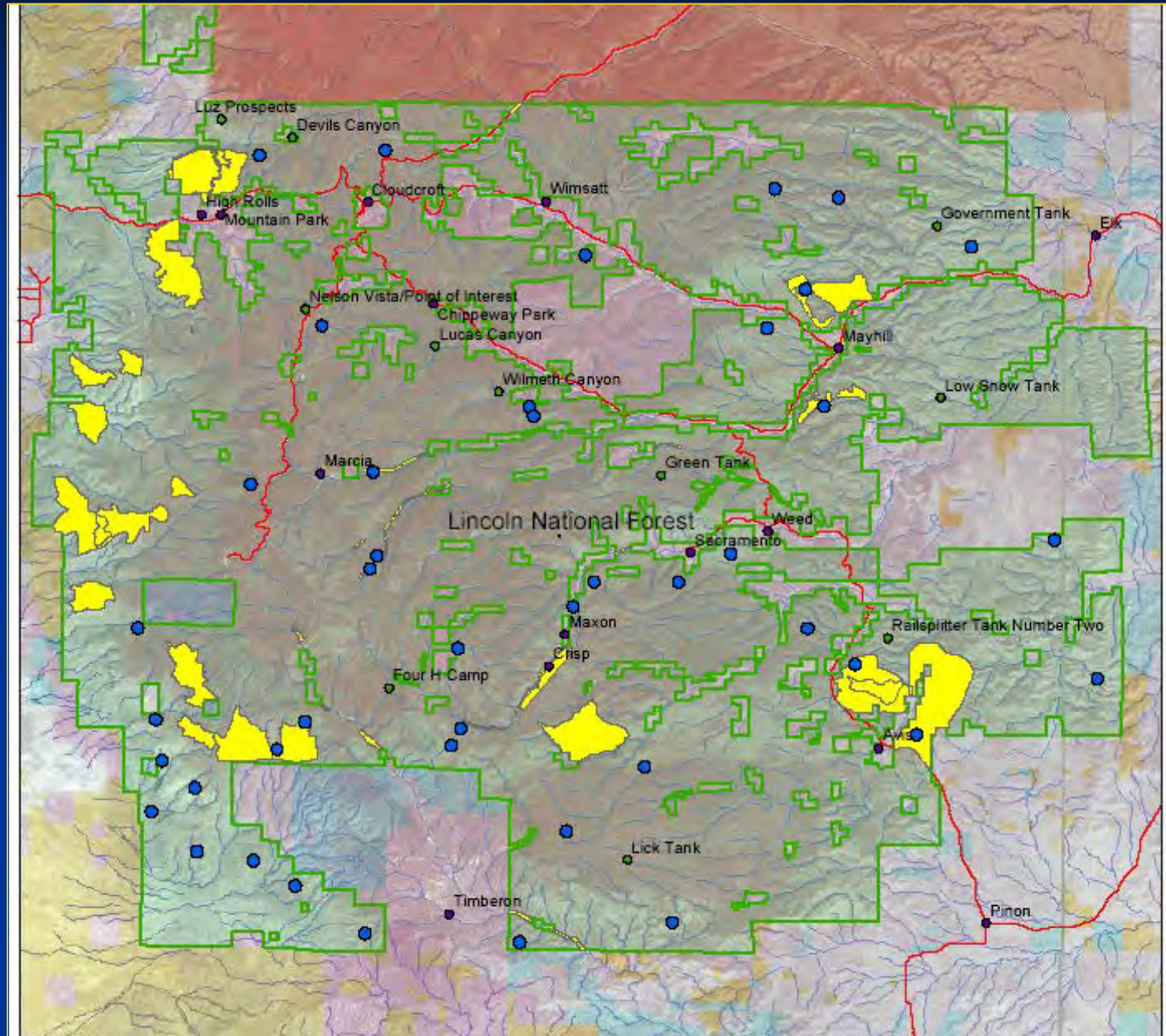
- Connect the HSP with the *Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy*
- More agency administrative support/oversight
- Streamlined NEPA management
- Improved ability to communicate the whole picture to citizens
- Attracts other funding sources



HSP Projects: Sacramento Mtns

Landscape
scale planning
allows us to
identify
limiting
habitat
factors...

...and then
DO
something
about it!





Pelona-Luera Landscape in GMU 16E

- SLO; L/Os; State Forestry; SWCD; BLM; NGOs
- G&F contributed \$100,000
- Matched by another \$435,000
- Treat 180,000 acres in 3 years

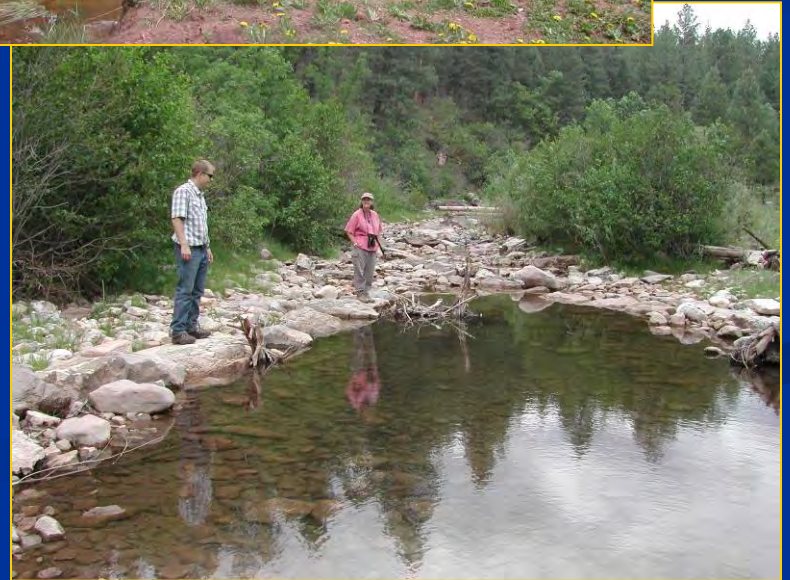


Burro Mtn. Landscape near Silver City

- SWCD; L/Os; Env. Dep 319; NGOs
- G&F contributed \$300,000
- Matched another \$640,000
- Treated 50,000 acres, 200 erosion structures; and 15 water developments



Angling Emphasis





Communication Plan for Public Outreach

- State Game Commission meetings
- HSP article in summer issue of *New Mexico Wildlife* newspaper insert
- HSP poster and easels to be mailed to 300 vendors
- 4-part tv show about HSP activities in process
- 5 regional Citizen Advisory Committee meetings
- HSP fact sheet mailed for Federal agency use
- website, emails, club meetings

We seek your....

- **Comments and**
- **Advice**

