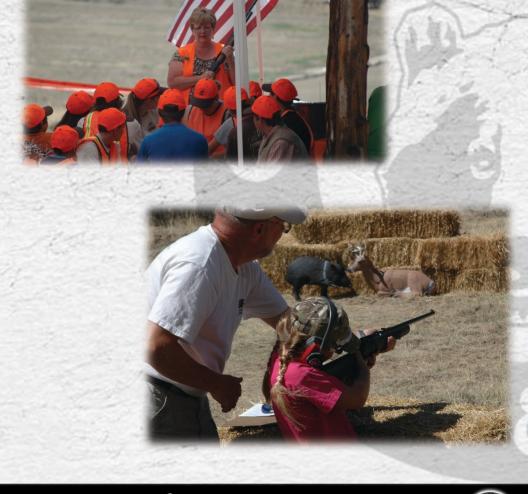
Rule Development for Wildlife Conservation Volunteers
19.30.15 NMAC



## 17-1-14 NMSA 1978

Gives authority for Commission to allow the Department to develop a Wildlife Conservation Volunteers rule to provide guidance to:

- Recruit Volunteers
- Train Volunteers
- Utilize Volunteer Services





**Volunteer Program** 

#### **Considerations:**

- Allow registered volunteers to ride in & drive Department vehicles
- Allow registered volunteers to utilize Department computers
   & equipment
- Allow registered volunteers to receive per diem, mileage & expense reimbursements
- Establish criteria for background investigations





# Policy and Operational Manual

- Develop a volunteerPolicy
- Develop a volunteerOperational Manual



## **Public Comment**

#### Solicited through:

- Departments website
- Emails to current volunteers
- Facebook



#### 12 public comments were received

- 8 People support the new rule
- 3 People have concerns with background checks
- 1 person felt volunteers shouldn't receive per diem

### **Commission Direction**

- The Department respectfully suggests the following motion, unless Commission discretion indicates a different course of action:
- "Move to adopt the new Wildlife Conservation Volunteers Rule, 19.30.15 NMAC, as presented."

