

## Agenda Item # 10

# Update on proposed Pecos Wilderness Expansion as a “Conservation Opportunity”

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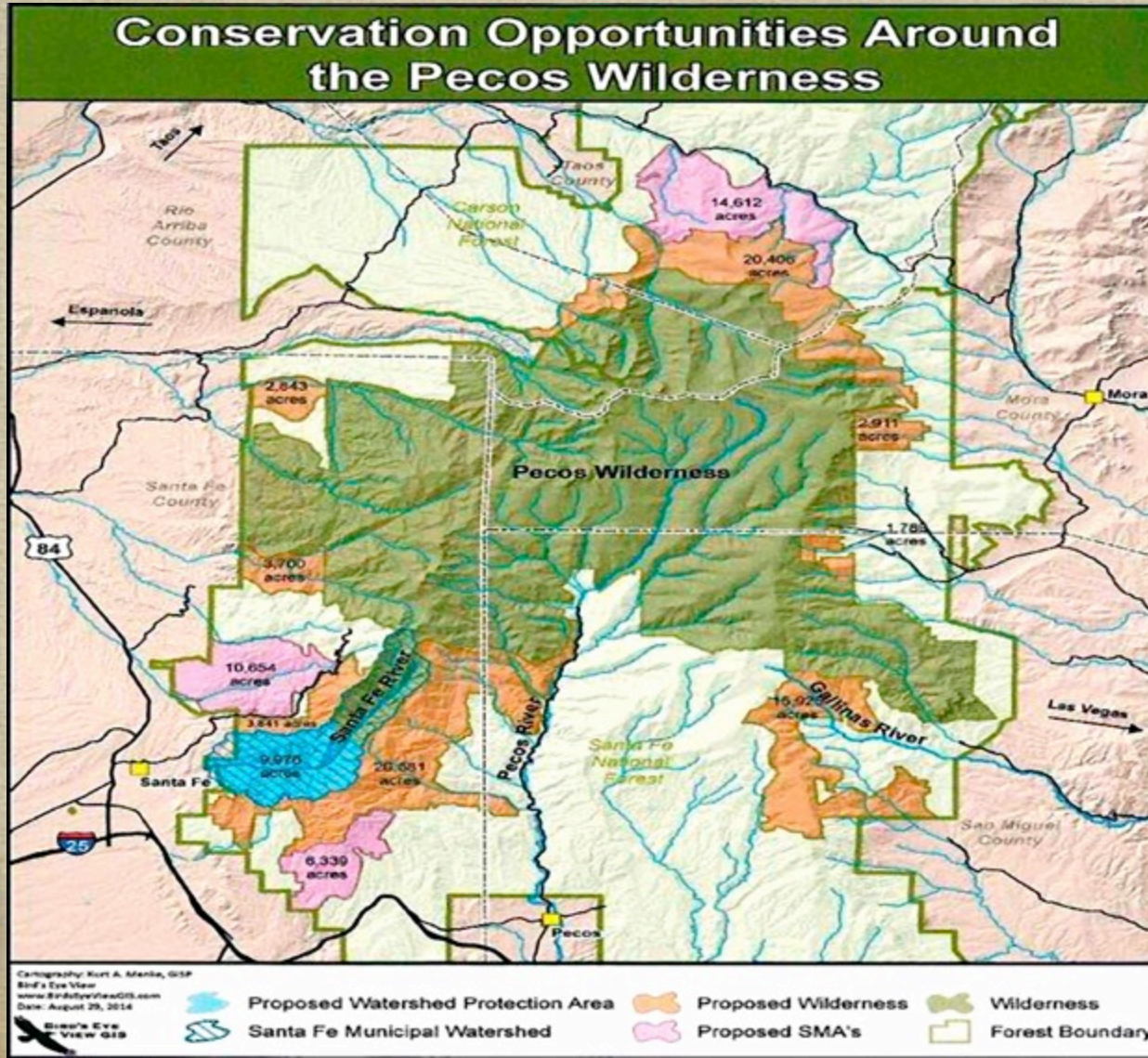
# Conservation Opportunities proposal

- Non-government organizations (NGOs) including New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, New Mexico Wildlife Federation and others are proposing “Conservation Opportunities” around the Pecos Wilderness.
- These “Conservation Opportunities” include:
  - The expansion of the Pecos Wilderness by approximately 78,000 acres.
  - Approximately 32,000 acres of Special Management Areas.
  - Approximately 10,000 acres of a Watershed Protection Area.
- Special Management Areas
  - Have Specific Management Plans
  - Buffer areas around the Pecos Wilderness that allow for certain activities (i.e. woodcutting, mountain biking, etc.) that would be prohibited in the Pecos Wilderness.
- The United States Forest Service is not involved with this proposal.





# Map of Conservation Areas





# Impacts to the Department

- Any expansion of the Pecos Wilderness will limit the Department ability to manage a species including:
  - Severely restricting the ability to capture, move and translocate species.
  - Adding a significant amount of time to the Department's management actions or responding to threats on populations in a timely manner.
  - Overall, any human management action taken on a wildlife population under the Department's authority is strictly limited or inhibited in wilderness areas.





Questions?

