

Hunters, trappers and anglers must possess a current Habitat Stamp validation to engage in these activities on USFS and BLM public lands in New Mexico (details inside).

Everyone interested in wildlife and their habitats is encouraged to purchase a Habitat Stamp to help protect, develop and conserve wildlife habitat in New Mexico.

Habitat Stamp validations may be purchased online: www.wildlife.state.nm.us, by telephone: 1-888-248-6866 and at NMDGF offices and license vendors statewide.



Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

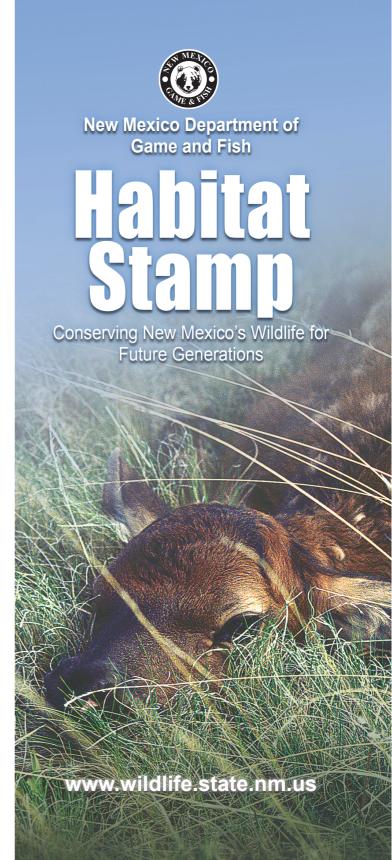








New Mexico Habitat Stamp Program is managed by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.



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New Mexico's Habitat Stamp Program was the first of its kind in the nation, and was initiated in 1986 under the federal Sikes Act through the cooperative efforts of the USDA Forest Service (USFS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF).

A public-land management stamp and its associated fees authorized under the Sikes Act and State legislation provide a portion of the funds needed to conserve fish and wildlife habitats on public lands managed by the USFS and BLM. The five-dollar purchase of the Habitat Stamp by hunters, trappers, anglers and other interested citizens support the program. Funds are used to protect and enhance wildlife habitat on public lands throughout New Mexico. Since its inception, the program has raised more than \$26 million and completed more than 2,000 projects.

Community based

One of the reasons this federal–state partnership is so unique and successful is because citizens across the state participate in determining how the funds are used. The New Mexico State Game Commission appoints 35 public citizens (representing hunter, angler, trapper, nonsporting conservation and public land permittee/ lessee interests) to serve on regional Citizen Advisory Committees. These committees meet across the state and provide input and advice on project proposals, planning documents and program direction, as well as prioritize projects for funding.

With the continued support of the sporting public (and help from conservation organizations, volunteers, and public supporters) the program will continue to ensure that healthy wildlife and fishery habitats in New Mexico remain for generations to come.

Your investments at work

Habitat Stamp funds support:

- Vegetative treatment projects that improve food, cover, habitat diversity and overall watershed health.
- Water developments that provide dependable water sources for all wildlife.
- Improvement of wetlands, waterways and riparian areas that enhance habitat for a variety of wildlife living in or near aquatic environments.
- Related projects that support habitat protection and sporting public satisfaction (e.g. recreational access, boat ramps, fishing docks)

Funded projects are implemented under the supervision of the responsible agency(s). Often, many projects are implemented using labor and resources donated by individual volunteers and nongovernmental organizations.

Each year, annual purchases of Habitat Stamps by hunters, trappers and anglers provide funding for the implementation of approximately 50 projects statewide. While fulfilling the mission of the Habitat Stamp Program, cooperators plan habitat improvements for game species primarily, with an understanding that diversified habitats benefit game and nongame wildlife species alike.