



DOW Youth Programs

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Program Goals

- Creating multiple entry points and interactions
- Increase public understanding of conservation initiatives
- Delivering hunting, angling and outdoor recreation opportunities



Breadth of Programing

- Education team:
 - 13 FTE
 - Approximately, 200 volunteers
 - 6 contractors
- Support from across the agency
- Annual reach:
 - Over 150,000 individuals
 - Over 800 individual programs



Hunting Opportunities and Hunter Education

To empower with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to safely and ethically participate in hunting and outdoor recreation.



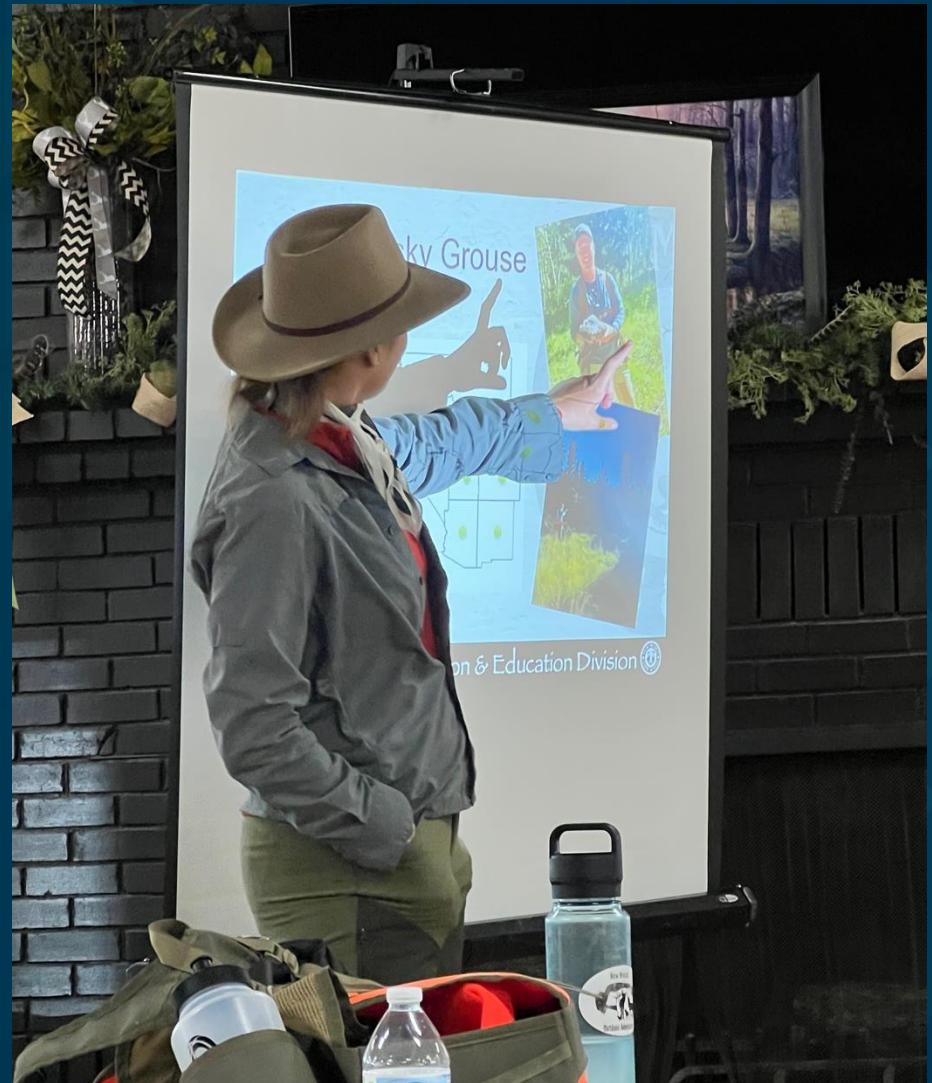
Hunter Education

- Safe, ethical and responsible hunters
- Average 4,000 students per year
- Delivery options
 - Traditional in person
 - Field day
 - Online



Hunter Education

- **Advanced Skills Camps**
 - 3-day immersive camps
 - Primary focus on developing skills learned on the online courses



In the field

- Annually the Department offers 15-20 hunts a year
 - Big and small game opportunities
- Skill Development
 - Ecology and species biology
 - Stalking and ethical show placement
 - Field dressing and meat care



Camps, Workshops & Community Events



Camps and Workshop

- Hunting and angling skills
- Wildlife watching
- Photography
- Birding hikes



Community Events

- Outdoor Adventure Show
- Celebrations
- Career Days
- Outreach



Community Engagement

- Trout Challenge
- Bass Challenge
- Master Angler
- Fish Art Contest
- The Big Year



Shooting Sports

To establish a foundation for safe and ethical recreational shooting across New Mexico.



Archery Education

- NASP and AIM
 - Designed to be taught in schools
 - 4th -12th grades
- 347 schools with over 13,000 students
- 27 tournaments, with over 5,000 entries



Shooting Sports

- Shotgun and rifle
- Come out and shoot
- Cross promoted events
 - Bowhunter and archery education
 - Advanced camps
- YHEC



Conservation Education

To cultivate an appreciation of wildlife through engaging educational experiences that connect communities to conservation.



Conservation Education

- In-school and community programs
- Wildlife identification
- Safety
- Conservation and ecology



Aquatic Education

- Fishing skills and techniques
- Aquatic ecology
- STEM
- Trout in the Classroom



Off-highway Vehicle

To cultivate a culture of safety and stewardship among all OHV users in New Mexico.



OHV

- Provide OHV information, education and training
- Support community programs
- Training educators



Where are we headed

- Bridging programs
- Educator training opportunities
- Partnership development
- Expanding our reach



Questions?



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