

**Meeting Date:** May 28, 2026                      **Agenda Number:** 10

**Presenter:** Tristanna Bickford Carrell **Corroborator:**

**Agenda Title:** Overview of Youth Programs

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**1. Summary of Agenda Item**

The New Mexico Department of Wildlife provides a comprehensive suite of educational programs designed to move youth, and adults, from the classroom to the field. Through mandatory safety certifications, school-based sports like archery, and immersive outdoor skills camps, we provide the tools necessary for young New Mexicans to become safe, ethical and responsible participants in our state’s outdoor traditions.

**2. Background Information**

For over 120 years, the Department’s mission has been to protect and sustain our state’s wildlife for all New Mexicans to enjoy. This commitment is brought to life through our diverse youth, family and adult education programs, which provide hands-on skills and connection to the outdoors.

As a steward of New Mexico’s rich natural heritage, the New Mexico Department of Wildlife remains committed to fostering the next generation of conservationists including hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiast.

**3. Strategic Plan References and Possible Impacts of Agenda Item**

None

**4. Considerations Regarding Duplications and/or Conflicts with Existing Rules or Statutes**

None

**5. Description and Summary of Public Involvement Process and Results**

Discussion at this meeting.

**6. Suggested Motion**

No motion is necessary unless Commission discretion dictates otherwise.