

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA BRIEFING

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Agenda Title: Overview of the NMSU Cooperative Research Unit Work with the Department

Summary of Agenda Item

The New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit was established in 1988 under a cooperative agreement among the Department of the Interior, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico State University, and the Wildlife Management Institute. The Unit is housed within the U.S. Geological Survey - Biological Resources Cooperative Research Units within the Department of the Interior. The mission of cooperative research units is to facilitate cooperation among universities, federal, and state fish and wildlife agencies, and private organizations conducting programs of research and education related to fish and wildlife resource management.

The New Mexico Cooperative Research Unit has initiated more than 200 research projects totaling 30 million dollars in financial support from state, federal, university, and private cooperators. The Unit has supported M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs for more than 150 young professionals. The Unit works with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to conduct wildlife research to support management decisions for a wide variety of species across New Mexico.