



State Game Commission Briefing

Habitat Stamp Program Extension

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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 as pilot on Valle Vidal in 1986.
- State Game Commission adopted it statewide in 1991.
- \$15.4 million cash to habitat work with \$14 million in federal agency match.
- Since 1999, volunteers matched \$2 mil.

Commission Appoints Citizen Advisors

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- 35 citizens representing
 - Sportsmen
 - Fed land permittees
 - Environmentalists
 - Regional outlook
 - Rank proposal and recommend back to Commission

Accomplishments

- Vegetation treatments 624,000 ac.
- Riparian Improvement 11,000 ac.
- Water Developments 1,006
- Pop./Habitat Surveys 702
- Fisheries Improvement 79
- Transplants 17
- Maintenance actions 6,800

HSP Rule's Sunsetting Provision

- About every 10 years by SGC
- Statewide in 1991
- Last renewed on December 2001
- Program sunsets March 31, 2011
- SGC Regulation 19.34.6





HSP Sunsetting Provision

- **TITLE 19: NATURAL RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE**
- **CHAPTER 34: WILDLIFE HABITAT AND LANDS**
- **PART 6: PUBLIC LAND USER STAMP (SIKES ACT)**
- **19.34.6.1 ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
- [19.34.6.1 NMAC - Rp 19 NMAC 34.1.1, 12-28-01]
- **19.34.6.2 SCOPE:** The Department of Game and Fish and all persons who may hunt, fish and/or trap on land administered by the U.S. Forest Service or the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in the State.
- [19.34.6.2 NMAC - Rp, 19 NMAC 34.1.2, 12-28-01]
- **19.34.6.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 17-1-14 and 17-1-26 NMSA 1978 provide the New Mexico Game Commission has the authority to establish rules and regulations that it may deem necessary to carry out the purpose of Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 and all other acts pertaining to protected species. Public Law 93-452 (Sikes Act) permits the State and the Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of Interior to enter into agreements for the issuance of public land management stamps.
- [19.34.6.3 NMAC - Rp, 19 NMAC 34.1.3, 12-28-01]
- **19.34.6.4 DURATION:** March 31, 2011

Change to 2021



Goals for Future

Maintain Current Structures



Goals for Future

Citizen Involvement in a Landscape Approach

Goals for Future More Fisheries/Aquatics Projects



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